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HARYANA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY RELEASED A BOOKLET ON VICTIM COMPENSATION LAW



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal, Executive Chairman of Haryana State Legal Services Authority, released a booklet on "Victim Compensation Law", prepared by Haryana State Legal Services Authority. It was released in the workshop conducted for all the Chief Judicial Magistrates-cum-Secretaries of District Legal Services Authorities of Haryana at HALSA office, Sector 14, Panchkula.

Haryana Victim Compensation Scheme, 2013 is being implemented in the State of Haryana by Haryana State Legal Services Authority. Since 2013, compensation of an amount of more than Rs 5 Crore has been disbursed to the victims of crime who require rehabilitation. Under this scheme, victims of certain crimes as per schedule 1 of the scheme are entitled to compensation. It includes the victims of acid attack, rape, loss of limb,

molestation etc.

Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal emphasized the need to work for the weaker and marginalized sections of society, and to increase the quality of legal services rendered to marginalized sections of society. Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal stressed that work in Legal Services Authorities must be done with honesty, sincerity and devotion. Officers were sensitized on Victim Compensation Law and the various aspects of access to justice and legal aid programmes. Various legal aid schemes which are being implemented by Haryana State Legal Services Authority were also discussed. The ways and means to implement Mediation and Lok Adalats in an effective and meaningful manner for resolving disputes were also discussed.



SPECIAL LEGAL LITERACY CAMP DURING NAVRATRA MELA



A Special Legal Literacy Camp was organized during Navratras at Mata Mansa Devi Temple Complex, Panchkula from 8.4.2016 to 15.4.2016. The legal literacy camp at Mata Mansa Devi Temple evoked enthusiastic response from the visitors who visited the camp in large numbers. Panel lawyers and Para Legal Volunteers rendered their services at the camp. Books and pamphlets, prepared by Haryana State Legal Services Authority, were also distributed to spread legal awareness. Students of different schools also participated. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court-cum-Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority, also visited the said stall. In the said camp, flex banners, reflecting the fundamental duties, as contained in the

Constitution of India, and provisions of various laws such as The Maintenance of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 etc. were displayed to educate the public.



AWARENESS CAMPS ON WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY

Smoking tobacco is a global health threat. World No Tobacco Day is observed every year on May 31. On 31/5/2016, District Legal Services Authorities across the State of Haryana held awareness camps under the aegis of Haryana State Legal Services Authority to draw attention to the health problems that tobacco use can cause. It was emphasized in the camps that it is not just the

smokers who are at risk. The people around them, the so called passive smokers, are also vulnerable to developing smoking related diseases. Tobacco, no matter in which form it is, like cigarettes (even light or filtered), cigars, chewable tobacco, huqqa or even the ever popular sheesha, is a silent killer. Anti-tobacco marches were also held across the State.



Panchkula



Jhajjar



Kurukshetra



Panipat



Bhiwani



Sonepat



Ambala



Yamuna Nagar



Kaithal



Palwal



Karnal



Gurgaon



Rewari



Mewat

MONTHLY NATIONAL LOK ADALATS ON 9.4.2016 AND 14.5.2016

On 9.4.2016, monthly National Lok Adalat on the Labour & Family Matters was held. In the said Lok Adalat, 323 cases were settled.

On 14.5.2016, monthly National Lok Adalat on the MACT and Insurance Matters (PLA/PUS) was held. In the said Lok Adalat, 173 cases were settled. Pre-litigation cases as well as pending cases were settled involving an amount of Rs.3,67,72,031/-.

To make the monthly National Lok Adalats successful, meetings were held by

Session Judges with the Judicial Officers to identify the matters which could be settled in the Lok Adalat.

For the purpose of effective disposal of MACT cases, directions were issued to all the District Legal Services Authorities that the MACT Benches must include Orthopedic and other doctors as members for National Lok Adalat. Special Benches were also directed to be constituted for speedy disposal of the cases.



VISIT TO DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES



On 2.4.2016, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal, Executive Chairman of Haryana State Legal Services Authority, visited District legal Services Authorities at Sonapat, Panipat, Karnal, Kurukshetra and Ambala. His Lordship interacted with the Secretaries of District Legal Services Authorities, and took stock of the various legal aid programmes being carried out at these districts. Front offices were also visited, and the registers

kept in the Front Offices were also seen by His Lordship.

ADR center at Ambala is under construction. Hon'ble Executive Chairman visited the site under construction and reviewed the work and progress.



Karnal



Under construction ADR Center, Ambala

TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR PANEL LAWYERS

Training Programmes were organized for the Panel Lawyers of District Legal Services Authorities, Faridabad, Gurgaon & Panipat on 16th & 17th April, 2016, 23rd & 24th, April, 2016 & 14th & 15th, May, 2016 respectively. The said programmes were organized with an objective to enhance skills of the Panel Lawyers so that quality Legal Services are rendered to the weaker and marginalized sections of society. In the said programmes, training was imparted as per

the schedule provided by National Legal Services Authority in Training Module Part-I. The training programmes were conducted by the Master Trainers. Various methods of teaching were used in the said programme such as lecture method, group discussion, quiz method etc. Haryana State Legal Services Authority has prepared a calendar for organizing such training programmes for panel lawyers in all the Districts of Haryana.



