

बात्ता में लगाई मोबाइल ग्रामीण लोक अदालत



कलायत। गांव बात्ता में आयोजित गांवबाहल लोक अदालत में मामले सुनते वकील।

कलायत। बात्ता में हरियाणा राज्य विधिक सेवाएं प्राधिकरण के तत्वाधान में सचिव मुख्य दंडाधिकारी राजेश गर्ग के मार्ग दर्शन पर मोबाइल ग्रामीण लोक अदालत का आयोजन किया गया। ग्रामीण लोक अदालत में प्राधिकरण के सदस्यों तथा पैनल के

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ROHTAK, MAY 20
Adequate legal awareness regarding one's rights has been instrumental in strengthening the democratic system of governance and it was time for a mass movement to achieve the objective of a level playing field for the common man.

This was stated by Chief Minister Bhopinder Singh Hooda at the state-level legal literacy programme for students at Tagore Auditorium of the Maharishi Dayanand University here today.

While Justice Swatanter Kumar of the Supreme Court was the chief guest, Justice MM Kumar of the Punjab and Haryana High Court and the chief of the Haryana State Legal Services Authority (HLSA) presided over the function in which several students were rewarded with prizes.

Claiming the government's obligation to include the legal literacy in the curriculum of Haryana schools, Justice Swatanter said the session was a step towards the field



Chief Minister Bhopinder Singh Hooda lights the inaugural lamp of the Students Legal Literacy Mission in Rohtak on Sunday. Photo: Manoj Dhaka

of legal literacy had assumed importance over the years. The students who would be taking over the reins of the country soon were required to be educated and armed with legal education and their rights in society so that they were able to fulfil their duties and obligations as aware citizens of the country.

Claiming that Haryana had come up as a frontrunner state in the field, he said Legal Education Clubs had already started functioning in as many as 1,525 schools and 176 colleges across the

state. Such clubs would also come up soon in various educational institutions.

Regarding the menace of female foeticide in the state, he said several persons, including doctors, had been held and punished under provisions of law.

Stating that the students were required to have knowledge of the legal framework and rules, Justice Swatanter Kumar said it was the youth who could use this knowledge for the betterment and welfare of society as a whole.

जेल में लगी आ पांच कैदी



कैदियों की सुनवाई करते जज प्रशांत राणा च...

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कानूनी साक्षरता



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मामले में राज... विरुद्ध शराब पीके... केस था। ये दोनों पांच... बंद थे। चौथे मामले में... विरुद्ध आबकारी अधिनियम के... केस दर्ज था। वह 66 दिनों से जेल... में था। न्यायाधीश ने इन पांच कैदियों को अंडरगॉन करके रिहा कर दिया। इस अवसर पर जेल अधीक्षक राज कुमार, जेल उप अधीक्षक बिमला देवी, लीगल ऐड के सदस्य एडवोकेट प्रदीप हरित, एएसआई संजय कुमार, रामपाल व अनिल जैन उपस्थित थे।

Estranged couple begins life afresh, courtesy judge

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FATEHABAD, MAY 27
Komal (6), Kafi (4) and Shubham (2) of Badopal village do not have any idea of the intricacies of marital laws, judicial system and courts.

But Komal, the eldest of the three, knows that something positive happened in the court, where her mother went the other day as her parents, who had been living separately for a year, have started living together.

A humane intervention by a local court has helped an estranged couple start their marital life afresh.

A rapprochement between their parents facilitated by the court has brought smiles back on the faces of the three siblings.

SC Goyal, District and Sessions Judge, Fatehabad, who heard a plea of divorce filed by the kids' father, Raj Kumar (28), against their mother, Saroj (25), counselled them for over two hours.

In his petition filed under section 13 (1) (a) of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, for dissolution of marriage

on ground of cruelty, Raj Kumar alleged that Saroj had left home on May 19, 2011, on the pretext of dropping children to school but never returned. He claimed that his attempts to bring her back failed.

He alleged that she wanted him to leave his parents and ancestral house in Badopal village and live with her in Fatehabad town, which he could not afford due to his meager resources.

While the husband said he was ready to continue the marriage, the kids' mother was adamant that she would not stay with Raj Kumar again.

When all persuasion failed, Goyal told the couples clearly that "it is just another file for me, but this will decide the shape of careers of your daughters and son Shubham."

This approach made Saroj soften her stance.

Goyal later sent the couple to Harish Gupta, Chief Judicial Magistrate (Legal Services Authority), who was able to persuade the couple to sink their differences for the sake of children.

