



LADAKH LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

PLAN OF ACTION
PROJECT PLAN FOR FOCUS IMPLEMENTATION
YEAR 2021

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INTRODUCTION;

The experience has been that the National Plan of Action has helped not only to streamline the activities of the Legal Services Authority but also to step-up its activities. Though much remains to be done, there is no gain saying that the legal Services activities have expanded manifold and has most certainly shifted from the conventional legal aid in the Courts, to assistance to access to justice.

All this has happened on account of the NALSA's various Schemes, including Legal Services to Disaster Victims through Legal Services Authorities, Scheme of Para-Legal Volunteers (PLVs) and the NALSA's (Legal Aid Clinics) Scheme, 2010. Setting up of legal literacy clubs in Schools and Colleges has helped in not only encouraging the students to inculcate legal and constitutional temper but also contributed to the society by bringing to the notice of the Authorities concerned, of any violation of legal rights or avoidance of duties.

With the setting up of ADR Centres there is a need to strengthen the ADR mechanism and streamline activities in the ADR Centres. However, people approaching the courts for redressal of their rights is a healthy trend and must be encouraged. Simultaneously, therefore, the legal assistance rendered in the Courts must be upgraded in terms of quality.

On an action taken reports on the Plan and Calendar of Activities, it appears that the Ladakh Legal Services Authority needs to gear up a little more in the implementation of the NALSAs Schemes and Regulations in the year 2021. In this background, the Ladakh Legal Services Authority Plans to implement the following Schemes during the year 2021.

S.No.	Name of the Schemes
1	A scheme for Legal Services to Disaster Victims through Legal Services Authorities.
2	NALSA (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015
3	NALSA (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganized Sector) Scheme, 2015
4	NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015
5	NALSA (Effective Implementation of Poverty Alleviation) Scheme, 2015
6	NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse and Eradication of Drug Menace) Scheme, 2015
7	NALSA (Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016
8	NALSA (Legal Services to Victims of Acid Attacks) Scheme, 2016
9	NALSA Para – Legal Volunteers Scheme through enhanced training, mentoring and monitoring.
10	Encourage ADR methods of LokAdalat, Mediation, Conciliation and Plea-bargaining.

1. A scheme for Legal Services to Disaster Victims through Legal Services Authorities.

National Legal Services Authority has framed a comprehensive Scheme for providing legal services to the victims of disasters through the District Legal Services Authorities. The Scheme provides for strategic intervention by the Legal Services Authorities for ensuring immediate help to the victims, co-ordinating the activities of different government departments and NGO's for bringing relief measures, enabling the victims to get the benefits of the different beneficial measures and amounts of solatium announced by the Government, restoration of lost records like title deeds, identity cards, Certificates, passport etc., and for providing assistance to the victims in restoring their lost livelihood. The Ladakh Legal Services Authority is expected to establish Core groups in both Leh and Kargil districts under the control of the District Legal Services

Authorities to spring into action in the event of disasters- whether manmade or natural- much before the disasters strike.

2. Implementation of (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015.

Victims of trafficking for Commercial Sexual exploitation face a great deal of trauma not just following such trafficking but also after their rescue. They need to be protected against the traffickers who would want them to come back or not pursue their case. There are also livelihood issues and if a viable alternative is not given, chances of being re-trafficked are high. The Ladakh Legal Services Authority intends to take following steps for implementation of the Scheme in the U.T.

- a) Provide legal assistance to the victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation at the time of rescue and thereafter during trial.
- b) Facilitate the accessing of the District Legal Services Authorities for award of Victim Compensation.
- c) To monitor and act as social auditors of the existing facilities available for rehabilitation of rescued victims of Sexual exploitation and trafficking.
- d) To organize awareness camps in the Community through the panel lawyers and para-legal volunteers about the issues of trafficking particularly in vulnerable areas and among vulnerable groups.
- e) To ensure that the DLSAs can act as converging nodes so that the government Schemes meant for the marginalized actually reach them and such access to the government support does have a positive impact in preventing trafficking and falling prey to traffickers.

3. Strengthening of Legal Services to the Workers in the Un-organized Sector Scheme, 2015

The distinguishing feature of the unorganized sector is non-applicability of most of the labour laws and other regulations providing for decent working conditions job

security and social security to the workers. The unorganized Workers lack collective bargaining power and are therefore susceptible to excessive exploitation. They work under poor working conditions and receive far lower wages/ remuneration as compared to the organized sector.