Panipat



Gurgaon



Faridabad

LEGAL AWARENESS CAMPS FOR OFFICIALS AT GRASS ROOT LEVEL

As per the calendar provided by Haryana State Legal Services Authority, legal awareness camps were held for officials at grass root level by the District Legal Services Authorities of Jhajjar, Jind & Kaithal on 16.4.2016, 30.4.2016 & 7.5.2016 respectively. Sarpanches, Aanganwari workers, Asha workers, BDO's etc. participated in the said Legal Awareness Camps. They were told about

the concept of "Free Legal Aid". Various schemes and Legal Aid Programmes were explained to them. They were also told about front offices and legal care and support centers. They were exhorted to work for the weaker and marginalized sections of society.



Kaithal



Jhajjar



Jind

LEGAL AWARENESS ABOUT RIGHTS OF DISABLED PERSONS

On 27.04.2016, Legal Literacy Awareness Programme was organized by District Legal Services Authority, Jhajjar at Sir Chotu Ram Dharamsala, Bahadurgarh. It was

“The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995” had come into enforcement on February 7, 1996. It is a significant step which ensures equal opportunities for the people with disabilities. The Act provides for both the preventive and promotional aspects of rehabilitation like education, employment and vocational training, reservation, research and manpower development, creation of barrier-free environment, rehabilitation of persons with disability, unemployment allowance for the disabled, special insurance scheme for the disabled employees and establishment of homes for persons with severe disability etc.

organized in collaboration with Nav Chetna Viklang Sahayata Samiti. Officials from the District Social Welfare Office and District Red Cross Society were also associated. In this programme, about 150 disabled persons assembled. They were made aware about the various Welfare Schemes for disabled persons. Pamphlets containing brief descriptions about various schemes for disabled persons were also distributed.



LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME AT PDM GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS

On 19.04.2016, District Legal Services Authority, Jhajjar organized Legal Awareness Programme at PDM Group of Institutions. The Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Jhajjar apprised the gathering about the various schemes of NALSA and HALSA. Various activities which are being carried out by DLSA, Jhajjar were also explained to the gathering. The concept of free legal aid was also explained. The gathering comprised of the staff and the students of PDM Group of Engineering, B.Ed College and PDM School.



AWARENESS THROUGH COMMUNITY RADIO

Haryana State Legal Services Authority is spreading legal awareness through community radio. In the month of May, 2016, various legal awareness programmes were conducted through community radio stations at Gurgaon and Mewat. In the said programmes, various legal topics were covered such as Protection of women from domestic violence, free legal aid, victim compensation scheme etc.



Gurgaon



Mewat

“JAN SAMPARK ABHIYAN” IN PANIPAT BY DLSA



District Legal Services Authority, Panipat launched “Jan Sampark Abhiyaan” to spread awareness among the public about the existence of District Legal Services Authority and the various legal aid programmes being carried out by it. In the said context, march was carried out on 26.5.2016.



The march started from ADR Centre. Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Panipat along with Panel Advocates and Para Legal Volunteers walked through the city of Panipat (about four kilometers) for direct interaction with people. Two big banners, printed in English and Hindi, carried the message about District Legal Services Authority. The helpline number was also displayed. Four thousand pamphlets spelling out the eligibility conditions for obtaining legal aid were distributed amongst the general public at places like Bus Stand, Cycle Rikshaw stands, Auto Rikshaw Stands and other busy business centers like Insar Market etc.



LEGAL AWARENESS CAMPS IN THE RURAL AREAS OF PANIPAT



On 17.5.2016, District Legal Services Authority, Panipat, organized four legal awareness camps in the schools of villages Nara, Dariyapur, Urlana Kalan and Urlana Khurd. Each camp served three purposes. Firstly, the people were made aware about their rights and duties and the schemes floated by NALSA. The provisions of victim compensation scheme were discussed and information relating to Accident Information Report in motor accident claims was given. The pamphlets of "Motor Accident Claims relating to Accident Information Report" were distributed among the general public in pursuant to the directions issued by Haryana State Legal Services Authority. Similarly, pamphlets of Permanent Lok Adalat (Public Utility Services) were also distributed. Secondly, the students were told about the Fundamental Duties as envisaged in the Constitution of India. Thirdly, an effort was made to implement the NALSA (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme - 2015, as far as "Prevention" of any such illegal act is concerned. The school children were advised about the dangers of strangers befriending them. They were further urged to boldly discourage child marriage and in case any such incident happens with them, they may report the matter to the police, DLSA or DCPO (District Child Protection Officer). The teachers were also asked to convey this message to the

parents of the school children during parent-teacher meetings about the falsity of promises made to them by outsiders in the name of better education of their children in big cities. The teachers were further advised to keep a close watch on children not attending school for a couple of days. All of them were asked to take the aid of students' literacy clubs to discuss these issues regularly.



