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# CONFERENCE OF DLSAS OF TAMIL NADU AND PUDUCHERRY

On 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, Hon' ble Mr. Justice Sanjiv Khanna delivered the Inaugural Address during the Inaugural Session of the Special Training on Mediation Act, 2023 at the Auditorium of the Madras High Court. Terming the Conference a significant milestone in promoting peaceful resolutions, fostering positive dialogue, and creating a harmonious future, he emphasized on the importance of mediation as a powerful tool in resolving conflicts in our rapidly evolving world. He stated that the Mediation Act, 2023, would provide an incredible opportunity for all stakeholders to explore the intricacies of Mediation and unlock its vast potential.



*Vignette from the Special Training on Mediation Act, 2023*



*Vignette from the Conference of DLSAs of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry*

On 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, Hon' ble Mr. Justice Sanjiv Khanna also addressed the Chairpersons and Secretaries of DLSAs of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry during the Conference of DLSAs of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry at the ADR Building, Madras High Court. This Conference had been convened to serve as a forum to discuss the challenges being faced by the DLSAs, the best/ novel practises being adopted by the Legal Services Institutions in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, and the way forward. The Conference also facilitated the exchange of ideas and strategies among the participants, aiming to strengthen the effectiveness of legal aid services and improve the outreach of legal awareness programs in the region.

On 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, Hon' ble Mr. Justice Sanjiv Khanna visited the Madurai Central Prison, alongwith Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay V. Gangapurwala, Chief Justice, High Court of Madras and Patron-in-Chief, Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority; Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. Madhavan, Judge, High Court of Madras & Executive Chairman, TNSLSA; Director General, Prisons; Ms. Harshita Mishra, OSD, NALSA and Shri R.K. Paul, Managing Trustee, PRISM, NGO. Justice Khanna also inaugurated the Convict Paralegal Volunteer Training Programme, which had been conceptualised by PRISM NGO in collaboration with DLSA Madurai and Prison Authorities.



*Vignette from the visit to Madurai Central Prison*

## CONFERENCE OF DLSAs OF KERALA AND LAKSHADWEEP



### *Vignettes from the Conference of DLSAs Kerala and Lakshadweep State*

The State Conference of the DLSAs of Kerala and Lakshadweep was held on 6th June, 2024 at the Kerala High Court Auditorium, Kochi. It was chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, NALSA. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ashish K. Desai, Chief Justice, High Court of Kerala and Patron-in-Chief, KeLSA; Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque, Judge, High Court of Kerala & Executive Chairman, KeLSA; Ms. Santosh Snehi Mann, Ld. Member Secretary, NALSA; Shri Joshy John, Ld. Member Secretary, KeLSA and Director, ADR Centre were also present. During his visit to Kerala, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjiv Khanna, also visited the Office of the Legal Aid Defence Counsels, Ernakulam; District Jail & Women's Jail, Kakkanad and Kadamakkudy Village where he interacted with legal aid functionaries and villagers. The conference provided an opportunity for key stakeholders to deliberate on effective strategies to improve access to justice and explore innovative approaches to legal aid delivery.



*Vignettes from the Conference of DLSAs  
Kerala and Lakshadweep State*

# JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH STATE CONFERENCE OF DLSAS

On 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2024, the Ladakh Legal Services Authority and the District Legal Services Authority, Kargil organized a Community Awareness Programme in District Kargil. The event was chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjeev Khanna, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, NALSA. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh & Executive Chairman, JKSLSA; Dr. Pawan Kotwal, Advisor to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of UT Ladakh; Deputy Commissioner, Kargil; Officials from the Registry of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh; Shri Amit Gupta, Member Secretary, JKSLSA; and Ld. Member Secretary, Spalzes Angmo, Ld. Member Secretary, Ladakh Legal Services Authority, also attended the programme along with representatives from the civil society, *anganwadi* workers, staff from One Stop Centers etc. The programme aimed to raise awareness about the diverse range of services being provided by the Legal Services Institutions and the different NALSA Schemes.



