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# DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, NARNAUL DECLARED AS BEST IN INDIA



**N**ational Legal Services Day is celebrated every year on 9th of November. On this day, National Legal Services Authority also hold commendation ceremony for the best District Legal Services Authorities and Para Legal Volunteers.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dipak Misra, Chief Justice of India was the Chief Guest of the function held on 10th November 2017. Sh. Ravi Shankar Prasad, Hon'ble Union Minister of Law & Justice, and Electronics and Information Technology was the Guest of Honour. The Commendation Ceremony was held in the presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjan Gogoi, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, NALSA; Hon'ble Mr. Justice Madan B. Lokur, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, Judge, High Court of Delhi. The Hon'ble Executive Chairperson, Ld. Member Secretaries, nominated Secretaries and PLVs' from various State Legal Services Authorities were also present.

**Narnaul**  
Best  
in  
INDIA

For the year 2017, District Legal Services Authority, Narnaul was declared the best in India for its commendable work. It launched various projects to tackle different problems and issues affecting the lives of the people. There are several schemes and policies of the government aiming the welfare of the poor and marginalized designed to ensure maximum benefit through effective and efficient implementation. However, lack of legal awareness is a major road-block in its delivery to the real beneficiaries. DLSA, Narnaul worked towards ensuring legal empowerment, mobilizing stake





holders, collaborating with regional/local association, involving youth, extending and informing about free legal services to eligible citizens through Legal Care and Support Center and by organizing Legal Literacy Camps and Lok Adalats etc.

District Legal Services Authority, Narnaul also adopted various preventive strategies by focusing on the long term sustainability of the measures, and ensuring that such barriers do not occur in future again. With a holistic approach the projects were systematically put in operation at the field level so that a visible change is brought to the lives of people. Various policies and programmes were devised by keeping in view the ambit of the various schemes of NALSA and HALSA along with the objectives and provisions enshrined in Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

**Following are the broad heads under which action was taken by DLSA, Narnaul:**

- a. Child Marriage
- b. Child Education
- c. Legal awareness of single parent children and women
- d. For workers in unorganized sector
- e. You are not alone for the elderly
- f. Awareness for Water Conservation
- g. Save Environment Save Life-: A Clean and Green Campaign
- h. Anti Drug Campaign.
- i. Campaign for Acid Attack Victims
- j. Transferring of knowledge and skills
- k. Empowering Farmers
- l. Campaign for Dairy Farmers
- m. Road Safety awareness campaign
- n. Healthy Development of Children
- o. Pre-marital Counseling Centre
- p. Rights of the mentally challenged
- q. Campaign against manual scavenging
- r. We are one - a campaign against discrimination
- s. Campaign for awareness on Fundamental Duties
- t. Campaign against secondary victimization
- u. Web Portal of DLSA, Narnaul for jail inmates



## LEGAL ASSISTANCE ESTABLISHMENT

**H**on'ble Mr. Justice Dipak Misra, the then Executive Chairman of National Legal Services Authority inaugurated the Legal Assistance Establishment (Nyaya Sahyog Kendra) on 9.7.2017 at Haryana State Legal Services Authority, Panchkula. During the inauguration, His Lordship interacted with all the Superintends of Central/District Jails of Haryana through video conference.

The Legal Assistance Establishment is manned by the Legal Services Advocates alongwith the Para Legal Volunteers. This setup is having dedicated helpline number.

It is a strategic cornerstone of the Legal Services Authority as a part of their commitment to update the Legal Services' seeker about their cases and address their grievances at one stop center. It also provides internet facility for linking with website of Hon'ble Supreme Court, High Courts and various Tribunals/Courts.







# NATION-WIDE OUT REACH PROGRAMME “CONNECTING TO SERVE”

The National Legal Services Authority launched a Nation-wide outreach programme “Connecting to Serve” on the National Legal Services Day i.e 9.11.2017. This campaign was organized to spread awareness about the various functions and activities of Legal Services Authority, and availability of free legal services so that the underprivileged section of the society become aware of them.

During this campaign Haryana State Legal Services Authority and District Legal Services Authorities in the State of Haryana organized various activities. Adequate coverage was given to the campaign through advertisements (print and electronics) through District Public Relations Officer of each district and local cable network. Hoardings of various sizes were prepared and affixed at prominent places such as Police Stations, Secretariats, Hospitals, Court Complexes, Village Entries, Legal Services Clinics including Jail Clinics etc. Total 51 Legal Assistance Desks were set up at the entrance of Judicial Courts Complexes and also at Sub-Divisional Judicial Complexes. 743 competitions like essay writing, declamation, spot-painting, poem recitation, poster making, skits etc. were held in the various districts. The stickers spelling out the criteria for free legal services available to the people under Legal Services Authority Act and Legal Helpline Numbers of HALSA and DLSAs were pasted on the Haryana Roadways Buses and important public places. NALSA documentaries were aired through local cable network and mobile vans. DLSAs conducted 397 awareness camps at their respective districts through Panel Lawyers and Para Legal Volunteers. Also 40 awareness programmes were organized at different jails in State of Haryana.