AWARENESS PROGRAMME IN DISTRICT JAIL KARNAL

On 04.05.2016, District Legal Services Authority, Panipat held awareness camp for jail inmates after the conclusion of jail lok adalat on the said day. Chief Judicial Magistrate cum Secretary, DLSA, Panipat addressed the undertrials and informed them about free legal aid and the purpose of legal care and support centre in jail premises. They were also apprised about the various activities being carried out by District Legal Services Authorities. The grievances of the undertrials were heard through personal interaction.



WORKSHOP ON VICTIM-SENSITIVE APPROACH

On 21.05.2016, workshop was organized by District Legal Services Authority, Kurukshetra for sensitizing the Panel Lawyers and the Para Legal Volunteers to have sensitive approach when dealing with the cases of women and child victims. It was

Haryana State Legal Services Authority has been implementing Model Scheme for victims of rape and other crime against women and children. Under this Scheme, lady advocates visit police stations as per the schedule, and provide legal assistance to the victims of rape and other crime against women and children.

emphasized that women and children often face difficulties regarding Access to Justice, and the need is to provide quality legal services to the said section of society by taking extra care to deal more sensitively with them. Sh. Narender Pruthi, Psychiatrist, LNJP Hospital also addressed the Panel Advocates and Para Legal Volunteers.

WORKSHOP ON SECTION 158 (6) OF MOTOR VEHICLES ACT

On 17.05.2016, workshop was organized in the conference hall of ADR Centre Kurukshetra to sensitize the Judicial Officers, Police Officers and the Panel Advocates and Para Legal Volunteers about the different aspects of Section 158(6) Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. It was presided over by Sh. Arun Kumar Tyagi, District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Kurukshetra. It was emphasized in the said workshop that Section 158 (6), mandates SHOs to submit an accident information report to the Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Tribunal within 30 days of the accident. The Claims Tribunal shall treat the said report as a claim petition and conduct an enquiry into the same. Important directions given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Jai Parkash Vs. National

To ensure that all accident victims get compensation, it is necessary to formulate a more comprehensive scheme for payment of compensation to victims of road accidents, in place of the present system of third party insurance.

*Jai Parkash Vs. National Insurance Company Ltd. and others
2010(2)SCC607*

Insurance Company Ltd. and others 2010(2)SCC 607 were also explained to the participants.



PROGRAMME FOR DDPO AND BDPOS

On 16.05.2016, a programme was organized by District Legal Services Authority, Kurukshetra for District Development and Panchayat Officer (DDPO), Block Development, Panchayat Officers (BDPOs) and Sarpanches of the villages. It was organized with an aim to sensitize them about the functioning of Legal Care and Support Centres opened in various villages in District Kurukshetra. They were exhorted to spread awareness about the utility of Legal Care and Support Centres amongst the villagers so that weaker and marginalized sections of society utilize the services rendered at those centres. It was emphasized that Sarpanches should take due care while issuing attendance certificates to Panel Advocates and Para Legal Volunteers for attending Legal Care and Support Centres.



SENSITIZING PRINCIPALS ABOUT LEGAL LITERACY CLUBS

Under the Students Legal Literacy Mission, the principals of Government and Private Colleges were sensitized by Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Mewat about the Legal Literacy Clubs. The principals of colleges where Legal Literacy Clubs have not been opened were impressed upon to open Legal Literacy Clubs in the colleges so that the objective of making students aware of the various rights and duties under various laws is achieved.



LEGAL AWARENESS IN SCHOOLS

On 11.05.2016, lectures on Fundamental Duties were given by Chief



Judicial Magistrate cum Secretary, DLSA Jhajjar to the students of Govt. Sr. Secondary School at village Guddha and Govt. Sr. Secondary School at village Dujana. The students were told that a nation is what the citizens are. The importance of Fundamental Duties was explained to the students. They were also explained the relevance of having a fully functional legal literacy club.

OBSERVANCE OF ANTI-TERRORISM DAY





On 21.05.2016, District Legal Services Authority, Mewat in coordination with Care Trust, Mewat and Muslim Maha Sabha

organized two programmes at Mewat on the occasion of Anti-Terrorism Day. The objective behind the holding of programmes on anti-terrorism day was to sensitize people about the need to uphold and promote peace, social harmony, and understanding among all fellow human beings and fight forces of disruption threatening human lives and values. In the said programmes, the suffering of common people due to violence was highlighted and it was emphasized that the cult of violence is prejudicial to the national interest. Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Mewat addressed the gathering in the said programmes.

LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME AT THE MILLENNIUM SCHOOL KURUKSHETRA

On 23.05.2016, Legal Awareness Programme was held by District Legal Services Authority, Kurukshetra at the Millennium School. In the said programme, the staff members and the students of the school

remained present. They were told about the Fundamental Rights and the Fundamental Duties as given in the Constitution of India. Law relating to anti ragging and Cyber Crime was also explained.



ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION IN AN ELECTORAL PROCESS



On 18.05.2016, District Legal Services Authority, Mewat conducted a programme and also held public march to sensitize people to participate in the democracy by enrolling themselves in the electoral roles and voting at the time of election. In the said programme, the importance of participation in an electoral process to ensure a responsive, accountable and democratically elected representatives was emphasized.



LEGAL SERVICES TO THE WORKERS IN THE UNORGANIZED SECTOR

On 21.05.2016, Panel Lawyers were sensitized by DLSA, Kurukshetra about the newly launched scheme of NALSA regarding workers in the unorganized sector. The panel lawyers were explained the existing legal frame work regarding the workers in the unorganized sector. They were also told about NALSA (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganized Sector) Scheme, 2015.

OBJECTIVES OF THE NALSA SCHEME

1. To institutionalize essential legal services to all unorganized workers.
2. To get the gaps in legislation/implementation plugged through coordination with government authorities and by initiating public interest litigation.
3. To mobilize the machinery of the State Government and the District Administration to identify and register all unorganized workers in all categories and to extend the benefits of all governments schemes, as applicable to them.
4. To spread awareness among the employees regarding the statutory provisions and the need for providing decent working conditions, living wages and social security to the workers.
5. To disseminate information among the workers regarding their entitlements under the existing legislations and schemes.
6. To provide counseling and assistance to all categories of unorganized workers for their registration with the concerned authorities under the schemes available for their category.
7. To assist the workers in availing the benefits of the scheme for which they are registered as per their need/entitlements.



AWARENESS ON EARTH DAY

On 22.04.2016, District Legal Services Authority, Mewat at Nuh held an awareness camp in coordination with Care Trust on the occasion of Earth Day. It was organized with an objective to make people understand the importance of environmental issues so that more people become aware of the actions which are required to be taken to protect our environment. The importance of planting trees was also emphasized.



CHILDREN HOMES, SHELTER HOMES, OBSERVATION HOMES

Children and senior citizens are vulnerable. Children are voiceless and defenseless. Nurturing children in an environment free from exploitation and fear is very important. Children in Children Homes, Shelter Homes and Observation Homes form the most vulnerable section. Similarly, Senior Citizens, living in the Old Age Homes, also form the vulnerable section who apart from legal protection also require the motivation to live happily and fearlessly. To ensure proper legal protection to this vulnerable section, the Chairmen cum District and Sessions Judges alongwith Chief Judicial Magistrates cum Secretaries have been making visits regularly every month to Children Homes, Shelter Homes, Observation Homes and Old age homes across the State of Haryana under the instructions and guidance of the Haryana

Legal Services Authority. Deficiencies are taken up with the concerned authorities. Legal aid is also provided in appropriate cases.



Shelter Home, Jhajjar



Old Age Home, Sector-4, Gurgaon



Shelter Home in Sector-6, Panipat



Prerana Old Age Home, Kurukshetra



Mother Teresa Missionary of Charity Home in Sector-12, Panipat



Old Age Home, Yamuna Nagar



Old Age Home, Red Cross Society, Sector-15, Panchkula



Welfare Society for hearing and speech Impairment, Raipur Rani, Panchkula



Children Home, Panchkula



Observation Home/Special Home, Ambala



Mother Teresa Home, Ambala Cantt.

AWARENESS CAMP AT SCHOOL

On 21.05.2016, Legal Literacy Camp was organized by District Legal Services Authority, Yamunanagar at Government Senior Secondary School, Jagadhari. It was attended by about 150 students of Class 10th to Class 12th. Teachers also attended the programme. The gathering was made aware about the concept of free legal aid. They were also made aware about the various activities which are being carried out by District Legal Services Authority. Lecture on Fundamental Duties was also given. The copies of the booklet on "Fundamental Duties" were also distributed amongst the students.



AWARENESS CAMP AT RED CROSS SOCIETY

On 12.05.2016, District Legal Services Authority, Kurukshetra organized Legal Literacy Programme at Red Cross Society. The said programme was primarily attended by the volunteers of Red Cross Society. They were apprised by Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Kurukshetra about the concept of Free Legal Aid and also about the various Legal Aid Programmes being carried out by District Legal Services Authority.



INTERNATIONAL LABOUR DAY



Bhiwani

On 1.5.2016, International Labour day was celebrated. The legal awareness camps were organized across the State of Haryana

for labourers by the District Legal Services Authorities under the aegis of Haryana State Legal Services Authority. An effort was made, in these camps, to make labourers aware of the various beneficial enactments and schemes meant for their upliftment and welfare.



Narnaul



Panchkula



Panipat

AWARENESS CAMP AT VILLAGES



Behrana

District Legal Services Authority, Jhajjar organized various legal awareness camps at villages Behrana, Dighai and Salhwas in the months of April and May, 2016. The idea behind organizing camps at villages was to reach out to



Dighai

the people living in the remotest area and make them aware about the functions of the Legal Services Authorities. The villagers were explained in detail the concept of legal aid. This apart, the rights under various laws were explained in comprehensible language to the villagers.