अंधली में लगाया जागरूकता शिविर

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मजदूर दिवस पर कानूनी जागरूकता शिविर लगाया

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गया। इन शिविरों में अधिवक्ता धर्मवीर सिंह, सचिव विशाल पालिया, जाहद सिंह तथा अधीक्षक जेल में सज्जमें के



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"Students Legal Literacy Mission" - Annual Function at Tagore Auditorium, M.D. University, Rohtak on 20th May, 2012

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“STUDENTS LEGAL LITERACY MISSION” ANNUAL STATE FUNCTION ORGANIZED AT ROHTAK ON 20.5.2012

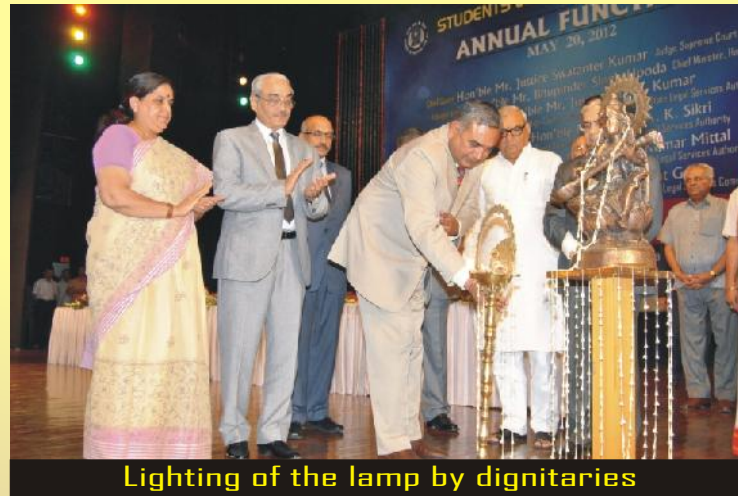
Knowledge of law is power. India, the largest democracy in the world, has an emergent need to create awareness of constitutional and other statutory rights & duties amongst its people, so that they live in consonance with the true spirit of democracy and rule of law. Legal literacy means knowing the primary basics in law. When citizens, particularly marginalized or underprivileged groups, know the benefits of law enacted for them, they can recognize and challenge injustices much more forcefully. The first step in that direction is legal literacy, which can transform people's lives. It is essential to use this knowledge as a tool for vulnerable groups to be able to understand the scope of their rights under the law and eventually to assert their rights as a means to take action and bring in change. The aim should be to educate the maximum number of people, so that they are in a position to educate others, and more importantly, challenge violations.

Around 35% of India's population is illiterate. Majority of Indians live in villages. Bulk of the illiterates live in the rural areas, where social and economic barriers play an important role in keeping the lowest strata of society illiterate.



Visit of the Dignitaries in thematic presentation of drawing and painting skills of college and school students

Common man of our country is ignorant about the laws enacted by their own elected representatives and because of this ignorance; many of the rights conferred by laws remain unknown to the real beneficiaries. This results in exploitation and undeserved suffering. Even those who are literate are helpless and confused,



Lighting of the lamp by dignitaries

when there is a violation or infringement of a right enforceable in law.

In this scenario, when large numbers of people are distanced from the knowledge of law, the need for legal literacy and legal awareness assume importance. Literacy is an indispensable means for effective social and economic participation, contributing to human development and poverty reduction.

To create legal awareness amongst the masses, student community should be tapped. The young students in High Schools and Colleges are the future citizens of our nation. By imparting legal awareness and exposing them to the different laws prevailing in the country, the Legal Service Authorities can enable them to be not only law obedient but will also create a mindset in them for promoting the rule of law. Legal Literacy Classes will create awareness amongst the young students that law is powerful weapon for promoting rights and for bringing about social change. Such awareness is essential for the sustenance of rule of law in our country.