*Vignettes from the visit of HMJ Sanjiv Khanna to Kargil (above)  
Vignettes from the Conference of DLSAs at Srinagar (below)*



On 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2024, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, NALSA, chaired the Conference of DLSAs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh at the State Judicial Academy, Srinagar. During the Conference, Justice Sanjiv Khanna interacted with the Ld. Chairpersons and Secretaries of DLSAs to understand the challenges faced by the Legal Services Institutions and the best practices being adopted to overcome these challenges. Justice Khanna also interacted with the PLVs and lauded them for the commendable work being done by them in the remote parts of the State despite the difficult terrain and extreme weather conditions. He harped on the need to strengthen the legal aid functionaries by organizing frequent training programmes for them and providing them necessary logistical support.

# UTRC FRAMEWORK AND SCHEDULE- 2024

On 08<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman, NALSA, formally released a "Framework and Schedule for Quarterly Meetings of Under Trial Review Committees" for the year 2024. The virtual launch was attended by the Hon'ble Executive Chairpersons and Ld. Member Secretaries of the various State Legal Services Authorities; Ld. Chairpersons and Secretaries of the DLSAs; and other members of the UTRCs. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjiv Khanna, while highlighting the crucial mandate of UTRCs to prevent long periods of incarceration during pendency of trial, gave a rallying call for further streamlining, strengthening, and reinvigorating functioning of the UTRCs in every district across India.



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### FRAMEWORK AND SCHEDULE FOR QUARTERLY UNDERTRIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS - 2024

*Launch by*

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjiv Khanna**

Judge, Supreme Court of India

&

Executive Chairman, National Legal Services Authority

## INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY- 2024



### Vignettes from the International Yoga Day Celebrations at High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh

On the occasion of 10<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjiv Khanna Executive Chairman, NALSA led the International Yoga Day Celebrations at High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. Koteswar Singh, Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh & Patron-in- Chief, JKSLSA; Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh & Executive Chairman, JKSLSA; other Hon'ble Judges of the High Court; and Judicial Officers attended the programme.

# LEGAL AWARENESS & OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

## At Community Level: Empowering Communities through Knowledge

The Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (APSLA), in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authorities (DLSA) of Namsai and Lohit and the District Administration, organized a One Day Mega Legal Awareness Programme under NALSA. The event featured Justice Bhushan Ramakrishna Gavai of the Supreme Court as the Chief Guest, along with Justice Vijay Bishnoi, Chief Justice of the Guwahati High Court, and Justice Suman Shyam, Judge of the Guwahati High Court. The programme aimed to enhance public legal awareness, promote legal services, and educate participants on their rights and available schemes, empowering citizens with legal knowledge and access to justice.



*Vignette from the Mega Legal Awareness Programme APSLSA*



*Vignette from the Mega Legal Awareness Programme at Majuli, Assam*

On 06<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, DLSA, Majuli, Assam, organized a Mega Legal Awareness Programme. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vijay Bishnoi, Chief Justice, High Court of Gauhati and Patron-in-Chief, Assam State Legal Services Authority; Hon'ble Mr. Justice L. Jamir, Judge, High Court of Guwahati and Executive Chairman, Assam State Legal Services Authority; and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Suman Shyam, Judge, High Court of Gauhati graced the occasion and addressed around 1000 participants.

On 05<sup>th</sup> June, 2024, Andhra Pradesh State Legal Services Authority flagged off a Special Awareness Campaign, on "Solid Waste Management and Protection of Environment", to celebrate the World Environment Day. To spread awareness about environmental issues, a poster was released by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur, Chief Justice, High Court of Andhra Pradesh and Patron-in-Chief, APSLSA. Reflecting on the importance of protecting our planet, he exhorted the public and institutions to come together to take concrete actions towards environmental sustainability.



*Vignette from the campaign started by Andhra Pradesh SLSA*

# LEGAL AWARENESS & OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

## *At Community Level: Empowering Communities through Knowledge*



***Vignette from the Legal Awareness Programme at Leh***

Wisdom is giving children their wings, along with the rudder of awareness to keep them safe from the prying hands. Keeping this in mind, DLSA Jaipur, in order to spread awareness about child sexual abuse and the laws protecting children from sexual abuse, organized a Awareness Programme for the students of Eklavya Gyanpeeth School, Rakri, Jaipur on 09<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. The programme was organized in collaboration with a NGO, 'Aasra Foundation' and was attended by around 350 students.

On 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2024, Leh DLSA observed the International Labour Day at Melongthang. A Special Legal Awareness Programme was organized for the construction workers who were toiling hard to construct the new District Court Complex. These construction workers were told about their rights under various laws and schemes. Special emphasis was laid on the different compensation schemes meant for them. The Workers were also encouraged to wear proper safety gear while working to avoid health hazards.