## Activities by DLSA's During The Campaign



Ambala





Bhiwani



Faridabad



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Gurugram



Jind



Kurukshetra



Karnal



Mewat





Rewari



Rohtak



Palwal



Panchkula



Sonepat



Sirsa



Yamuna Nagar



## “THE WALK”



Haryana State Legal Services Authority along with UT (Chandigarh) and Punjab Legal Services Authority organised “The Walk” on 11.11.2017, which was flagged off by Hon'ble the Chief Justice-cum-Patron-in-Chief of Punjab, Haryana and U.T Chandigarh, Legal Services Authorities. The said Walkathon was flagged from Punjab & Haryana High Court Chandigarh to Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh. Hon'ble High Court Judges, Panel Advocates, Para Legal Volunteers, Law Students and staff members participated in this event by carrying placards reflecting social evils like demand of dowry, drug abuse, domestic violence etc. This programme was a part of the campaign called “Connecting to Serve” a nation-wide outreach programme launched by National Legal Services Authority to spread awareness about the availability of legal services.





## Glimpses of "THE WALK"



# Cyclothon by HALSA

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To conclude the campaign “Connecting to Serve” launched by NALSA, a cyclothon was organized by Haryana State Legal Services Authority on 18.11.2017. This Cyclothon with stretch of 6.7 Kms was flagged-off by Hon'ble Mr. Ajay Kumar Mittal, Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman of Haryana State Legal Services Authority. It started from Administrative Building of Haryana State Legal Services Authority, Sector-14, Panchkula. Its aim was to connect people with legal services and to spread message about the activities carried out by HALSA and NALSA i.e providing free legal aid, spreading legal literacy, holding Lok Adalats, Mediation and implementing Victim Compensation Scheme. Hon'ble Mr. Justice T.P.S Mann, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia, Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Jaishree Thakur, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arun Palli, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Amit Rawal, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gurvinder Singh Gill, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Avneesh Jhingan, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sudhir Mittal and also the Hon'ble Executive Chairman of HALSA participated in this Cyclothon. Ms. Ritu Tagore, Ld. District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairperson, District Legal Services Authority, Panchkula, Judicial Officers of Panchkula Sessions Division, Administrative and Police Officers, Law Officers, Panel Advocates, Para Legal Volunteers and Students of various Government Schools and Colleges of Panchkula also participated. Food packets were distributed to all the school students. To ensure safety during cyclothon requisite Security arrangements were made by the police department.







# ----- Glimpses of Cyclothon -----







## LEGAL LITERACY CAMP AT MANGO MELA, PINJORE

**D**istrict Legal Service Authority, Panchkula held a camp at Mango Mela, Pinjore from 08.07.2017 to 09.07.2017 to impart legal awareness to the public visiting the Mela at Pinjore.

The objective of the two-day Mango Mela is to encourage farmers to adopt the latest technology to increase their mango production and quality, so that they may get maximum return for their produce from their limited holdings by tapping the domestic as well as international market. The Mango Mela also provides a forum to the mango growers to sell their mangoes and mango products. It is an apt place to exhibit the existence of Legal Services Institutions by depicting the various activities carried out at different levels. Many people visited this fair.

The banners regarding Fundamental Duties enshrined in the Constitution of India, beneficial provisions for the Senior Citizens and various latest schemes of NALSA and HALSA were displayed at the camp. Separate corners were earmarked for displaying literature, paintings/posters prepared by Legal Literacy Clubs of Manav Mangal School, Panchkula and for Banners, Photographs of the Activities of the District Legal Services Authority, Panchkula. The Law students and Para Legal Volunteers apart from Panel lawyers enthusiastically participated in the camp. Banners giving information regarding the Monthly National Lok Adalat and the persons entitled to free legal aid were also displayed at the stall.

A total of 907 persons including senior citizens, school students, persons belonging to weaker and marginalized sections of the society visited the stall. Pamphlets and booklets carrying out the details of legal services were distributed to the visitors during the Mela/Fair.



## “SAVE ENVIRONMENT SAVE LIFE”: A Clean and Green Campaign



**H**on'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal, Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority in the presence of Dr. P.P. Bhojvaid, Principal Chief Conservator, Forest Department, Haryana launched “Save Environment Save Life”: A Clean And Green campaign on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 from the Administrative Building of HALSA, Panchkula through video conference.

The idea of this campaign was conceived because of increasing pollution at an alarming rate. Article 51-A(g) of the Constitution of India prescribes that it is the fundamental duty of every citizen to protect and improve natural environment. Nature has given us the gift of pollution free environment and it is our moral and legal duty to maintain the same. It becomes the duty of every citizen to protect the environment for future generations.

Under this project, various activities for a period of ten days were carried out by all the twenty two District Legal Services Authorities in the Districts of the State of Haryana .