AWARENESS ON POCSO ACT



District Legal Services Authority, Panchkula organized Legal Awareness Programmes in the various schools at

Panchkula in the month of May, 2016 to spread awareness about POCSO Act. The students were told that the Protection of Children from

Sexual Offences Act (POCSO Act), 2012 was formulated in order to effectively address sexual exploitation of children. They were told that the Act defines a child as any person below 18 years of age. It provides for special courts. Trials are conducted without revealing the identity of the child. The copies of booklet on “Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO Act), 2012” prepared by Haryana State Legal Services Authority were also distributed amongst the students.

CHILD FRIENDLY PROCEDURES AS INCORPORATED IN POCSO ACT

- * *Recording the statement of the child at the residence of the child or at the place of his choice, preferably by a woman police officer not below the rank of sub-inspector. Evidence has to be recorded within 30 days.*
- * *No child to be detained in the police station in the night for any reason.*

- * *Police officer not to be in uniform while recording the statement of the child.*
- * *The statement of the child to be recorded as spoken by the child.*
- * *Assistance of an interpreter or translator or an expert as per the need of the child.*
- * *Child not to see accused at the time of testifying. The evidence of the child shall be recorded within a period of 30 days of the cognizance of the offence.*
- * *Assistance of special educator or any person familiar with the manner of communication of the child in case child is disabled.*
- * *Medical examination of the child to be conducted in the presence of the parent of the child or any other person in whom the child has trust or confidence.*
- * *In case the victim is a girl child, the medical examination shall be conducted by a female doctor.*
- * *Child not to be called repeatedly to testify and frequent breaks to be given to the child during the trial.*
- * *No aggressive questioning or character assassination of the child.*
- * *Trial to be in the special court in camera.*

STUDENTS LEGAL LITERACY MISSION

In the year 2005, National Legal Literacy Mission was launched. Its motto is “From Ignorance to Legal Empowerment”. The primary objective of the mission is to lift the veil of ignorance through knowledge and to spread awareness amongst people about their rights. The masses should be aware of the law of the land. It is all the more important that the youth are educated about the laws so that they grow up to be law abiding citizens. Students can prove to be an extremely valuable asset in the dissemination of information with regard to the laws. Hence, under this mission, Haryana State Legal Services Authority (HALSA) has adopted the project of Students Legal Literacy Mission (SLLM) along with various other projects.

Under this project, Haryana State Legal Services Authority (HALSA) in collaboration with Haryana Education Department has opened Legal Literacy Clubs (LLC) in schools and colleges in the State of Haryana.

This project aims to create a generation for future which is well aware of its constitutional & statutory rights and duties. It also aims to make them aware about issues of socio-legal



relevance so as to help in promoting rule of law and social justice in the country.

Under the students literacy mission, the following types of competitions are held:-

- * Declamation contest
- * Poetry recitation
- * Debate
- * Essay writing
- * On the spot painting

- * Slogan writing
- * Power Point Presentation
- * Preparation of Documentary Films on socio-legal issues.

On 29.4.2016, state level competitions at school level were held at Kurukshetra. On 23.4.2016 divisional level competitions at college level were held at Gurgaon.



SOME RECENT JUDGMENTS OF THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH CANNOT MEAN THAT A CITIZEN CAN DEFAME THE OTHER

In **Subramanian Swamy versus Union of India, Ministry of law & ors** (Writ Petition (criminal) no. 184 of 2014) decided on May 13, 2016 the Hon'ble Supreme court,inter-alia, observed and held as follows:

The right to freedom of speech and expression is a highly valued and cherished right but the Constitution conceives of reasonable restriction.

Criminal defamation which is in existence in the form of Sections 499 and 500 IPC is not a restriction on free speech that can be

characterized as disproportionate. Right to free speech cannot mean that a citizen can defame the other. Protection of reputation is a fundamental right. It is also a human right. Cumulatively it serves the social interest.

CHILDREN REQUIRE ADEQUATE NUTRITION

In **Swaraj Abhiyan (II) Versus Union of India & Ors** (Writ Petition (C) No. 857 Of 2015) decided on May 13, 2016 the Hon'ble Supreme court,inter-alia, observed and held as follows:

No one can doubt that children are the future of our country and if there is some stinginess in providing them with adequate nutrition, the country as a whole is deprived in future of taking the benefit of their potential.

The States of Bihar, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh must within a month from today make adequate provision for the supply of eggs or milk or any other nutritional substitute for children under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme. Eggs, milk or another nutritional substitute should be made available preferably five days in a week or at least three days in a week.

Although Article 47 is not enforceable being a Directive Principle, there is considerable moral force and authority in this provision to persuade the State Governments and the Government of India to attempt at ensuring that the people, particularly those in drought affected areas, are provided adequate food grains and a cooking medium for the preparation of their meals.