***Vignette from the Legal Awareness Programme at Jaipur***

In May, 2024, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and Executive Chairman, Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority visited Leh. During his visit, he went to an Old Age Home near Mahabodhi Monastery, Leh where he interacted with the senior citizens. He also presided over a Legal Awareness Programme on "Pre-Institution Mediation and Conciliation" organized by Leh DLSA. While interacting with the participants, Hon'ble Justice Tashi Rabstan, informed them about the myriad benefits of pre-institution mediation and conciliation.



***Vignette from the Legal Awareness Programme at Leh***

# LEGAL AWARENESS & OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

*At educational Institutions: Empowering the Future Leaders through Knowledge*



*Vignette from the Legal Awareness Programme in Kargil*

It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men. With a view to build strong and resilient children, who are well-versed with their rights, entitlements and duties, DLSA, Imphal (West), Manipur, in collaboration with a student organization "Project G Legal Aid Club", on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, organized a day-long Legal Awareness Programme for the students of Royal Academy of Advance Learning, Top Siphai, Wangoi, Imphal West, Manipur. The inquisitive students asked many questions which were answered by the Resource Person, thereby making the programme a resounding success.

Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future. On 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2024, with a view to educate and empower the children, DLSA Kargil organized a Legal Awareness Programme at Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya, Minjee, Kargil. During the Programme, the idea that children were human rights holders, human rights claimants and human rights defenders was vociferously pressed and they were encouraged to challenge the existing norms and practices which were discriminatory and oppressive.



*Vignette from the Legal Awareness Programme in Imphal*



*Vignette from the visit of Miranda House students to Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi*

DLSA (Central), Delhi started a Virtual Add-on Certificate Course titled "Vidhi Vaarta: Discourses on Law and Inclusivity" for the students of Miranda House, Delhi University. As a part of the course, on 03<sup>rd</sup> May 2024, several students from Miranda House visited the Tis Hazari District Courts and witnessed the functioning of the DLSA Office; Mediation Centre; Vulnerable Witness Deposition Complex and e-kiosks. Many of the students visiting the Court Complex were inspired to pursue Law after graduation.

# LEGAL AWARENESS & OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

## *At Colleges & Schools: Empowering the Future Leaders through Knowledge*

In May, 2024, North-East DLSA started a Project "स्कूल चलो (शिक्षा से सहाम) " to facilitate the school admission of children living in the slums nearby. Around 110 students were admitted to different schools nearby. The Culmination Ceremony of the said Project was held at Tis Hazari District Courts on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Manmohan, Acting Chief Justice, High Court of Delhi and Executive Chairman, Delhi State Legal Services Authority, graced the occasion and handed over school kits to the children who were admitted to schools as a result of the painstaking efforts of North- East DLSA, Delhi.



*Vignette from the programme at Tis Hazari District Courts, Delhi*



*Vignette from the Programme organized by Gurugram DLSA*

On 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2024, DLSA, Gurugram organized Legal Awareness Camps on the occasion of World Earth Day. DLSA, Gurugram in collaboration with the Legal Literacy Clubs of different Government Schools organized talks for the students on the topic of "Sustainable Development". DLSA, Gurugram also organized a Poster Making Competition in the schools. The events aimed to educate students about the importance of environmental conservation and promote active participation in sustainability initiatives.

History will judge us by the difference we make in the everyday lives of children. With a view to positively transform the lives of our nation's future leaders by educating them about their rights, entitlements and duties DLSA Kohima, Nagaland, on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, organized a Legal Awareness Programme at Government High School, Forest Colony, Kohima, on the topic "Children's Rights and Laws for Protection of Children". The Programme witnessed the enthusiastic participation of students from Class 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> studying in the school.



*Vignette from the Legal Awareness Programme organized by Kohima DLSA*

# LEGAL AWARENESS & OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

## *At Jails: Rekindling Hope behind Bars*



***Vignette from the Valedictory Ceremony of Project Saksham of Delhi SLSA***

On 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2024, Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.K. Gupta, Judge, High Court of Allahabad & Executive Chairman, Uttar Pradesh State Legal Services Authority visited the Naini Jail, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh. He interacted with the prisoners and inspected the various prison facilities. He also inspected the Prison Legal Aid Clinic to monitor whether the guidelines issued by NALSA for the Prison Legal Aid Clinics were being followed in letter and spirit. Ld. Member Secretary, UPSLSA Ld. Principal District and Sessions Judge, Prayagraj, also accompanied the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, UPSLSA.