A total of 1838 camps were organized which were attended by 223397 persons. 196100 saplings were also planted across the State.





# GLIMPSES OF ACTIVITIES BY DLSA's



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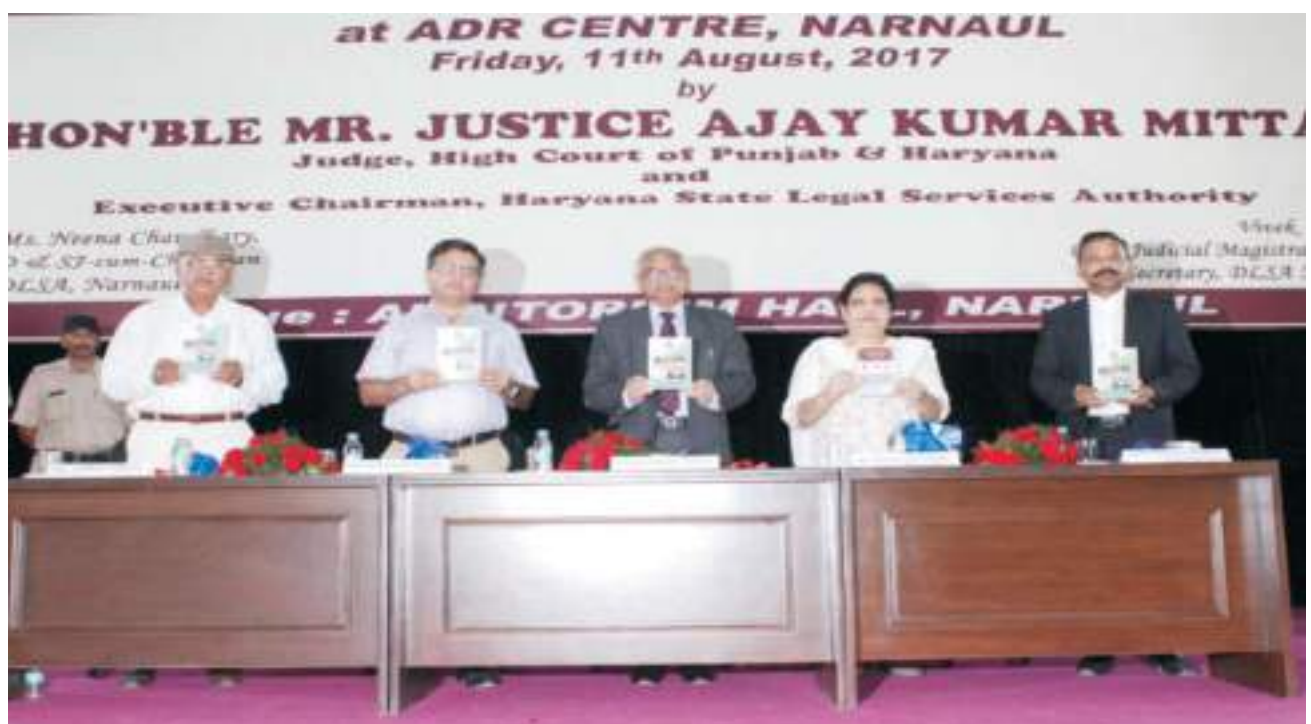


Yamuna Nagar

# PRE-MARITAL COUNSELLING CENTRE AT NARNAUL



According to Hindu mythology, amongst 16 sanskaras as laid down in dharmasastras, sanskar of marriage is considered to be of utmost importance. It is a belief that without solemnization of marriage one cannot attain salvation. Institution of marriage as an agency of socialization also happens to be a pious institution. Every religion in the world recognizes the importance of marriage. However, if we look at the success rate of marriages in today's scenario it cuts out a sorry state of affairs. A significant change has occurred in the views and attitude of people towards sanctity of marriage in the recent past, especially in cities. Gone are the days when marriage was treated





as 'heavenly match' or a 'blessed union'. Unfortunately, the institution of marriage has gradually become unstable. For the past few decades, divorce rate has been alarmingly increasing in most of the developed and developing countries. Divorce represents the end of the hopes that two people had for each other. It is, in fact, a certificate that their relationship failed.

Taking into account the gravity of the issue of failing marriages, District Legal Services Authority, Narnaul came up with the concept of "Pre-Marital Counselling". Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal, Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court-cum-Executive Chairman, HALSA inaugurated the Pre-Marital Counselling Center at the ADR Center, Narnaul on 11.8.2017. His Lordship addressed the Panel advocates, PLVs and students of various colleges who attended the inauguration. His Lordship observed that if we give a serious thought to this new concept of 'Pre-marital counselling' then certainly it is understood that the target group of this initiative would be the youth between the age group of 18 to 30 (to a large extent). The ailments like divorce and estranged relations are bound to make adverse effect on young India that cherishes and aspires to harness the gains of 'demographic dividend' of India. Therefore, the concept of pre-marital counselling has far-reaching consequences in the journey of the country driven by the youth. His Lordship also congratulated DLSA, Narnaul for coming up with this innovative concept.