The National Legal Literacy Mission was launched by NALSA on 6th March, 2005 with its motto *“From Ignorance to Legal Empowerment. (कानूनी साक्षरता हटायें दुर्बलता)”. Under the National Legal Literacy Mission, Haryana State Legal Services Authority (HALSA) with the cooperation of Education Department, Haryana launched 'Student Legal Literacy Mission' (SLLM) in Haryana in the year 2009. This Mission' is a significant step towards implementation of the policy 'Access to Justice for all'. The mission has been established so that the students can understand law. It is aimed at educating specified target groups, who are marginalized and vulnerable sections of our society through awareness and free legal aid. The main aim of this programme is to educate the society about their constitutional and statutory rights & duties, of which they are unaware.*

Under the Mission, HALSA with the cooperation of Education Department, Haryana has opened 1544 Legal literacy clubs in Sr. Sec. Schools and 176 Government and Government Aided Colleges. In these clubs, students are informed of the legal rights and duties of citizens and about the issues of socio legal relevance, including female foeticide, drug addiction, environment, juvenile justice, legal remedies, social justice legislations, constitutional values, spirituality and law, national security and sovereignty. To give impetus to the project, competitions are organized in essay writing, declamations, debates, slogan writing, poetry recitation and paintings at school/college level, District level, Divisional level and then at State Level. The winners of divisional level competitions are given cash prize of Rs.5,000/-, 4,000/- and 3,000/- for the first, second and third prize respectively in each category; whereas



Ms. Amandeep Kaur is being decorated with a Medal by HMJ Swatanter Kumar, Judge, Supreme Court of India

winners at the State Level are awarded prizes of Rs.11,000/-, 8,000/- and 5,000/- for the first, second and third prizes respectively. Besides this Gold, Silver and Bronze medals are also given to the winner students.

First such competitions were held in the year 2009 with the Annual function at Kurukshetra on 6.2.2010. Approximately 15000 college/ school students took part in the said competitions. In the second year, about 17000 college/school students participated in the competitions followed by second annual function at Kurukshetra University Auditorium on 19.2.2011.

During the year 2011-12, competitions were organized on the following topics in the Colleges and schools.

1. Human Rights, 2. Fundamental Duties, 3. Rights of disabled persons, 4. Right of Destitute of Women and Children, 5. Drug De-addiction, 6. Female Foeticide, 7. Hygiene and general awareness, 8. Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, 9. Dowry prohibition.

Approximately 26,500 students participated in these competitions at the various levels. The winners of the district level competitions competed at Divisional level i.e. Ambala, Rohtak, Gurgaon and Hissar. The State level function was held on 20.5.2012 at Tagore Auditorium, Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak and winners were awarded prizes of Rs.11,000/-, 8,000/- and 5,000/- for the first, second and third prizes respectively. Besides this Gold, Silver and Bronze medals were also given



Presence of Gathering, Tagore Auditorium M.D. University, Rhotak

to the winner students. Approximately 2000 students participated in the State Level Function.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Swatanter Kumar, Judge, Supreme Court of India was the Chief Guest. The function was inaugurated by Shri Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana and was presided over by Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.M. Kumar, Acting Chief Justice, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Patron-in-Chief, HALSA. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arjan Kumar Sikri, Acting Chief Justice, Delhi High Court and Patron-in-Chief of Delhi Legal Services Authority was the Special Guest of Honour. The key note address was delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman of HALSA. The function was also attended by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Hemant Gupta, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Chairman, High Court Legal Services Committee; Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Daya Chaudhary, Administrative Judge, Sessions Division, Rohtak; Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.C.Puri, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bindal, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jaswant Singh and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rameshwar Malik of Punjab and Haryana High Court. Shri H.S.Hooda, Advocate General, Haryana; Dr. R.P. Hooda, Vice Chancellor, MDU, Rohtak and Shri S.S.Prasad, Financial Commissioner & Principal Secretary to Government of

Haryana, Higher Education and Languages Department, Haryana were also present. Member Secretary of Delhi Legal Services Authority and Punjab Legal Services Authority, Officers of State Government as well as District Administration also attended the said Function.



Address by HMrs.J Daya Chaudhary, Administrative Judge, Rohtak Session Division

The programme was inaugurated by the lighting of ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries followed by Saraswati Vandana. Hon'ble Mrs.

Justice Daya Chaudhary, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court

and Administrative Judge, Rohtak Sessions Division welcomed the dignitaries.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Satish Kumar Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, HALSA delivered key-note address and told in detail about the aims & objectives of students 'Legal Literacy Mission' being run by HALSA. He also narrated about the other activities being carried out by HALSA.