Majority of unorganized workers are employed in agriculture. Other major categories include construction workers in small enterprises, workers employed through contractors even in large enterprises, artisans/Craftsmen, home based workers, workers depending upon forest produce, fisheries, self-employed workers like rickshaw pullers, auto drivers, Coolies etc. The legislations provide for social securities for old-age, health care and assistance in the event of death, marriage and accidents etc. The combined effect of the above factors is that many of them are generally, forced to lead an undignified and servile life.

The Ladakh Legal Services Authority proposes that the District Legal Services Authorities may take steps for conducting surveys for identifying unorganized workers, Services of law Students and Para-legal Volunteers also can be availed of for conducting such Surveys. The survey should indicate whether the workers belonging to each category have made efforts to avail of the benefits of the Scheme/programme of the Government. Every effort shall be made to ensure that all deserving unorganized workers are brought to avail of the benefits. The Ladakh Legal Services Authority intends to organize awareness camps in collaboration with the Labour Department of U.T administration at District/ Tehsil level about different welfare schemes that are in vogue for unorganized workers in the U.T so as to reap the benefits of the Schemes.

4. Implementation of Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection Scheme, 2015.

The Children are amongst the most vulnerable sections in any society. They represent almost one third of the world's population and unless they are provided with proper amenities, the opportunity of making them grow into responsible citizens of tomorrow will slip out of the hands of the present generation. It is our obligation to the young generation to open up all opportunities including the legal services for every child to unfold his/her personality and rise to full stature Physical, mental, moral and spiritual. The Ladakh Legal Services Authority intends to organize awareness camps at District/ Tehsil level about rights and privileges of Children and to inculcate values in children so that they become good citizens in future.

5. Effective Implementation of Poverty Alleviation Scheme, 2015.

The Legal Services Authorities Act, underscores that the Legal Services Authorities are concerned with the weaker sections of the society and imposes a duty on them to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by reason of economic or other disabilities.

Very often intended beneficiaries of poverty alleviation and social security measures are unable to access the benefits due to severe lack of capabilities, social structures, economic marginalization, social values, cultural norms discrimination etc. In this context, the role of Legal Services Authorities must be proactive one where measures designed to alleviate poverty must be brought to the attention of the intended beneficiaries. Ladakh Legal Services Authority intends to hold awareness camps about Poverty Alleviation Schemes at

District & Tehsil Level for marginalized, poor and down trodden people.

6. Implementation of Legal Services to the Victim of Drug Abuse and Eradication of Drug Menace Scheme, 2015

It is an open secret that drugs have spread their dreaded tentacles to innocent children, adolescent, youth and women. The horrible dimension, which this menace has acquired, can be gauged from the average age of initiation of drugs which is as low as nine-ten years. The Legal Services Institutions have a significant role for reduction play in supply and demand of drugs, de-addiction and rehabilitation. Ladakh Legal Services Authority intends to hold awareness camps at District and Tehsil level in collaboration with Education and Health Departments and Police about the ill effects of drug abuse and how to eradicate drug menace in the U.T of Ladakh.

7. NALSA (Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016.

A Person of the age of 60 years or above is regarded as Senior Citizens. Despite the existence of various legal provisions and Schemes for Senior Citizens, their benefits have reached very few Senior Citizens. Often the senior citizens are unaware of their entitlements and they are in too destitute a condition to be able to access the said benefits. They are not only deprived of their properties but also subjected to all forms of abuse ripping them of their dignity as well. For the widows who are senior citizens or for the retired senior citizens, it often becomes a herculean task to get their pension and other benefits. The laws and the schemes lay down the entitlements of the senior citizens and if the senior citizens have any difficulty in availing their entitlements under the laws and the Schemes, it is felt by NALSA that Legal Services Institutions have a significant role to play in ensuring access to the

benefits of the Schemes and the Legal Provisions to the Senior Citizens.