A batch of 40 students attended the first counselling programme organised on 31.8.2017 at ADR Center, Narnaul. The certificates to the participants were distributed by Sh. Puneesh Jindia, Member Secretary, HALSA after having a brief interactive session with them.





## LEGAL AWARENESS ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

On Independence Day, District Legal Services Authorities, under the aegis of Haryana State Legal Services Authority, held various awareness camps across the State of Haryana. Constitutional values were discussed in these camps, the laws relating to women, senior citizens etc. and importance of Fundamental Duties as envisaged in the Constitution were also explained. Booklets on various issues published by Haryana State Legal Services Authority were distributed amongst the people.



Panipat



Kaithal





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Yamuna Nagar



Faridabad



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## SPECIAL LEGAL LITERACY CAMPAIGN AT MATA MANSA DEVI

**D**uring Navratra Mela/Fair from 21.09.2017 to 29.09.2017 District Legal Services Authority, Panchkula organised a Camp at Mata Mansa Devi Temple to impart legal awareness to the devotees visiting the

Mela/Fair.

Panel Advocates and Para Legal Volunteers informed the Visitors about important laws such as Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, Child Marriage Act, Child Labour and laws related to Women and Children etc. Booklets on various important issues of socio-legal importance prepared by HALSA were distributed at the legal awareness stall free of cost. The banners/flexes regarding Free Legal Aid, Fundamental Duties enshrined in the Constitution of India, Road Safety, Mediation, Benefits of Lok Adalat, Public Utility Services, Model Prosecution Scheme, Activities of DLSA, Panchkula, Female foeticide, PNDT Act, Free Legal Aid, NALSA Scheme regarding unorganized labour and beneficial provisions regarding the Senior Citizens, Women and Poor persons were installed at the camp.

On 28th September, 2017 Member Secretary, Haryana State Legal Services Authority visited the stall. He appreciated various paintings on socio-legal issues displayed by students of Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Sector-15, Panchkula. He shared the view that the general public should be sensitized about the new provisions of Victim Compensation Scheme alongwith the other services as provided by Legal Services Institutions. He also encouraged all the Panel advocates of the newly constituted Legal Aid Panel to work for the poor and needy so that the objective of "Access to Justice For All" could be achieved. He also motivated Para Legal Volunteers and law students of Swami Devi Dyal Law College, Barwala to reach out to the masses by spreading legal awareness at the camps organized in villages and slum areas. A total of 1011 persons visited the stall of the DLSA, Panchkula during the Navratras Mela.



# CAMPS ON THE OCCASION OF CHILDREN DAY

On 14th November, people celebrate this day as children's day with lot of zeal and enthusiasm. Children's Day honors the awareness of people towards the rights and education of children. Legal literacy camps were organised across the State of Haryana by District Legal Services Authorities to sensitize the parents that they must play a key role in celebrating this day along with their kids and should be aware of their dreams and desires. Awareness was also spread about the various laws meant for the protection and welfare of children such as the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act etc.



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## GITA JYANTI MAHOTSAV

Every year Gita Jyanti Mohatsav is celebrated with great enthusiasm in Kurukshetra. The Mohatsav is dedicated to the birth of Srimad Bhagvad Gita, the holy book of Hindus. During the festival, devotees and pilgrims from all over India gather in large number at Kurukshetra to take bath in the holy water of Sannihit Sarovar and Brahma Sarovar. The Gita Jayanti Mohtasav is organized by Kurukshetra Development Board. As a part of the celebration artists and traders from across the county are allowed to display exhibition stalls on the periphery of the Braham Sarovar.

This year also “Gita Jayanti Mohatsav” was celebrated from 17.11.2017 to 03.12.2017 during which a Legal Literacy Stall/Booth was set up by District Legal Services Authority, Kurukshetra at Braham Sarovar. A model of ADR Building of Kurukshetra was displayed alongwith standies and banners depicting the various activities and functions of Legal Services Institution. Painting and quotations on various social and legal issues made by students from different Government Schools were also displayed at the exhibition stall.

That apart, panel advocates and Para Legal Volunteers facilitated the people by giving legal advice and knowledge about their different rights and duties. The printed booklets and pamphlets on various NALSA Schemes/ topics like Fundamental Rights and Duties, child labour, child marriage, entitlement of people about free legal aid, maintenance and welfare of parents and senior citizens act, 2007, sexual harassment at workplace etc. were also distributed for creating legal knowledge.

Various skits on the topic of “Drugs and their ill-effects”, “Save Environment”, “Beti Bachao Beti Padhao”, “Importance of Traffic Rules” etc. were performed by the team deputed by the office of Additional Chief Advisor, Multi Art Cultural Centre, Kurukshetra to give visual effects to different social issues as it leaves more impact on the people.