In the States in which drought has been declared or might be declared in the future, all households should be provided with their monthly entitlement of food grains in terms of the NFS Act regardless of whether they fall in the category of priority household or not. The provision made under the NFS Act shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any other entitlement under any other government scheme.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

NUMBER OF CASES DISPOSED OFF IN THE PERMANENT LOK ADALAT (PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES) (APRIL & MAY, 2016)

District	Pending as on 31.3.16	Fresh Inst.	Cases Settled	Tran.	Postal	Supply of Power	Public Cons.	Hospital	Insurance	Banking	Housing Settled	Amount	Pendency as on 31.5.16
Ambala	672	1026	1108	0	1065	2	4	0	2	35	0	342800	590
Bhiwani	539	1364	237	1	62	7	6	1	9	150	1	958111	1666
Faridabad	967	864	452	1	28	123	4	0	22	243	31	2728185	1379
Fatehabad	42	458	65	0	0	4	1	0	4	2	54	-	435
Gurgaon	671	132	205	4	1	9	0	1	30	136	24	9576856	598
Hissar	1519	468	184	0	6	4	0	1	33	139	1	3569982	1803
Jind	2162	56	472	0	188	5	2	1	15	258	3	1746869	1746
Jhajjar	448	1219	280	0	135	1	2	0	2	140	0	8358	1387
Karnal	746	103	87	0	37	9	0	0	21	9	11	3372119	762
Kaithal	135	38	42	0	28	2	0	0	3	9	0	68539	131
Kurukshetra	208	43	79	0	28	2	0	0	11	37	1	1335700	172
Nuh	506	43	130	0	0	10	2	0	15	103	0	2792258	419
Narnaul	600	79	36	0	0	4	0	0	23	6	3	4620001	643
Palwal	142	580	193	0	0	151	2	1	10	19	10	3297343	529
Panchkula	324	2030	104	0	28	4	0	1	7	63	1	2327876	2250
Panipat	129	396	195	0	4	103	7	0	9	68	4	2010363	330
Rohtak	1104	1210	400	0	107	9	4	0	8	272	0	1049063	1914
Rewari	567	54	38	0	3	1	7	1	20	4	2	1509440	583
Sirsa	345	344	47	1	0	16	1	1	4	8	16	3464302	642
Sonepat	118	388	192	0	52	117	11	0	6	1	5	1432947	314
Y.Nagar	848	1118	170	0	0	11	01	1	2	154	1	6776598	1796
Total	12792	12013	4716	7	1772	594	54	9	256	1856	168	52987710	20089

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

NUMBER OF CASES SETTLED IN DAILY LOK ADALATS, MONTHLY NATIONAL LOK ADALATS, MEDIATION & CONCILIATION CENTRES IN EACH DISTRICT IN THE STATE OF HARYANA (APRIL & MAY 2016)

District	NO. OF CASES DISPOSED OFF				MACT		MEDIATION
	No. of Cases Taken up	Cases Settled in DLA/SLA	Cases Settled in MNLA	Total settled	Cases	Amount award	No. of settled cases
Ambala	3725	3177	44	3221	40	17026000	10
Bhiwani	1362	882	11	893	25	1378164	2
Fatehabad	2207	1002	14	1016	1	1370000	25
Faridabad	1873	1439	8	1447	20	4924000	33
Gurgaon	4498	2841	55	2896	18	8455000	96
Hissar	5564	3001	48	3049	27	1137224	21
Jind	1086	394	9	403	10	1465000	26
Jhajjar	589	335	14	349	12	1775000	6
Karnal	1466	268	55	323	2	64000	10
Kaithal	1466	888	4	892	22	3371323	24
KKR	383	100	15	115	16	3607500	4
Nuh	310	123	2	125	17	413250	1
Narnaul	464	116	25	141	2	1370000	6
Palwal	298	90	5	95	17	2655000	2
PKL	1252	983	7	990	6	3080000	5
Panipat	1631	637	2	639	37	6208000	14
Rohtak	1532	673	17	690	16	9430010	8
Rewari	637	571	25	596	3	4600000	6
Sirsa	2767	1394	2	1396	16	1200000	36
Sonepat	1926	913	13	926	29	645000	15
Y.Nagar	1891	1002	6	1008	8	6213000	1
Total	37080	20829	381	21210	345	86482531	351

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 (APRIL & MAY 2016)

District	Beneficiaries in Court Based Legal Services	Legal Care & Support Centre		Literacy Programmes	
		Persons Visited	Beneficiaries	No.of Seminar(s)	Beneficiary
Ambala	171	6879	6879	52	9137
Bhiwani	92	574	574	156	2222
Faridabad	153	7481	7479	303	76825
Fatehabad	58	944	944	24	979
Gurgaon	148	6773	3702	983	815695
Hissar	57	1367	1351	89	2721
Jhajjar	387	855	855	135	8679
Jind	24	302	288	101	1817
Kurukshetra	154	2709	2709	49	405
Karnal	208	2738	2386	21	711
Kaithal	843	1347	1347	13	809
Narnaul	18	554	554	82	10154
Nuh	8	390	390	20	37060
Palwal	31	982	982	38	1150
Panipat	112	2404	2394	45	7735
Panchkula	53	481	481	20	1299
Rewari	43	889	889	22	162
Rohtak	121	1920	1920	10	580
Sonipat	97	1027	1027	15	506
Sirsa	51	1546	1546	44	1902
Y.Nagar	34	639	637	10	849
Head Office	1	-	-	-	-
High Court	123	-	-	-	-
Total	2987	42801	39334	2238	981397