In our efforts to make societies more resilient to crime and to promote social cohesion, we must treat prisoners with respect, which is inherently due to them as human beings. In May, 2024, Delhi State Legal Services Authority started a project across all jails in Delhi to provide comprehensive rehabilitation and reintegration support to prisoners who had participated in skill development programs within the jails. A *Job Mela* was organized to facilitate their placements in the food and beverage industry.



***Vignette from the visit of Hon'ble Justice Mr. M.K. Gupta District Judge, Prayagraj to Central Jail.***



***Vignette from the visit of Ld. District Judge, Nainital to Sub- Jail, Haldwani, Uttarakhand***

By investing in the welfare of prisoners, we invest in the potential for positive change and the betterment of our communities. Adopting a comprehensive approach towards prisoners' welfare, a Special Legal Awareness Camp was organized by DLSA Nainital, Uttarakhand in collaboration with Health Department, at Sub-Jail, Haldwani on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judge, Nainital visited the Sub- Jail. After interacting with prisoners, he also inspected the Prison Legal Aid Clinic to see whether guidelines setup by NALSA were followed in letter and spirit. The camp focused on addressing the legal and health needs of prisoners, offering legal advice, and medical check-ups to ensure their well-being. The initiative highlighted the importance of rehabilitative support and aimed at ensuring that prisoners' rights are respected and upheld within the correctional system.

# ORIENTATION, CAPACITY BUILDING & TRAINING PROGRAMMES

## *Glimpses from the Orientation, Capacity Building and Training Programmes*

From 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 till 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2024, Andhra Pradesh State Legal Services Authority under the aegis of Supreme Court Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC), organized a 40- hours Mediation Training Programme for the Judicial Officers, at Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. Master Trainers nominated by MCPC, namely Shri V.K. Bansal and Shri S.K. Aggarwal, were the Resource Persons for this Training Programme, which endeavoured to equip the Judicial Officers with requisite skills to navigate complex situations by embracing diverse perspectives and creative solutions while dealing with complicated disputes.



*Vignette from the Mediation Training Programme at Vijayawada*



*Vignette from the 1<sup>st</sup> LADC Meet at Nyaya Sadan, Ranchi*

On 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2024, Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority organized the 1<sup>st</sup> State-level Meet of Legal Aid Defence Counsels at Nyaya Sadan, Ranchi. Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.N. Prasad, Judge, High Court of Jharkhand & Executive Chairman, JHALSA graced the occasion alongwith other Judges of the High Court of Jharkhand. The purpose of this Meet was to identify common issues and challenges as well as to share best practices. Deliberations were also held on latest developments in field of criminal law.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2024, Delhi High Court Legal Services Committee organized an Interactive Session for Panel Lawyers of DHCLSC at Delhi High Court. The session was chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajiv Shakti, Judge, High Court of Delhi and Hon'ble Chairman, DHCLSC. The session was also attended by Sh. N. Hariharan, Senior Advocate; Ms. Nandita Rao, Additional Standing Counsel (Criminal), Govt of NCT, Delhi and Shri Arul Verma, Secretary, High Court Legal Services Committee. The session provided a platform for panel lawyers to engage with esteemed legal professionals, discuss best practices, and explore strategies to enhance the quality of legal aid services.



*Vignette from the Programme organized by DHCLSC*

# GLIMPSES FROM THE ORIENTATION, CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES



*Vignette from the Training Programme on New Criminal Laws at Delhi High Court*

A credible lawyer incapable of telling a well-reasoned story that moves the Judge will always beat the lawyer who cannot. To train the Panel Lawyers to convey legal information in a cogent and persuasive way, the Delhi High Court Legal Services Committee organized a Session for them on 04<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 at Delhi High Court. The topic for the session taken by Captain Raghu Raman, a Ted Ex Speaker, was "Art of Storytelling: Essential Tool in the Armour of Lawyers".



*Vignette from the talk at DHCLSC*



*Vignette from the Legal Awareness Programme at Leh*

On 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, DLSA Leh organized a Legal Awareness Programme on "Pre-institution Mediation and Settlement" at the District Court Complex, Leh. The Panel Lawyers were trained about the legal intricacies of Pre- institution Mediation and the cross- sectional benefits arising out of the same. Towards the end of the programme, the Mediators who had undergone the 40-hour completed their Mediation Training were also awarded Certificates.