More than 5000 people interacted with the DLSA team for discussing their legal problems.





# WORKSHOP FOR MEMBERS OF FAMILY WELFARE COMMITTEES

Keeping in view the directions given in Criminal Appeal No. 1265 of 2017 titled as Rajesh Sharma and Others Vs. State of U.P. and another . ‘Family welfare committees’ have been constituted in 21 districts of Haryana. A workshop for Members of these Committees was organized by Haryana State Legal Services Authority (HALSA) on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 . The objective of the workshop was to impart basic training to the Members of newly constituted Family Welfare Committees in the State of Haryana. 40 Members attended the said workshop.

The workshop was presided over by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal, Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman of Haryana State Legal Services Authority. His Lordship emphasized that Section 498-A of Indian Penal Code should not be misused in any manner. His Lordship further explained the importance and scope of Family Welfare Committees. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Amit Rawal, Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court also addressed the Members.



## LEGAL LITERACY CAMPS ON SENIOR CITIZENS DAY

**O**n 01.10.2017, to mark the Senior Citizens Day, legal literacy camps were organised by all the District Legal Services Authorities, under the aegis of Haryana State Legal Services Authority, across the State of Haryana. The reason for celebrating this day is to thank and acknowledge elders for all that they have done for their children and society. They sacrifice their entire life in nurturing their relationships. Such a selfless service rendered throughout their life for their family and society deserves some importance. Dedicating a particular day of the year for the elders provide their families an opportunity to acknowledge their love and efforts. It is an important time to remind the government about its pledge to work towards developing goals for helping the older people and among other things, to end hunger and poverty among older persons and people of all ages. Legal awareness camps were organised at the Old Age Homes and Senior Citizen Clubs to spread awareness about the various laws which have been enacted for the protection and welfare of Senior Citizens. Various provisions of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 were explained in simple language and the copies of booklet on this subject published by HALSA were distributed to the senior citizens.



Panchkula



Panipat



Kaithal





## SPECIAL LEGAL LITERACY CAMPS ON MAHATMA GANDHI JAYANTI

On 2-10-2017, the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti, legal awareness camps were held in all the districts of Haryana by District Legal Services Authorities, under the aegis of Haryana State Legal Services Authority, to spread awareness about social welfare legislations. In these camps, various government welfare schemes for the poor were explained. Efforts were made to connect the people with these schemes as per entitlement. Pamphlets/booklets in this regard got published by HALSA were distributed among the visitors.



Jind



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## ACTIVITIES ON WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY



Sonipat

**M**any people with mental health conditions around the world are deprived of their human rights. World Mental Health Day is observed on 10th October every year. On this day, legal literacy camps were organised across the State of Haryana by the District Legal Services Authorities under the aegis of Haryana State Legal Services Authority. Lectures were given to create awareness about the various laws providing benefits to the mentally ill persons. Chief Judicial Magistrates-cum-Secretaries, District Legal Services Authority visited the places where mentally ill persons are kept for treatment.



Kaithal

# WORKSHOP FOR CJMs-CUM-SECRETARIES, DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES OF HARYANA

A workshop for newly designated Chief Judicial Magistrates-cum-Whole Time Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities of Haryana was organized by Haryana State Legal Services Authority (HALSA) on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 with the objective to sensitize them about various schemes and programmes of Legal Services Authorities, and the difficulties in implementation of the same.

The workshop was presided over by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal, Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman of Haryana State Legal Services Authority. His Lordship emphasized the need to work for the weaker and marginalized sections of society and to improve the quality of legal services rendered to them. It was further stressed that work in Legal Services Authorities must be done with honesty, sincerity and devotion.





Shri Sunil Chauhan, Project Officer, National Legal Services Authority apprised the participants about the various activities undertaken by National Legal Services Authority in order to bridge the gap between Legal Services Institutions and the unprivileged sections of the society so that legal services can be provided at their door steps. Shri Vivek Yadav, CJM-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Narnaul shared the practices adopted by him, as District Legal Services Authority, Narnaul was adjudged the Best in India for the year 2017.



## LEGAL LITERACY CAMP AT KAPAL MOCHAN MELA



District Legal Services Authority, Yamunanagar set up a legal literacy stall at the Kapal Mochan Mela from 31.10.2017 to 04.11.2017. People in large number visited the Mela. The occasion provides an opportunity to spread legal awareness at mass level. They were not only advised with regard to the legal problems by Panel advocates but were also made aware about the various functions of the Legal Services Authorities Act. Booklets and pamphlets relating to various important laws (got printed by HALSA) in simple language were distributed amongst the public. Sh. Jagdeep Jain, Ld. District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority alongwith other Officers visited the camp on 31.10.2017.