NEWSCUTTINGS

न्यायाधीश और सचिव ने किया अंधविद्यालय का दौरा



जिला सत्र एवं न्यायाधीश एन.के. सिंह पंचर व सी.जे.एम. एवं सचिव मोहित अग्रवाल अंधविद्यालय का दौरा कर विद्यार्थियों से बातचीत करते हुए। (संजय)

पानीपत, 2 मई (खर्ब): जिला सत्र एवं न्यायाधीश एवं जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण अध्यक्ष एन.के. सिंह पंचर ने सी.जे.एम. एवं जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण के सचिव मोहित अग्रवाल के साथ भाटिया कालोनी स्थित अंधविद्यालय का दौरा किया और स्कूल प्रबंधन को आवश्यक

दिशा-निर्देश दिए। उन्होंने कहा कि किसी भी विद्यार्थी को यदि निःशुल्क रूप से कानूनी सहायता की जरूरत हो, तो वह विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण के कार्यालय में आ सकता है। एन.के. पंचर ने स्कूल प्रबंधन का रिकार्ड भी चेक किया। जिला सत्र एवं न्यायाधीश ने सी.जे.एम. एवं जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण सचिव मोहित अग्रवाल को कहा कि वे शहर की ऐसी संस्थाओं का निरीक्षण करते रहे हैं जो इस तरह के स्कूल या अन्य संस्थाओं को चलाती हैं।

Pinjore police station sans woman cop: CJM

CHANDIGARH, MAY 10 In gross violation of the laid down norms, the Pinjore police station has no woman cop, while Kalka and Pinjore police stations are not even facilitating the needy to avail free legal aid facility. These were the observations made by Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Nidhi Bansal, who is also the secretary of the Panchkula District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), during a visit to both the police stations in Panchkula district on Tuesday.

Tribune here today that when asked that how do they deal with the cases related to women in the absence of any woman cop, Pinjore police officials told her that they call for woman cop from the women police station in Panchkula, which is almost 20 km from Pinjore. She said despite repeated requests, both police stations

hours. Moreover, the CJM got complaints from the empanelled advocates that they were not given the details of crime against women despite repeated requests. Taking a serious note of the matter, Bansal called the Kalka DSP and asked him to remove the shortcomings prevailing in both police sta-

Sharing the outcome of her visit, Bansal told Chandigarh

गलतियों से लें सबक : दीपक

जिला एवं सत्र न्यायाधीश एन.के. सिंह पंचर द्वारा अंधविद्यालय का दौरा किया। जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण के अध्यक्ष एन.के. सिंह पंचर ने सी.जे.एम. एवं जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण के सचिव मोहित अग्रवाल के साथ भाटिया कालोनी स्थित अंधविद्यालय का दौरा किया और स्कूल प्रबंधन को आवश्यक दिशा-निर्देश दिए। उन्होंने कहा कि किसी भी विद्यार्थी को यदि निःशुल्क रूप से कानूनी सहायता की जरूरत हो, तो वह विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण के कार्यालय में आ सकता है। एन.के. पंचर ने स्कूल प्रबंधन का रिकार्ड भी चेक किया। जिला सत्र एवं न्यायाधीश ने सी.जे.एम. एवं जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण सचिव मोहित अग्रवाल को कहा कि वे शहर की ऐसी संस्थाओं का निरीक्षण करते रहे हैं जो इस तरह के स्कूल या अन्य संस्थाओं को चलाती हैं।



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सीजेएम यादव ने किया मफर ८२ लाख रुपया का दौरा

मंडयुधि लड़कियों और महिलाओं का जाना दर्द अम्बाला (सत्र कर्तृ नगर)। मुख्य न्यायाधीशवर्ग के अर्चना यादव ने सोमवार को अम्बाला जजमंडी में मफर दौरा का दौरा किया और वहाँ खाने वाली मंडयुधि लड़कियों और महिलाओं से मुलाकात की। उन्होंने इस दौरा में रहने वाली लड़कियों और महिलाओं के लिए रहने, खाने व विधिक सहायता संबंधी सुविधाओं का अवलोकन किया और काफी समय इन महिलाओं के साथ बतचीत किया।



जहाँ मफर दौरा सीजेएम अर्चना यादव ने किया और वहाँ खाने वाली मंडयुधि लड़कियों और महिलाओं के लिए रहने, खाने व विधिक सहायता संबंधी सुविधाओं का अवलोकन किया और काफी समय इन महिलाओं के साथ बतचीत किया।

