

पंचकुला के रामगढ़ कस्बे में मनारा कानूनी सेवा दिवस समारोह

पंचकुला, 9 नवम्बर (बीबीसी) - विश्व नैतिक सेवा दिवस के अवसर पर पंचकुला कस्बे में कानूनी सेवा दिवस समारोह मनाया गया। इस अवसर पर जिलाध्यक्ष, पंचकुला के अलावा अन्य अधिकारियों के अलावा भी उपस्थित हुए। उन्होंने लोगों को कानूनी सेवा के बारे में जानकारी दी। उन्होंने बताया कि कानूनी सेवा के माध्यम से लोग अपने अधिकारों को सुरक्षित रख सकते हैं।



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National Legal Services Day observed

OUR CORRESPONDENT

KATHAL, NOVEMBER 10
National Legal Services Day was celebrated at Chaudhary Ishwar Singh Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Pundri, recently.
Dr Vinay Khurana, legal cell in charge of the college, addressed the students of the college and explained them about the rights and duties under various laws.
The concept of free legal aid services and who could be benefited through the legal aid services provided by the District Legal Services Authority was explained to the students.
The students were told that every person who has to file or defend a case would be entitled to legal services under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, if that person is the member of Schedule Caste, Schedule Tribe, a victim of trafficking in human beings, a woman or a child, a disabled person, a victim of a mass disaster, caste atrocity, flood, drought, industrial disaster or an industrial workman.
The person has to submit an application in the office of the District Legal Services Authority and after receiving the same, services of a penal advocate will be provided to the applicant.



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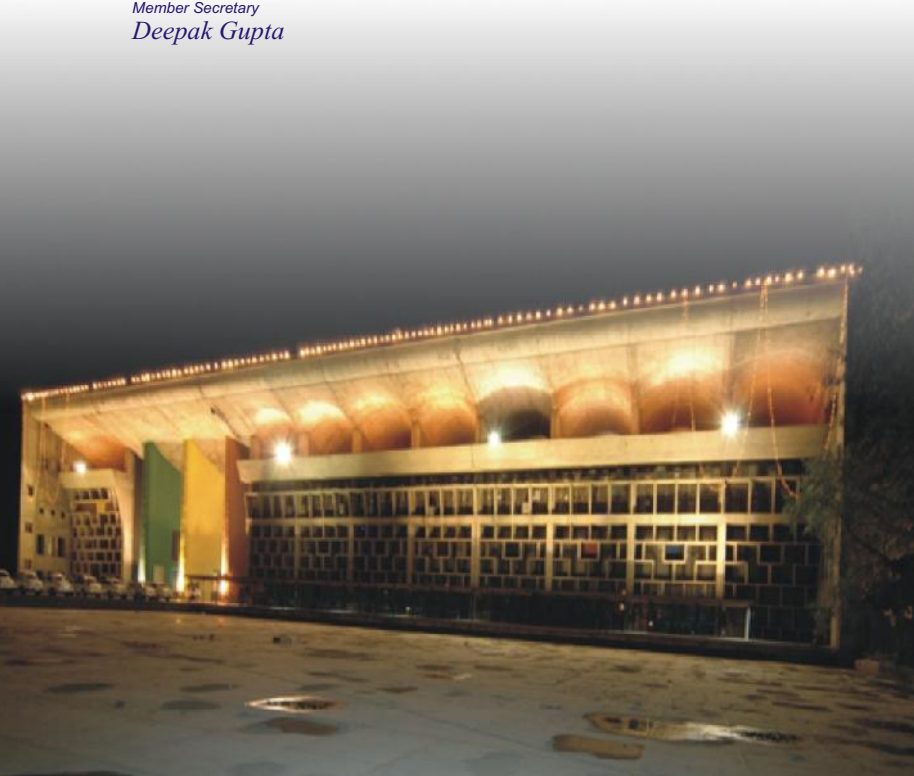
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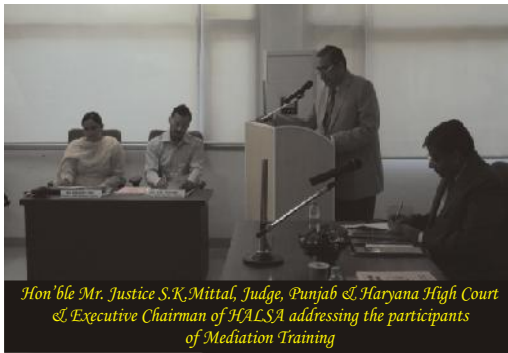
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MEDIATION TRAINING PROGRAMME



Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K. Mittal, Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court & Executive Chairman of HALSA addressing the participants of Mediation Training

Five Advocates of District Fatehabad were imparted 40 hours mediation training in two phases from 14th to 16th October, 2011 and 21st to 23rd October, 2011 at Chandigarh Judicial Academy, Chandigarh by Ms. Shalinder Kaur and Mr. V.K. Bansal, Members of Delhi Higher Judicial Service and Trainers of Delhi Mediation Centre deputed by Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee, Supreme Court of India.

Certificates regarding completion of 40 hours Mediation Training Course were awarded to the Advocates by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K. Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority on the concluding session held on 23rd October, 2011.

DELIVERING THE VALEDICTORY SPEECH

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K. Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court-cum-Executive Chairman of Haryana State Legal Services Authority stressed that to expedite the disposal of cases, some special enactments have been brought in like the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996; some amendments have been carried out in the existing laws, for instance amendments in the Legal Services Authorities Act, or the insertion of Section 89 in the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908; and some administrative measures have also been taken in this behalf. But one of the main cause for delay in disposal of the cases is the increase in the institution of cases. Though increase in the institution of case is a healthy sign of a vibrant system meant for democracy in as much as more and more people are becoming aware of legal rights of the common man and go to the Courts for enforcement of their rights or for redressal of their grievances - be it against the State, society or an individual, but at the same time we should find out ways and means for resolution of disputes as quick as possible.

His Lordship also stressed that as the alternative dispute resolution is being developed as complementary means to the judicial process, so need of time is to train judicial officers and advocates objectively on the alternative dispute resolution techniques. With this object in view, the HALSA has organized this training programme on the Art of Mediation and Conciliation.

His Lordship pointed out that a conciliator or mediator should not only have the capacity to marshal and analyze the facts giving rise to the conflict, he must have a fair knowledge of the current laws, rules and regulations that may have bearing on the case brought before him. Though, as we all know, mediation is a non-binding negotiation process and the role of the mediator is to assist the parties in the referred case to resolve dispute but knowledge of



Advocates participating in Mediation Training Programme

current laws would be helpful in evaluating the issues arising between the parties and in suggesting an equitable settlement on them. The final cause of law is the welfare of the society. The rule that misses its aim cannot permanently justify its existence. When judges are called to say how far the existing rules are to be extended and restricted, they must let the welfare of society fix the path, its direction and its distance.

His Lordship also pointed out that Counselling cannot achieve miracles, as it can only facilitate. It can open up the individual, give her a self-confidence, it can make her feel less lonely and believe she has someone to reach to. It is preliminary and necessary exercise that would reveal deeper issues and give a lead to other types of Counselling and remedial action or legal rights. By itself it is not complete. Its greatest contribution would be preventive-preventive of drastic action like suicide or mental breakdown; of awareness raising and education; of allowing from being taken unawares or cheated.

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.K.MITTAL, JUDGE, PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AND EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, HARYANA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY HELD A MEETING WITH EMpaneLED ADVOCATES AND PARA-LEGAL VOLUNTEERS IN DISTRICT COURTS COMPLEX, NARNAUL ON 3.11.2011



Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K. Mittal, Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court & Executive Chairman of HALSA addressing the Empaneled Advocates & Para-Legal Volunteers at Narnaul

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K. Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, HALSA held a meeting with Empaneled Advocates and Para Legal Volunteers in the District Courts, Narnaul on 3.11.2011.