# ORIENTATION, CAPACITY BUILDING & TRAINING PROGRAMMES

## INTERNS AT NALSA

The Internship Programme at NALSA is a unique opportunity for young and inquisitive minds, finding their feet in the world of law and justice. It ignites their passion for justice and legal excellence by offering a platform to them to delve into the realm of legal aid and services, bridging the gap between theory and practice. At NALSA, our interns embark on a transformative journey, spanning a few weeks, exploring the intricacies of legal empowerment, human rights, and social justice. The program fosters practical skills and inspires interns to contribute meaningfully to the legal aid landscape.



**National Legal Services Authority**  
April Internship Batch - 2024



**National Legal Services Authority**  
May Internship Batch - 2024

NALSA's internship program is more than just an opportunity- it is a catalyst for growth, learning, and transformation. Our interns continue to power our mission of ensuring Access to Justice for All (न्याय सब के लिए) and Justice at the Doorstep (न्याय सबके द्वार). As our Interns delve into the world of legal aid, witnessing firsthand the impact of our initiatives on the lives of countless individuals firsthand, they become our valuable companion on the journey of justice, chronicling a story of legal empowerment. Through hands-on experience, our interns not only enhance their legal acumen but also become advocates of change, contributing to a legacy of making justice accessible to the most vulnerable in society.



**National Legal Services Authority**  
June Internship Batch - 2024

# LEGAL SERVICES THROUGH ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

## NATIONAL LOK ADALATS



*Vignettes from the National Lok Adalats held across the country*



# LEGAL AWARENESS & OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

## At Jails: Rekindling Hope behind Bars



*Multipurpose/Recreational activity Hall*

Every individual deserves a second chance. However, in the confines of a jail, the prisoners often find themselves condemned to a life of doom and gloom. Very often they lose sight of the future. With a view to humanize the justice system and rekindle hopes in the hearts of the prisoners, DLSA, Srinagar in collaboration with the Jail Authorities at Central Jail, Srinagar has been coming up with different initiatives and programmes. By imparting one skill at a time through courses on calligraphy, painting, cooking, baking etc., these Authorities have been striving to unlock the potential of the prisoners, thereby transforming their lives.



*Kitchen Jail*



*Calligraphy and Painting centre in Jail*

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman, NALSA visited the Central Jail, Srinagar on 18.06.2024. He interacted with the prison inmates and visited different facilities in the Prison like the Tailoring Shop, Computer Training Centre, Calligraphy and Painting Centre, Kitchen etc. While lauding the initiatives being undertaken in the Central Jail, Srinagar, for the betterment of the prisoners, he said that such initiatives will go a long way in breaking the cycles of recidivism; foster rehabilitation and reintegration; cultivate self-worth and confidence by equipping the individuals with marketable skills and this will ultimately lead to a safer and more productive society. He added that by investing in the personal growth and development of these prisoners, we invest in our collective future.

# STORIES OF IMPACT

Our Constitution has its place from the Court's corridors to the (remote) villages. It is not limited to books alone.

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dr. D.Y. Chandrachud**  
Chief Justice of India

## ***Success Story 1: Empowering Justice, Enriching Hapless Lives***

A disconsolate widow Smt. Bheemvarapu Manga approached DLSA Rajamahendravaram, Andhra Pradesh with a grievance that after the death of her husband, his employer i.e. Rajamahendravaram Municipal Corporation had not released his financial dues, leaving her and her children bereft of financial means. The Ld. Secretary, DLSA Rajamahendravaram promptly intervened in the matter and called for reports from Rajamahendravaram Municipal Corporation. Thus, nudged into action by the letter of the Ld. Secretary, DLSA, Rajamahendravaram Municipal Corporation released the dues to the widow, which were to the tune of Rs. 28,93,071.

## ***Success Story 2: Bringing joyous tears of reunion***

A child had accidentally wandered away from his home in Jamalpur District, Bangladesh and entered the border State of Assam in 2021, as the Covid pandemic wreaked havoc across the world. Found loitering, the child had been sent to a child-care institution in Boko, Kamrup, Assam. When his case was brought to the notice of Ld. Secretary, DLSA, South Salmara-Mankachar, Assam, he was provided legal assistance and steps for his repatriation to his homeland were initiated. After sustained efforts requiring coordination with multiple stakeholders, on 26th April, 2024, the child was handed over to the Border Guard Police of Bangladesh and successfully reunited with his family.

