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#### FROM NALSA DESK

The first two volumes of NALSA's quarterly bulletin "Vidhik Sewa Vigyapti" covering the periods January, 2016 to March, 2016 and April, 2016 to June, 2016 were released on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 on the occasion of the Legal Services Day by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice T.S. Thakur, the then Chief Justice of India and Patron-in-Chief, NALSA in the august presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anil R. Dave, Judge, Supreme Court of India and the then Executive Chairman, NALSA, Hon'ble Mr. Justice J.S. Khehar, Judge, Supreme Court of India and the then Chairman, Supreme Court Legal Services Committeeand presently the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and Patron-in-Chief, NALSA, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dipak Misra, Judge, Supreme Court of India and the present Hon'ble Executive Chairman of NALSA, Hon'ble Ms. Justice G. Rohini, Chief Justice, High Court of Delhi and Patron-in-Chief, Delhi State Legal Services Authority and a host of other dignitaries from the judiciary, executive, legal fraternity and civil society. The said two volumes have been very well received throughout the country with copies being distributed to legal services institutions, government functionaries and others. The first two volumes not only helped to bring the activities of NALSA and the Legal Services Authorities in the public domain but also facilitated exchange of ideas and best practices which could be emulated by others engaged in ensuring Access to Justice for all.

In this third volume, considering the response that we have received, we have continued with the format adopted in the second volume of focusing on the functions and activities of Legal Services Authorities as laid down under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. Thus, as in the second volume, the activities have been classified under the heads of 'Legal Aid/ Services', 'Lok Adalats', 'Mediation', 'Legal Awareness Activities', 'Training Programmes and 'Miscellaneous Activities' with a short write up on the activities of NALSA at the beginning. We have also highlighted the work done by each State Legal Services Authority under the different core activities undertaken by the Legal Services Authorities by giving the statistical figures first on all India basis and then detailing the special programmes or initiatives of the different State Legal Services Authorities.

Legal services work cannot be static, it has to continuously evolve, respond to specific needs of the community and we have to continuously strive to improve ourselves, learn from each other and make efforts to reach out to the last person in the queue. We hope that this quarterly bulletin would facilitate and further the efforts made by all in this regard and would also act as a continuousmotivation and encouragement for each one of us as it gives an opportunity to every State Legal Services Authority to showcase the good work done by it.

In this work, we deeply acknowledge the support and guidance given by our Hon'ble Patron-in Chief, Mr. Justice J.S. Khehar, Chief Justice of India and Hon'ble Executive Chairman, Mr. Justice Dipak Misra, Judge, Supreme Court of India. We express our gratitude to the entire team of NALSA which provided the logistical support and helped in putting together this Bulletin.

We would welcome any suggestions, comments, remarks about the bulletin- its format, content, presentation as well as the activities of Legal Services Authorities as it is only through support and feedback from our readers that we would be able to know our shortcomings and then strive to overcome them so that we can march ahead in our pursuit of Access to Justice for all.

Alok Agarwal Member Secretary

#### NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

During the third quarter (July-Sept, 2016), NALSA's push for enhancing the quality of the legal services provided by the Legal Services Institutions across the country received a huge positive responsive from all SLSAs. The Regional Meets of SLSAs and personal interactions with Jail inmates and Jail authorities, target sections of the society like Sex Workers and organizations working with them and with District and State Level Officers helped put into place greater and effective mechanism for resolving issues concerning the people we serve.

Discussions at various levels also resulted in evolving Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for some of the activities. The presence of the Hon'ble Chief Ministers and Her Excellency, the Lt. Governor of Puducherry and the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh at the inaugural Meet of the Regional Meets of South and East regions respectively gave a big boost to NALSA's efforts to attaining convergence between the activities of all stakeholders to provide better legal services.

During the period from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2016 to 30<sup>th</sup>September, 2016, more than 1, 20,657 persons were benefited through legal aid in the country. Out of them, 10,890 persons belonged to the Scheduled Castes, 6,662 to Scheduled Tribes, 26,348 were women and 6,030 were children.

From 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2016 to 30<sup>th</sup>September, 2016, more than 34,546 Lok Adalats have been organized in the country. More than 5.45 lacs cases including cases pending in the courts and those at the pre-litigation stage have been settled in these Lok Adalats. Since there is no appeal against the award of the Lok Adalat, many of these cases have been permanently removed from the formal court system.

From February, 2016, National Lok Adalats are being held on a specific subject matter every month all over the country. The number of pending and pre-litigation cases settled in each of the National Lok Adalats (July, 2016 to September, 2016) is as under:

S.No	Date	Subject	No. of Disposal of cases/matters (Both Pre-litigative and Post litigative stages)
1.	09.07.2016	Electricity/ Water/ Telephone and Public Utility Dispute etc.	7,08,305

2.	13.08.2016	Banking Matters & u/s 138 NI Act	4,09,487
3.	10.09.2016	Criminal Compoundable Matters	3,24,208



National Lok Adalat held on 10.9.2016 at Cheirap Court Complex, Uripak, Imphal

#### **Regional Meets of State Legal Services Authorities**

Continuing in the chain of Regional Meets of State Legal Services Authorities on "Effective Implementation of Legal Services Programmes: Challenges and Way Forward", during this quarter, Regional Meet of State Legal Services Authorities for Southern States was held on 23-24 July, 2016 at Puducherry and Regional Meet for Eastern States including Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand was held on 3-4 September, 2016 at Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

The broad objectives of the Meets were:

- a) To understand and build consensus on priorities of State Legal Services Authorities in the Region;
- b) To discuss ways of enhancing the visibility of legal services institutions and their work;

- c) To find effective ways of full and proper utilisation of grants, by expanding the range and enhancing quality of legal services; and
- d) To identify area specific challenges and find a way forward.

The Regional Meet at Puducherry was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anil R. Dave, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman, NALSA in the august presence of Dr. Kiran Bedi, I.P.S., (Retd.), Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Puducherry, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Chief Justice, High Court of Madras and Patron-in-Chief, UTPLSA, Mr. V. Narayanasamy, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Puducherry, Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. Jaichandren, Judge, High Court of Madras and Executive Chairman, UTPLSA and other judges of the High Court of Madras and the Executive Chairpersons of the different State Legal Services Authorities of the Southern Region. The Member Secretaries of the SLSAs of the Southern Region were also present in the Meet. During the technical sessions, the different State Legal Services Authorities highlighted the initiatives taken by them and their achievements and also the difficulties.



Inaugural Function of the Regional Meet at Puducherry



Regional Meet in Progress

The Regional Meet at Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anil R Dave, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman, National Legal Services Authority in the august presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Deepak Gupta, Chief Justice, High Court of Chhattisgarh & Patron-in Chief CGSLSA, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajendra Menon, Acting Chief Justice, High Court of Madhya Pradesh and Executive Chairman, M.P. SLSA, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Hemant Gupta, Judge, High Court of Bihar and Executive Chairman, Bihar SLSA, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pritinker Diwaker, Judge, High Court of Chhattisgarh and Executive Chairman, CGSLSA, Hon'ble Mr. Justice D.N. Patel, Judge, High Court of Jharkhand and Executive Chairman, Jharkhand SLSA, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vinod Prasad, Judge, High Court of Orissa and Executive Chairman, Odisha SLSA and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anirudha Bose, Judge, High Court of Culcutta and Executive Chairman, West Bengal State Legal Services Authority and other Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Chhattisgarh. Dr. Raman Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh also graced the inaugural function.



Inaugural Programme of the Regional Meet at Chhattisgarh



Newspaper clippings covering the Inaugural Programme of the Regional Meet at Chhattisgarh

On the second day of both the Regional Meets, a Meeting of all the Member Secretaries of the concerned SLSAs was held.

After discussions, the broad common suggestions made to all State Legal Services Authorities were as follows:

- a) The respective High Courts were requested to fill up all the sanctioned posts of Member Secretaries and District Secretaries and in the meanwhile, Judicial Officers looking after the work of Secretaries be granted half day exemption from judicial work and proportionate exemption from units;
- b) To prepare an advance training calendar for panel lawyers and to conduct the training programmes through master trainers;
- c) To enhance the fees of the lawyers;

- d) To maintain effective coordination with the jail authorities and to train some of the long term convicts in all the jails as PLVs and to ensure that all the under trial prisoners in all the jails are contacted by the PLVs to ascertain their need of legal assistance. The PLVs should maintain the relevant records and pass it on to the jail visiting lawyers;
- e) To maintain coordination with the Government Departments in the implementation of the different NALSA Schemes;
- f) To employ all possible methods of enhancing visibility of legal services institutions and their work including print and electronic media, putting up of hoardings, social media, bulk sms etc;
- g) To estimate and project the likely expenses on each of the legal services and to first utilise the carried forward amounts available with them;
- h) To promptly submit the utilisation certificates for each of the previous year's carried forward grants; and
- i) To develop website for all DLSAs so that they could be eventually linked with the online portal being developed by NALSA for filing online applications, forwarding of grievances and reporting of statistics.



Meeting of the Member Secretaries of the Eastern States including Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand with the Member Secretary, NALSA at Chhattisgarh

#### Special Talk by Hon'ble Chief Justice of India through All India Radio.

A special talk with Hon'ble Chief Justice of India & Patron-in-Chief, NALSA on the topic "Empowerment through Legal Aid" was broadcast on the channels of Akashvani throughout the country on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 on the eve of International Justice Day.

### **Interaction with Jail Inmates**

The Member Secretary, NALSA Shri Alok Aggarwal and the Director, NALSA Ms. Geetanjli Goel visited jails namely Yerawada (Pune), Jagdalpur (Chhattisgarh) Dimapur (Nagaland) and interacted with inmates both under trials and convicts and also with the DLSA officers, Para Legal Volunteers, Panel Lawyers and gave necessary directions for improving the system of representation of the inmates in courts. It was discovered that at many places, the inmates were not being produced before the Courts regularly for remand, either physically or through video conferencing. Some of them did not know the status of their appeals in the higher courts. Consequently, a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for legal representation of persons in custody was prepared and sent to all SLSAs for implementation. The SOP lays down what the Legal Services Authorities and the Legal Services Lawyers are expected to do in order to ensure legal representation for all the undertrials and to ensure that all the undertrials are produced in courts at regular intervals and to ensure proper functioning of the Legal Services Clinics in the jails.

# कैदियों से पूछी समस्याएं, दी जानकारी

राष्ट्रीय विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण के सदस्य सचिव ने किया केन्द्रीय जेल का निरीक्षण

# पत्रिका न्यूज़ नेटवर्क

जगदलपुर. राष्ट्रीय विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण के सदस्य सचिव आलोक अग्रवाल ने जगदलपुर स्थित केन्द्रीय जेल का निरीक्षण किया। इस दौरान प्राधिकरण के अधिकारियों ने सजायापता कैदियों से मुलाकात कर उनके समस्याओं की जानकारी ली।

कैदियों उन्होंने को उच्च न्यायालय और उच्चतम न्यायालय में अपील के अधिकार के संबंध में अवगत कराते हुए बताया कि वे अपने मामलों में निम्न न्यायालयों द्वारा किए गए निर्णयों के विरुद्ध जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण, उच्च न्यायालय विधिक सेवा समिति, बिलासपुर अथवा उच्चतम न्यायालय विधिक सेवा समिति. नई दिल्ली से उच्चतम न्यायालय तक अपील प्रस्तुत कर सकते हैं। इस दौरान उन्होंने ऐसे कैदियों से मुलाकात की, जिनके अपील के मामले एवं



#### हर बैरक में दो वालिंटियर्स

राष्ट्रीय विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण के अधिकारियों ने जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण द्वारा जेल में पैरालीगल वार्तिटयर्स से मुलाकात की। जेल अधीक्षक ने बलाया कि प्रत्येक बैरक में एक से दो पैरालीगल वार्तिटयर्स हैं, जो बंदियों को निः शुल्क विधिक सहायता के संबंध में अवगत कराया जाता है।

न्यायालयों में लंबित हैं। इन प्रकरणों के निराकरण के लिए जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण व जेल प्रशासन को कार्यवाही के निर्देश दिए। इस दौरान राष्ट्रीय विधिक क्षमता से दोगुना बंदी- जेल प्रशासन द्वारा बंदियों की क्षमता 889 से लगभग दोगुना बंदी होने पर जेल की क्षमता बढ़ाने के निर्देश दिए गए। बताया गया कि 500 की क्षमता के नए बैरकों का निर्माण पूर्णता की ओर है, साथ ही बीजापुर, सुकमा और दंतेवाड़ा में भी शीघ्र जेल प्रारंभ होने की संभावना है।

सेवा प्राधिकरण की निदेशक गीतांजिल गोयल, अवर सचिव वी के सिंह, जिला सचिव जितेन्द्र कुमार सिंह व जेल अधीक्षक अमित शांडिल्य शामिल थे।

Newspaper clipping covering the visit to the Jail at Jagdalpur



Newspaper Clippings of the visit to Dimapur Jail

#### **Under Trial Review Committees**

Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P. (C) No.406/2013 had passed directions for release of under trial prisoners who had served half of the sentence giving the benefit of Section 436 A of

the Cr.P.C. The Under Trial Review Committees have been set up in all the districts chaired by the District Judge of the concerned district and the District Legal Services Authorities have been assisting the under trial prisoners in getting the benefit of Section 436 A of Cr.P.C. During the period from April, 2016 to September, 2016, 1034 such cases were identified by the DLSA Secretaries, out of which 432 UTPs were recommended by the UTRCs for release and 167 of them have been released.

#### **Remand Advocates**

In order to ensure that all the under trial prisoners get representation from the first day of remand itself, all the State Legal Services Authorities were advised vide letters dated 20.1.2016 and 5.7.2016 to appoint one Remand Advocate for each of the criminal courts, to represent the unrepresented accused in custody, oppose remand, move bail applications and miscellaneous application etc. and to undertake such other action as may be necessary to effectively represent the accused at the stage of remand. Accordingly, most of the SLSAs have designated one panel lawyer for each Magistrate's Court and Sessions Court wherever remand proceedings are conducted.

#### **Standard Operating Procedure for Redressal of Complaints/Public Grievances**

With a view to streamlining the procedure and ensuring timely and effective redressal of grievances/complaints made by the general public, a SOP was developed and was sent to all State Legal Services Authorities for implementation. The said SOP outlined the procedure to be followed by every Authority while dealing with complaints and emphasised problem solving approach rather than merely disposing of the complaint. The SLSAs followed the said procedure which has resulted in **zero pendency** of grievances pertaining to Legal Services Authorities registered at Central Public Grievance Redressal and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) Portal. During this period, work was also started on developing an online Web Portal for this purpose.

#### Legal Services to Sex Workers.

The Member Secretary, NALSA Shri Alok Aggarwal and the Director, NALSA Ms. Geetanjli Goel interacted with sex workers and Community Based Organisations working with them at Pune and Sangli (Maharashtra) from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 and addressed them on issues of concern to them. This led to establishing linkages of the sex workers and organisations working

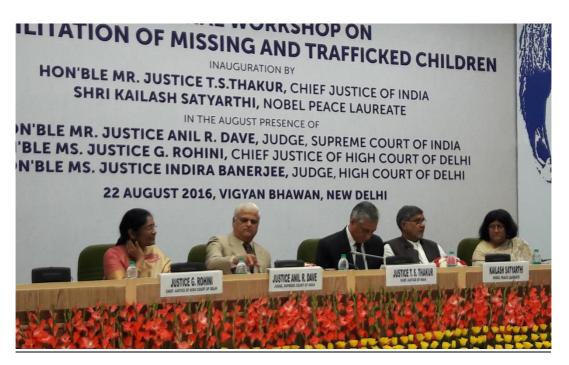
for them with the District Legal Services Authorities and the police authorities in the said two districts. As part of the visit, the Officers of NALSA also interacted with the lawyers at Sangliand informed them about the various NALSA Schemes and motivated them to take up work as legal services lawyers.



Newspaper clipping covering the Interaction with Sex Workers at Pune

# National Workshop on Rehabilitation of Missing and Trafficked Children Phase-I on 22nd & 23rd August, 2016.

The National Legal Services Authority in association with Delhi State Legal Services Authority and Bachao Andolan through the All India Child Rights Cell organised a National Workshop on Rehabilitation of Missing and Trafficked Children Phase-I on 22nd & 23rd August, 2016. The objective was to draw up a strategy and mechanism by which children could be repatriated to their home States without much delay and could thereafter be rehabilitated. The Workshop was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India & Patron-in-Chief, National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) in the presence Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anil R.Dave, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, NALSA, Hon'ble Ms. Justice G.Rohini, Chief Justice, High Court of Delhi & Patron-in-Chief, Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLSA), Hon'ble Ms. Justice Indira Banerjee, Judge, High Court of Delhi & Executive Chairperson, DSLSA and Nobel Peace Laureate Shri Kailash Satyarthi on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2016 at Vigyan Bhawan. The children from Prayas Observation Home for Children and Bachan Bachao Andolan also put up a cultural programme on socially relevant issues.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice T.S. Thakur, Chief Justice of India and Patron-in-Chief,
NALSA addressing the participants at the inaugural of the National
Workshop on Rehabilitation of Missing and Trafficked Children at Vigyan
Bhawan on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2016

Discussions were held with various stakeholders in the technical sessions on the next day regarding repatriation and rehabilitation of missing and trafficked children. The participants included Member Secretaries of 12 source and destination States for trafficking, Members of Child Welfare Committees, Officers of State Child Protection Commissions, police officials, senior government officials and NGOs. The deliberations during the day led to development of draft Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) with a view to facilitating easier and quicker identification of the Children's native home and drawing up the plan for repatriation and rehabilitation by the CWCs. The said draft SOP was presented in the valedictory session which was presided over by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Madan B. Lokur, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Chairman of the Juvenile Justice Committee in the Supreme Court and Hon'ble Ms. Justice Indira Banerjee, Judge, High Court of Delhi & Executive Chairperson, DSLSA and Nobel Peace Laureate Shri. Kailash Satyarthi also graced the occasion.

### **Initiative for Protection of Water Resources**

State Legal Services Authorities have been issued advisory to take up the issue of 'Protection of Water Resources" as a part of preventive and strategic level awareness programmes and also as a step towards promotion of commitment to Fundamental Duty to protect and improve the national environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wild life and to have compassion for living creatures.. In this regard, a detailed concept note has been sent to all State Legal Services Authorities. The Concept Note highlights what measures the SLSAs can take to create awareness on the issue of preservation of water resources through the Legal Literacy Clubs, Legal Services Clinics and para legal volunteers, sensitization of judicial officers, training the lawyers to handle the legal aspects including the infringement of rights of the people by pollution of water resources and its ill-effects, supporting NGOs engaged in campaigns for reviving the rivers or preserving or cleaning the rivers and supplementing the efforts of the government departments and building coordination with them.