His Lordship addressed the gathering and apprised them on the subjects included in the list of topics to be addressed in Legal Literacy and Awareness Camps, Prosecution Counsel Scheme. Panel advocates were asked to make all efforts for creating public awareness regarding various Acts. They were advised to perform their duties with dedication and sincerity and to work hard and create awareness in public about their legal rights and duties. They were directed to provide feedback for the purposes of improving Legal Services Schemes.

VISIT TO DISTRICT JAIL, LEGAL AID CLINIC AND OLD AGE HOME IN DISTRICT, NARNAUL ON 3.11.2011

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K. Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority visited/inspected District Jail, Narnaul on 3.11.2011. His Lordship told the inmates about the facilities being provided by the Legal Services Authorities and informed the undertrials/ prisoners about their legal



Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K. Mittal, Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court & Executive Chairman of HALSA interacting with inmates of District Jail, Narnaul

rights. Steps which were required to be taken in the jail were discussed with Sh. Sanjay Singh, Superintendent, District Jail, Narnaul. His Lordship directed the Member Secretary, HALSA to direct CJM-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Rewari to depute panel advocates to visit District Jail, Narnaul for providing legal aid to the inmates whose cases are pending in Rewari court and confined in District Jail Narnaul as there is small District Jail in Rewari. His Lordship also directed MS, HALSA to make a request to the Director General, Prisons, Haryana to provide a RO system in the District Jail, Narnaul as the Superintendent Jail, Narnaul pointed out that there is deficiency of potable drinking water in jail. His Lordship told the inmates that our purpose of jail visit is to see whether Legal Aid Clinic in the jail is functioning smoothly and inmates of the jail are receiving legal services or not. It is our duty to provide legal services to the inmates so that no one feels on without legal assistance.

VISIT TO LEGAL AID CLINIC SETUP IN VILLAGE NIWAJ NAGAR (NARNAUL)

His Lordship visited Legal Aid Clinic set up in Government Senior Secondary School at village Niwaj Nagar (Narnaul) on 3.11.2011. About 100 villagers were present there.

His Lordship addressed the gathering and told that it is the mission of Legal Services Authorities to sensitize all citizens about their rights. For this we have published various small books on various



Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K. Mittal, Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court & Executive Chairman of HALSA address gathering in a Legal Aid Clinic setup in village Niwajnagar (Narnaul)

subjects and they must read the literature provided by HALSA/DLSA to know about the law of the land and rights and duties of citizens and bring the difficulties faced by them regarding Khasra Girdawari, mutation, ration cards, MNREGA cards in the notice of Panel advocates and Para-Legal Volunteers visiting the Legal Aid Clinic for the redressal of the same. There may be some disputes in the village, which should be tried to be settled through Panchayat and Lok Adalats and elders of the village. Take the dispute in Courts only if it is not settled in Panchayat. There should be no discrimination on the basis of cast and rich & poor. Make arrangement for admitting the children in school who are not attending the school as they have right to education. Motivate the parents for providing education to girls.



VISIT TO SADVI BAHAN MISRI DEVI OLD AGE HOME

His Lordship then visited Sadvi Bahan Misri Devi Old Age Home, Narnaul for senior citizens on 3.11.2011 from 5.30 PM. Mr. A.K. Singh Panwar, District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA, Narnaul, Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, HALSA and Mr. Chander Hass, CJM-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Narnaul also accompanied His Lordship.

His Lordship inaugurated a Legal Aid Clinic in the Old Age Home. It was told that anybody can contact the panel Advocate and para-legal volunteer, who shall be available in the Clinic, for the redressal of their grievances. It was also told that senior citizens are entitled for getting free legal services. It was advised that senior citizens have much experience and they can settle petty disputes. If senior citizens, both men and women, want to associate with us as Para-Legals they can do so and can provide details in this regard to Chairman or Secretary of District Legal Services Authority, Narnaul. We shall provide training to these Para Legal Volunteers and give certificates and identity cards to them to do the noble work.

