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Dated: 29th January 2025

**RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE COORDINATION
COMMITTEE OF ALL DELHI DISTRICT COURTS BAR
ASSOCIATIONS**

WHEREAS This Resolution is passed to draw the attention of all stakeholders and to solicit collective consent and assent to augment and fortify the unified voice of the District Court Bar through the Coordination Committee of all Delhi District Courts Bar Associations, in opposition to the Resolution dated 28.01.2026 passed by the Executive Committee of the Delhi High Court Bar Association (DHCBA), whereby it has resolved to oppose any initiative for enhancement of the pecuniary jurisdiction of the District Courts of Delhi from ₹2 Crores to ₹20 Crores.

AND WHEREAS The Coordination Committee, at the very outset, strongly condemns the aforesaid Resolution of the DHCBA as being wholly unjustified, ill-founded, regressive, and contrary to the larger public interest, litigant interest, and the constitutional objective of ensuring timely, affordable, and accessible justice.

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AND WHEREAS The DHCBA Resolution seeks to thwart the earnest, consistent, and reasoned efforts of the Coordination Committee, despite being fully aware that:

- The existing pecuniary jurisdiction of ₹2 Crores has become grossly unrealistic and economically obsolete, particularly in view of the exponential rise in property valuations over the last decade;
- Continuance of such an outdated limit has resulted in an avoidable and disproportionate burden on the Original Side of the High Court of Delhi, to the direct detriment of litigants.

AND WHEREAS The Resolution of the DHCBA conveniently overlooks and ignores:

- The significant infrastructural expansion of District Courts;
- The increase in judicial strength;
- The improved disposal rates and enhanced institutional capacity of District Courts over recent years, which clearly establish their readiness to adjudicate higher-value civil disputes.

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AND WHEREAS The enhancement of pecuniary jurisdiction is fundamentally a litigant-centric reform, aimed at:

- Reducing pendency before the High Court;
- Ensuring speedier adjudication;
- Lowering the cost of litigation; and
- Providing access to justice closer to the litigant's place of residence, particularly when District Courts are geographically accessible through multiple District Courts and Court Complexes across Delhi, as opposed to a single centralized High Court.

AND WHEREAS It is deeply regrettable that the DHCBA chose to pass the impugned Resolution at a time when:

- A Hon'ble Judges' Committee of the Delhi High Court has already initiated a consultative and deliberative process on the issue of enhancement of pecuniary jurisdiction;
- The Registrar General of the Delhi High Court has formally invited representatives of the Coordination Committee for interaction with the Hon'ble Judges' Committee, thereby acknowledging the legitimacy,

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seriousness, and institutional relevance of the demand raised by the District Court Bar.

AND WHEREAS Passing a pre-emptive Resolution opposing enhancement, even before the consultative process reaches its conclusion, amounts to:

- Undermining judicial dialogue;
- Disregarding institutional propriety; and
- Pre-judging a reform that is structural in nature and not a matter of privilege, exclusivity, or professional turf.

AND WHEREAS The stand adopted by the DHCBA is not only contrary to national judicial reform objectives but also inconsistent with the constitutional vision of decentralised, efficient, and accessible justice delivery.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT

1. The Coordination Committee of all Delhi District Courts Bar Associations unanimously reiterates its firm and reasoned demand for enhancement of the pecuniary jurisdiction of District Courts of Delhi from ₹2 Crores to at least ₹20 Crores.

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2. The Coordination Committee calls upon the Delhi High Court Bar Association to withdraw, reconsider, or suitably modify its Resolution dated 28.01.2026 and to participate constructively in the ongoing consultative process in the larger interest of litigants and the justice delivery system.
3. The Coordination Committee affirms that enhancement of pecuniary jurisdiction is a systemic necessity, essential for reducing pendency, strengthening the District Judiciary, and restoring balance in judicial administration.
4. The Coordination Committee reserves its right to adopt all democratic, collective, and lawful measures, including making representations to appropriate constitutional and statutory authorities, to safeguard the interests of District Courts, litigants, and members of the Bar practicing therein.
5. The Coordination Committee requests all esteemed members of the legal fraternity to record their views and support by submitting their response through the Google Form, the link to which is shared below. All advocates who concur with and support the demand for enhancement of the pecuniary jurisdiction of the District Courts of Delhi are earnestly requested to submit their response through the said Google Form, so that the collective and representative voice of the District Court

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Bar may be appropriately placed before the competent authorities.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY.

For and on behalf of Co-ordination Committee All District
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(Rajiv Tehlan)

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