Address by HMJ Satish Kumar Mittal, Executive Chairman, HALSA

RESULT FROM COLLEGES

STATE LEVEL LITERACY COMPETITION

DECLAMATION				
Sr.No.	Name	College Name	District	Position
1.	Shailender	Govt. P.G. College, Hisar	Hisar	1st
2.	Ravinder Singh	S.A.Jain College, Ambala City	Ambala	2nd
3.	Jyoti	Vaish Mahila Mahavidalya, Rohtak	Rohtak	3rd

POETRY RECITATION				
Sr.No.	Name	College Name	District	Position
1.	Vishwajeet	B.L.J.S.College, Tosham	Bhiwani	1st
2.	Neha Jain	Vaish College for Boys, Rohtak	Rohtak	2nd
3.	Supriya	J.L.N. Govt. College, Faridabad	Faridabad	3rd

DEBATE				
Sr.No.	Name	College Name	District	Position
1.	Jyoti (For the Motion)	J.V.M. Girls College, Ch. Dadri	Bhiwani	1st
	Anju (Against the Motion)	Saraswati Mahila College,	Palwal	1st
2.	Shailender (For the Motion)	Govt. PG College,	Hissar	2nd
	Prachi (Against the Motion)	Govt. PG College,	Karnal	2nd
3.	Nupur (For the Motion)	S.D.Collge, Ambala Cantt.	Ambala	3rd
	Supriya (Against the Motion)	J.L.N. Govt. College,	Faridabad	3rd

ESSAY WRITING				
Sr.No.	Name	College Name	District	Position
1.	Jyoti Sukhija	K.M. College of Education,	Bhiwani	1 st
2.	Shubham Moga	Pt. NRS Govt. College, Rohtak	Rohtak	2 nd
3.	Rakhi	All India Jat College, Rohtak	Rohtak	3 rd

ON THE SPOT PAINTING				
Sr.No.	Name	College Name	District	Position
1.	Pankaj	Govt. PG College, Ambala Cantt	Ambala	1 st
2.	Usha Rani	Govt. College for Women,	Bhiwani	2 nd
3.	Gurpreet Singh	Govt. PG College, Ambala Cantt	Ambala	3 rd

SLOGAN WRITING				
Sr.No.	Name	College Name	District	Position
1.	Sneh Dhull	Pt. NRS Govt. College, Rohtak	Rohtak	1 st
2.	Joginder	Govt PG College, Gohana	Sonipat	2 nd
3.	Archna Thakur	Aggarwal College, Ballabgarh.	Faridabad	3 rd

RESULT FROM SCHOOLS

STATE LEVEL LITERACY COMPETITION

DECLAMATION				
Sr. No.	Name	College name	District	Position
1.	Ankur	GMSSSS Sanghi	Rohtak	1 st



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arjan Kumar Sikri, Acting Chief Justice of Delhi High Court and Patron-in-Chief, Delhi Legal Services Authority, in his address appealed to the students to always obey and respect their teachers who are the guiding force in shaping them.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.M. Kumar, Acting Chief Justice, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Patron-in-Chief, HALSA also enthused the students with his thoughtful views.



Shri Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana in his address disclosed about the corporation extended by the Government in implementation of various Regulations and Schemes of State

Legal Services Authority. The Chief Minister announced that henceforth, the financial limit for availing the legal aid benefits shall be Rs.1.5 lac per annum instead of Rs.1 lac per annum. He further declared that from the next academic session 2013-14, the subject of legal awareness i.e. 'Lessons in law' shall be included in the syllabus of schools and colleges. He further announced that directions shall be given to all concerned to open legal Literacy Clubs in all private schools or colleges and technical, educational, medical polytechnic or any other professional institutes.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Swatanter Kumar, Judge, Supreme Court of India in his speech appealed to the students' community to become good citizens by following law. He exhorted them to participate in the activities of Legal Literacy Clubs and to make their family members, neighbours, villagers etc. aware of their legal rights and duties.

All the winning students of schools and colleges, at State Level, in all the items were awarded with certificates. First winners were also given cash prizes and medals. Over all trophies was also given to the winning school and college.

Students from different schools, an NGO and the Department of Public Relations Haryana also presented various cultural items on legal issues. In the end Dr.R.P.Hooda Vice Chancellor, MDU, Rohtak proposed the Vote of Thanks.