#### **Training Modules**

Work continued in right earnest to bring out two training modules (i) Training Module for Legal Services Lawyers Part-II; (ii) Training Module for Legal Services Lawyers and Probation Officers attached to the Juvenile Justice Boards under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

As part of the same, a four day Pilot Training Programme for Probation Officers and Legal Services Lawyers attached to JJBs was conducted at Maharashtra Judicial Academy, Thane from 27-30 August, 2016. The participants included Member Secretaries, legal services lawyers and probation officers from Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Goa, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu. The programme was inaugurated by Hon'ble Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Judge, Supreme Court of India in the presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice V.M. Kanade, Judge, High Court of Bombay, Director, Maharashtra Judicial Academy and Chairman of the Juvenile Justice Committee. The four day programme included sessions on Overview of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, child abuse, child psychology, drugs, role of probation officers, counselling, communication skills, ethics, preparation of Social Investigation Report, Individual Care Plan, Rehabilitation and the legal provisions. The resource persons were experts in the field drawn from all over the country.



Pilot Training Programme in Progress

A highlight of the programme was a visit to the Observation Home at Bhiwandi, Thane to give the participants an on hands experience of working with children. The participants interacted with the children and sessions were held on group counselling at the Home. Justice Roshan Dalvi, retired judge of the High Court of Bombay also addressed the participants on the occasion.



# Justice Roshan Dalvi (Retd.) with the participants during the visit to the Observation Home at Bhiwandi, Thane

# <u>Consultative Meet of Member Secretaries, SLSAs held on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 at India International Centre, New Delhi.</u>

National Legal Services Authority organised Consultative Meet of the Member Secretaries, State Legal Services Authorities on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 at India International Centre, New Delhi to discuss various issues arising in the implementation of Legal Services Programmes. During the half day deliberations, a number of issues were raised regarding use of the funds, implementation of Schemes of NALSA, legal aid to the marginalised sections and conduct of Lok Adalats. The Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority also exhibited some of the short films which had been awarded at the Short Film Festival on legal services held in their State.

# Hon'ble Executive Chairman, NALSA interactive session on Doordarshan.

Hon'ble Executive Chairman, NALSA along with Shri Prakash Jha, Director and Producer of M/s. Prakash Jha Productions appeared on the National Television (Doordarshan) and gave a brief description of the activities conducted by NALSA and SLSAs for ensuring prompt and qualitative legal services to the marginalised sections of the society.

# Meeting of the Committee to consider the amendments to NALSA Regulations and PLV Scheme

A meeting of the Committee to consider the amendments to NALSA Regulations and PLV Scheme was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2016 at Vigyan Bhawan Annexe under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Mr. Justice D.N. Patel, Judge, High Court of Jharkhand and Executive Chairman, Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority. Another meeting of the Committee was held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 and the proposed amendments were finalised.



The meeting of the Committee to review the contents of the documentary, capsules and NALSA theme song to be prepared by M/s Prakash Jha Productions was held on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Mr. Justice D.N. Patel, Judge, High Court of Jharkhand and Executive Chairman, Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority. Another meeting of the Committee was held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 and the contents of the NALSA Theme song were approved.

### **Other Activities**

The Director, NALSA Ms. Geetanjli Goel was the resource person at the "Training and Orientation on the Role of Prosecution in Ensuring Justice to Children" on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2016 organised by Centre for Child Rights at National Law University, Orissa at Cuttack for the Public Prosecutors in Odisha. The sessions focussed on the Constitutional and Legislative Framework for the Children, the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and children as witnesses and victims.

The Member Secretary, NALSA Shri Alok Aggarwal addressed the participants at a Workshop on "Mainstreaming Sex Workers for Greater Social Inclusion: Sharing Outcomes of Single Window Initiative in Seven Districts" organised by Centre for Advocacy and Research at India Habitat Centre on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.



The Member Secretary, NALSA Shri Alok Aggarwal chaired a Session in the Asia Workshop on Legislative Advocacy: Child Labour in Domestic Work and Gender Based Violence organized by Global March on 1-2 August, 2016 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. This Workshop was attended by representatives of NGOs and lawyers from Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and other countries. The Director, NALSA Ms. Geetanjli Goel was also a resource person at the said programme.

The Member Secretary, NALSA Shri Alok Aggarwal chaired Sessions in the National Seminar on Emerging Role of School Leadership in Child Protection & Child Rights Education in India held on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 at Moolchand Medcity, New Delhi. The Director, NALSA Ms. Geetanjli Goel also took a session on 'Implementation of the POCSO Act and the Role of the Schools'.

The Member Secretary, NALSA Shri Alok Aggarwal and the Director, NALSA Ms. Geetanjli Goel visited Nagaland from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 and took various sessions at the training for Para-Legal Volunteers organized by Nagaland State Legal Services Authority at Dimapur, Nagaland on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2016. They also inaugurated Legal Services Clinic in Kohima.



The Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority organized the Plenary Meeting of Legal Services Institutions of Santhal Pargana Region of Jharkhand at Deogarh on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2016. The Director, NALSA Ms. Geetanjli Goel took a session on Role of Para Legal Volunteers and Legal Services Lawyers as part of the same.

# **Social Action Litigation**

NALSA is either a party in a number of cases pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court or directions have been issued to it from time to time to submit reports or otherwise. Some such cases are:

**Bachpan Bachao Andolan v. UOIWP**(C) No. 75/2012 pertaining to missing children.

**Sampurna Behrua v. UOI**WP(C) 473/2005 where directions were given for providing legal aid to the children in conflict with law.

Vrindavan Widows: National Legal Services Authority v. Union of India and Others WP (C) No.133/2012.

**RE- In Human Conditions in 1382 prisons**WP (C) No. 406/2013 where the Hon'ble Supreme Court is examining the condition of prisons and prison inmates.

**National Legal Services Authority** v. **Union of India and others** WP (C) 212/2013 regarding illegal sand mining.

**E.R. Kumar v. UOIWP** (C) 55/2003: The Member Secretary, NALSA was directed to take up verification of the actual progress in the matter of setting up of the urban shelters with the help of the State Legal Service Authorities and to submit a report as to the actual position on the ground.

**Dr. Ashwani Kumar** v. **Union of India and Anr.** WP (C) 193/2016 regarding the condition of senior citizens and old age homes.

National Campaign Committee for Central Legislation on Construction Labour (NCC-CL) v. Union of India and others.W.P.(C) No. 318 of 2006 regarding unorganised and construction workers.

#### **LEGAL AID/SERVICES**

The core activity of Legal Services Institutions is providing free legal aid in civil and criminal matters to those eligible applicants who cannot afford the services of a lawyer for the conduct of a case or a legal proceeding in any court, tribunal or before an authority.

# Provision of free legal aid may include:

- a. Representation by an Advocate in legal proceedings.
- b. Preparation of pleadings, memo of appeal, paper book including printing and translation of documents in legal proceedings;
- c. Drafting of legal documents, special leave petition etc.
- d. Rendering of any service in the conduct of any case or other legal proceeding before any court or other Authority or tribunal and;
- e. Giving of advice on any legal matter.

Free Legal Services also include provision of aid and advice to the beneficiaries to access the benefits under the welfare statutes and schemes framed by the Central Government or the State Government and to ensure access to justice in any other manner.

#### Free Legal Services can be availed by:

- (a) A member of a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe;
- (b) A victim of trafficking in human beings or begar as referred to in Article 23 of the Constitution;
- (c) A woman or a child;
- (d) A mentally ill or otherwise disabled person;
- (e) A person under circumstances of undeserved want such as being a victim of a mass disaster, ethnic violence, caste atrocity, flood, drought, earthquake or industrial disaster; or
- (f) An industrial workman; or
- (g) In custody, including custody in a protective home within the meaning of clause(g) of Section 2 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956(104 of 1956); or in a juvenile home within the meaning of clause(j) of Section 2 of the Juvenile Justice Act, 1986 (53 of 1986); or in a psychiatric hospital or psychiatric nursing home within the meaning of clause (g) of Section 2 of the Mental Health Act, 1987(14 of 1987); or
- (h) In receipt of annual income less than Rs. 9000 or such other higher amount as may be prescribed by the State Government, if the case is before a court other

than the Supreme Court, and less than Rs. 12000 or such other higher amount as may be prescribed by the Central Government, if the case is before the Supreme Court.

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Andhra 57 20 390 77 167 3 0 Pradesh	0	0	0	376	403	1493
Arunachal 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assam 35 65 206 3 158 127 0	0	0	230	59	1112	1995
Bihar 57 10 127 92 1448 2 7	0	0	58	52	279	2132
Chhattisga rh         1288         1555         687         1021         2600         4         0	0	0	22	1108	2179	10464
Dadra & 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	1
Daman & 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delhi 152 1 1738 2441 0 0 0	0	0	0	968	1210	6510
Goa 2 2 136 3 103 0 0	0	0	0	96	11	353
Gujarat 424 96 985 36 746 32 120	0	0	0	1037	140	3616
Haryana 234 2 1206 29 1375 4 2	0	0	0	548	387	3787
Himachal 67 12 322 3 42 4 1 Pradesh	0	0	0	100	57	608
Jammu & 94 Nashmir         10         151         0         56         30         90	20	90	0	23	125	689
Karnataka 1156 653 2516 104 766 27 21	1	5	9	3373	2323	10954
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Meghalaya 5 117 30 135 86 0 0	0	0	0	23	0	396
Mizoram 0 590 231 24 116 0 0	0	0	0	5	30	996
Nagaland 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Odisha 97 48 315 13 81 7 0	0	0	4	152	41	758
Puducherr 9 0 61 46 47 0 1	0	0	0	17	7	188
y         942         0         1552         20         1711         18         0	0	0	1	1146	341	5731
Rajasthan 508 554 370 30 739 3 6	0	0	0	486	643	3339
Sikkim         10         29         86         23         161         0         0	0	0	0	0	23	332
Tamil 997 211 2059 25 1277 44 0	50	0	30	4452	1794	10939
Telengana 23 20 145 34 148 2 0	0	0	0	82	62	516
Tripura 186 19 382 13 127 0 0	0	0	0	128	5	860
U. T. 32 0 220 38 94 2 2 Chandigar h	0	0	0	51	30	469
Uttar         1538         578         1056         25         874         16         3           Pradesh	0	2	0	1772	4031	9895
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West         610         176         1874         85         1825         30         57           Bengal	4	4	0	2078	130	6873

Total	1089	6662	26348	6030	25073	438	321	75	101	354	25590	18775	120657
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# **Activities of the State Legal Services Authorities**

#### **KERALA**

As directed by KELSA, based on a report in a newspaper, DLSA Wayanad took up the issue of lack of shelter, food and clothing to Cholanaikan Aadivasi community of Parappan Para Aadivasi colony, where 13 families consisting of 54 members are living. Ration Card was distributed to all the families within a week and their problems in getting food grains, cloth etc. were solved.

A 7 -year old boy and his mother suffered very serious injuries and heavy property damage, when the water tank of the public water supply scheme collapsed over their family house at Kaithacode, near Puthoor. DLSA Kollam intervened in the matter and the authorities were alerted for medical assistance and rehabilitation. Legal aid was provided to file a pre-litigation petition, as the family alleged that there was some inadequacy on the side of the authorities in meeting the medical expenses as assured earlier.

#### **TRIPURA**

In Tripura, besides providing Legal aid through Legal Aid Counseland counselling, legal advice was also provided to the people through Village Legal Care and Support Centres and through the Legal aid clinics in schools and colleges.

#### UTTARAKHAND

**26 persons** were provided legal advice through **Toll Free No: 1800 180 4000** installed in the office of Uttarakhand SLSA, Nainital.

**158 Cases** were resolved/settled through **Women/Child Helpline** as per needs and requirements of said cases/complaints.

#### **UTTAR PRADESH**

The UPSLSA, to provide legal assistance to persons looking for legal advice and counsel, started the **toll free number** in April, 2009. The services are provided for a caller from anywhere in the country, through 3 lawyers having experience of the application of law and working of the High Court and the District Courts.

### **WEST BENGAL**

Legal aid services during this quarter were given by way of various activities. The District Secretaries paid visits to Homes and Jails. One of the Districts – Murshidabad set up a Legal Aid Kiosk in the vicinity of a busy thoroughfare – a bus stand to render legal aid services especially relating to Motor Vehicles Act.



Permanent Legal Aid Kiosk, the first of its type in West Bengal set up at Berhampore Bus Stand at the endeavour of DLSA, Murshidabad on 09.08.2016

### **DELHI**

Legal Aid/Services	Court annexed Legal Services Beneficiaries	8653
	No. of Traced Missing Children Counselled	627
	No. of victims of sexual assault counselled	78
	Compensation granted under Delhi Victims Compensation Scheme, 2011	No. of victims – 588 and amount of Compensation – Rs.7,74,05,502/-
	No. of cases recommended by Under-Trial Review Committee for granting Bail	258
	Legal Services Beneficiaries at Legal Services Clinics	16,601

#### LOK ADALATS

Besides providing legal services to the weaker and marginalized sections of the society, access to justice entails providing speedy and less expensive modes of dispute resolution for everyone as an alternative to litigation in courts. Lok Adalat is India's indigenous form of Alternative Dispute Resolution and is now well entrenched in the legal and the judicial system of the country.

Lok Adalat is a forum where disputes/cases pending in the court of law or at pre-litigation stage are settled/ compromised amicably. As per the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, the award (decision) made by the Lok Adalats is deemed to be a decree of a civil court and is final and binding on all parties and no appeal against such an award lies before any court of law. If the parties are not satisfied with the award of the Lok Adalat, though there is no provision for an appeal against such an award, they are free to initiate litigation by approaching the court of appropriate jurisdiction.

There is no court fee payable when a matter is filed in a Lok Adalat. If a matter pending in the court of law is referred to the Lok Adalat and is settled subsequently, the court fee originally paid in the court on the complaints/petition is also refunded back to the parties. The persons deciding the cases in the Lok Adalats are called the Members of the Lok Adalats, they have the role of statutory conciliators only and do not have any judicial role; therefore they can only persuade the parties to come to a conclusion for settling the dispute outside the court in the Lok Adalat and shall not pressurize or coerce any of the parties to compromise or settle cases or matters either directly or indirectly. The Lok Adalat shall not decide the matter so referred at its own instance, instead the same would be decided on the basis of the compromise or settlement between the parties. The members shall assist the parties in an independent and impartial manner in their attempt to reach amicable settlement of their dispute.

As per section 18(1) of the Act, a Lok Adalat shall have jurisdiction to determine and to arrive at a compromise or settlement between the parties to a dispute in respect of -

- (1) Any case pending before; or
- (2) Any matter which is falling within the jurisdiction of, and is not brought before, any court for which the Lok Adalat is organized.

Provided that the Lok Adalat shall have no jurisdiction in respect of matters relating to divorce or matters relating to an offence not compoundable under any law.

NALSA along with other Legal Services Institutions conducts Lok Adalats. The State Legal Services Authority or District Legal Services Authority, as the case may be, on receipt of an application from any one of the parties at a pre-litigation stage may refer such matter to the Lok Adalat for amicable settlement of the dispute for which notice would then be issued to the other party. There are also Permanent Lok Adalats set up in respect of Public Utility Services.

# INFORMATION OF THE VARIOUS TYPES OF LOK ADALATS HELD DURING THE QUARTER

Name of the State Legal	No. of Lok Adalat		Pre-Litigation	n		Pending in C	Courts	Total		
Services Authority	Held	Taken up	Disposed of	Settlement Amount (Rs.)	Taken up	Disposed of	Settlement Amount (Rs.)	Taken up	Disposed of	Settlement Amount (Rs.)
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	2	754	92	15970300	53	52	0	807	144	15970300
Andhra Pradesh	2564	6438	1162	69009266	12420	6580	641231765	18858	7742	710241031
Assam	1	0	0	0	1762	1178	90400	1762	1178	90400
Bihar	542	24481	3152	116524852	1628	350	29431035	26109	3502	145955887
Chhattisgarh	295	8591	1204	5932525	5631	856	63872894	14222	2060	69805419
Delhi	29	1126	111	3589378	1796	522	73164960	2922	633	76754338
Goa	13	7	2	100000	354	120	833900	361	122	933900
Gujarat	2681	20223	1798	18143092	13485	7719	392305551	33708	9517	410448643
Haryana	17807	2809	1829	4663744	78630	45309	335860562	81439	47138	340524306
Himachal Pradesh	78	0	0	0	2135	1415	3957274	2135	1415	3957274
Jammu & Kashmir	32	1783	910	11484083	494	236	123413600	2277	1146	134897683
Jharkhand	151	3344	2881	9776908	3846	3685	25259619	7190	6566	35036527
Karnataka	4651	182563	56236	146845144	74786	54124	496159236	257349	110360	643004380
Kerala	409	20549	4767	142135903	10946	3697	269055582	31495	8464	411191485
Madhya Pradesh	644	22035	757	3602405	11970	3752	295462073	34005	4509	299064478
Maharashtra	398	26432	732	6357647	19602	4788	85714697	46034	5520	92072344
Mizoram	19	394	111	4372151	49	11	200000	443	122	4572151
Odisha	231	744	483	0	113647	104914	43600228	114391	105397	43600228
Puducherry	25	1021	331	25632960	80	80	11187500	1101	411	36820460
Punjab	209	1475	54	4670546	6619	2792	398968719	8094	2846	403639265
Rajasthan	1744	3011	414	0	80377	24250	213608970	83388	24664	213608970
Sikkim	30	136	78	7570328	185	117	2132810	321	195	9703138
Tamil Nadu	629	59486	2790	177308997	11889	982	332213624	71375	3772	509522621
Telengana	611	1079	399	24934702	4458	3950	313040900	5537	4349	337975602
Tripura	6	0	0	0	3101	716	1196870	3101	716	1196870
U. T. Chandigarh	14	59	10	0	20	4	0	79	14	0
Uttar Pradesh	70	50	28	228882	1189	522	144115	1239	550	372997
Uttarakhand	20	893	435	69130	11516	2746	8373372	12409	3181	8442502
West Bengal	641	190749	185495	19444484	7618	6663	235716426	198367	192158	255160910
Grand Total	34546	580232	266261	818367427	480286	282130	4396196682	1060518	548391	5214564109

SLSA	No. of PLAs	No. of PLAs	Total No. of	No. of	No. of cases	No. of Cases	No. of	Total Value /
	Existing as on the beginning of the Month	Established During the Month	PLAs Functioning	Sitting During the months	pending as on the beginning of the months	received during the months	cases settled during the months	Amount of Settlement in Rs.
Andhra Pradesh	9	0	9	99	1425	1594	665	2007505
Assam	21	0	21	138	971	3671	444	9730304
Chhattisgarh	5	4	5	495	834	43	51	61914
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delhi	2	0	2	113	762	2156	1979	111854132
Goa	2	0	2	7	521	601	43	74212
Haryana	21	0	21	1242	97716	23054	20021	174067715
Himachal Pradesh	4	0	4	14	19	51	43	519792
Jharkhand	22	0	22	1007	12016	679	562	21055907
Karnataka	7	0	7	756	51950	5260	2722	174227047
Kerala	3	0	3	418	3940	367	280	17263001
Madhya Pradesh	50	0	50	201	3147	1680	1264	386340
Maharashtra	4	4	4	171	21715	4167	4913	84318606
Mizoram	2	0	2	1	6	0	3	0
Odisha	13	0	13	270	7606	1150	1392	53139991
Punjab	22	0	22	1407	31813	5481	3977	78294386
Rajasthan	34	204	34	967	12154	956	960	44546041
Tamil Nadu	15	0	15	4	0	140	0	0
Telengana	6	0	2	126	11907	3243	645	2974346
Tripura	1	0	1	90	329	95	29	640000
U. T. Chandigarh	1	0	1	123	4314	995	1126	1267698
Uttar Pradesh	23	0	23	2497	19483	1716	794	13092446
Uttarakhand	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	270	216	263	10146	282628	57099	41913	789521383

# **LOK ADALAT IMAGES**



Hon'ble Shri Justice Sangam Ku.Sahoo, Judge, Orissa High Court presiding over a bench of monthly National Lok Adalat on 9.7.2016



National Lok Adalat being held in different districts of Haryana

### **Special Efforts of SLSAs**

With the efforts of the Lok Adalat at Hoshiarpur, Punjab, the old couple was reunited after 26 years of separation.