8. NALSA(Legal Services to Victims of AcidAttacks) Scheme,2016.

The Preamble of the Legal Services Authorities Act, emphasized that the Legal Services Authorities are concerned with the Weaker Sections of the society and imposes a duty on them to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by reason of economic or other disabilities. The main objectives of the Scheme are as follow:

- i. To strengthen legal aid and representation at the national, State, District and Tehsil levels for victims of acid attacks in availing the benefits of the various legal provisions and schemes for compensation which exist;
- ii. To enable the victims of acid attacks to get access to medical facilities and rehabilitative services;
- iii. To create and spread awareness about the entitlements of the victims of acid attacks through the District Legal Services Authorities, Tehsil Legal Services Committees, Panel Lawyers, Para Legal Volunteers and Legal Services Clinics;
- iv. To enhance capacities at all levels of panel lawyers, Para legal volunteers, volunteers in legal services clinics, Government officers tasked with the implementation of the various schemes, service providers, Police personnel and NGOs by organizing training, orientation and sensitization programmes; and
- v. The ultimate objective of the Scheme is to ensure that the Victims of acid attacks are appropriately rehabilitated in the society and live a life of dignity.

9.Strengthening of the Para-Legal Volunteers Schemethrough enhanced training and monitoring.

In order to give impetus to the Legal Services programmes in the U.T of Ladakh, fresh trainings need to be imparted to make the PLVs more effective in their work. Strict monitoring of their activities is the need of the hour. At the same time mentoring and hand-holding would be necessary if the PLVs have to establish themselves within the community as sources of help and solace to the community. The Ladakh Legal Services Authority intends to organize training programmes of PLVs at District headquarters to sensitize the PLVs about their role in spreading legal awareness in the U.T of Ladakh about the marginalized groups.

10. Encourage ADR methods of LokAdalat, Mediation, Conciliation and Plea-bargaining.

The Ladakh Union Territory comprises of 2 districts Leh and Kargil, an ADR Centre at Leh district have been already functioning and in the Kargil District is expected to be functional in near future.

Once the ADR Centre is established, there must be an emphasis on spreading awareness in the community about the various ADR methods and the benefits of non-adjudicatory methods of dispute resolution. LokAdalats, Mediation, Conciliation and Plea-bargaining must be made familiar to the community at large. Thus, not only Civil matters but also compoundable and non-compoundable criminal cases which are part of matrimonial disputes could be disposed off and to that extent the burden with the courts could be reduced. People should be encouraged to adopt the ADR methods before coming to the Court even at the pre-litigation stage, by reference of disputes to the LokAdalat or Mediation or Conciliation. In this regard Ladakh Legal Services Authority intends to organize awareness camps to encourage people to resort to reconciliatory methods of adjudication.

Project for focus implementation for the year 2021.

Ladakh Legal Services Authority intends to continue the project plans for focus implementation i.e adopt awareness about, “**Project for inaccessible Areas**” and **Legal Services to Senior Citizens** as projects for focus implementation for the year 2021.

What Ladakh Legal Services Authority intends to do:

1. Project for inaccessible areas

Ladakh Legal Services Authority intends to hold awareness campaigns for filing of cases by the people of inaccessible areas of the U.T of Ladakh. These seminars/campaigns shall be held at Tehsil and District level by Tehsil Legal Services Committees and District Legal Services Authorities with the collaboration of District Administration and Department of Posts under the scheme of **Insaf-Ki-Dastak** recently launched by the Hon'ble High Court of Jammu & Kashmir.