## ***Success Story 3: Empowering young girls by securing bodily autonomy***

While conducting a Legal Awareness and Outreach Programme, a PLV empanelled with DLSA Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh came across a 12 years old girl, who was a victim of sexual abuse. The girl was found to be pregnant. The PLV immediately reported the matter to the Ld. Secretary, DLSA, Rajnandgaon, who then interacted with the parents of the girl and informed them about the legal formalities before the pregnancy could be medically terminated. The girl was provided legal assistance to move application seeking permission to abort the foetus. The permission was subsequently granted by the Hon'ble High Court and soon thereafter, the pregnancy was terminated.

## ***Success Story 4: Empowering Lives: Timely Legal Aid Brings Hope***

On coming across a widow, who had two minor children to support and no financial means to do so, a PLV in Dhanbad, Jharkhand, immediately informed the widow about the Sponsorship Scheme for children and Widow Pension Scheme. He assisted the widow in getting necessary documents for applying for benefits under the Schemes. The PLV with support and guidance from the Ld. Secretary DLSA, assisted the widow in presenting her case before the Child Welfare Committee and the District Child Protection Officer in Dhanbad. Very soon, the widow and her children were given the sponsorship and pension amount, thereby enabling them to live a life with dignity.

Legal aid has a functional role in strengthening the justice system. It empowers individuals to participate and engage with the public institutions and become equal.

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjiv Khanna**

# IN THE PIPELINE



The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) in consultation with the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee, Supreme Court of India (MCPC) is in the process of developing a 40+ hours Online Mediation Training Module. This Training Module aims to promote and increase the use of mediation for resolution of disputes, commercial or otherwise, to further the objectives of the Mediation Act, 2023.

The Training Module is being designed through formal and informal consultations with subject experts. It shall comprise 30+ hours of pre-recorded Technical Sessions and 10+ hours of online interactive Practical Sessions. The 30+ hours of pre-recorded Technical Sessions shall cover key aspects of mediation. Participants will be required to view these pre-recorded sessions within a specified timeframe. The 10+ hours Practical Sessions will be conducted through role plays, simulation exercises, live problem-solving exercises, etc. These sessions will be conducted on fixed dates. The Online Training Web-Portal shall be launched in September 2024 and applications for the Training Programme shall then be invited from Judicial officers or lawyers, with at least 10 years of experience in their respective fields.

# न्याय सबके लिए - काव्य विशेषांक

“ एहसास न्याय का सबके लिए, आकाश न्याय का सबके लिए,  
उल्लास न्याय का सबके लिए, विश्वास न्याय का सबके लिए,  
अपने इस हिन्दुस्तान पर, हक़ हमारा भी तो है,  
इंसाफ़ के इस आशियाँ पर, हक़ हमारा भी तो है,  
एक मुट्ठी आसमाँ पर, हक़ हमारा भी तो है,  
ये न सोचो दर्द हमारा कहीं सुना न जाएगा,  
अब न्यायालय खुद चलकर चौपालों तक आएगा,  
लाचारों को न्याय मिले गा, दुखियारों को न्याय मिले गा,  
कमज़ोरों को न्याय मिले गा, मज़लूमों को न्याय मिले गा,  
अपने इस हिंदुस्तान पर, हक़ हमारा भी तो है,  
उम्मीदों के इस गुलिस्तां पर, हक़ हमारा भी तो है,  
एक मुट्ठी आसमान पर, हक़ हमारा भी तो है।

गरीब और कमज़ोरों को मुफ्त एवं सक्षम कानूनी सहायता के लिए प्रतिबद्ध,  
विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण- NALSA- न्याय सबके लिए।”



## VISION

*The vision of NALSA is to promote an inclusive legal system in order to ensure fair and meaningful justice to the marginalized and disadvantaged sector.*

## MISSION

*To legally empower the marginalized and excluded groups of the society by providing effective legal representation, legal literacy and awareness and bridging the gap between the legally available benefits and the entitled beneficiaries.*

*To strengthen the system of Lok Adalats and other Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms in order to provide for informal, quick, inexpensive and effective resolution of dispute and minimize the load of adjudication on the overburdened judiciary.*



# **NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY**

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