

## CAT services lauded

NEW DELHI, 6 NOV: Justice delivery by the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) and its 17 Benches in the country was today lauded for having disposed of 4.51 lakh of the 4.75 lakh cases in its first 20 years.

Inaugurating the CAT's fourth conference, Supreme Court judge Mr Justice Dalveer Bhandari said the CAT had functioned as a "viable substitute to High Courts." Mr Justice Bhandari suggested that the jurisdiction of CAT for service matters could be extended and enlarged to include more undertakings. The CAT' chairman, Justice VK Bali, said the CAT planned to further reduce the disposal time by adopting automation, computerisation and modernisation. **SNS**