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Explain and distinguish between Lok Adalats and Arbitration Tribunals. Whether they entertain civil as well as criminal cases?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · GS II · 10 marks · Separation of Powers

Separation of powers between various organs; dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions.

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Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987

Parent statute for Lok Adalats and Permanent Lok Adalats; an award is deemed a civil court decree.

Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996

UNCITRAL-based law for domestic and international commercial arbitration in India.

Article 39A of the Constitution

Directs equal justice and free legal aid, the constitutional hook for Legal Services Authorities.

Vidya Drolia v. Durga Trading Corporation

Restated the outer edge of arbitrability: criminal, matrimonial, insolvency and some public-rights disputes stay in court.

Compoundable offences

Offences the complainant may lawfully compromise; these alone can close in a Lok Adalat.

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