Apart from the National Lok Adalats, Lok Adalats under Section 19 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 and Permanent Lok Adalats for Public Utility Services, some States organised Lok Adalats such as Daily Lok Adalats, Tea Garden Lok Adalats and Bal Adalats.

#### **HIMACHAL PRADESH**

**299** Quarterly Lok Adalats were organized during the period of July to September, 2016 in which **1415** cases were disposed of.

3 Mobile Lok Adalats were conducted in which 28 cases were disposed of amicably.

#### **JHARKHAND**

The first Bal Lok Adalat was held on 30th of September, 2016 across the State of Jharkhand to dispose of matters relating to children in conflict with law and children in need of care and protection. 331 matters relating to JJBs were disposed of and 575 cases pertaining to CWCs were disposed of.

#### **KERALA**

DLSA Thrissur conducted an Adalat, coordinated by the Kudumbasree, on 25.08.2016 in the tribal area of Athirappilly and Vazhachal Division. All the tribal people in the division attended Adalat for presenting various issues relating to drinking water and toilet, non-availability of Transport service, opportunity for education, unemployment, lack of Medical facility, non-availability of government funds under special schemes etc. The MLA, District Collector and officers of the Government attended the programme.

DLSA, Kozhikode conducted discharge Adalats on all Fridays in Mental Health Centre and Ashabhavan through which about 100 inmates from MHC and 20 persons from Asha Bhavan could be rehabilitated

As part of the implementation of the two NALSA Schemes, 2015 namely, poverty alleviation and tribal development, Chairman and Secretary of DLSA Wayanad visited Naikkuppa Adivasi colony situated about 3 kms into the forest along with the project officer of poverty Alleviation Department, Forest officials, all the elected members of Pulpally Panchayath, Deputy Director of Panchayat Kalpetta, discussed with the tribes and gathered information in an attempt to solve their problems. On 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016, DLSA conducted an Adalath of the pre-litigation cases of the incomplete houses of Adivasis.

Telecast of televised version of Lok Adalat, 'Kathayillithu Jeevitham' and 'Jeevitham Sakshi' continues in Amrita and Kairali Television respectively with the support of KELSA to spread

the message of peace and harmony in family through conciliation.

Based on a paper report regarding non receipt of ration articles at Edamalakkudy Tribal Settlement area in Idukki District, the Member Secretary, KELSA intervened and issued direction to the Secretary DLSA Thodupuzha to do the needful. The Chairman and the Secretary of DLSA along with the Government Officials visited Edamalakkudy on 26.07.2016, collected petitions from the inhabitants on distribution of ration articles, lack of transport facilities and the working of Panchayats and conducted an Adalat on 10.08.2016 at Taluk Legal Services Committee, Devikulam. Almost all the existing problems were solved and awards were passed.

#### **MAHARASHTRA**

In the month of July 2016, as per calendar of Common Minimum Programme, all DLSAs and Taluka Legal Services Committees organized Lok Adalats for pending and pre litigation cases throughout Maharashtra.

The State Legal Services Authority has four mobile vans which are being used by the DLSAs on rotation basis one in each month. During the quarter July, 2016 to Sept, 2016, using the mobile vans, the DLSAs settled 2280 cases and also organized 151 legal literacy camps.

#### **UTTAR PRADESH**

UPSLSA has been regularly organizing 'Bal Samwad Adalats' for settling the matters regarding children in conflict with law, who have been implicated in criminal matters, which entails punishment up to 7 years for adult offenders. During the quarter in question i.e. July, 2016 to September, 2016, a total of 93 matters pertaining to children in conflict with law were settled through the Bal Samwad Adalats.

In the first phase, Permanent Lok Adalats (PLAs) were established in 23 districts. In the second phase in 21 districts, namely,Mathura, Muzaffar Nagar, Pilibhit, Pratapgarh, Kushi Nagar at Padrauna, Sultanpur, Unnao, Chandauli, Rampur, Barabanki, Hardoi, Deoria, Etah, Etawah, Budaun, Sitapur, Bijnore, Kannauj, Basti, Behraich and Mainpuri, PLAs have been established and in most of the said districts PLAs have now become functional.

#### **WEST BENGAL**

# **Tea garden Lok Adalats**

After the success of the previous Tea Garden Lok Adalats, WBSLSA organised more such Lok Adalats at Bagrakote Tea Garden, Malbazar, Jalpaiguri and Bandapani Tea Gardens, Alipurduar, Jalpaiguri on 24.07.16 and 24.09.16. About 3610 matters were disposed of. The matters varied from old age pension, widow pension to P.F., gratuity, non-issuance of ration card, etc.





Tea garden Lok Adalat at Bagrakote Tea garden, Jalpaiguri

Lok Adalat in the Jalpaiguri Central Correctional Home

A Special Lok Adalat was organised at Jalpaiguri Central Correctional Home on 18.09.2016. About 25 G.R. cases relating to compoundable matters were taken up and 9 cases were disposed of.

#### **MEDIATION**

Mediation as a method of dispute resolution has deep roots in the Indian culture and in recent times, it has emerged as one of the most effective methods of providing expeditious justice to the satisfaction of the parties whereby the parties are facilitated to arrive at a mutually satisfactory disposition with the assistance of a third party mediator. Mediation, without doubt results in a win situation for both the parties.

# **Statistical Figures**

SLSA	Successful Mediation
Andhra Pradesh	203
Assam	197
Bihar	126
Chhattisgarh	82
Goa	2
Gujarat	236
Haryana	524
Himachal Pradesh	120
Jammu & Kashmir	13
Karnataka	534
Kerala	2,695
Madhya Pradesh	9,493
Maharashtra	5,872
Meghalaya	1
Odisha	60
Punjab	450
Rajasthan	738
Sikkim	9
Tamil Nadu	226
Telangana	173
Tripura	1
Uttar Pradesh	1,477
Uttarakhand	60
West Bengal	23
Chandigarh	81
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	3
Daman & Diu	1
Delhi	57
Puducherry	2
Total	23,459

Apart from the disposal of cases through mediation, awareness or training programmes were also organized in some States in respect of mediation.

#### **Mediation Reports from SLSAs**

#### ANDHRA PRADESH

Refresher Training on Mediation was conducted on 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at Vijayawada, Krishna district Andhra Pradesh. Fourteen advocate Mediators of Krishna, Kadapa, Chittoor, Guntur, East Godavari, Visakhapatnam and West Godavari districts, who had completed more than 10 successful mediations participated in the training programme.

#### **GUJARAT**

A Mediation Awareness Programme was held on 03.07.2016 at Anjar, District Kachchh, wherein Dr. Jyotsnaben Yagnik, Former Principal Judge, City Civil Court, Ahmedabad, who is also a Trained Mediator was a Resource Person. A Referral Judges' Training Programme for the Judicial Officers of Kachchh District at Bhuj was also held on the same day.

A Mediation Awareness Programme was held on 03.07.2016 at Vaghodia, District Vadodara, wherein Mr. Niranjan Bhatt, Learned Advocate/Mediator Trainer was the Resource Person. A Referral Judges' Training Programme for the Judicial Officers of Vadodara District at Vadodara was also held on the same day.

A Regional Programme for Training on Mediation for the Referral Judges' of Surat, Navsari and Bharuch was heldon 17.07.2016 at Surat. Mr. Niranjan Bhatt, Learned Advocate/Mediator Trainer, City Civil Court, Ahmedabad, imparted training to Judicial Officers of these Districts. Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. R. Shah, Senior Most Judge, High Court of Gujarat & Executive Chairman, Gujarat State Legal Services Authority, Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. M. Chhaya, Judge, High Court of Gujarat & Administrative Judge, Surat District and Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Dholaria, Judge, High Court of Gujarat & Administrative Judge, Bharuch District presided over the programme.

A Referral Judges' Training Programme was organized on 31.07.2016 at Ahmedabad for the Judicial Officers serving at Ahmedabad and also in Taluka places of Ahmedabad (Rural) District except Viramgam Taluka. Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. R. Shah, Judge, High Court of Gujarat & Executive Chairman, Gujarat State Legal Services Authority, Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.R. Brahmbhatt, Judge, High Court of Gujarat & Administrative Judge, Labour Courts & Industrial Court/Tribunals, Ahmedabad & Family Courts, Ahmedabad, Hon'ble Ms. Justice Harsha

Devani, Judge, High Court of Gujarat & Administrative Judge City Civil Court, Ahmedabad as well as Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. H. Vora, Judge, High Court of Gujarat & Administrative Judge, Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Ahmedabad also guided the Judicial Officers.

A Referral Judges' Training Programme was held on 21.08.2016 at Dahod District wherein Mr. Niranjan Bhatt, Advocate, City Civil Court, Ahmedabad imparted training to Judicial Officers of Dahod District, Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. R. Shah, Senior Most Judge, High Court of Gujarat & Executive Chairman, Gujarat State Legal Services Authority as well as Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.P. Bhatt, Judge, High Court of Gujarat & Administrative Judge, Dahod District presided over the programme.

#### **HARYANA**

Mediation Centres are functional in all the 21 Districts of Haryana and 17 Sub Divisions. As per directions passed in Civil Appeal No.1794 of 2013 [arising out of Special Leave Petition (Civil) No.4782 of 2007 titled as **K.Srinivas Rao** vs. **D.A.Deepa**], Pre-litigation Mediation desks have been set up in all the Mediation Centres to deal with matrimonial disputes before they reach the court. During the quarter July to September, 2016, **1614** cases were referred to these Pre-litigation desks/clinics, out of which **256** were settled by them.

#### **JHARKHAND**

State Level Conclave on Mediation and Foundation laying ceremony of new building of Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority was held on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.









Trained Trainers nominated by MCPC imparted training to the participants and refined their mediation skills during the three days training programme. Hon'ble Mr. Justice D.N.Patel,

Judge, High Court of Jharkhand & Executive Chairman, JHALSA addressed the participants and outlinedthe importance of such training.

Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority under the aegis of Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC), Supreme Court of India organized 20 Hours Refresher Training Programmes as follows:

13th to 15th September, 2016	Nyaya Sadan, JHALSA, Ranchi	Ranchi, Jamtara, Garhwa and Khui	
	Civil Court Seraikella	Seraikella and Chaibasa	
	Civil Court Dumka	Dumka and Pakur	
	Civil Court Palamau	Lohardaga and Palamau	
17th to 19th September, 2016	Civil Court Deoghar	Deoghar, Godda, Giridih	
	Civil Court Jamshedpur	Jamshedpur, Gumla and Sahibganj	

The participants in the said training programmes were Advocate Mediators & Expert Mediators.

#### **KERALA**

A Regional Training Programme on Mediation for the selected mediators of Thiruvananthapuram and Kollam was held at Thiruvananthapuram on 16th July 2016. Similar training programme was held at **Alappuzha** for the selected Mediators of Alappuzha, Kottayam and Idukki Districts on 24th September, 2016.

Mediation Awareness Programme for the litigant public and other stake holders was conducted at Manjeri on 20th August, 2016. Around 250 persons participated in the awareness programme. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Antony Dominic, President and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. Muhammad Mustaque, Member of Board of Governors, KSMCC, attended the programme. Mediator trainers of KSMCC addressed the participants.

## **MADHYA PRADESH**

A Regional Conference on Mediation was held at Indore on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016 under the aegis of MPSLSA for the 13 Districts coming under **Indore Zone**. Hon'ble Shri Justice Rajendra Menon Acting Chief Justice, High Court of MP and Executive Chairman, M.P. State Legal Services Authority was the Chief Guest of the Conference. Hon'ble Shri Justice P.K. Jaiswal, Administrative Judge, High Court of M.P., Bench Indore, Co-Chairman, High Court Legal

Services Committee was the Special Guest. The Conference was held in the presence of Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjay Yadav, Chairman, Main Mediation Monitoring Committee, Main Mediation Centre, Hon'ble Shri Justice S.C. Sharma Member, Main Mediation Monitoring Committee, Chairman, Mediation Monitoring Sub-Committee Bench at Indore & Hon'ble Shri Justice Sheel Nagu, Member, Main Mediation Monitoring Committee & Chairman, Mediation Monitoring Sub-Committee Bench at Gwalior and the Hon'ble Portfolio Judges of the respective 13 Districts. The Members of the District Mediation Monitoring Committees, Coordinators of the Mediation Centers, Chairmen and Members of the Tehsil Mediation Monitoring Committees and best Mediator of the 13 Districts were participants at the Conference. MP State Legal Services Authority also felicitated the best referral Judge, best Judge Mediator and best Advocate.

#### **PUNJAB**

During the month of July, two Mediation awareness programmes were held on 02.07.2016 at District Legal services Authority, Ludhiana and on 30.07.2016 at District Legal Services Authority, Fatehgarh Sahib.

Two mediators of Punjab namely Sh. Nirmal Kumar Puri, Advocate and Sh. Tara Chand Sharmaparticipated in the Training of Trainers (TOT) Programmeorganized by the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi at New Delhi from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.





## Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dinesh Chandra Somani, Judge, Rajasthan High Court, Jaipur addressing theparticipants at ACM Programme Chittorgarh

#### **SIKKIM**

The Mediation Monitoring Committee was reconstituted vide Notification No.28/HCS dated **02.09.2016** comprising of Hon'ble Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim as the Ex-Officio Chairman, Hon'ble Executive Chairperson as Judge-in-Charge, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA and 02 Sr. Advocates as Members and Special Secretary, Sikkim SLSA as Secretary/In charge. A meeting of Mediation Monitoring Committee was held on **06.09.2016** in the Conference Hall, Office of Sikkim SLSA.

# **Mediation under process**



## **TAMIL NADU**



Hon'ble Mr. Justice T.S. Thakur, Chief Justice of Supreme Court of India delivered special address in Sensitization and Awareness Programme on Mediation for the Judicial Officers at Judicial Academy, Chennai on 15.10.2016.

#### **TRIPURA**

A Training Programme on Mediation for the Referral Judges of Tripura was organized by the High Court Mediation Committee and Tripura State Legal Services Authority under the aegis of MCPC, Supreme Court of India on 13th & 14th August, 2016 in the Auditorium of High Court of Tripura. The programme was chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.Talapatra, Judge, High Court of Tripura & Judge-in-Charge, Mediation for the State of Tripura. In the said training Programme, 58 Judicial officers participated.

A Mediation Centre was inaugurated in North Tripura District, Dharmanagar under DLSA, North on 24th September, 2016 by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.C.Das, Judge, High Court of Tripura & Executive Chairman, Tripura State Legal Services Authority in the august presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.Talapatra, Judge, High Court of Tripura & Chairman, High Court Legal Services Committee & Judge-in-Charge, Mediation for the State of Tripura.



<u>Inauguration of District Mediation Centre in the North Tripura District, Dharmanagar under DLSA,</u>

<u>North on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.</u>

## **UTTARAKHAND**

**Mediation & ADR Centres**have been established right from the High Court to the Outlying Courts of the State.

07 Training Programmes were conducted for Judicial Officers/referral judges, Advocates/Mediators wherein they were made aware about the Mediation Mechanism, ADR/Mediation Rules, Mediation Procedure and AFCONS Judgement.

#### **DELHI**

In Delhi, apart from the cases settled through mediation in the courts, a total of 130 cases were settled through mediation being 89 cases at the Crime against Women Cells at Krishna Nagar, Maurya Enclave and Nanakpura, 21 Pre-FIR Matrimonial Cases at Police Station Rohini Sector-3 and 20 pending Cases before Registrar, Trade Marks at Central Office.

## LEGAL AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

An important activity of all Legal Services Institutions is to create legal awareness – both about the existence of legal services institutions and about availability of free legal services and about the various laws which affect the common masses. For this purpose, all the Legal Services Authorities organize various awareness programmes and also hold legal literacy camps.

SLSAs	No. of Programmes Held	No of Persons Attended	
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	2	150	
Andhra Pradesh	2074	2,38,323	
Arunachal Pradesh	1	200	
Assam	273	22,069	
Bihar	808	39,139	
Chhattisgarh	2027	1,36,484	
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	3	200	
Daman & Diu	4	2510	
Delhi	1411	74,848	
Goa	49	4644	
Gujarat	2166	2,12,676	
Haryana	5320	19,06,416	
Himachal Pradesh	483	47,538	
Jammu & Kashmir	115	11,395	
Jharkhand	835	55218	
Karnataka	1992	2,93,262	
Kerala	801	1,30,420	
Madhya Pradesh	1486	2,35,614	
Maharashtra	1169	1,02,365	
Manipur	122	14,000	
Meghalaya	40	4,036	
Mizoram	70	12,153	
Odisha	222	25,501	
Puducherry	23	1,125	
Punjab	2912	10,79,498	
Rajasthan	2751	1,96,633	
Sikkim	97	3,462	
Tamil Nadu	604	99,333	
Telengana	461	69,570	
Tripura	201	24,231	
U. T. Chandigarh	115	6,474	
Uttar Pradesh	461	99,648	
Uttarakhand	327	52,069	
West Bengal	1071	1,05,053	
Grand Total	30496	53,06,257	

## **Awareness Programmes conducted by SLSAs**

## ANDHRA PRADESH

During the quarter, a total of 1659 Legal Literacy Camps were conducted wherein about 1, 82,892 persons participated.