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH KUMAR MITTAL, JUDGE, PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT-CUM-EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF HALSA HELD MEETING WITH EMpaneled ADVOCATES AND PARA-LEGAL VOLUNTEERS AT SUB-DIVISIONAL COURTS, MOHINDER-GARH ON 4.11.2011



Empaneled Advocates and Para-Legal Volunteers of Mohindergarh participating in the meeting held by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K. Mittal, Executive Chairman of HALSA

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, HALSA held a meeting of Empaneled Advocates and Para Legal Volunteers of Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committee, Mohindergarh in the Mini Secretariat, Mohindergarh on 4.11.2011.

His Lordship addressed the gathering and apprised them on the subjects included in the list of topics to be addressed in Legal Literacy and Awareness Camps, Prosecution Counsel Scheme. Panel advocates were asked to make all efforts for creating public awareness regarding various Acts. They were advised to perform their duties with dedication and sincerity and to work hard and create awareness in public about their legal rights and duties. They were directed to provide feedback for the purposes of improving Legal Services Schemes.

VISIT TO LEGAL AID CLINIC SET UP IN VILLAGE RIWASA(MOHINDERGARH)



Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K. Mittal, Executive Chairman, HALSA addressing the gathering at Legal Aid Clinic setup in village Riwasa (Mohindergarh)

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, HALSA visited Legal Aid Clinic set up in Panchayat Ghar at village Riwasa (Mohindergarh) on 4.11.2011. About 200 villagers were present there.

Address the gathering His Lordship told them the purpose of setting up of Legal Aid Clinic, function of Para-Legal Volunteers and Panel Advocates and extorted them avail there rights.

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.K.MITTAL, JUDGE, PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AND EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, HARYANA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY HELD A MEETING WITH EMpaneled ADVOCATES AND PARA-LEGAL VOLUNTEERS IN DISTRICT COURTS COMPLEX, GURGAON ON 12.11.2011

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority held a meeting with Empaneled Advocates and Para



Legal Volunteers of District Legal Services Authority, Gurgaon in the District Courts, Gurgaon on 12.11.2011.

His Lordship addressed the gathering and apprised them on the subjects included in the list of topics to be addressed in Legal Literacy and Awareness Camps, Prosecution Counsel Scheme. Panel advocates were asked to make all efforts for creating public awareness regarding various Acts, They were advised to perform their duties with dedication and sincerity and to work hard and create awareness in public about their legal rights and duties. They were directed to provide feedback for the purposes of improving Legal Services Schemes.

His Lordship directed the District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman and CJM-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Gurgaon to assign duty to two advocates (One male and one female retainer advocate) in the Front Office so that lady litigants may also tell their grievances to lady advocate without any hesitation. It was also directed that the Front Office should not remain unattended even for a single minute during court hours.

His Lordship directed Dr.B.B.Parsoon, District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman and Sh. Jasbir Singh, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Gurgaon to make the Legal Aid Clinics as set up in the village/Gram Panchayat etc., truly functional and if no accommodation is available for setting up Legal Aid Clinics then accommodation may be hired on rent in suitable place.

LEGAL SERVICES DAY CELEBRATED ON 9th NOVEMBER, 2011 - A REPORT

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Executive Chairman, HALSA alongwith Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rakesh Kumar Garg, Administrative Judge, Panchkula Sessions Division and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Naresh Kumar

Sanghi, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court visited village Ramgarh (Panchkula) to attend a programme on the occasion of Legal Services Day held in Government Senior Secondary School on 9.11.2011.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal addressed the gathering 'and told that 9th November is observed as "Legal Services Day" every year as the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 was implemented with effect from 9th November, 1995. Like previous years 9th November, 2011 is being observed as "National Legal Services Day" in the whole country.

It was told that the main objective of the National Legal Services Day is to reaffirm our commitment, solidarity and support to the disadvantaged people, to make the legal process a surer means to social justice by providing free legal services, to make the people aware about their legal rights and about the welfare schemes of the Government, to get the constitutional mandate of social justice implemented, to encourage and sensitize the judicial officers, law students, social institutions etc. to participate with greater enthusiasm in the implementation of the National Legal Literacy Mission.