निराश्रित कानूनी सहायता के अधिकारों को मजबूत करने के लिए सीजेएम अर्चना यादव ने सोमवार को अम्बाला जजमंडी में मफर दौरा का दौरा किया और वहाँ खाने वाली मंडयुधि लड़कियों और महिलाओं के लिए रहने, खाने व विधिक सहायता संबंधी सुविधाओं का अवलोकन किया और काफी समय इन महिलाओं के साथ बतचीत किया।

निःशुल्क कानूनी सहायता का लाभ उठाएं कामगार : रोहित

झज्जर। जिला विधिक सेवाएं प्राधिकरण की ओर से खंड के गांव दुलोना में कामगारों के लिए निःशुल्क कानूनी साक्षरता शिविर का आयोजन किया। शिविर में जिला विधिक सेवाएं प्राधिकरण सचिव रोहित वाटस ने कामगारों को प्राधिकरण द्वारा दी जाने वाली सहायता के बारे में विस्तार से बताया। सहायक निदेशक उद्योग स. फैक्ट्री का निरीक्षण किया। कामगारों के लिए कार्य सूचिवाएं मुहैया करवाने के कामगारों को उनके कानूनी अधिकारों के बारे में बताया। उन्होंने कहा कि जिला निःशुल्क कानूनी मदद के लिए कामगारों को प्राधिकरण में आना चाहिए।

न्यायाधीश ने किया ऑब्जर्वेशन होम का निरीक्षण



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4 दुष्कर्म पीड़ित को मिली 3 लाख रुपए की मुआवजा राशि

अंबाला शहर, 23 मई (धर्म) : जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण द्वारा बलात्कार पीड़ित एक महिला को हरियाणा सरकार की पीड़ित मुआवजा योजना 2013 के तहत 3 लाख रुपए की मुआवजा राशि प्रदान की है। यह जानकारी देते हुए मुख्य न्याय दंडाधिकारी एवं जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण की सचिव अर्चना यादव ने बताया कि सीमा (काल्पनिक नाम) नामक महिला के शारीरिक शोषण मामले में 15 फरवरी 2015 को पुलिस थाना बराड़ा में धारा 376/506 के तहत मामला दर्ज किया गया था। पीड़िता ने मुआवजे के लिए जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण अम्बाला को आवेदन किया था और विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण द्वारा मामले की जांच करने पर पीड़िता को उपरोक्त योजना के तहत तीन लाख रुपए का मुआवजा देने का फैसला किया। विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण की ओर से अतिरिक्त जिला एवं सत्र न्यायाधीश जगजीत सिंह ने मुआवजा राशि का चेक पीड़िता और उसके परिजनों को प्रदान किया। अर्चना यादव ने बताया कि विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण द्वारा हरियाणा सरकार की पीड़ित मुआवजा योजना के तहत बलात्कार से पीड़ित महिलाओं, विभिन्न मामलों में मुक्त के आश्रितों, तेजाब हमले की पीड़ित महिलाओं सहित इस तरह के अन्य पीड़ित लोगों को मुआवजा राशि प्रदान की जाती है। उन्होंने बताया कि यह मुआवजा राशि कोर्ट द्वारा आदेश पारित करने के बाद तथा आवश्यक जांच पड़ताल के उपरान्त ही दी जाती है।

आम आदमी को दें कानून की जानकारी

अमृतसर में आयोजित शिविर : जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण को द्वारा नए पैदा हुए शिविर के आयोजन का शुभारंभ किया गया। जयपुर के अधिवक्ता के अतिरिक्त जिला एवं सत्र न्यायाधीश एन.के. सिंह पंचर व सी.जे.एम. एवं सचिव मोहित अग्रवाल ने शिविर में भाग लिया। शिविर के आयोजन के उद्देश्य को स्पष्ट करते हुए जिला एवं सत्र न्यायाधीश एन.के. सिंह पंचर ने कहा कि आम आदमी को कानून के बारे में जानकारी देना आवश्यक है। इस अवसर पर जिला एवं सत्र न्यायाधीश एन.के. सिंह पंचर व सी.जे.एम. एवं सचिव मोहित अग्रवाल ने शिविर में भाग लिया। शिविर के आयोजन के उद्देश्य को स्पष्ट करते हुए जिला एवं सत्र न्यायाधीश एन.के. सिंह पंचर ने कहा कि आम आदमी को कानून के बारे में जानकारी देना आवश्यक है। इस अवसर पर जिला एवं सत्र न्यायाधीश एन.के. सिंह पंचर व सी.जे.एम. एवं सचिव मोहित अग्रवाल ने शिविर में भाग लिया। शिविर के आयोजन के उद्देश्य को स्पष्ट करते हुए जिला एवं सत्र न्यायाधीश एन.के. सिंह पंचर ने कहा कि आम आदमी को कानून के बारे में जानकारी देना आवश्यक है।



राज्य के अधिवक्ता के साथ चलते पुलिसकर्मी। जयपुर

The democratic form of government itself demands its citizens an active and intelligent participation in the affairs of the community. The public discussion with people participation is a basic feature and a rational process of democracy which distinguishes it from all other forms of government.

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