2.	Durga	GSSS Kadipur	Gurgaon	2 nd
3.	Mukesh Rani	GGSSS Balsmond	Hissar	3 rd
ESSAY WRITING				
1.	Kusum	GSSS Khori	Rewari	1 st
2.	Arti Yadav	GSSS Jatusana	Rewari	2 nd
3.	Reena Kajal	GSSS Bawani Khera	Bhiwani	3 rd
ON THE SPOT PAINTING				
1.	Jatin	GSSS Baroda	Sonipat	1 st
2.	Pinki	GGSSS Mandi Adampur	Hissar	2 nd
3.	Rajeev Kayat	GSSS Beri	Jhajjar	3 rd
POEM-RECITATION				
1.	Aman Deep Kaur	Nehru Sr. Sec. School Mandi Dabwali	Sirsa	1 st
2.	Sunaina	Maharaja Aggarsen High School	Meham Rohtak	2 nd
3.	Durga	GSSS Kadipur	Gurgaon	3 rd
SLOGAN WRITING				
1.	Vintee	GGSSS Bhalaut	Rohtak	1 st
2.	Mohan	GSSS Naughthala	Hissar	2 nd
3.	Manju	GGSSS Manheru	Hissar	3 rd

ROHTAK ACID ATTACK CASE HANDED OVER TO THE CBI BY HON'BLE HIGH COURT ON PETITION FILED BY HALSA

The Punjab and Haryana High Court handed over to the CBI the case pertaining to the Acid Attack on 3 minor girls in Rohtak. The CBI would also look into the allegation against the Haryana Police of exonerating the culprits. In the month of June, 2011, some youngsters had thrown acid on three minor girls in Rohtak. An FIR was registered on June 18, 2011 for attempt to murder and criminal conspiracy. **Haryana State Legal Services Authority (HALSA)** filed petition before the High Court on behalf of the victim seeking probe by an independent agency. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajan Gupta, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court directed the CBI to take over investigation into the case and submit its reports within six months and also directed Haryana Government to pay an interim compensation of Rs.5 lacs to the victim of the case within two weeks.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

STATEMENT SHOWING THE PROGRESS OF THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY HARYANA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY (W.E.F. 1.4.2012 TO 30.4.2012)

STATEMENT REGARDING CASES TAKEN UP AND DISPOSED IN LOK ADALATS

Month	No. of Cases taken up	No. of Cases disposed of	Total amount Awarded
April	839	528	Nil

NO. OF SEMINARS AND CAMPS HELD

Month	No. of Seminar of held	No. of Beneficiaries
April	189	9200

NO. OF LEGAL AID BENEFICIARIES IN THE STATE OF HARYANA

Month	SC	BC	Women	Children	Custody	Gen.	Total Legal Aid Beneficiaries
April	8	3	86	1	228	45	371

NO. OF CASES DISPOSED IN THE PERMANENT LOK ADALAT (PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES)

Month	Transport Services	Postal Telegraph or Telephone Services	Supply of Power, Light or Water	Public Conversancy or sanitation	Services in Hospitals Dispensaries	Total Cases Settled
April	Nil	87	22	5	1	176
	Insurance	Banking, Housing & Finance				
	48	13				

LAYING OF FOUNDATION STONE OF HARYANA'S FIFTH DISTRICT ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) CENTER AT JIND ON 26.5.2012

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, HALSA laid the Foundation Stone of fifth District Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Centre at Judicial Courts Complex, Jind on 26.5.2012. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Tewari, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court-cum-Administrative Judge, Sessions Divisions, Jind, Sh. Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, Haryana State Legal Services Authority; Sh. Ramendra Jain, District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Jind; Judicial Officers, Sh. Jitender Chahal, President Bar Associations, Jind; Bar Members and Para-Legal Volunteers of District Jind were also present at the occasion.



While addressing the gathering, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mittal told that Haryana State Legal Services Authority will establish District Alternative Disputes Resolution Centers in all the Judicial Districts of the State by the funds provided by 13th Finance Commission. He told that these centers shall be headed by the Judicial Officers of the level of Chief Judicial Magistrate. He also told about the various activities being carried out by the HALSA under the aegis of NALSA. He told that Permanent Lok Adalat for Public Utility Services will be established in all the districts very shortly. He told that the core objective of this Permanent Lok Adalat is to ensure expeditious and effective remedy at pre-litigation stage to the people regarding disputes relating to Public Utility Services such as Transportation, Telecom, Postal, Telegraph, Public Cleanliness, Hospitals, Banking, Finance, Insurance, Electricity, Water Supply, Housing and Estate Department from both Public and Private Sector. He also told that disputes relating to the Public Utility Services would be settled on basis of conciliation and that pecuniary limit of PLA(PUS) would be upto Rs.25 lacs. Not only that, the order passed by Lok Adalat would be executable like a decree passed by the Civil Court, and no appeal would lie against the orders,

as it will attain finality immediately with its pronouncement.

Earlier Sh. Ramendra Jain, District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Jind welcomed Hon'ble Justice Mittal, Justice Ajay Tewari and other dignitaries.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Tewari, enlightened the gathering by expressing his esteemed views. He also told at length about the importance and necessity of ADR Center.