On 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2016, the State Legal Services Authority instructed all the DLSAs and TLSCs to conduct Special Awareness Campaign for the benefit of women more particularly victims of trafficking on the occasion of observance of *World Day against Trafficking in persons*. Accordingly, Awareness programmes were conducted in various districts in coordination with HELP NGO.

A programme was conducted at Kurnool on 24.09.2016 on NALSA (Effective Implementation of Poverty Alleviation) Scheme, 2015. The Hon'ble Executive Chairman and the Member Secretary of APSLSA and the Chairman, DLSA Kurnool district and Secretaries of some of the districts participated. Professors and Government Officials explained to the participants about the Scheme and also about the Poverty Alleviation Schemes introduced by the State and Central



Governments.

During the period, 8 programmes were telecast on Doordarshan on NALSA's Schemes, 13 programmes were telecast on ETV-2 on Land Laws, Consumer Rights, Women Related Laws, Domestic Violence Act, Property Rights, Hindu Adoption Laws, Lok Adalats.

On All India Radio 8 programmes were broadcast on Motor Accident Claims, Child Labour, Property Rights, SARFAESI Act, Cyber Laws, Domestic Violence, Women related laws.

#### ARUNACHAL PRADESH

The Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority as a part of its awareness programme participated in the Apatani's Dree Festival at Papu Nallah, Itanagar from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 by organizing a five days Legal Awareness Camp Cum Free Legal Counselling at the Dree Festival Ground. During the five days Legal Services Camp, the State Authority posted 3 to 4 Legal Aid Advocates on daily basis at the said stall along with Para Legal Volunteers and a total of 551 visitors visited.

During the said camp, the State Authority in collaboration with the Capital Complex Dree Festival Celebration Committee 2016 also organized a Debate competition on "**Drug Addiction: HasThe Society Failed To Curb The Menace (For and Against)?**" for the students from class XII to University with cash prize of Rs 7,000/-, Rs 5,000/- and Rs 3,000/- for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winners respectively. During the Dree Festival, the Authority also screened its maiden documentary film '**Apne Ajnabee**' a film on racial discrimination of the North-Eastern people.

36 Panchayats members and GBs took part in a day long awareness camp conducted by the District Legal Services Authority, Yingkiong at Circuit House on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2016. DLSA Member Secretary and JMFC cum Civil Judge, Habung Tangu who was the resource person on the occasion, spoke about Access to Justice for all under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, the Personswith Disabilities(EqualOpportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995. Other resource persons covered topics on Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, Right to Information Act, 2005, Arunachal Pradesh Victim Compensation Scheme, 2011 and Consumer Protection Act, 1986. Legal brochures were also distributed to the participants.

The Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority in collaboration with Arunachal Vivekananda Yuva Shakti (AVYS) in continuation of its Legal Awareness Programme conducted a one day Legal Literacy Class cum Awareness Camp on Voluntary Blood Donation at the RKM Hospital Auditorium Itanagar on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 for Classes 11 and 12 of Eklavya Public School, Itanagar and the AVYS volunteers.

The Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority had setup a Free Legal Awareness Camp cum Legal Counselling stall at the Solung festival ground on the occasion of 3 days Solung festival of the Adi Community at Itanagar from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016. The visitors were

provided with brochures on subjects such as: Arunachal Pradesh Victims Compensation Scheme, Para Legal Volunteers Scheme, Legal Aid Clinics, Lok Adalats, Women's Right to Protection From Domestic Violence, Child Rights, Fundamental Rights, Access to Justice for All under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 and Plea Bargaining. Legal Aid Counsels and Para Legal Volunteers who were engaged in the stall highlighted the importance of various laws and provided legal counselling, at the same time they had given awareness about the role and functions of the Legal Services Authorities and free Legal aid available to the visitors. About 250 persons visited the stall and benefitted.

The Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority participated in the 50<sup>th</sup> Mega Solung Festival Celebration at Pasighat wherein a Legal Services stall was setup with 6 Legal Aid Advocates everyday attending the stall and providing on the spot counselling and aid regarding availability of free legal aid services, schemes and activities available for the citizens in the State.As part of awareness, brochures on subjects such as Arunachal Pradesh Victims Compensation Scheme, Para Legal Volunteers Scheme, Legal Aid Clinics, Lok Adalats, Women's Right to Protection From Domestic Violence, Child Rights, Fundamental Rights, Access to Justice for All under Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 and Plea Bargaining were distributed to nearly 1469 registered visitors who had visited the stall during the 5 days festival and a documentary film titled "Apne Ajnabe" a film dealing with racial discrimination of North-Eastern people produced by the State Authority was screened for the public.



 $24^{TH}$  SEPTEMBER 2016: DLSA ORGANISE ONE DAY LEGAL WARENESS CAMP FOR PANCHAYAT AT YINGKIONG, UPPER SIANG

## **ASSAM**

A total of 695 awareness programmes were organized by DLSAs with 56,295 beneficiaries. Some of the topics on which such programmes were organized included POCSO, beneficial schemes of the Government, JJB, CWC, Tribal Rights, Women Empowerment, Domestic Violence, Legal Literacy in Jails, Fundamental rights, Fundamental Duties, Anti-Ragging, Right to Education, Human Rights, NALSA Schemes etc.



Awareness Camp on "Forest Laws" organized by District Legal Services Authority, Nagaon.



Awareness Camp on Domestic Violence organized by District Legal Services Authority, Dhubri.



Awareness Camp on Witch Hunting & Human Trafficking organized by District Legal Services Authority, Dhubri.

## **BIHAR**

The DLSAs organized 808 Legal Awareness camps on different topics and 39139 persons attended the same.

Bihar State Legal Services Authority organized one Day Awareness and Sensitization programme on 14.8.2016 at Gaya. In the said programme, Panel Lawyers, Trained PLVs on the issues of Children from different Blocks of Gaya, Judicial Officers, DSP Headquarters (Nodal Officers of Juvenile Police Unit), Assistant Director, Child Protection, Social Worker, members of Juvenile Justice Boards and Members of CWC of Gaya and other stake holders of District Administration responsible to implement laws and schemes relating to Children participated. A High Level Committee has also been constituted u/s 16(2) of Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015. BSLSA has been directed to monitor the functioning of JJBs.

Two days Orientation Programme of Para Legal Volunteers on the subjects PWDVA- 2005, Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 and Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013 was held in which one PLV from each Block of Bihar participated. Total **431** PLVs had participated in the programmes held from 18.07.16 to 30.08.16.

#### **CHHATTISGARH**

As per the directions of NALSA, a two-days Regional Conference of State Legal Services Authorities of Eastern Region including Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, MadhyaPradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand was organized on 3-4 September, 2016 at Chhattisgarh High Court Auditorium, Bilaspur on the subject "Effective Implementationof Legal Services Programme: Challenges and Way Forward" in which the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, NALSA, Hon'ble Chief Justice/Patron-in- Chief, CGSLSA, Hon'ble Executive Chairman of the State Legal Services Authorities, Member Secretary and Director of NALSA and Member Secretaries of the State Legal Services Authorities were present.

On 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2016, One-Day workshop on the subject "Protection and Enforcement of Tribal Rights" was jointly organized by CGSLSA & DLSA Raipur at DLSA Raipur. Hon'ble Mr. Justice T.S. Thakur, Chief Justice of India and Patron–in-Chief, NALSA was the Chief Guest and the conclave also included Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.M. Sapre, Judge Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble Dr. Raman Singh, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Deepak Gupta, Chief Justice/Patron-in-Chief, CGSLSA, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pritinker Diwaker, Executive Chairman, CGSLSA, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Goutam Bhaduri, Chairman, HCLSC.

On 17-18 September, 2016 two-days **short film competition** "Shoot for Legal Awareness" was jointly organized by CGSLSA and DLSA Raipur with the collaboration of State Women Commission, Child Protection Commission, UNICEF, Cultural Department, Government of Chhattisgarh at Auditorium J.N. Medical College, Raipur. In this competition, films produced from all over India including Chhattisgarh State were shown. 80 short films were displayed out of which 3 short films were selected as super Class and 5 short films were selected as best class. The Hon'ble Chief Justice/Patron-in-chief, CGSLSA and Hon'ble Executive Chairman, CGSLSA distributed the prizes to the selected films. Rs. 1 lakh was awarded to each super class films and Rs.20, 000were awarded to each best class film.

#### **GOA**

During the period from July, 2016 to September, 2016, the SLSA/District Legal Services Authority and Taluka Legal Services Committees in the State conducted **40** Legal Awareness

camps on various topics such as:

- 1) NALSA (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganized Sector) Scheme, 2015
- 2) NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015.
- 3) NALSA (Protection and Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme, 2015.
- 4) NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse and Eradication of Drug Menace) Scheme, 2015.
- 5) Right to Education Act.
- 6) Road Safety Week.
- 7) Provisions of the POCSO Act
- 8) Protection of Water Resources, etc.

About 4411 persons benefited from these programmes.

The Secretary, DLSA, North conducted programme on Goa Doordarshan to create awareness on the Scheme of NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse and Eradication of Drug Menace) Scheme, 2015 in the month of August, 2016 and on the subject Legal Aid in the month of September, 2016.

The Authority in co-ordination with Students of Salgaocar Law College carried out street play at Kadamba Bus Stand, Panaji, Market area, Panaji on the NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse and Eradication of Drug Menace) Scheme, 2015 in the month of August, 2016.

#### **GUJARAT**

1976Legal Literacy Camps were organized during this quarter.

During the quarter July - September, 2016, District Legal Services Authorities in Gujarat organized 237 Special Legal Literacy camps on the rights of HIV/AIDS patients in collaboration with District Organizations of GNSP+ for people living with HIV.

During the quarter July - September, 2016, **99**LegalLiteracy Camps were organized on the Schemes of Government for the benefit of Senior Citizens in various districts of the State by the District Legal Services Authorities.

332Legal Literacy Camps were conducted by the various District Legal Services Authorities in the State out of which 208were on the subject of women's rights and 124 were on Human Rights.

A Programme for implementation of NALSA (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015, was organized on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2016, at Surat. Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. R. Shah, Senior Most Judge, High Court of Gujarat & Executive Chairman, Gujarat State Legal

Services Authority, Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. M. Chhaya, Judge, High Court of Gujarat & Administrative Judge, Surat District and Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Dholaria, Judge, High Court of Gujarat & Administrative Judge, Bharuch District presided over the function. Around 300 trafficking victims were informed about their rights and also about the various schemes of the Government related to their rehabilitation. Apart from them, Government Officers, Representatives of NGOs, Judicial Officers and Full Time Secretaries of District Legal Services Authorities also attended the programme.

#### **HARYANA**

District Legal Services Authority, Panchkula organized an orientation programme from 15.09.2016 to 20.09.2016 for the lady police officers and officials of Mahila Thana, MDC, Panchkula. It was organized primarily to apprise the police about the important provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure including law on arrest and search. Interactive sessions were also held during the said orientation programme.

The District Legal Services Authorities under the aegis of the Haryana State Legal Services Authority held camps with an objective to spread awareness about the need to perform Fundamental Duties for the growth of our country. During the quarter, various camps were held across the State of Haryana to spread awareness about the Fundamental Duties.

Legal Literacy Camps for the officials working at the Grass Root level were organized with the objective to apprise the officials about the concept of legal services and to impress upon them the need to work for the weaker and marginalized sections of the society. Such camps were organized by DistrictLegalServicesAuthorities at Palwalon16.7.2016,Panchkulaand Panipaton27.8.2016 and Rewari on 3.9.2016 and Rohtakon17.9.2016.



Legal awareness camps were held at different villages in the state of Haryana from July 2016 to

## September 2016 on Sundays or Holidays.

As per the report titled "Road Accidents in India-2015" published by Ministry of Road Transports and Highways, the total number of road accidents increased by 2.5 per cent from 4,89,400 in 2014 to 5,01,423 in 2015. Keeping in view all these aspects, Haryana State Legal Services Authority launched "One Life: Road Safety Awareness Campaign" on 23.07.2016 at the Administrative Office of Haryana State Legal Services Authority at Panchkula by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority. District Legal Services Authorities in all the 21 Districts of Haryana State carried out the Campaign successfully from 23.07.2016 to 29.07.2016. All the aspects related to road safety were covered. Cycle rallies were also organized to spread awareness about road safety. Skits and Nukkad Nataks were performed as part of the campaign. About 619 awareness camps were held across the State of Haryana under the said project.

A legal awareness camp was organized at Mango Mela, Pinjore by District Legal Service Authority, Panchkula, from 02.07.2016 to 03.07.2016 to impart legal awareness to the public visiting the Mango Mela, Pinjore during the Fair.Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal, Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority, Panchkula also visited the said camp. The banners regarding the Fundamental Duties enshrined in the Constitution of India, beneficial provisions regarding the Senior Citizens and various latest schemes of NALSA were displayed in the said camp. Separate Corners were setup for displaying literature, paintings, banners, and collage reflecting activities of District Legal Services Authority, Panchkula, Mediation, Lok Adalat and different laws. The banners giving information regarding the Monthly National Lok Adalats and the persons entitled to free legal aid were also displayed at prominent places in the Stall. A total of 547 persons including senior citizens, school students, and persons belonging to weaker and marginalized sections of the society visited the stall and about 3000 pamphlets and booklets were distributed to the visitors during the Mela.





In the months of August and September, 2016, legal awareness camps were held through two legal literacy vehicles in the districts of Ambala, Panchkula, Mewat and Sirsa. 39 camps were organized in the rural areas in Ambala. 25 legal awareness camps were held in district Sirsa. 25 legal awareness camps were held in Panchkula and 31 legal awareness camps were held in district Mewat. People were apprised of the various important laws. The concept of free legal aid was also explained to them during the said campaign





Panchkula

Sirsa





#### HIMACHAL PRADESH

During the period, **430** Legal Literacy Camps were organized by DLSAs/Sub Divisional Legal Services Committees on different topics including the rights of women, children and senior citizens, Right to Information, Consumer issues, different Welfare and Social security Schemes of the State and Central Government and various other topics. In total **33412** persons benefited.

**8** Awareness Camps were organized in the State/Regional fairs during the period by setting up stalls. The stalls were visited by **2638** persons who were apprised about the various beneficial Schemes of the State and NALSA.

The Multi Utility Mobile Van was sent to International Minjar Fair at Chamba during July, 2016. DLSA, Chamba set up a stall and organised various programmes for dissemination of legal awareness through dramas and skits which were followed by panel discussion.

In order to sensitize long term and undertrial prisoners about their legal rights, 25 Legal Awareness Camps were organized in the Jails. In total, 1530 prisoners were apprised about their legal rights/free legal services available to them.

A programme on Drug Menace was organized on 10.8.2016 in New Auditorium, High Court of Himachal Pradesh. The programme was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Justice and Patronin Chief, HPLSA in the presence of Hon'ble Judges of High Court of Himachal Pradesh, Advocate General to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Assistant Solicitor General, Government of India, Deputy Commissioner, Shimla, Senior Advocates, High Court of Himachal Pradesh, President of Bar Association and Bar Members. The programme was attended by 530 students of various schools, teachers, social workers. Skits and cultural programmes were organized to convey message about ill effects of consuming Tobacco, Drugs and other substances.

**4** Awareness Camps to spread awareness against ill effects of drugs were organized in the various schools by DLSAs in the State of H.P. during the period. About 2863 students attended said programmes.

During the quarter, 13 Radio talks on "Kanoon Ki Baat" were aired on Monday from 8:30 AM to 8:50 AM. The listeners were sensitized about Labour Law, Crime and Punishment, Mediation, Civil Court Procedure etc. by Judicial Officers and Advocates.

#### JAMMU AND KASHMIR

To make the weaker sections aware about their rights and protections available under different laws, a programme Kanoon Ki Baat is being broadcast/telecast on weekly basis by All India Radio Kashmir/Jammu and Doordarshan KendraJammu/Srinagar.Judicial Officers/Panel Lawyers are deputed as experts. These programmes have become very popular among masses including the marginalized groups. Topics on which awareness was given during the quarter are Victims of Drug abuse and Eradication of Drug menace, Consumer issues, Negotiable Instruments Act, Lok Adalats- Types of Lok Adalats, PLAs and others, Jurisdiction and benefits, Easementry Rights, crimes - cybercrimes, E-governance, ragging, Alternate Dispute Resolution Mechanism - Conciliation/Informal/ Counseling, Mediation, Arbitration, Maintenance & Welfare of Parents & Senior Citizens Act, 2007, Implementation of Poverty Alleviation Schemes.

61 awareness camps were organized during the period July 2016 to September 2016 throughout the State on various topics such as Anti ragging Laws, Jeevan Jyoti Yojana, SurakshaBeema Yojana, Workers in Un-Organized Sector, Social Welfare Schemes, Observation of International

Labour Day, Alternate Dispute Resolution Mechanism (ADR), Accidental Claims, Rights of Women and Protection from Domestic Violence, for backward tribal areas, Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens, Consumer issues, Negotiable Instruments Act, Traffking and Prevention, Rights of Undertrial Prisoners, Civil laws, Motor Vehicle laws and law relating to welfare of children.

#### **KARNATAKA**

During the quarter July to September 2016, **2,059** programmes were organized by District Legal Services Authorities and Taluka Legal Services Committees in the State in which **3, 03,320 beneficiaries** were empowered on various aspects of law.

On 31.07.2016, District Legal Services Authority, Hassan in co-ordination with District Judiciary, Advocates' Association and Forest Department, Hassan organized Vanamahotsava and Legal Awareness Workshop on Constitutional Rights and Role of Legal Services Authority at Hasanamba Kalakshetra, Hassan, which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Sri Justice V.Gopala Gowda, Judge, Supreme Court of India and presided over by Hon'ble Sri Justice Subhro Kamal Mukherjee, Chief Justice High Court of Karnataka. Hon'ble Sri Justice Jayant Patel, Judge, High Court of Karnataka and Executive Chairman, KSLSA and Hon'ble Sri Justice S.Abdul Nazeer, Judge, High Court of Karnataka and Administrative Judge, Hassan District were the guests of honour.



As part of legal awareness through radio and television, a two minute capsule programme on 'Constitutional Values' on AIR Kochi FM, one hour phone-in-programme named 'Hello Akashavani' continued on AIR, Kochi. The monthly live phone-in-programme, "Samoohyapadom" focusing on socio- legal issues continued on "Doordarshan Malayalam" channel.