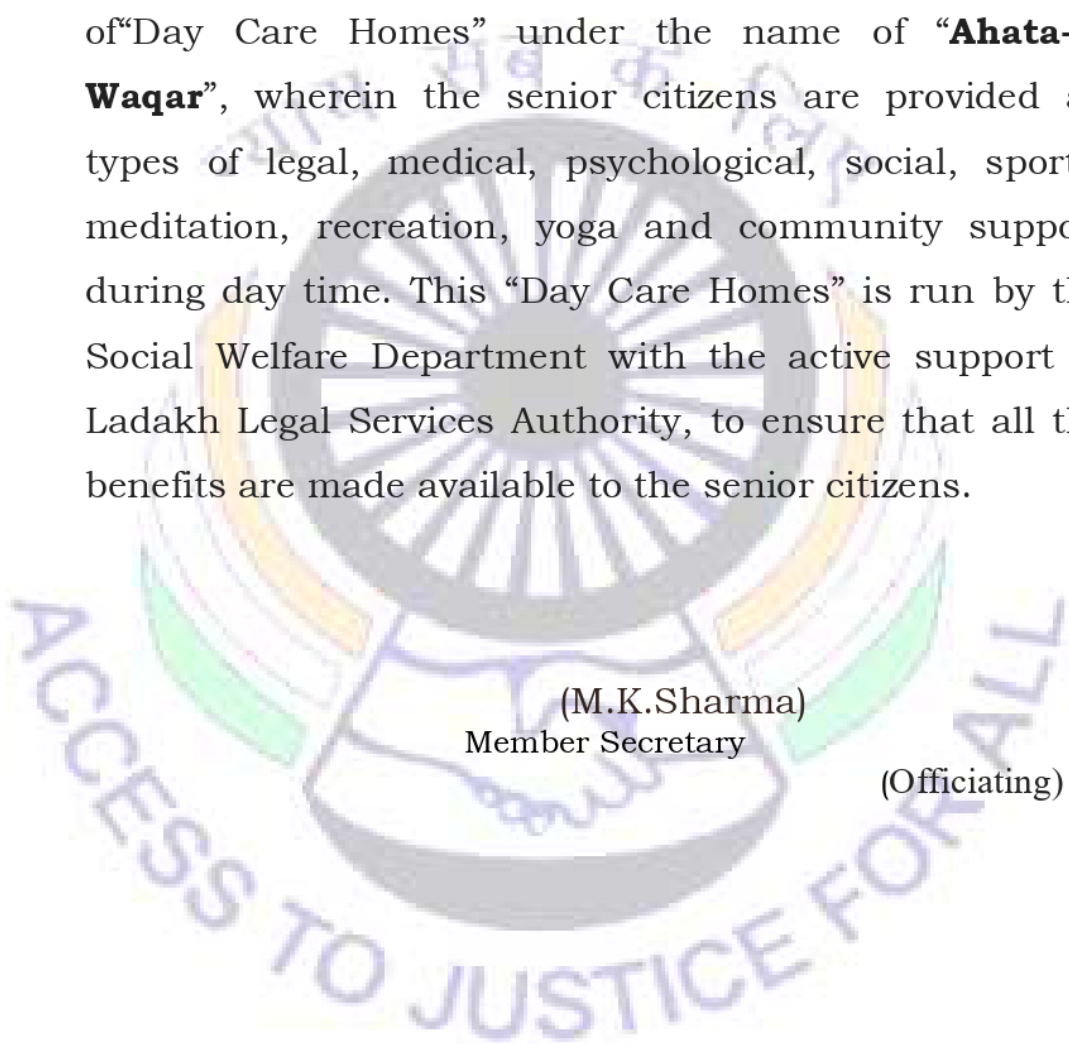
2. Legal Services to Senior Citizens

Ladakh Legal Services Authority intends to hold awareness campaigns for implementation of various legal provisions and Schemes for the Senior Citizens. The benefits have reached very few Senior Citizens, as most of them are unaware of their entitlements or they are in too destitute a condition to be able to access the said benefits, they are not only deprived of their properties but also subjected to all forms of abuse ripping them of their dignity as well. For the widows who are senior citizens or for the retired senior citizens, it often becomes a herculean task to get their pension and other benefits. The laws and the schemes lay down the entitlements of the senior citizens and if the senior citizens have any difficulty in availing their entitlements

under the laws and the schemes, it is felt necessary by NALSA that Legal Services Institutions have a significant role to play and they can play a pivotal role in ensuring access to the benefits of the Schemes and the legal provisions to the Senior Citizens. Besides ensuring the benefits of the welfare schemes reach those senior citizens who are inmates of the **“Old Age Homes”**. The Ladakh Legal Services Authority, under the patronage of its Patron-in-Chief and Chairmanship of its Executive Chairman has been striving hard to facilitate setting up of “Day Care Homes” under the name of **“Ahata-e-Waqar”**, wherein the senior citizens are provided all types of legal, medical, psychological, social, sports, meditation, recreation, yoga and community support during day time. This “Day Care Homes” is run by the Social Welfare Department with the active support of Ladakh Legal Services Authority, to ensure that all the benefits are made available to the senior citizens.

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2021

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PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2021

1.	Implementation of NALSA Scheme: NALSA (Compensation Scheme for Women Victims /Survivors of Sexual Assault/ others crimes 2018.
2.	Awareness programmes about the Rights of Senior Citizens.
3.	Observance of “ World Day of Social Justice ” on 20 th of February.
4.	To hold meetings of the Monitoring and Mentoring Committees at Concerned DLSA's.

PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2021

1.	Implementation of NALSA Scheme: NALSA (Legal Services to the workers in unorganized sector) Scheme 2015.
2.	Observance of “ International Women's Day on 8th of March 2021 ”. Special programmes will be organized on Women's Rights and Violence against Women.
3.	All DLSA's will organize legal literacy classes in jails. Plea Bargaining should be included as one of the subject of the legal literacy programme.
4.	Observance of “ World Water Day ” on 22 nd of March 2021.

PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2021

1.	Implementation of NALSA Scheme: NALSA (Child friendly legal services to children and their protection) Scheme 2015.
2.	Celebration of “ World Health Day ” on the 7 th of

	April 2021.
3.	To observe “National Lok Adalat” on 10.04.2021
4.	Campaign on Prohibition of Child marriage and Rights of Children to Free and Compulsory Education

PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2021

1.	Implementation of NALSA Scheme: “Scheme for Para Legal Volunteers”.
2.	Observance of “International Labour Day” on 1 st of May 2021.
3.	To observe “International Bio-Diversity Day” on 22 nd of May 2021
4.	Observance of “Anti-Tobacco Day” on 31 st of May 2021.

PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2021

1.	Implementation of NALSA Scheme: (Legal Services to Disaster Victims) scheme.
2.	Observance of “World Environmental Day” on 5 th of June 2021 especially in Schools and Colleges.
3.	Observance of “World Day against Child Labour” on 12 th of June 2021.
4.	To hold Review Committee meetings for undertrial Prisoners at each District Headquarter.

PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2021

1.	Implementation of NALSA Scheme: (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme 2015.
2.	To organize “National Lok Adalat” on 10 th of July 2021.
3.	Observance of “World Population Day” on 11 th of July 2021.
4.	Organize “Workshop/Advanced Training Programmes” for PLV's of the DLSA's.

PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2021

<u>1.</u>	Implementation of NALSA Scheme: NALSA (Protection & Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme 2015
<u>2.</u>	Conduct refresher training programmes for Panel Lawyers for improving the qualities of their services.
<u>3.</u>	Observance of “ International Youth Day ” on 12 th of Aug 2021.
<u>4.</u>	Monitoring the working of Legal Aid Clinics and Organise programmes on “ Traffic Rules ” adopted by the Government of U.T.

PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF SEP. 2021

<u>1.</u>	Implementation of NALSA Scheme: NALSA (Legal services to the “Mentally ill & Mentally Disabled Persons) Scheme 2015.”
<u>2.</u>	“ National Lok Adalat ” on 11.09.2021
<u>3.</u>	Conduct Legal Awareness Programmes on Public Utility Services and Central/U. T Govt. Schemes.
<u>4.</u>	Organize Sensitization Programmes regarding “ Settlement of Cases through Mediation ”.

PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2021

<u>1.</u>	Implementation of NALSA Scheme: NALSA (Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme 2016.
<u>2.</u>	Observance of “ International Day for Elderly Persons ” on 1 st of October 2021.

3.	To hold “ Lok Adlat ”for Bank Recovery Cases
4.	Observance of “ Mental Health Day ”on 10 th of October 2021.

PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2021

<u>1.</u>	Implementation of NALSA Scheme: NALSA (<i>Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse & Eradication of drug Menace</i>) Scheme 2015.
<u>2.</u>	Observance of “ Legal Services Day ” on 9 th of November 2021
<u>3.</u>	Observance of “ Children’s Day ” on 14 th of November 2021
<u>4.</u>	Observance of “ Constitution Day ” on 26 th of November 2021

PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2021

<u>1.</u>	Implementation of NALSA Scheme NALSA: (<i>Legal Services to the Victims of Acid Attacks</i>) Scheme 2016.
<u>2.</u>	Observance of World HIV/ Aids Day on 1 st of December 2021
<u>3.</u>	Observance of “ International Day of Persons with disabilities ” on 3 rd of December 2021.
<u>4.</u>	Observance of “ World Human Rights Day ’ on 10 th of December 2021
<u>5.</u>	National Lok Adalat on 11th of December 2021
<u>6.</u>	“National Consumer Day” on 24th of Dec.2021.