Lok Adalat

His Lordship also attended Special Lok Adalat for Cheque Dishonor Cases held in District Courts Complex, Jind on 26.5.2012. His Lordship visited Lok Adalat Benches. In the above said Lok Adalat, 98 cases were taken up, out of which 12 cases have been settled.

Meeting with Panel Advocates and Para Legal Volunteers



Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court-cum-Executive Chairman, HALSA chaired the meeting with Panel Advocates & Para Legal Volunteers

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority held a meeting of Empanelled Advocates and Para Legal Volunteers of District Legal Services Authority, Jind in the conference Hall of District Courts, Jind on 26.5.2012 at 11.00 AM in the presence of Mr. Ramendra Jain, District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA, Jind, Sh. Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, HALSA and Sh. Narinder Sharma, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Jind.

They were impressed upon to provide quality legal services to the people so that the impression of some people that legal aid lawyers do not take their work seriously, is dispelled. They were sensitized about importance of effective legal aid and the need for humane approach, as legal aid beneficiaries are the people, who are prevented from enforcing their rights due to financial or other disabilities. Panel advocates were further made to understand that very high degree of commitment, professional knowledge and sincerity on their part are necessary to obtain results for the poor litigants. They were further impressed upon to understand that they are the face of Legal Services Institutions and that their conduct and sincerity is very important to build the image of the Institution. They have to understand the poor litigants and change their behaviour towards them. Panel advocates were directed to make publicity of all the schemes and programmes of Legal Services Authorities as weaker sections of the society are still not aware about the same. They were also advised not to feel that less fee is being given to them for legal aid work but to do worksincerely. They were also asked to involve Para-Legal Volunteers. Our one hand is Panel advocates and one hand is Para-Legal Volunteers. We can contact weaker sections of the society through them. Our success depend if you perform your duty sincerely. It is a social service and we want your cooperation. Poor litigants may not feel that our advocates are not providing quality services. If a case is entrusted to you the same should be filed within limitation. His Lordship advised them to take complete interest in the cases of poor litigants and maintain in the register in the front office for recording daily proceedings in the cases.

Para-Legal Volunteers were told about the importance of their role in the entire scheme inasmuch as they are the ears and eyes of the legal services institutions, inasmuch as they have to act as a bridge between common people and the Legal Services Institutions. They have to make the people aware about their constitutional and statutory rights as well as the duties of the citizens, particularly

women, children, under-privileged and weaker sections. They were further advised to bring forth grievances of the people of the localities including mentally retarded and help them understand nature of disputes. They were further asked to check transgressions of law in the area of their operation and bring it to the notice of the Authorities for remedial action.

After the meeting, his Lordship also addressed media and told them about various activities being carried out by Haryana State Legal Services Authority/District Legal Services Authorities and that Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Centers are being set up in all Judicial Districts of Haryana, wherein all facilities like Mediation, Lok Adalat, Conciliation etc. shall be provided under one roof.

Meeting with the Senior Advocates

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority held a meeting of Senior Advocates of District Bar Association, Jind in the conference Hall of District Courts, Jind on 26.5.2012 at 12.00 Noon in the presence of Mr. Ramendra Jain, District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA, Jind and Sh. Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, HALSA. 25 Senior Advocates were present in the meeting.

His Lordship addressed the gathering and apprised them about the legal services programmes. His Lordship told that this is the service to the society and that senior lawyers are leaders of the Bar. Therefore, they should guide panel advocates of DLSA to conduct cases of legal aid. His Lordship desired that 10 senior advocates for conducting criminal cases and 10 senior advocates for conducting civil cases free of costs may submit their names voluntarily so that serious cases of legal aid schemes may be assigned to them by DLSA, Jind.

All advocates, present in the meeting agreed that they are ready to conduct cases of free legal aid and that District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Jind can assign cases to them.

Inspection of District Jail, Jind

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority, alongwith Mr. Ramendra Jain, District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA, Jind, Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, HALSA and one panel Advocate namely Sh. Nand Mohan Sharma visited/inspected Legal Aid Clinic in District Jail, Jind in the presence of Superintendent, District Jail, Jind on 26.5.2012 at 12.30 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Foundation Stone of District Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Center will be led by HMJ S.K.Mittal, Executive Chairman, HALSA at Bhiwani on 27.5.2012.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court-cum-Executive Chairman, HALSA chaired the meeting with Senior Advocates at Jind



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