Niyamapadam' (invernacular language) and 'Lessons in law' (in English) books on legal literacy were distributed for CBSE Students as part of legal literacy in schools and colleges. The preliminary rounds of Quiz competition on 'Lessons in Law" for students of Higher Secondary School at the School Level and Taluk Level were conducted.

1033 Legal Awareness classes were conducted throughout the State during the quarter for the students of schools and Professional Colleges, Kudumba Sree Members, Government Officials, Senior Citizens, Parent Teacher's Associations, prisoners etc on various subjects such as, Legal Services Authorities Act, Constitution of India, Human Rights, Cyber Law, Prevention of Domestic Violence, Women Empowerment, Anti- Ragging, Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace, "Sthreeyum Niyamavum", mediation, Juvenile Justice, Child Labour, Duties and Responsibilities of Children, Mental Health Act, Guardian and Wards Act, Senior Citizens Act, Child Trafficking and POCSO Act.

DLSA Kozhikode organized the first phase of 'Balaraksha Yathra' which is expedition for child protection, in association with Child line involving Panchayat Presidents, members, staff of health department, teachers, parents, police officials, etc. The 2nd phase of Balarakha yatra is ongoing. An interim report concerning the safety and security of the children noticed during the programme was submitted to the Collector. The Collector has assured to take up the matter with various Head of departments.

DLSA, Kannur introduced a project named Niyama Jyothi to form ward/division levelbodies to assist Taluk Legal Services Committeesto organise and take part in Legal Services Activities. DLSA, Kannur has also introduced a project to achieve total legal literacy in the District with the help of Niyama Jyothi Units. The Legal Literacy Mission has already been launched in the District and the work to achieve total legal literacy is in progress.

DLSA Manjeri in association with Voluntary Health Services, multi-country South Asia Diva

Project, Chennai and in consultation with Kerala State Aids Control Society organized a workshop for Advocates on the issues affecting the transgender community on 30.9.2016.

## MADHYA PRADESH

Type of Camps	Total No. of Camps Held on	Total No. of persons Benefitted	No. of Persons Benefitted		Total Expenditure
			SC	ST	Rs.
Legal Literacy Camps	1770	248730	17201	12977	36045
Micro Legal Literacy Camps	183	8300	966	596	0
MNREGA Camps	212	4300	290	233	0

#### **MAHARASHTRA**

The Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority organized Legal Awareness camps on the following topics throughout the State:

- a) Schemes and Laws related to Senior Citizens.
- b) Rights of Children and related Laws.
- c) Beti Bachao Beti Padhao.
- d) Child Friendly Legal Services to Children (Juvenile Justice Act)

Special Awareness and sensitization programmes by way of legal literacy camps were organized in Jail on the topics:

- a) Plea Bargaining
- b) Rights of Prisoners and Undertrial
- c) Bail Provisions

The said programmes were organized in all the jails throughout the State.

During the month August, 2016, all DLSAs and Taluka Legal Services Committee organized Legal Awareness Camps on the subject 1) NALSA Schemes II) Right to Education III) Rights of Women.

Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority prepared a month wise schedule of programmes to be conducted in different districts for the purpose of creating awareness about the Seven Schemes introduced by NALSA. In the month of July, 2016, the District Legal Services Authority Kolhapur launched programme for the Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation. Two awareness programmes were conducted in the area to motivate sex workers, transgenders, LGBT, HIV affected sex workers and their children. Sex workers, Transgender HIV affected people participated in the programme and shared their experiences and problems.

#### **MANIPUR**

During the period, Manipur State Legal Services Authority in association with DLSAs and various NGOs, local clubs/organizationsorganized 198 Legal Literacy/ Legal Awareness Programmes in different parts of the State to spread awareness to the masses on various laws, welfare schemes of the State/Central Government and Schemes of NALSA etc. Live Phone-in-Programmes were also organized 2(two) channels of AIR, Imphal on third Monday of every month.

As a part of Legal Literacy Programmesin Schools/Colleges, Manipur State Legal Services Authority in association with DLSAs & All Manipur Govt. Higher Secondary Lecturers' Association conducted Essay Writing/ Painting Competitions at various Schools/ Colleges on the topics "Fundamental Rights &Duties of Indian Citizens under the Constitution of India", Child Labour etc.

To spread legal awareness to the general public in an entertaining way, Manipur State Legal Services Authority organised many **Street Plays** at various parts of Churachandpur, Ukhrul, Bishnupur & Thoubal Districts on important legal issues like child labour, RTE, drug abuse, domestic violence, Juvenile Justice etc.

In view of some reported cases of Human Trafficking in the State, Manipur SLSA under the direction of Hon'ble Executive Chairman organised a **Mass Rally** followed by a "**Consultation Programmeand Poster Campaign**" to fight against "Human Trafficking" in the State on 21.08.2016 at Moreh, a town bordering Myanmar.



Mass Rally against Trafficking organized by Manipur State Legal Services Authority at Moreh, Chandel District on 21.8.2016

Manipur SLSA in association with SAATHII (NGO) organized an Inter-Departmental Workshop to discuss the issues of Transgender/ Implementation of guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court on the issue of Transgender Rights, etc. on 11.08.2016 at the High Court of Manipur. Representatives from various Government Departments/Stakeholders attended the function.

**Special Cells** under NALSA (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganized Sector) Scheme, 2015 have been constituted and the team is actively working to spread awareness about the welfare schemes for unorganized workers and providing necessary legal aid to the unorganized workers. Booklet on "Manipur Building and other Construction Workers' Welfare Scheme, 2015" has been printed and distributed to spread awareness to the unorganized workers.

"Observation and Children Home Committees" have been constituted in all the Districts under NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015 to visit and inspect the Homes in the State.



Hon'ble Executive Chairman, MASLSA during a Legal Awareness Programme at Churachandpur District, Manipur on 16.7.2016

#### **MIZORAM**

Mizoram State Legal Services Authority and the District Legal Services Authorities organized legal awareness campaigns in both urban and rural areas by way of addresses to the public, circulation of pamphlets, etc. Leaflets/booklets were distributed to the participants in the course of the campaign. Awareness functions were held at schools, jails and other places. During the quarter, legal awareness programmes were held in 45 Community Centres/Villages; 8 Schools/Colleges; 4 Jails; 2 Two Talk Show/Dialogues were arranged through Local TV Channels on the topics of Rights of women and children; Corruption laws, The Mizo Marriage, Divorce and Inheritance of Property Act, 2014, POCSO Act, Life Skills, Cyber Crime, PLV & LAC, MLPC Act, ND&PS Act, etc.

Mizoram State Legal Services Authority conducted legal awareness campaigns at Rulchawm on 6.7.2016; Falkawn with Mizoram College of Nursing on 25.7.2016 and 30.8.2016; Darlawn with MHIP on 28.7.2016; Mizoram Law College on 26.8.2016; Central Jail Veng on 27.8.2016; Mission Vengthlang Middle School on 31.8.2016; Vana Memorial School, Mission Vengthlang on 1.9.2016; Southgate School, Venghnuai on 2.9.2016; Falkawn for Medical Staff on 6.9.2016; Saitual College on 9.9.2016; Sumsuih MS on 14.9.2016; Lengpui Middle School-II on 15.9.2016; Presbyterian English School Saitual on 16.9.2016. Kolasib DLSA conducted legal awareness campaigns at Bilkhawthlir on 6.7.2016; Thingdawl on 6.7.2016; Kawnpui on 6.7.2016; JNV School, Thingdawl on 22.7.2016; Project Veng, Kolasib on 25.7.2016; College Veng, Kolasib on 8.8.2016.



Ms. Zozikpuii, Lecturer, SCERT addressed the gathering on role and Life Skill, Child abuse, etc. at Rulchawm



K.C. Malsawmtluangi Ralte, Advocate addressed the gathering at Saitual.

## **NAGALAND**

The Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NALSA) in association with Alempang Baptist Church organized a one day workshop and sensitization programme on mental health issues at the Gilgal Hall, Alempang Baptist

Church, Mokokchung on July 22, 2016. It was attended by the Church members,



Dr. Yanger, District Immunization Officer, Mokokchung and Nodal Officer for the District Mental Health Program on his Technical Presentation

Church youth groups, NGOs, representatives from social organizations, representatives of various Nodal departments and stakeholders. The workshop had special focus on understanding, identifying and discussing the real issues and aspects of the mental health situation in Nagaland and to draw out a Plan of Action for Nagaland on Mental Health-Group Activity. NALSA (Legal Services to the Mentally Ill and Mentally Disabled Persons) Scheme, 2015 and its various provisions and aspects of the scheme were presented by Ms. Nino Iralu, Member Secretary.

Zunheboto District Legal Services Authority conducted Jail Lok Adalat followed by a Legal Awareness programme at the District Jail, Zunheboto. The Jail Lok Adalat saw a disposal of four cases of criminal compoundable matters.

On 22.07.2016 Peren District Legal Services Authority organized a Workshop Programme at



New Pern Headquarter for the Dobashis, Gaon-Burah and Para Legal Volunteers held. The topics covered included various Government Welfare schemes, RTI Act, National Legal Services Authority Schemes (NALSA), Lok Adalat and Nagaland

Victims Compensation Scheme, 2012, Nagaland Village and Area Council Act, 1978 and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act(MGNREGA).

As the Nation celebratedthe 70<sup>th</sup> Independence Day,Nagaland State Legal Services Authority through the District Legal Services Authority celebrated this important day by reaching out to the common man at large by means of Free Legal Literacy stalls, exhibitions, Legal Advice and Counseling.Free legal literacy Booklets, Pamphlets, Flyers and simplified Law books on various legislations and provisions of law for children, senior citizens and women were distributed at the legal literacy stalls.



Legal literacy stall manned by Para Legal Volunteers



Legal exhibition stall



Panel Lawyers providing Legal counseling



Minister *for* power, C.Kipili Sangtam & the D.C, Wokha



Minister of mechanical & highways



Public visiting the Dimapur Legal literacy



On 18.08.2016, a one day Workshop on Juvenile Justice Stake Holders was organized by Tuensang District Legal Services Authority at the Durbar Hall at Superintendent of Police's Office, Tuensang. The different stake holders,

representatives of various Government departments and NGOs such as the Members from Child Welfare Committees, Juvenile Justice Board Members, Observation Homes and Shelter Homes, representative from Bethel Orphanage Home and officials from the District Child Protection Office, officials of Tuensang District Police led by S.P, Addl. S.P and SDPO and also the O.C's of all the Sub-Divisions under Tuensang District participated in the workshop. Shri N. Kano, JMFC Tuensang, Principal Magistrate of Juvenile Justice Board & Secretary of the Tuensang District Legal Services Authority spoke on the various issues relating to 'Relevant Provisions of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act 2015' and Legal Aspects of Duties of Police Officials. The workshop was part of the Legal Services Common Plan of Action set by the National Legal Services Authority (Central Authority) with the objective to train and sensitize the stakeholders on Juvenile Justice system and also to establish an inter linkage and coordination at the State and District Level among the concerned departments and stakeholders.

On 13.08.2016, in order to protect the rights of prisoners and to provide free legal assistance, Deputy Commissioner of Phek, Shri Murohu Chotso inaugurated a Legal Aid Clinic setup within the premises of the District Jail, Phek in the presence of the Superintendent of Police of Phek, Deputy Superintendent of Phek District Jail under the supervision of Phek District Legal Services Authorities Officials and Panel Lawyers.



1. D.C, Phek addressing 2. At the Jail Legal Aid Clinic 3. Chairman, PDLSA

The Legal Aid clinic will not only extend legal service to the inmates of the jail but also the relatives and visitors of the jail will be provided assistance and advice. Kudukhovi Chakesang, was appointed as a Para Legal Volunteer to man the Legal Aid Clinic and to coordinate with the Jail officials to ascertain the legal services needs of the Jail inmates.

On 31.08.2016 and 01.09.2016, two days Legal Awareness & Literacy Programme was organized by Phek District Legal



Services Authority in Phek District. The first Phek DLSA officials & members along with Participants of the Legal Awareness at Sakraba Village.

day of the Legal Awareness & Literacy

Programme was organized at Sakraba Village. The second day of the Legal Awareness and Literacy Programme was organized at Phek Government College where students and faculty members participated in the programme.

The District Legal Services Authorities in various Districts commemorated Teachers Day on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 by organizing special programmes at school premises. The Programmes were organized in coordination with School Authorities to impart basic Legal literacy targeting the younger generations.

The students taking part in the programmes were informed about the various Fundamental Rights, duties, child rights and obedience to law among the students. Various provisions and aspects of Right to Education Act and 2015 NALSA Schemes on Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection were also apprised to the students as well as the teaching staff.

A Legal Aid Clinic was opened at Kohima College on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 by the Director, NALSA in the presence of the Member Secretary, NALSA, Member Secretary, Nagaland State Legal Services Authority and the Principal of the College.





The Zunheboto District Legal Services Authority (ZDLSA) organised a Legal Awareness Programme on NALSA Schemes 2015 with special focus on NALSA (Protection & Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme 2015 at Cornerstone School, Zunheboto on 24th September 2015. The participating students belonged to two premier schools of Zunheboto, Sun Beam School and Cornerstone School.

#### **ODISHA**

To generate legal literacy and awareness, essay and drawing competitions were held by all District Legal Services Authorities in selected Schools and at District levels amongst the members of Student Legal Literacy Clubs and Debates in selected colleges and then at District levels in the month of July, 2016. The winners of the District Level Competitions participated in the Zonal Level Competitions. The State Legal Services Authority organized a State Level Essay and Drawing competition and Debate amongst the Zonal Level Winners chosen across the State. The winners of State Level Competition were felicitated in a Prize Giving Ceremony graced by Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Orissa High Court-cum-Patron-in-Chief, OSLSA, Hon'ble Executive Chairman, OSLSA and Hon'ble Judges of the Hon'ble Court on 06.08.2016 at Odisha Judicial Academy, Cuttack. A short play, "Kuna Ra Kahani" wasstaged by the members of School Legal Literacy Clubs.



Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Orissa High Court and Hon'ble the Executive Chairman, OSLSA releasing the Book let "Jagarana"-the Awakening in the Commendation Ceremony of Best DLSA & Best PLV & Prize Giving Ceremony of State Level Competition for School & College Students organized by OSLSA at Odisha Judicial Academy, Cuttack on 6.8.2016.

During the quarter, 222 Legal Literacy/Awareness Programmes were organized by the field units on different topics including Odisha Victim Compensation Scheme, 2012, Domestic Violence Act, Maintenance Act, Dowry Prohibition Act, Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, Labour Law, Child Labour Prohibition and Regulation Act, Law relating to workers in un-organized sector, PWDV Act, Human Trafficking, MNREGA, Minimum Wages Act, Payment of Wages Act, Maintenance & Divorce, Free Legal Aid and Services relating to women and other entitled persons etc.

#### **PUNJAB**

During the quarter 2,867 seminars/ legal literacy camps were held and 4, 75,195 persons attended the same. Till September, 2016 Punjab Legal Services Authority had established 342 Legal Aid Clinics in the Rural and Cluster areas and Law Colleges in the State of Punjab.



Sensitization programme taken by the District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairperson, DLSA, SAS Nagar (Mohali) of Police officers of the District.

As per the directions of NALSA, Legal Literacy Clubs are being established in Schools and Colleges to impart legal knowledge to students and to make them aware of their rights and duties. The enlightened students would be the light house of Legal Literacy. Till September, 2016 PULSA had established 2,258 Legal Literacy Clubs in Schools and Colleges in the State.



Awareness programme in a school conducted by Secretary, DLSA, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

A programme for Building and Other Construction Workers in Unorganized Sector was held on 29.07.2016 in all the districts by Punjab Legal Services Authority in association with the Labour Department, Punjab. During the programme labourers were made aware about benefits of registration under the schemes of "Punjab Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Board". A total number of 21,692 workers got registered and 12,007 cards were distributed to them in the programme.



Seminar on Welfare of Workers in unorganized sector held at Fazilka on 29.07.2016.





An Awareness programme and registration of Workers in Unorgaized Sector and Awareness programme of officials of various departments engaged in employing workers in unorganized sector held by DLSA Patiala.

On 30.08.2016, a tree plantation programme was organized in every district in the State under the guidance of the Chairpersons of District Legal Services Authorities for making people aware about environment protection. More than 5500 trees were planted in one single day, all over the State during the programme.

307 camps were organized during the quarter for senior citizens benefiting 15,762 persons regarding maintenance as well as legal assistance.

207 camps were organized during the quarter for Scheduled Castes/ Tribes benefiting 11,162 persons to make them aware about their legal rights and welfare schemes.

243 camps were organized for unorganized labour and victims of occupational diseases in mining areas benefiting 12,828 persons.

362 camps were organized for providing legal services and assistance for protection of child rights benefiting 28,026 persons.

216 camps were organized for children in conflict with law benefiting 16,635 persons.

215 camps were organized for mentally ill persons benefiting 11,493 persons.

214 camps were organized during the quarter for sex workers benefiting 12,376 persons.192 camps were organized under the NALSA Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse and Eradication of Drug Menace Scheme benefiting 11825 persons.

Under the NALSA Effective Implementation of Poverty Alleviation Scheme162 camps were organized during the quarter benefiting 9206 persons.

Most successful innovation of RSLSA has been its unique scheme of holding Mega Legal Awareness & Public Welfare Camps. Under this scheme, RSLSA organized legal literacy camps to spread legal awareness and at the same time, with the help of concerned Government Departments, Legal Services Institutions facilitated the benefits of welfare schemes to the needy and deserving persons.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anil R. Dave, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Navin Sinha and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Rastogi with the beneficiaries at Mega Legal Awareness and Public WelfareCamp, Sangariya, Jodhpur on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2016.





As part of the awareness campaign to combat the menace of polythene/ plastic carry bags, awareness campaign through Para Legal Volunteers, Panel Advocates, Judicial Officers, NGOs, Govt. Officials, Forest Department, District Collectors, SDM's and officers of the Rajasthan Pollution Control Board regarding plastic pollution menace was carried out. District Collectors, SDMs and officers of the Rajasthan Pollution Control Board were directed to initiate proceeding for use of plastic carry bags in their districts.Govt. Officers, Court staff, Canteen Managers and Shopkeepers were directed to obey the Govt. notification in their personal and commercial capacity.Local Municipality/ Nagar Nigam/ Nagar Parisad were directed to start a clean city campaign to ensure that there should be no littering of plastic bags on the road side.Directions were issued for participation of school and college students and teachers to ensure and achieve a grand success in the campaign.

Pursuant to the initiative of Supreme Court Middle Income Group Legal Aid Society, Rajasthan High Court took steps to constitute Rajasthan High Court Middle Income Group Legal Aid Society to provide Legal Aid to the Middle Income Group who forms a large segment of the society which was constituted on 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 under the name and style of Rajasthan High Court (Middle Income Group) Legal Aid Society. The society was registered on 06.07.2016.