It is the mission of Legal Services Authorities to sensitize all citizens about their rights. For this we have published various small books on various subjects and one must read the literature provided by HALSA/DLSA to know about the law of the land and rights and duties of citizens.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rakesh Kumar Garg, assured that all programmes and schemes of Haryana Legal Services Authority shall be fully implemented in Panchkula Sessions Division. His Lordship told that one should know about the detail of his land, about land acquisition procedure, various rehabilitation schemes, about Jamabandies, mutation



HJM S.K. Mittal, Executive Chairman of HALSA, HJM R.K. Garg, HJM N.K. Sanghi, Sh. Manjit Singh, D&S, Panchkula & Sh. Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, HALSA participating in the programme of Legal Services Day celebrated at village Ramgarh



Sh. Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, HALSA addressing the gathering in the programme of Legal Services Day celebrated at village Ramgarh

etc. His Lordship advised not to file any frivolous litigation and try to settle petty offences with the help of elders of the village.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Naresh Kumar Sanghi told that Haryana State Legal Services Authority is doing noble work of providing legal services to the weaker sections of the society who are not able to approach the courts for getting their rights. But still much is to be done in this regard as people are not much aware about legal services schemes and hope that he is sure that the HALSA shall achieve its goals under the leadership and guidance of Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal who has rich experience in this regard.

Mr. Manjit Singh, District & Sessions Judge after welcoming the dignitaries told about various legal services programmes and schemes He informed that villagers are availing the legal services being provided in the Legal Aid Clinic set up in Nada Sahib Gurudwara which is very near to village Ramgarh.

Sh. Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, HALSA also made the public aware about various legal services and programmes of HALSA such as Lok Adalats, Daily Lok Adalats, Permanent Lok Adalats for Public Utility Services, Permanent and Continuous Lok Adalats (Samjhauta Sadans), Legal Aid Clinic set up in courts, villages, offices of Protection Officers, Legal Literacy Clubs in schools and colleges, about toll free number of HALSA etc. and told the gathering to fully participate in our programmes so that with their cooperation we can achieve our goal of "Access to Justice for All".

Mrs. Ashima Brar, Deputy Commissioner-cum-Member, DLSA, Panchkula after thanking the dignitaries assured that District Administration, Panchkula shall provide full cooperation for legal services programmes and schemes of HALSA and DLSA. She also told that litigation has become a part of most people and advised the public to try to avoid the same and save

the hard earned money as the litigation is becoming much expensive.

LEGAL SERVICES DAY CELEBRATED IN HARYANA

On this occasion of Legal Services Day, 132 Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Camps/Seminar were organized all over Haryana. Special Lok Adalats were also organized by District Legal Services Authorities and Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committees. In

these Special Lok Adalats 181 cases of different categories were settled.

The Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Programmes were conducted in the schools, Colleges, hospitals and villages on different topics and the need for protecting the rights of people, especially the aged, children, poor and women was highlighted. The people were awakened and made aware of the aims and objectives of observing Legal Services Day and also about the benefits available to them under social welfare schemes/ programmes. Slogan writing competition, painting, speech, essay poem recitation and poem writing were organized in various schools and collages in the State of Haryana. The General public was made aware about Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, eradication of Female Foeticide, drug-addiction, Right to Information Act, 2005, fundamental rights, rights of women and National Employment Guarantee Scheme and various other laws made by the Central/State Government in the public welfare. The persons present in the Camps/Seminars highly appreciated the programmes launched by the State Legal Services Authority.

Haryana State Legal Services Authority through the District Legal Services Authorities and Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committees distributed books, pamphlets, folders amongst the masses so that they may be made aware about their rights and availability of free legal services under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

RADIO AND TV TELECAST

A message of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Satish Kumar Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman of HALSA was telecasted on the occasion of National Legal Services Day by Doordarshan Kendra, Chandigarh and Hissar and All India Radio Rohtak, Hissar, Kurukshetra and Chandigarh.