# ACTIVITIES ON THE OCCASION OF “WORLD DISABLED DAY”

**L**egal Literacy Camps were organized by all the District Legal Services Authorities on 3.12.2017 in the State of Haryana on the occasion of “World Disabled Day”. This day is observed to encourage a better understanding for people affected by a disability, together with helping to make people more aware of the rights, dignity and welfare of disabled people, as well as to spread awareness about the benefits of integrating disabled persons in every aspect of life, from economic, to political, to social and cultural. Various programmes and legal awareness camps were held across the state of Haryana to spread awareness about entitlement of disabled persons and the process of obtaining free legal aid. It was emphasized in the camps that in 1996, the Persons with disabilities (equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, was enacted. This Act spells out the responsibility of the State towards the prevention of disabilities, protection of rights, provision of medical care, education, training, employment and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities. People were made aware of National Trusts Act, the Rehabilitation Council of India Act and the Mental Health Act 1987.



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# AWARENESS CAMPS ON HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

**H**uman Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December. On this day, awareness camps were organized by the District Legal Services Authorities to apprise citizens of the various human rights. In the camps, Right to Life and Personal Liberty as granted by Article-21 of the Constitution of India was explained. It was also explained that right to life is the core of Human Rights. It is not confined to the mere animal existence but encompasses rights which ensure a dignified life.



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# NATIONAL LOK ADALATS



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National Lok Adalats were organized on 8.7.2017, 9.9.2017 & 9.12.2017; all the matters (Criminal compoun-dable, NI Act u/s 138, Bank Recovery Cases, MACT Cases, Matrimonial Disputes, Labour Dispute Cases, Land Acquisition Cases, Electricity Bills, Water Bills, Service Matters, Revenue Cases and Other Cases) were taken up. In these National Lok Adalat 119510 cases were taken up, out of which 21270 cases were at pre-litigation stage while 30959 cases were pending before the Courts and were disposed of. Total amount of settlement in lok adalat was ₹2185317370/-



# VISITS TO CHILDREN HOMES, SHELTER HOMES & OBSERVATION HOMES

**T**he NALSA (Child friendly Legal Services to Children and Their Protection) Scheme, 2015 provides for setting up of “Observation and Children Home Committee” at every district in the state. It also mandates regular visits of the committee to the above said homes for children in need of care and protection to keep a check on the institutions and facilities being provided to them.

To ensure proper legal protection to the children the Chairpersons-cum-District and Sessions Judges alongwith Chief Judicial Magistrates-cum-Secretaries regularly visit Children Homes, Shelter Homes and Observation Homes across the State of Haryana under the instructions and guidance of the Haryana Legal Services Authority. Follow up reports are regularly sent to HALSA for taking up the issues with the quarter concerned.



Observation Home Hisar



Blind Girls School, Narnaul



Lakhiram Arya Orphanage  
Shelter Home, Rohtak



Bal Anathalaya and Rehabilitation  
Centre, Panipat



Vatsalya Vatika,  
Children Home, Kurukshetra



Child Care Home, Sonapat



Shri Krishna Parnami Bal  
Sewa Ashram, Hisar



Shelter Progetto India Charitable  
Trust Darbaripur, Gurugram



Bal Pryas Kunj and Shelter Home, Jind



Shelter Home, Jhajjar





## Success Story of Panipat Boy

**D**istrict Legal Services Authority, Panipat on 9.10.2017, received information through an advocate that a minor boy was forced to do labour by his employer at a house in Sector-6, Panipat. He was in bondage for the past 2 years and his wages were also withheld.

Keeping in view the interest of the child and for implementation of NALSA (Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, a team comprised of the Secretary, DLSA, Ms. Kiran Malik (Member, CWC) and Ms. Nidhi Gupta (District Child Protection Officer, Panipat) was constituted. The team went to the house at Sector-6 and met the minor boy. He disclosed that his actual age was 15 years and he was sold 2 years ago by Hira Lal. Thereafter, in November 2015, he was sent to do household work in a house in Sector-6, Panipat. He used to wake up at 6:00 A.M. and sleep at 11:00 P.M. after doing the household chores for the entire day.

Information was sent to the family of minor child. His mother and brother came to Panipat on 13.11.2017. The unpaid salary of the child amounting to ` 52,800/- (Rupees Fifty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Only) was paid to the child and his custody was formally handed over to his mother through the Child Welfare Committee. In this manner, the minor child was rescued from the clutches of his employer and sent to his parental home.

## "DRIVE TO MAKE PANCHKULA OPEN DEFECATION FREE"



A legal aid camp was organized at Kharak-Mangoli Slums, Mansa Devi Complex, Panchkula by District Legal Services Authority, Panchkula. About 750 families are living in these slum areas and it was noticed that there is not even a single toilet in the said area. A local N.G.O. People's Action for People in Need (PAPN) disclosed that the matter has been taken up with the local authority but no action had been taken in this regard. To make Panchkula open defecation free, this matter was taken up with the higher authorities and 20 mobile toilets were got sanctioned for the slums. In the first week of October, 2017, 10 toilets were provided for the people living in the said area.