Under the aegis of NALSA, Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority has launched the issue on mission mode basis and various steps for preservation of water resources have been undertaken. The District Legal Services Authority and Taluka Legal Services Committees have been directed to organize Legal Literacy Camps for sensitization on the issue. Support of NGOs and Government departments, print and electronic media has been taken in this regard. Pamphlets and study material have been published and distributed in the State of Rajasthan. Essays, debates and poster competition have been organized in various schools and colleges on the topic across the State.Para legal volunteers have been trained to conduct sensitization programmes amongst the community to spread awareness at grass root level.



ADJ No.3 Ajmer and FTS, DLSA Ajmer addressing the participants at seminar of preservation of water resources



Glimpses of Camps held for preservation of water resources

## **SIKKIM**

Under the Micro Legal Literacy Scheme, **37** legal awareness programmes were conducted by DLSAs and TLSCs.

Under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, **30** legal awareness programmes were conducted by DLSAs and TLSCs.

A sensitization programme on NALSA (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2016 was organized by Sikkim SLSA on **02.07.2016** in the Conference Hall, Office of Sikkim SLSA, Development Area, Gangtok as a prelude to the launching of the Scheme.

A meeting of Sikkim SLSA chaired by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA with the Ex-Officio Members of Sikkim SLSA was held on **02.07.2016** in the Conference Hall, Office of Sikkim SLSA, Development Area, Gangtok to review the activities undertaken by Sikkim SLSA.

A meeting of Sikkim SLSA chaired by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA with Member Secretary, Special Secretary and Panel Advocates of Sikkim SLSA was held on **16.08.2016** in the official Chambers of Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim for the formation of team comprising of Panel Advocates and Officers of the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit of Sikkim for awareness programmes in the Schools of Sikkim.

In pursuance to the meeting on 16.08.2016, awareness drive was carried out in the Schools w.e.f. 27.08.2016. During this period, 06 schools were covered viz; Deorali Girls Senior Secondary School, Modern Secondary School, Enchey Senior Secondary School, Kyi-de-Khang School, Tadong Senior Secondary School and Holy Cross Senior Secondary School and the students were sensitized about the NALSA (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015, POCSO Act, 2012, SADA 2006 and Welfare Schemes of the Government.

A meeting of Sikkim SLSA chaired by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA with the Prison Authorities of the State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim and Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim, Counselors of various Rehabilitation Centres of Sikkim and Psychiatrists was held on 19.09.2016 in the Conference Hall, Office of Sikkim SLSA, Development Area, Gangtok. The object of the meeting was to create awareness on the NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse and Eradication of Drug Menace) Scheme, 2015 amongst the care providers to the substance abusers in the various rehabilitation centres. It was also to address the rising menace of drug addiction and to provide rehabilitation to the chemical dependent persons arrested under S.A.D.A., 2006 and NDPS Act, 1985 and lodged in the prisons.

# **TAMIL NADU**

Month & Year	Particulars	No. of Camps organized	Legal Applications Received	Non Legal Applications Received	Total
	Regular	97	343	410	753
July	Micro	56	30	20	50
2016	NREG	11	0	0	0
	Total	164	373	430	803
	Regular	64	47	106	153
	Micro	143	209	50	259
August 2016	NREG	8	0	0	0
	Total	215	256	156	412
	Regular	143	279	729	1,008
September	Micro	80	85	44	129
2016	NREG	14	0	0	0
	Total	237	364	773	1,137
	GRAND TOTAL	616	993	1,359	2,352



**Mr. Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul,** Chief Justice of Madras High Court/Patron in Chief of TNSLSA releasing posters for creating awareness under Domestic Violence Act at ADR Building, Chennai



**Mr. Justice Huluvadi G. Ramesh, Judge,** High Court, Madras / Executive Chairman, TNSLSA inaugurates the rally for Prevention of Child Labour in the Satta Udhavi Maiyam Building Campus.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Huluvadi G. Ramesh, Judge, High Court, Madras and Executive Chairman,

TNSLSA released pamphlet in the Sensitization and Awareness Programme on Prevention of

Child Labour along with Hon'ble Justice Mr. S. Manikumar, Judge, High Court, Madras,

Chairman, HCLSC and other Hon'ble Judges at ADR Centre on 27-06-16.

### **TELENGANA**

A total of 461 Legal Literacy/ Awareness Camps were conducted during the quarter in the State and 41 Legal Literacy Camps were conducted on the 7 NALSA Schemes.

Telangana State Legal Services Authority along with DLSA, Adilabad and in coordination with Integrated Tribal Development Agency conducted "State Level Convergence Meet on NALSA (Protection and Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme, 2015" on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 at Utnoor, Adilabad District (one day programme). Hon'ble Sri Justice V. Ramasubramanian, Executive Chairman, TSLSA inaugurated the programme and addressed the gathering on the occasion and released the brochure on the NALSA Scheme prepared and got published by Telangana State Legal Services Authority. A Booklet on the said NALSA Scheme with FAQs was also distributed to the participants. Various stake holders who have a role in implementation of the scheme participated in the convergence meet.

Telangana State Legal Services Authority along wth DLSA, Nizamabad and in coordination with Mission for Elimination of Poverty in Municipal Areas (MEPMA) and Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP) organized "State Level Convergence Meet on NALSA (Effective Implementation of Poverty Allievation Schemes) Scheme, 2015" on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2016 at Nizambad District (one day programme). Hon'ble Sri Justice V. Ramasubramanian, Executive Chairman, TSLSA inaugurated the said programme and addressed the gathering on the occasion

and released the brochure on the said NALSA Scheme prepared and got published by Telangana State Legal Services Authority. A Booklet on the NALSA Scheme with FAQs was also distributed to the participants. Various stake holders who have a role in implementation of this scheme participated in the convergence meet.

### **TRIPURA**

In July, 2016 65 legal awareness camps were organized throughout the State and 8286 persons attended the same. In August, 2016 13 legal awareness camps were organized throughout the state in which 1049 persons participated. In September, 2016, 120 legal awareness camps were organized throughout the State in which 8286 participated.



Workshop in-collaboration with District Child
Protection Unit, West Tripura on Juvenile Justice
(Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 on 20.07.2016
in the State Juvenile Home, Narasinghar, Agartala



Seminar cum Workshop cum Awareness Programme

### **UTTARAKHAND**

Between the months of July, 2016 to September, 2016, total 112 awareness programmes were organized wherein 25263 persons were made aware on subjects like Sexual Harassment, ill effects of Population Increase, Right to Education, Juvenile Justice Act, Child Labour, Legal Rights of Women, Protection of Child Rights, Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Scheme, 2015, Sensitization of Women to save money and channelize it into entrepreneurship and Government Industrial Policy, 'Observation of World Hepatitis Day'. Constitution of Special Cell for registration of Unorganized Sector workers, different Government Welfare Schemes for Unorganized Workers, NALSA (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganized Sector) 2015, Missing Women and Children, issues of Child & Bonded Labour, how to get Scholarship, Drug Menace, how to get Widow/Old Age/Income/Domicile Certificate, International Literacy Day, Child Marriage, Child Labour, Right to Education, NALSA's Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection Scheme, 2015, Victims Compensation Scheme, Protection of Water Resources.

During the quarter, a total of **104 legal literacy camps** were organized in rural/urban areas of the State of Uttarakhand wherein 11,104 persons were benefitted. During these camps/programmes, the subjects/issues such as 'World Population Day', Importance of Family Planning, ill effects of population increase, Right to Education, Child Labour, Legal Rights of Women, Multi-Purpose Camp, Sensitization of Women to save money andchannelize it into entrepreneurship and Government Industrial Policy, different subjects benefitting the common masses, Observation of 'World Hepatitis Day', provisions and rules in respect of pension, Child Marriage, Dowry Act, PC&PNDT Act, Right to Education, Govt. Welfare Schemes for Children, International Literacy Day, NALSA's Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection Scheme, 2015, Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganized Sector Scheme, 2015 were taken up.

In order to make aware the Jail Inmates, Under Trial Prisoners, Inmates/Detunes of different Homes of the State, total **48 Legal Awareness Camps** were organized in District/Sub Jails and Children/Observation Homes during July to September, 2016. By these campaigns total **5671** Under Trial Prisoners and Inmates detained in different Homes were sensitized on the rights of Under Trial Prisoners, Moral Education to Children, Drug Abuse, Legal Rights of detenues/inmates in Children's Homes, Right to Education, POCSO Act, Legal Rights to Under Trial Prisoners, Procedure of Plea-Bargaining after undertaking all necessary ground work through panel lawyers& PLVs, protection of child rights.

From July to September, 2016 a total of **53 Multi/Mega Legal Sensitization Camps** were organized throughout the State of Uttarakhand wherein **4505** persons were apprised about various aspects on the eve of Environment Day, World Population Day, World Hepatitis Day. Also they were made aware of provisions regarding Drug Abuse, Domestic Violence, Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Scheme, 2015, Legal Rights to Inmates, Registration of Unorganized Workers to avail benefit of Government Welfare Schemes, Government Welfare Schemes for Workers in the Unorganized Sector and Labour Law, Camp by Special Cell Team with Employers to make aware them about their Statutory Duties as per NALSA (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganized Sectors) Scheme, 2015, etc.

A total of **400** persons were sensitized on different issues, provisions, Acts and rules benefiting them in their day to day life by organizing **04 Legal Awareness Camps in Slum/Labour Colonies.** The attendants were sensitized on Child/Labour Rights, etc.

During this period **06 Legal Literacy Camps/Stalls** were held in regional fairs organized throughout the State of Uttarakhand. The said camps/stalls were visited by 5071 persons of the locality and neighboring districts and were provided Saral Kanooni Gyan Mala booklets as per their need. Legal Problems as faced by them were also attended by the Panel Lawyers and DLSA Staff. Also they were made aware about Women and Child Rights, Power of Literacy, Protection of Water Resources, Child Labour, Victim Compensation Scheme, Right to Education, Juvenile Justice Act and Rules relevant on Child Rights.

#### **UTTAR PRADESH**

During the quarter July to September, 2016, the DLSAs organized 500 legal awareness camps thereby benefiting 1, 08,612persons who attended such camps.

### **WEST BENGAL**

To generate awareness amongst the masses, several legal awareness camps wereorganized during the quarter. Legal Aid Clinics were set up and Legal Literacy clubs were opened. The District Secretaries paid visits to villages, rural areas, schools, colleges, universities, blocks and Panchayats to spread awareness.





DLSA Secretary Hooghly speaking to the villagers about Legal aid services

The West Bengal State Legal Services Authority (WBSLSA) organised its first dissemination campaign on the NALSA Scheme on Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation

on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2016 on a large scale with the Government administration, Judicial Officers, police departments, NGOs, Community based Organizations(CBOs), other stakeholders, etc. by conducting a one-day Seminar in the Auditorium of the Sesquicentenary Building of the High Court at Calcutta. The Seminar was graced by The Hon'ble Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court, Dr. Manjula Chellur, the Hon'ble Executive Chairperson-in-Charge and Judge, High Court Calcutta, Justice Indira Banerjee and a Research- Coordinator of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Dr. P.M. Nair. There was a panel discussion with eminent experts in the field. The survivors voiced their difficulties and a representative of the Transgender community also added another perspective to the issue.



The Hon'ble The Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court Dr. Manjula Chellur (centre) lighting the lamp flanked by Hon'ble Justice Indira Banerjee, Executive Chairperson-in-charge, WBSLSA on the left and Dr. P.M. Nair on the right.

### **CHANDIGARH**

During the quarter, the Authority organized **several Seminars/Legal Awareness camps/Workshops** on various topics and dates at different venues in Chandigarh. The resource persons deputed by the Authority got recorded programmes on 91.2 Fm Jyotirgamya Community radio station of Panjab University, Chandigarh. The following programmes were aired on different topics and dates:

- 1. 09.07.2016: Talk on Ragging by Sh. Jatinder Kumar Kamboj, Advocate
- 2. 15.07.2016: Talk on people with disability Act by Ms. Vijayta Sharma, Advocate.
- 3. 23.07.2016: Talk on amendment in Child & Labour Act by Sh. Jagtar Kureel, Advocate
- 4. 06.08.2016: Talk on Motor Vehicle Act Amendments by Sh. Naveen Sharma, Advocate
- 5. 13.08.2016: Talk Rights of Transgender by Sh. Jatinder Kumar Kamboj, Advocate.
- 6. 20.08.2016: Talk on Section 124A IPC, Sedition by Sh. Jagtar Kureel, Advocate.



A total of 37 legal literacy camps were organized by State Legal Services Authority, U.T, Chandigarh in different schools of Chandigarh. In these camps/classes, the subjects of discussion primarily included Fundamental Duties, Juvenile Justice, Rights of Women and Children, Rights of Specially Abled persons, Sexual harassment at work place, Mediation, Lok Adalats, Drug Abuse, Improvement of Literacy and Life Skills and Empowerment of Children and Women of the disadvantaged sections of society. Para legal Volunteers, Panel Lawyers and Law students interning with Authority were speakers in these camps.

The Authority organized a one day workshop in association with **Humsafar Trust**, Mumbai and Chandigarh State Aids Control Society on the "Rights Of Transgender and Gender Identity" on 23rd July 2016 in Convention Hall of Chandigarh Judicial Academy, Sector-43, Chandigarh. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Judge, High Court of Punjab and Haryana and Executive Chairman, State Legal Services Authority, U.T., Chandigarh was the Chief Guest.





TheAuthority organized an 'Anti-Drug Campaign' in Government High School, Hallomajra, Chandigarh on 26.07.2016. Sh. Balbir Singh, District & Session Judge-cum-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, U.T., Chandigarh and Sh. Amarinder Sharma, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, U.T., Chandigarh inaugurated the Anti-Drug Club. The main aim of organizing theCampaign was the effective implementation of NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse and Eradication of Drug Menace) Scheme, 2015.



TheAuthority arranged a drug awareness rally in co-ordination with Narcotics Control Bureau, Chandigarh from Rose Garden to Plaza, Sector 17, Chandigarh. Children from Snehalaya also participated in the rally. The rally was flagged off by Inspector General of Police. The senior officers of Chandigarh Administration and the units of NCC participated in the rally. Sh. Mahavir Singh, Member Secretary, SLSA, U.T., Chandigarh and Sh. Kaushibh Sharma, Zonal Director, DIG, Narcotics Central Bureau distributed the prizes to the winners of drawing competition which was organized at Snehalaya.





The Authority in collaboration with team 'Samasya Samadhan' on the occasion of 70th Independence Day organized a function 'Ek Sham Saheedon Ke Naam' in Indira Colony, Manimajra, U.T., Chandigarh. The Children of Hamari Pathshala, Govt. School and colony presented a Nukkad Natak on 'Beti Bachao Beti Padao' and bad effects of drugs and alcohol. The gathering was asked to support the residents to make the colony clean and free from drugs, alcoholandcrime.



The Authority organized One Day Workshop in association with University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh on the 'Issues pertaining to Child Friendly Legal Services with Specific Impetus to Juvenile Justice Act, 2015' in Convention Hall of Chandigarh Judicial Academy, Sector-43, Chandigarh on 27th August, 2016. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Judge, High Court of Punjab and Haryana and Executive Chairman, State Legal Services Authority, U.T., Chandigarh was the Chief Guest. The main aim of organizing the workshop was the effective implementation of NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children & their Protection Scheme), 2015 and to make aware the gathering about the Scheme and to work in convergence for its implementation.

On 02.09.2016, a run for awareness was conducted by the Authority in association with the University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh. The run was organized for creating awareness about Free Legal Aid which is being provided by the Legal Aid Clinic established at UILS, Panjab University, Chandigarh. The faculty and around 250 volunteers from the Department participated in the awareness run. Sh. Balbir Singh, learned District & Sessions Judge, Chandigarh, Sh. Amarinder Sharma, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Chandigarh and Sh. V.K. Kapoor, IPS (Retd), Chief Coordinator (NALSA Schemes) werealso present on the said occasion.





The Authority in association with Shri Akal Ji Sahai Ik Jot Mission and Saint Hari Public School, Mani Majra, U.T. Chandigarh organized Mani Majra Marathon, which was an awareness Marathon to create awareness on various pertinent issues including the role and responsibility of the Authority. A programme was thereafter organized and the winners were awarded with Medals and certificates.

The District Legal Services Authority, Chandigarh inaugurated a Legal Literacy Club in Government Model Senior Secondary School, Sector 33, Chandigarh on 09.09.2016. The Legal Literacy Club performs various functions for awareness on legal topics by conducting debates, essays and drawing competitions.





The Authority inaugurated its 29th Students Legal Literacy Club at Government Senior Secondary School, Village Khudda Ali Sher, Chandigarh on 15.09.2016. The same has been started alongwith the NSS Cell, Chandigarh. Sh. Mahavir Singh, Member Secretary, Sh. Amrinder Sharma, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Chandigarh and Mrs Harjinder Kaur, Club Incharge and the Principal were present on the occasion.

The Authority organized a Workshop in association with Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Chandigarh Zone on the 'Issues Pertaining to Drug Abuse and Eradication of Drug Menace with specific reference to Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985' in Convention Hall of Chandigarh Judicial Academy, Sector-43, Chandigarh on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.

### DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI

An awareness programme was organized on "Scheme and Laws related to Senior Citizens, Rights of Children and related laws, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Child Friendly Legal Services to Children (Juvenile Justice Act)" on 30.07.2016 at Community Hall, Naroli.

A Programme on "NALSA Schemes, Right to Education, Rights to Women, Transgender – Legal Problems & Solutions, ADR Methods and its benefits, Fundamental Duties of the Citizens" was organized on 27.09.2016 at Community Hall, Dadra.



The Chairman, DLSA with other dignitaries



Advocates, Gram Panchayat Members & Villagers

# **DAMAN**

A programme on Scheme and Laws related to Senior Citizens, Rights of Children and related laws, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Child Friendly Legal Services to Children (Juvenile Justice Act)" was organized on 27.07.2016 at Koli Patel Samaj Hall, Nani Daman.



The Chairman, DLSA with other dignitaries

An awareness programme on NALSA Schemes, Right to Education, and Rights to Women was organized on 23.08.2016 at Koli Patel Samaj Hall, Nani Daman.



The Chairman, DLSA with Participants of Drawing/Essay Competition



Advocates, Students of various schools

An awareness programme on Rights of Prisoners and Provisions of Bail, Plea Bargaining" was organized on 03.09.2016 at Sub – Jail, Moti Daman.



Inmates at Sub-Jail

A programme on "Transgender – Legal Problems & Solutions, ADR Methods and its benefits, Fundamental Duties of the Citizens" was organized on 20.09.2016 at Machhi Mahajan School Hall, Nani Daman.