SCHEMES FOR ENFORCEMENT OF SINGLE WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority felt that even amongst women, a large segment of single women, (who include abandoned, widowed, deserted, separated, unmarried and divorced) is more vulnerable to atrocities & general discrimination and is deprived of reaping the fruits of legal aid benefits, for want of awareness or due to illiteracy.

As per the report, in a newspaper, a survey was conducted by 'National forum for single women's rights', which found that 75% of the sampled women lived on less than minimum daily wages in their states and yet only 21% of them were actually recognized as poor by the Government. The single women who include widows, divorcees, separated, deserted and unmarried are part of work force, which is mostly unorganized, majority of whom find the going tough. Particularly, in rural areas, they have to constantly battle not only societal prejudices but also have to fight for survival. The atrocities faced by widowed women on the part of their in-laws after the death of husband are more acute, as they are caught between rigid social & religious customs. There is no official estimate of abandoned, deserted and unmarried women, multitudes of whom live invisibly, often at the mercy of callous family customs and beyond the reach of public welfare.

The challenges faced by the single women are manifold. They are not only vulnerable as both physical and financial insecurity stalks their existence but often face overt discrimination. Many such women despite technically heading the households being providers for their children, are hardly named as heads of families in ration cards. Only some of them receive social security benefits.

As desired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority, all District & Sessions Judges-cum-Chairmen, District Legal Services Authorities in the State of Haryana were requested to direct female Para-legal Volunteers of their respective districts to visit every village falling under the area of their operation (cluster) regularly to identify the single women and provide them all sort of legal services, whichever is required; to help/guide them to approach legal services institutions, if and when it is required to assert their rights; to make these women aware of their rights, special workshops may also be conducted. They have also been directed to train interested women of this segment of society as 'Para Legal Volunteers'.



लोक अदालत में जाएं लोग : मित्तल

पंचकुला, जामरणा संवाददाता : जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण की ओर से गांव रामगढ़ में कानूनी सेवा दिवस मनाया गया। हरियाणा राज्य विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण के अध्यक्ष जस्टिस एस्के मित्तल ने कानूनी साक्षरता दिवस पर प्रकाश डाला। उन्होंने लोक अदालतों के बारे में विस्तार से जानकारी दी। उन्होंने बताया कि किसी न्यायालय में दायर नहीं किए गए मामलों को लोक अदालतों या सुलह-समझौता केंद्रों में निपटाया जाता है और इसके लिए किसी प्रकार का खर्च भी नहीं करना पड़ता। इस मौके पर जज राकेश कुमार गर्ग जस्टिस एस्के साबो, सेसन जज मनजीत सिंह, सीजेएम सुरजेंद्र कोर तथा वकील मनवीर राठी ने भी लोगों को जानकारी दी। उन्होंने बताया कि लोक अदालतों में किस प्रकार के विवादों का आपसी सहमति से हल करवाया जाता है। उन्होंने लोगों से आग्रह किया कि अपना मुकदमा स्थानीय लोक अदालतों में ले जाकर समय और धन दोनों को बचत करें। उन्होंने बताया कि लोक अदालतों में किए गए फैसलों के विरुद्ध किसी भी न्यायालय में अपील नहीं की जा सकती। एसीजेएम राकेश सिंह ने लोगों को बताया कि मुफ्त कानूनी सेवा क्या है और सरकारी खर्च से कैसे तकील मिल सकता है। कोर्ट फीस, गवाहों का खर्चा, फौरले की नकल व टाईप आदि का खर्च सरकार करती है। मुफ्त कानूनी सेवा सभी दौलानी, आपराधिक, राजस्व तथा प्रशासनिक मुकदमों के लिए दी जाती है। राज्य विधिक सेवा के सदस्य मनवीर सिंह राठी ने लोगों को बताया कि पिछड़े वर्ग, अनुसूचित जाति या अनुसूचित जन जाति के लोग, महिलाएं एवं बच्चे, मानसिक रोगी, अर्ध-अंध और ओद्योगिक कर्मचारी मुफ्त कानूनी सेवा लेने के हकदार हैं।