## BLOOD DONATION CAMP AT JIND

**A** Blood Donation Camp was organized by District Legal Services Authority, Jind at Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Dhigana on 04.12.2017. A total of 151 units of blood was collected which was sent to Blood Bank, PGI, Rohtak. Approximately 350 villagers including school students were present there. After the blood donation camp, they were made aware about the legal services rendered by DLSA Jind. The villagers present were also sensitized about ADR mechanism. The Senior Citizens were apprised about the various provisions of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007.



# LEGAL AWARENESS ON WORLD AIDS DAY

**W**orld AIDS Day is observed on the 1st December each year. It's an opportunity for people all over the world to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV.

There are many legal issues associated with HIV-disease. HIV/AIDS infected persons are entitled to free legal aid, which is not confined to the payment of lawyers fee only. On this occasion, awareness camps were held across the State of Haryana. People were made aware of the fact that HIV/AIDS infected people are entitled to free legal aid. It was also emphasised at the camps that protection and dignity of HIV/AIDS infected persons is essential for the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS.



Bhiwani



# HON'BLE PUNJAB & HARYANA HIGH COURT ON REQUIREMENT OF CONCILIATION BY PERMANENT LOK ADALATS (PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES)

Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court highlighted the importance of conciliation by Permanent Lok Adalat (Public Utility Services) while adjudicating Civil Writ Petition No.11542 of 2015 on 5.8.2016. By putting special emphasis on conciliation, it was inter-alia observed as under:-

Section 22C of the Act categorically provides that the application under Section 22C(1) can be filed only before the dispute is brought to the Court, meaning thereby it would not be maintainable if the same dispute is pending between the parties in the Court. It further provides that the Lok Adalat shall not decide any case in which the issue is relating to an offence which is not compoundable under any law. It further provides that it would also stay keep away its hands to interfere in the matter in which it has no pecuniary jurisdiction. However, once an application is maintainable, it has to be dealt with by the Lok Adalat in terms of the provisions of Section 22C(3) onwards in which Sections 22C(4) and (5) provide for conducting the conciliation proceedings and if it is found that there exists elements of a settlement in the conciliation proceedings, which may be acceptable to the parties, it is the duty of the Lok Adalat to formulate the terms of a possible settlement of the dispute and in case the settlement is successful, then the Lok Adalat shall pass the award and furnish a copy thereof to each of the parties. A careful reading of Sections 22C (3) to (6) provides a mechanism of deciding the lis between the parties by way of conciliation which has to be followed by the Lok Adalat religiously before it takes over an avatar of a Court to decide the lis between the parties on the basis of evidence led by

them. It is needless to mention that the Lok Adalat is required to reflect in its day to day proceedings about compliance of Sections 22C(3) to (7) of the Act and it is also expected of the parties appearing before the Lok Adalat to ask for conciliation proceedings before having their case adjudicated on merits. It is also pertinent to mention that since the award/order of the Lok Adalat, which has to deal with the issues pertaining to the public utility services, defined in Section 22A(b) of the Act, is not appealable, therefore, a larger number of writ petitions are being filed in this Court against the award/orders of the Lok Adalat which are decided on merits in terms of Section 22C(8) of the Act and generally the issues are being raised about non-compliance of the provisions contained in Sections 22C(3) to (7) of the Act. It may also be mentioned here that with the advent of alternative disputes resolution mechanism, Section 89 has been added as Part V (Special Proceedings) in the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the "CPC"), in which powers have been given to the Court to formulate the terms of settlement if it appears to it that there exists elements of a settlement which may be acceptable to the parties and after receiving the observations of the parties, the Court may re-formulate the terms of a possible settlement and refer the same for arbitration, conciliation, judicial settlement including settlement through Lok Adalat or mediation. Thus, an effort is more on resolving the dispute between the parties by resorting to the alternative disputes resolution mechanism than the use of adjudicatory process in which the parties litigate for several years in appeals filed before various forums.



## **STATISTICAL INFORMATION**

### **NUMBER OF LEGAL AID BENEFICIARIES IN COURT BASED LEGAL SERVICES, IN LEGAL CARE AND SUPPORT CENTRES AND NUMBER OF LITERACY PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED IN EACH DISTRICT IN THE STATE OF HARYANA (JULY TO NOVEMBER, 2017)**

District	Beneficiaries in Court Based Legal Services	Legal Care & Support Centre		Literacy Programmes	
		Persons Visited	Beneficiaries	No.of Seminars	Beneficiaries
Ambala	583	3847	3581	412	27616
Bhiwani	169	2619	2619	386	12577
Ch. Dadri	4	90	90	9	85
Faridabad	504	19975	19975	1707	776040
Fatehabad	80	4176	4176	191	12704
Gurugram	367	21410	5052	2682	1345476
Hissar	331	6112	5942	733	18549
Jhajjar	235	3417	3375	268	16685
Jind	217	3285	2925	161	12969
Kurukshetra	243	3875	3875	379	11260
Karnal	369	8306	7722	957	49959
Kaithal	264	9724	9724	207	21734
Narnaul	57	3145	3145	289	44027
Nuh	33	1976	1662	297	52907
Palwal	146	1927	317	191	17670
Panipat	378	5132	3990	528	71652
Panchkula	312	5039	5023	739	57453
Rewari	115	4743	4743	282	12934
Rohtak	351	3263	2670	71	9113
Sonipat	293	4318	4296	301	27280
Sirsa	117	4103	4027	301	7248
Y.Nagar	232	1276	1130	145	7350
Head Office	10	-	-	-	-
High Court	444	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5854</b>	<b>121758</b>	<b>100059</b>	<b>11326</b>	<b>2613288</b>

## **STATISTICAL INFORMATION**

### **NUMBER OF CASES SETTLED IN LOK ADALAT, DAILY LOK ADALAT, RURAL LOK ADALAT, MEDIATION & CONCILIATION CENTRES IN EACH DISTRICT IN THE STATE OF HARYANA (JULY to NOVEMBER, 2017)**

District	No. of Cases Taken up	NO. OF CASES DISPOSED OFF		Amount awarded in MACT	No. of Mediation Cases Settled
		Settled Cases in Lok Adalats	MACT Cases Settled		
Ambala	7352	5534	46	4135000	29
Bhiwani	11341	4438	56	6607000	45
Ch. Dadri	337	256	0	0	0
Fatehabad	6677	3979	20	3908000	37
Faridabad	10004	6991	32	715578	89
Gurugram	26149	16961	50	10027000	217
Hissar	14722	8650	113	34167000	123
Jind	7307	3686	78	11639000	55
Jhajjar	4475	2255	11	2300000	14
Karnal	12678	6355	89	20426000	55
Kaithal	3332	1170	25	20650000	35
KKR	7200	2147	77	42014000	30
Nuh	2021	1221	57	6210000	4
Narnaul	5194	1768	33	6539000	12
Palwal	5215	1745	25	7185000	18
PKL	11600	3480	39	994700	14
Panipat	9681	4324	58	21310000	55
Rohtak	12720	8465	51	14125000	18
Rewari	4528	3033	6873	25064000	10
Sirsa	7858	30163329	27	2734800	64
Sonepat	7029	3756	47	19540274	78
Y.Nagar	8698	3324	33	5699000	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>191750</b>	<b>98245</b>	<b>1057</b>	<b>268540352</b>	<b>1003</b>



## **STATISTICAL INFORMATION**

### **NUMBER OF CASES DISPOSED OFF IN THE PERMANENT LOK ADALAT (PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES ) (JULY, TO NOVEMBER, 2017)**

District	Pending as on 30.06.2017	Fresh Inst.	Cases Settled	Tran.	Postal	Supply of Power	Public Cons.	Hospital	Insurance	Banking	Housing	Amount Settled	Pendency as on 30.11.17
Ambala	647	2157	2248	1	486	53	2	0	2	1703	1	4975412	556
Bhiwani	518	586	568	0	285	18	1	0	35	225	4	7270492	536
Ch. Dadri	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Faridabad	2021	1679	1777	0	22	469	6	0	33	1187	60	6535930	1923
Fatehabad	124	74	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	2	415000	143
Guurgram	1744	1931	2080	0	1	16	4	1	40	1955	63	37674977	1595
Hissar	2269	269	818	0	235	9	0	0	25	538	11	1779602	1747
Jind	624	171	536	0	269	9	0	0	15	239	4	7307336	259
Jhajjar	642	605	995	0	144	10	5	0	1	833	2	2369936	252
Kurukshetra	176	159	126	0	3	4	0	0	20	97	2	3283449	209
Karnal	609	344	289	3	26	18	2	1	34	185	20	25523968	664
Kaithal	117	1200	460	0	43	0	2	0	2	413	0	4045452	857
Namaul	458	89	42	0	3	3	1	2	4	28	1	5115309	505
Nuh	211	716	622	0	0	13	3	0	13	593	0	4516164	305
Panipat	121	810	725	0	0	539	5	0	11	167	3	13137312	206
Palwal	525	1180	1240	0	0	799	4	0	28	380	29	0	465
Panchkula	573	371	587	0	425	1	1	0	5	151	4	16435849	357
Rohtak	1417	2137	2945	0	98	989	7	0	8	1835	8	51645511	609
Rewari	825	271	89	0	1	4	4	1	0	70	9	5324447	1007
Sirsa	1174	742	156	0	3	11	0	0	1	134	7	1481686	1760
Sonepat	89	562	488	0	76	318	6	0	3	78	7	6843103	163
Y.Nagar	574	786	862	0	0	15	3	0	4	839	1	15895395	498
<b>Total</b>	<b>15458</b>	<b>16866</b>	<b>17708</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2120</b>	<b>3298</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>11703</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>221576330</b>	<b>14616</b>





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