Students of Machhi Mahajan School, Nani Daman.

# **DELHI**

During the quarter, a total of 1520 Legal Literacy Programmes were organized in Schools, Colleges, Jails, Observation Homes, Old Age Homes, Police Stations, NGOs, Industrial Areas, Community, etc.

DSLSA conducted a Legal Awareness Course for the students of Lakshmibai College, University of Delhi w.e.f. 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2016. In this regard, on 21<sup>st</sup> July, a Brief Introduction of the Programme was held by Secretaries of Central and West DLSAs. DSLSA also prepared a calendar for the said programme, which is as under:

S. No.	Date	Time	Topic	Resource Person
1	12.08.2016	3.00 – 4.30 PM	Rights against domestic violence and the working of the Dowry Prohibition act	Ms. Jyoti Kler, Secretary, Central DLSA
2	19.08.2016	3.00 – 4.30 PM	Matrimonial Laws	Ms. Shailender Kaur, Incharge, Mediation Centre, Karkardooma
3	26.08.2016	3.00 – 4.30 PM	Understanding the working of the criminal justice system	Sh. Dharmender Rana, Addl. Secretary, DSLSA
4	29.08.2016	3.00 – 4.30 PM	Sexual Offences against women : Legal Redressal	Sh. Dharmesh Sharma, Member Secretary, DSLSA
5	05.09.2016	3.00 – 4.30 PM	Rights of lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgenders under the Indian Laws and prevailing international trends	Ms. Anjali Gopalan, Executive Director, Naz Foundation
6	09.09.2016	3.00 – 4.30 PM	Basic framework of the Indian Constitution and its relevance for citizens: Prevailing gender inequalities, a reality check	Sh. Naveen Gupta, Secretary, West DLSA
7	16.09.2016	3.00 – 4.30 PM	Property rights for Women	Sh. Sanjeev Jain, Special Secretary, DSLSA
8	19.09.2016	3.00 – 4.30 PM	Right against sexual harassment at workplace: Legal framework	Sh. Naveen Kumar Kashyap, Secretary, North-East DLSA

9	23.09.2016	3.00 – 4.30 PM	The working of the Right to Information Act: An effective tool to secure fundamental rights	Commonwealth Human
10	03.10.2016	3.00 – 4.30 PM	Labour Laws governing rights of working women	Ms. Raavi Birbal, Advocate

## **PUDUCHERRY**

# **Legal Literacy Camps**

No. of camps conducted	22
No. of Villages covered	40
No. of persons benefited	925

As part of the Scheme for the Mentally III taken up during the month of July, 2016, various competitions were conducted for the inmates of the Mentally III and Mentally Disabled Homes during the period from 02.07.2016 to 19.07.2016 wherein the inmates of 12 Homes participated. 132 students were adjudged as prize winners.

On 23.07.16 a legal awareness camp was organized on NALSA (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015. A detailed presentation was given by the resources persons namely Dr, Vidya Reddy, TULIR, NGO, Chennai, Dr. Vidyaa Ramkumar, Chairperson, CWC, Puducherry, Ms. Rajakala OPartha, SHARANA, NGO, Puducherry.

On 12.08.2016, a Legal Awareness camp was organized for senior citizens in association with an NGO named "HELP AGE INDIA". Around 200 senior citizens participated in the said camp which was organized in the Conference Hall of UTPLSA, Puducherry

On 24.08.2016, a legal awareness camp was organized at Korukumedu village in association with the Rotary Club.

On 07.09.2016, as part of implementation of the NALSA (Legal Services to The Mentally Ill and Mentally Disabled Persons) Scheme 2015, a Legal Awareness Programme was organized for the parents of the mentally ill and mentally disabled persons.

# TRAINING PROGRAMMES

The Legal Services Authorities hold various training programmes for panel lawyers, PLVs and even other stakeholders on different subjects in order to build and enhance their capacity so that they are better equipped to discharge their professional duties.

The statistical figures in respect of the training programmes conducted from July, 2016 to September, 2016 are as under:

# **Training Programmes in States**

SLSA	No. of Training Programmes	No. of Participants
	conducted	
Andhra Pradesh	59	1184
Arunachal Pradesh	2	0
Assam	12	427
Bihar	39	974
Chhattisgarh	7	95
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	30
Delhi	44	1011
Gujarat	932	42642
Haryana	233	7094
Himachal Pradesh	43	499
Karnataka	18	441
Kerala	11	1432
Madhya Pradesh	29	778
Manipur	4	434
Meghalaya	2	52
Odisha	7	706
Puducherry	8	388
Punjab	97	2289
Rajasthan	4	382
Sikkim	6	174
Tamil Nadu	1	14
Telengana	10	625
U. T. Chandigarh	10	160
Uttar Pradesh	11	122
West Bengal	30	569
Grand Total	1,620	62522

## **ANDHRA PRADESH**

During the quarter, a total of 5 training programmes were conducted for the panel lawyers wherein 216 panel lawyers participated. The details of the programmes are as follows:

Sl.No.	Date	Name of the District	Number of panel lawyers imparted training
1	2 <sup>nd</sup> -3rd July, 2016	Kadapa	38
2	30 <sup>th</sup> -31st July, 2016	Krishna at Vijayawada	43
3	6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> August, 2016	Kurnool	43
4	27 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> August, 2016	Nellore	31
5	3 <sup>rd</sup> -4th September, 2016	Prakasam	61
	Total		216

## ARUNACHAL PRADESH

The Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority, Itanagar organized a one Day Orientation cum Induction Training for Para Legal Volunteers on 28th August 2016 in which 56 members of Arunachal Vivekanda Yuva Shakti and others at Don Bosco Youth Centre attended among others which included Smt Jawepulu Chai District and Sessions Judge Yupia, Smt Mary Kamsi Judicial Magistrate First Class Yupia, Shri Budi Habung, Member Secretary, Arunachal Padesh State Legal Services Authority, Miss M. Tingkhatra, Chairperson APSCW, Shri Amrit Taba, Asst. Controller, Legal Metrology Dept., Miss Nani Mamung, Asst. Professor, ALA, Shri Sunil Mow, Advocate, Shri Dani Belo, Dy. Secy. Law & Judicial & OSD, APSLSA and Smti Nani Modi, Asst. Project Coordinator. During the day long programme, the participants were imparted training on Legal Services/ Lok Adalats/Legal Services Clinics and Role of Para Legal Volunteers by Shri Budi Habung Member Secretary, on Human Trafficking and Child Rights by Shri Sunil Mow, Advocate, on Domestic Violence/Sexual Harassment of Women by Miss M. Tingkhatra, Chairperson State Commission for Women, on Consumer Rights and Remedies by Shri Amrit Taba, Consumer Protection Officer Papum Pare, on Drug Abuse/ Law and

Punishment under NDPS by Miss Nani Mamung, Assistant Prof. ALA and on RTI, Right to Education and Victim Compensation by Shri Dani Belo, OSD APSLSA.

## **ASSAM**



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Hrishikesh Roy, Judge, Gauhati High Court & Executive Chairman, Assam State Legal Services Authority delivering His Lordship's lecture during the Training Programme for Legal Services Lawyers of Zone-II districts (Sonitpur, Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, Darrang & Udalguri) organized by DLSA, Sonitpur under the aegis of ASLSA on **30-31 July, 2016** at Sonitpur, Assam.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Hrishikesh Roy, Judge, Gauhati High Court & Executive Chairman, Assam State Legal Services Authority interacting with the participants during the Training Programme for Legal Services Lawyers of Zone-III districts (Kamrup, Nagaon, Morigaon, Nalbari & Barpeta) organized by DLSA, Kamrup under the aegis of ASLSA on 10<sup>th</sup>& 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 at Guwahati.

The Assam State Legal Services Authority in association with North East Network (NGO), Guwahati organized a training programme for Empanelled Lawyers on Violence Against Women and new Laws on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September (Saturday & Sunday), 2016 at Guwahati. A total of 50 lawyers participated in the same.

### **BIHAR**

A Two days Training Programme of Secretaries, DLSAs of Bihar was organized on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016 in which DLSA Secretaries were imparted training on the provisions relating to Panel Lawyers, PLVs, Remand Lawyers, Mediation, UTRC, Victim Compensation Scheme and Organization and Reference to Lok Adalat.

## **HARYANA**

Training programmes were organized for the panel lawyers of various District Legal Services Authorities and Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committees as follows:

Sr. No.	District	Date
1.	Hissar and Fatehabad	9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> July and 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> July, 2016
2.	Rewari, Kosli and Narnaul Mohindergarh	13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> August, 2016, 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> August, 2016
3.	Jhajjar, Bahadurgarh and Rohtak Meham	10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> September, 2016, 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> September, 2016

The programmes were organized with the objective to enhance the skills of the panel lawyerssothatqualitylegalservicesare renderedtothe weakerandmarginalizedsections of thesociety. The programmeswereconductedby the trainers.In the said master programmes, training wasimpartedasperthescheduleprovidedby NationalLegalServices AuthorityinTrainingModule Part-1.Thetrainingprogrammes bytheMaster wereconducted Variousmethodsofteachingwereusedinthesaidprogrammes suchaslecture method, quizmethodetc. HaryanaStateLegalServicesAuthorityhas groupdiscussion, prepared calendarfor organizing such training programmes for panel lawyers all in the DistrictsofHaryana.

# HIMACHAL PRADESH

Training programmes were organized for Panel Lawyers of DLSA, Kinnaur at Rampur Bushehar on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2016. In the said programme, training was imparted as the per Training Module Part-I provided by NALSA with a view to enhance skills of the Panel

Lawyers so that quality Legal Services are rendered to the weaker and marginalized sections of the society.

During the period, training programmes were organized for the Panel Lawyers and Para Legal Volunteers by the Secretaries, DLSAs in the State of H.P. under the Schemes of NALSA where the need to render quality services to the marginalized sections of the society was emphasized.

#### JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Two days training programme for legal services empaneledlawyers was organized by J&K SLSA on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September 2016 for Districts Jammu,Samba and Kathua. About 60 empaneled lawyers of District Legal Services Authorities of Jammu,Samba and Kathua participated. The Schedule of the Programme was as per the NALSA Training Module for Legal Services Lawyers – Part I. Member Secretary J&K SLSA,Chairman, DLSA Jammu, Secretary DLSA Jammu,Judicial Officers and officers of SLSA also attended the programme. The training was imparted by Master trainers. The sensitization and training programme helped in capacity building of the panel lawyers. The training specially focused on different laws/topics related to violence against women and children such as (a) The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005(b) The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012(c) The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Act, 2013 and various relevant laws. In the valedictory session, all the participants shared their experience of the 2 days training programme.

### **MAHARASHTRA**

4 days Training Programme for Probation officers and Legal Services Lawyers attached to the Juvenile Justice Boards from 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 was organized at Maharashtra Judicial Academy at Uttan. Member Secretaries, Panel Lawyers and Probation Officers from 6 States viz. Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa, Daman and Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli attended the programme. Hon'ble Dr. Justice D. Y. Chandrachud, Judge, Supreme Court of India inaugurated the programme. Hon'ble High Court and District Judges were also present during the programme.

# **MANIPUR**

Manipur State Legal Services Authority in association with the Department of Social Welfare,

Government of Manipur and Manipur Judicial Academy organized a **3-Days Training Programme** for the Members of JJBs, CWCs, SJPUs and Legal Cum Probation Officers from 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 at the Auditorium, High Court of Manipur. Prof. Joydip Majumdar, Director, JPISC, Kolkata and Ms. Aparna Bhat, Advocate as Resource Persons deliberated on various provisions of JJ Act and procedures of CNCP and CCL etc.

Manipur State Legal Services Authority in association with Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights organized a 2-Days Training Programme for the functionaries of District Child Protection Units of the State on 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 at the Auditorium, High Court of Manipur. Dr. D.K. Saikia, Deputy Director, NIPCCD as Resource Person deliberated on the topics "Role and Responsibilities of DCPOs, POs & LPOs" & "Monitoring, Supervision of CCIs & Secretarial Services by DCPUs".



Advance Training Programme for PLVs on 2.7.2016 at Auditorium, High Court of Manipur

## **MIZORAM**

Aizawl DLSA conducted Training of Legal Aid Counsels at District Court, Aizawl on 24.8.2016.

Lunglei DLSA conducted Training of PLVs, Lawyers and Lok Adalat Conciliators on Procedure in Civil and Criminal Cases; Social Work: Issues and Challenges; Summary of relevant Acts, Rules/Regulations, Scheme pertaining to Legal Services Authorities at Agriculture Conference

## **NAGALAND**

A Two Day Training Programme was conducted for Para Legal Volunteers at Dimapur on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 covering various topics such as Role of Legal Services Institutions, NALSA Schemes, various schemes of the Government, Juvenile Justice Act, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, Rights of accused, consumer awareness, food security etc.





# **ODISHA**

During the quarter, 7 training programmes for PLVs/legal services lawyers were conducted in the different District Legal Services Authorities as per the Calendar prepared by the Authority using the Training Module (Part-1) and the teaching Methodology of NALSA. Total 428 legal services lawyers were trained in the training programmes.





Training Programme for PLVs & Panel Lawyers organized by the District Legal Services Authority, Nayagarh on 26/27.8.2016.

# **PUNJAB**

As per the Para Legal Volunteer Scheme of National Legal Services Authority, till September, 2016, Punjab Legal Services Authority had imparted training to 1460 PLVs in the State. The PLVs include Advocates, Teachers and Lecturers of Government and Private Schools and Colleges atall levels, Anganwadi Workers, Private and Government doctors and other government employees, field level officers of different departments and agencies of the State and Union Governments, students of graduation and post-graduation in Law, Education, Social Services and Humanities, members of NGOs and Clubs, members of neighborhood groups, educated prisoners serving long term sentences in Central Prison and District Prison, Social Workers and Volunteers, Volunteers of Panchayat Raj and Municipal institutions, Members of Co-operative Societies, Members of Trade Unions, etc.



Training of panel lawyers of DLSA, Ferozepur by Master Trainer.

### **SIKKIM**

Two days training programme for Panel Services Lawyers was conducted by Sikkim SLSA on 30<sup>th</sup>& 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2016 in the Conference Hall, Office of Sikkim SLSA, Gangtok. 50 Panel Advocates were trained.

Two days PLV training programme for students of Law Colleges was conducted by Sikkim SLSA on **20**<sup>th</sup>& **21**<sup>st</sup> **August**, **2016** in the Moot Hall of Sikkim Government Law College, Burtuk. 85 students and 02 faculty members were trained.

### **TRIPURA**

A 02 days training programme for PLVs was organized in the sub-jail of Kanchanpur, under the North Tripura District, Dharmanagar on 31st July, 2016 and 1st August, 2016 where 02 senior convicts were trained as PLVs to work in the Legal Aid Clinic set up in Kanchanpur Sub-Jail.

One day training under Project Diva was conducted in collaboration with the Tripura Aids Control Society with Panel Advocates and PLVs of DLSAs and SDLSCs in the Conference Hall of Tripura Aids Control Society at Agartala on 31.07.2016.

### **UTTAR PRADESH**

In order to give publicity to legal services and institutions, the officers of UPSLSA delivered talks and interviews on All India Radio/Doordarshan Lucknow on socially relevant legal topics

such as, Juvenile Justice, Domestic Violence, institutional objectives of UPSLSA, Legal Aid to the People, Acid Attack and Rights of Victims etc.

In this quarter, the services of publicity van were utilized to spread legal awareness and provide free legal aid services to the people who are living in far flung areas and are in deprived conditions. The publicity van covered Behraich, Shravasti, Balrampur, Sant Kabir Nagar, Basti, Gonda, Faizabad, Ambedkar Nagar, Ghazipur, Chandauli and Sonbhadra districts. Pamphlets were distributed containing the literature of free legal services and short movies were also displayed to make the people aware of their legal rights. DLSAs, PLVs and Local Administration extended their support to make this tour a successful event.

# **WEST BENGAL**

7<sup>th</sup>phase of training program for the panel lawyers was organised at the ADR Centre at Birbhum for the panel lawyers of Birbhum. The training took place on 06.08.16 and 07.08.16. About 24 Panel Advocates were trained by the Master trainers.



### **CHANDIGARH**

The Authority regularly conducted Monthly Orientation courses for the Lawyers/Para Legal Volunteers/ Mediators in Chandigarh Judicial Academy as per the directions of National Legal Services Authority, New Delhi. In these monthly programmes, various topics on Socio Legal Issues etc. were taken up for discussion as detailed below:

Date	Т	Topics	Speakers	Participants

29.07.2016	Domestic Violence	Mr. Jatinder Kumar	49
		Kamboj	
12.08.2016	Victim Compensation	Sh. Amrinder Sharma,	20
		Secretary, DLSA, U.T.,	
		Chandigarh.	
26.08.2016	Cyber Crime	Mr. Jatinder Kumar	31
		Kamboj, Sh. Amrinder	
		Sharma, Secretary, DLSA,	
		U.T., Chandigarh.	
15.09.2016	Juvenile Justice (Care and	Mr. Jatinder Kumar	19
	protection Act 2015),	Kamboj and Ms. Manjit	
	Prisoners	Kaur Sandhu	
29.09.2016	Senior Citizens and Parents	Ms. Manjit Kaur Sandhu	41
	Act	-	

# DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI

One day Orientation Training for newly selected Para-legal Volunteers was held on 10.09.2016 at Consumer Forum Hall, District Court Complex, Silvassa.



Para Legal Volunteers & Advocates participating in the training

# **DELHI**

No. of Training/Sensitization Programmes conducted for the following are as under:-

Legal Services Advocates – 35

Mediators- 01

Advocates of Rape Crisis Cell of Delhi

Commission for women- 02

Stakeholders of Child Welfare Committees 02

Public Prosecutors 06

Total 46

During the quarter, DSLSA organized 02 Para Legal Training Programmes.



Shri Sanjeev Jain, Special Secretary, DSLSA addressing the students at the Para Legal Training at Jamia Millia Islamia.



Sh. M P Singh, Principal Magistrate, JJB-II, Sh. Naveen Gupta, Secretary West DLSA, Sh. Dharmender Rana, Addl. Secretary, DSLSA and Students of Jamia Millia Islamia.

# **MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES**

### ANDHRA PRADESH

During this period Rs.2,20,00,000/- was distributed amongst 13 DLSAs towards Victim Compensation as per Andhra Pradesh VictimsCompensation Scheme, 2015 read with Section 357A Cr.P.C.

## ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority team during inspection to Mental Health Center on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 found some patients who were reportedly abandoned by their relatives and decided to make an effort for their early rehabilitation and adaptation in their parental homes. The team – Member Secretary Shri Budi Habung, Shri Dani Belo, OSD and Project Coordinator Miss Rosy Taba, accompanied by psychiatrist Dr. N. A. Namchoom Ete and Dr Jatang Katang inspected the ward, facilities available for mentally ill and disabled undergoing treatment and interacted with 8 indoor patients including UTPs.



23RD SEPTEMBER 2016: ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY TEAM VISITED MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, MIDPU

### **ASSAM**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Meet of DLSA Secretaries was organized by DLSA, Jorhat in association with ASLSA on **23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2016** atthe Assam Agricultural University Campus, Jorhat. The programme was graced by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Hrishikesh Roy, Judge, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati and Executive Chairman, Assam State Legal Services Authority.

Discussions were underway with Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India, Guwahati office (ALIMCO) for providing tricycles, wheel chairs, smart phones, smart canes etc. for distribution to the beneficiaries in the programme. The names and addresses of more than

30,000 people had already been identified for providing prosthetic and assistive devices. The Government of Assam had agreed to provide logistical support to carry out the programme with the help and cooperation of the Social Welfare Department of the State.



Hon'ble The Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court & Patron – in-Chief, ASLSA and Hon'ble Executive Chairman, ASLSA were present while the lady was being fitted with the prosthetic leg.



On her two legs with The Hon'ble Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court & Patron- in-Chief, ASLSA

As part of its programme 'Reach Out and Respond' to provide relief to people in despair, steps were taken to provide required medical treatment after the wife of one Shri Hitesh Baruah, resident of Darrang district, approached the Gauhati High Court to facilitate treatment for her mentally ill husband which referred the matter to ASLSA for doing the needful. After carrying out all the formalities, the person was sent to LGB Regional Institute of Mental Health, Tezpur, escorted by his wife, the Police and one Staff Member of DLSA, Darrang, Assam.

Relief was also provided to 1600 families affected by flood in the State of Assam. Assam State Legal Services Authority in association with DLSA, Dibrugarh, Sivasagar, Jorhat, Dhemaji, Lakhimpur and Dhubri distributed relief materials to the flood affected people of the said districts on 7<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> August 2016 with the fund of Rs.30,00,000/- (Rupees thirty lakhs) provided by the Supreme Court Bar Association, New Delhi.



Relief materials being distributed by Assam State Legal Services Authority to the flood affected people atop a ferry on the Brahmaputra River in Jorhat district, Assam. The fund for the relief materials was provided by the Supreme Court Bar Association.

### **HARYANA**

To effectively and meaningfully implement the NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015, a programme was conducted on 27.7.2016 at Narnaul. 222 children aged between 6-14 years were identified by doing a survey of the entire district of Mohindergarh who were not going to school. In Panchkula district 133 children aged between 6-14 years were identified who were not going to School. The matter was taken up with the Education Department for their admission and pursuant to the efforts made, more than 100 children have been admitted in schools.

To effectively and meaningfully implement the NALSA (Legal Services to the Mentally III and Mentally Disabled Persons) Scheme, 2015, a programme/seminar was conducted on 29.08.2016 at Faridabad. 314 mentally ill persons were identified, benefits of pension provided to 73 persons, benefits of Nirmaya Insurance Policy provided to 71 persons and guardianship certificates were arranged to be issued to 24 persons.

To effectively and meaningfully implement the NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse and Eradication of Drug Menace) Scheme, 2015, a programme was organized on 30.9.2016 in the Auditorium of Vivekananda Senior Secondary School, Sirsa which was attended by school children, teachers and chemists of district Sirsa. The Secretary, DLSA, Sirsa highlighted the objective of the scheme and also steps taken by DLSA, Sirsa on the issue of Drug abuse. The participants shared their practical experiences and gave suggestions as to how the drug menace could be tackled.

The State Level Annual Function of Students Legal Literacy Mission was held in the

Auditorium of Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra on 18.09.2016. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jagdish Singh Khehar, Judge, Supreme Court of India was the Chief Guest and the function was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Manohar Lal, Chief Minister, Haryana. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shiavax Vazifdar, Chief Justice, High Court of Punjab & Haryana, Patron-in-Chief, Haryana State Legal Services Authority presided over the function. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal, Executive Chairman of Haryana State Legal Services Authority in his key note address explained the aim and objectives of Students Legal Literacy Mission. All the winning students of Schools and Colleges at State Level in all the categories were awarded with certificates. An array of scintillating performances by the students on various socio-legal topics mesmerized every one present. Educative presentations made by the students reflected the socio-legal problems which the society is facing today and the need to tackle the said problems.

A short film "(Kartvya Nibhana Hai)" on Fundamental Duties which was got prepared by Haryana State Legal Services Authority was released by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jagdish Singh Khehar. The same was also shown during the programme on 18.09.2016 Haryana State Legal Services Authority is intending to distribute around 5000 copies of this film in Schools and Colleges of Haryana.

### HIMACHAL PRADESH

During the quarter, **207** Schools were covered in the State of Himachal Pradesh by teaching "Lessons-in-Law/Kanooni Path" by Judicial Officers and Advocates. **23755** students were taught Lessons-in-Law/Kanooni Path.

Afforestation programme was organized in Schools and Colleges of State of Himachal Pradesh in the month of July, 2016 in which 1, 03,954 students of 2453 Schools/Colleges participated and **114153** saplings were planted.

Legal Services Clinics in jails have been established in all District Jail/Sub jails in the State of Himachal Pradesh which are manned by PLVs (Long Term Prisoners) and Retainer Lawyers. **249** persons were benefited in these clinics w.e.f. 1.7.2016 to 30.9.2016.

The Himachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority is implementing the Para Legal Volunteer Scheme introduced by NALSA, New Delhi. At present 893 Village Legal Care and Support Centres are functional in the State and are being manned by Retainer Lawyers and Para Legal Volunteers.

Periodical Jail inspections were conducted by the Member Secretary and the Chairmen

DLSAs in compliance of the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition(C) No.559 of 1994 titled as R.D. Upadhyay Vs State of Andhra Pradesh and Others AIR 2006 S.C. 1946. Besides Legal Aid Counsel also visited jails every week to render necessary legal assistance.

During this period, 45 visits/ inspections of Observation/Children Homes, Nari Niiketan etc. were conducted by Sub Divisional Legal Services Committees and DLSAs where children/inmates were informed of their legal rights and given other valuable information. Authorities of Homes/Ashram were sensitized to be more careful about hygiene and other issues of Children/inmates.

### JAMMU AND KASHMIR

The Member Secretary, SLSA conducted inspection of Jails in the State to identify the Undertrials not produced in the Courts for several dates and also inspected jail clinics to review their functioning.

### **JHARKHAND**

The Foundation Stone of New Building of Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority was laidon 16.07.2016 at Dhurwa, Ranchi byHon'ble Mr. Justice T.S.Thakur, Chief Justice of India—cum-Patron-in-Chief, NALSA at Dhurwa, Ranchi.

Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority, Ranchi has organized two days training for the staff of High Court Legal Services Committee, District Legal Services Authorities, Sub Divisional Legal Services Committees of State of Jharkhand on JHALSA Online Legal Services Case and Data Management System on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.JHALSA Online Legal Services Case & Data Management System is online software launched by JHALSA with a view to bring about uniformity in maintaining statistical data with respect to Legal Services Activities by all DLSAs/TLSCs of Jharkhand. During the two days training, the staff were made familiar with the online system and provided technical training for maintaining the Legal Services Cases and data online.

Santhal Pragana Region comprises of six districts namely Deoghar, Dumka, Sahibganj, Godda, Pakur and Jamtara. In order to accelerate the legal services activities, a Plenary Meeting at Regional Level of Legal Services Institutions was held at Deogarh on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2016. In due course, such meeting will take place in other regions such as Singhbhum, Chhotanagpur and





Participants at the Plenary Meeting at Deogarh

This year the flood caused huge devastation to the person, properties and cattle in the district of Sahibganj. Secion 12 (e) of Legal Services Authority Act 1987 requires the legal services to be provided during time of disaster and at the directions of Hon'ble Mr. Justice D. N. Patel, Hon'ble Executive Chariman, JHALSA essential relief was provided in form of food and medicine to the flood victims. The relief work was undertaken on mission-mode by District

### **KERALA**

As per the directions of the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, Kerala State Legal Services Authority, based on a newspaper report that many landless inmates are living in the Parakode KIP Canal Puramboke at Adoor, Secretary DLSA, Pathanamthitta visited there on 11.07.2016. A meeting of Revenue Divisional Officer, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Secretary, Municipality, Tahsildar, Executive Engineer (KIP), Executive Engineer (KSEB), Assistant Executive Engineer (Water Authority) and 10 family members of Parakode Puramboke was conducted. 10 PLPs are pending before DLSA. An amicable solution is expected soon.

DLSA Wayanad took an active role for solution of man-animal conflict and the destruction of cultivation by wild animals by providing proper guidance to the people including through public interest litigation. Thousands of acres of tribal and other lands were put in disuse on account of wild animal invasion. Discussions are going on with Forest Departments, Revenue, Panchayat Authorities, Agricultural Department, Agricultural University and RARS how to reap profit from these lands by using all scientific methods of cultivation. Veterinary University and Veterinary Unit also are giving support to this. The net effect of the scheme is that cultivation can be rejuvenated in thousands of acres of land including a major portion of the tribal land.



## Save human settlements and cultivations from Wild Animals – Wayanad District

DLSA Secretary and MLA Chalakudy visited the interior areas situated about 20 kms from Vazhachal Forest Office on 29.08.2016 with the help of Police and Forest Officials to reinstate the Tribal people migrated from "Mukkumpuzha" in Vazhachal Forest Division to some other places. Para Legal Volunteers with the help of Promoters were deployed to interact with Tribal people and discuss the problems faced by them.

KELSA took up the issue of four Bangladeshi women, who were allegedly trapped in sex trafficking and not allowed to go to Bangladesh, on the ground that investigation was not complete in one case and trial was not over in the case of the other three women, with the help from NALSA, SLSA, Karnataka and the Kerala Police. The trial was expedited, and with support from the SLSA, Karnataka, DLSAs Kozhikode and Manjeri. DLSA, Kozhikode coordinated the legal and other formalities with Court, District Collector, Police Chief, FRRO and Social Justice Department. As a result, all the four Bangladesh Nationals reached their home country safely.

## **MANIPUR**

During this quarter, Manipur SLSA opened 2 (two) new Legal Aid Clinics. The Legal Aid Clinic, Mini Secretariat Complex, Ukhrul District was opened on 23.07.2016 and the Legal Aid Clinic, Kumbi College, Bishnupur District was opened on 13.08.2016. Both the Legal Aid Clinics were inaugurated by Hon'ble Executive Chairman, MASLSA.

# **MEGHALAYA**

The PLVs at the Legal Support and Care Centres helped some houses to get electricity, helped handicaps, helped applications for fisheries, Basin Development, PHE matters, registration for land ownership, NREGS scheme, Opening of Bank Account, Chief Minister Scheme, widow grant scheme, animal husbandry, etc.

One PLV has played a major role with drug abuse and with the people living with HIV+, by giving counseling to a majority of them. He also provided training on 20.09.2016 and 21.09.2016 to ASHA's and ANMs of East Khasi Hills at the "One day District Level TOT on Mainstreaming HIV& AIDS for ANM, East Khasi Hills District' organised by MACS and RH

### **MIZORAM**

The Member Secretary, Mizoram SLSA visited District Jail Champhai and Kolasib. The officers of State and District Legal Services Authorities regularly visited Central Jail, Aizawl and the District Jails in Mizoram during the quarter to interact with the inmates including the under trial prisoners.

1544 persons visited Village Legal Care and Support Centres (LACs) and 1355were helped by drafting application for Heirship, succession, guardianship certificate. Counselling was provided to litigants on legal issues, getting Residential Certificate, Tribal Certificate, etc.

### **ODISHA**

During the quarter, 181 applications under Odisha Victim Compensation Scheme, 2012 were received by the District Legal Services Authorities, out of which, 108 applications were decided and a sum of Rs.67, 13,000/- towards compensation was paid to the victims under the Scheme.



# **RAJASTHAN**

With constant efforts of the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority, the Rajasthan Victims Compensation Scheme is gaining momentum and from July to September, 2016 an amount of Rs.5.5 crores approximately had been awarded as compensation and a total of 524 people had been benefited.

# **TAMIL NADU**

# NALSA SCHEMES

S.No.	Name of the Scheme	Number of awareness Programmes	Any other activities/initiatives with regard to the scheme
1	NALSA (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme,2015	34	Awareness camps organized at District and Taluk Level in Homes and Observation Homes to create awareness among the inmates.
2	NALSA (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganized Sector) Scheme,2015	42	Legal Awareness Camps organized at District and Taluk Level to explain the Government welfare schemes. About 39,478 persons were benefitted.
3	NALSA(Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme,2015	44	Camps organized by SLSA and DLSA to abolish child labour and conducted rally, distributed caps, displayed Posters regarding do's and don'ts and Child Rights, released pamphlets relating to Rights of Children, signature campaign was also organized. Puppet shows and Miming Programmes at District and Taluk levels were conducted, Legal Awareness Camps with Rally were organized and pamphlets were distributed.

	Total	209	
7	NALSA(Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse and Eradication of Drug Menace) Scheme,2015	10	Awareness camps organized at District and Taluk level in Schools and Colleges to motivate the students in the right direction.
6	NALSA(Protection and Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme,2015	6	Awareness camps organized at District and Taluk level in hill areas to educate Tribal people to get Government benefits at the earliest.
5	NALSA(Effective Implementation of Poverty Alleviation Schemes) Scheme,2015	65	Awareness camps organized at District and Taluk Level in villages to get government benefits to the poor and downtrodden people. In Zama Bandhi programme more persons were benefitted. Panel lawyers attended the Grama Sabha Meeting.
4	NALSA(Legal Services to the Mentally III and Mentally Disabled Persons) Scheme,2015	8	Awareness camps organized at District and Taluk Level in Homesfor Mentally Ill and Institute of Mental Health. One girl by name Sangeetha hailing from Tamil Nadu was rescued in Uttar Pradesh and brought to Chennai and she was admitted in IMH, Chennai. 23 persons of Tamil Nadu who are mentally affected were also admitted in the Homes maintained by NGOs at Kerala and 5 of them were brought to Chennai for rehabilitation.

# **Rehabilitation of Mentally ill Patients**

The Member Secretary, Kerala State Legal Services Authority informed the Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority that there were five mentally ill patients belonging to different parts of Tamil Nadu who were rescued at Trivandrum and were given treatment at

Mental Health Centre, Trivandrum and were cured from illness and were to be integrated with their family members. The Secretary DLSA, Chennai coordinated with the Secretary, DLSA, Trivandrum and received the said five persons. As the relatives of the said five persons were yet to be traced out, they were produced before the IInd Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore who directed that the four women be kept in a home run by Baniyan, a registered NGO at Mogappair, Chennai and one male person be kept with the Baniyan at Dooming Kuppam, Chennai for rehabilitation until they were reintegrated with their family members. The Chennai District Legal Services Authority has initiated necessary action to trace out their relatives for reintegration of the said five persons with their family.

# **Legal Services to victims of Domestic Violence**

The Tirunelveli District Legal Services Authority had nominated one of its Para Legal Volunteers to Tharuvai Village in Muneerpallam Panchayat to create Legal Awareness to the Villagers who conducted several Street Plays, Camps in the said village with the help of villagers and created Legal Awareness in the Village. As a result, a victim of crime approached the DLSA through the PLV for necessary protection from her drunkard husband who was harassing her and her two minor daughters. Her husband had murdered their only son under the influence of alcohol which was witnessed by Smt. Sunitha and her two minor daughters and she lodged a complaint in the police station against her husband and the accused was arrested and remanded to Judicial Custody. On being released on bail he started harassingSmt. Sunitha and her daughters and made threats to kill them all. District Legal Services Authority, Tirunelveli arranged necessary protection for them through concerned police and as a result, another case was registered against the accused husband and he was arrested and remanded to judicial custody. DLSA, Tirunelveli also arranged counselling for them and provided employment to Smt. Sunitha which enabled her to look after herself and her minor daughters. It also facilitated free education for one minor child of Tmt.Sunitha up to College level and arranged financial assistance to the child under sponsorship scheme, whereby the child is given Rs.2, 000/- per month to meet her needs. The other minor child was got admitted in an Open Shelter Home run by an NGO namely, Saranalayam at Tirunelveli wherein she is now undergoing training in tailoring course free of cost. Victim compensation to them is also under process.

### **TRIPURA**

In the month of July, 2016, TSLSA declared the result of 03 tier essay competition held amongst the school and college students (district-wise) on fundamental duties of the citizens and other legal rights

A one day Seminar cum Workshop on effective implementation of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 was held at Udaipur on 26.07.2016 at Rajarshi Multiplex Hall in collaboration with Child Line Foundation of India, Udaipur Unit, under the aegis of Tripura State Legal Services Authority which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, TSLSA.

In implementing the Schemes of NALSA, 2015, District Legal Services Authority, South Tripura District, Udaipur organized one Seminar cum Workshop cum awareness programme on effective implementation of NALSA "Legal Services to the MentallyIII and Mentally Disabled Persons" Scheme, 2015 under the aegis of Tripura State Legal Services Authority which was inaugurated by then Hon'ble Executive Chairman, TSLSA at Rajarshi Multiplex Hall, Udaipur on 21.08.2016.

# **UTTAR PRADESH**

During this quarter, compensation of Rs.18, 70,000/- was awarded and paid to 13 victims of different offences under the Victims Compensation Scheme, 2014.

The Member Secretary, UPSLSA along with the Secretary, DLSA, Mathura carried out inspection of the Vrindavan Widow Ashram at Mathura to gauge the living conditions and to ensure that proper care of the widows living in the home was being taken. The shortcomings and problems of inmates that were observed during inspection were brought to the notice of the concerned authorities with the direction to rectify those defects.

The Uttar Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (UPSLSA) organized a one day conference – cum- workshop on "Re-enforcement of Resolve of Access to Justice for All" of all the District Judges/Chairpersons and Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2016 at the Judicial Training and Research Institute (JTRI), Gomti Nagar, Lucknow. The conference was chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice V.K. Shukla, Senior Judge, High Court of Judicature at Allahabad and Executive Chairman, UPSLSA and was co-chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice, Arun Tandon, Judge, Allahabad High Court and Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Sahi, Senior

Judge, High Court, Lucknow. The conference covered the issues such as Enhancing the reach and quality of legal representation, Performance of Legal Services Clinics, Construction of ADR Centres, Progress made in the establishment of student legal literacy clubs/law clubs, Victim Compensation Scheme (VCS), Engagement of Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs), Implementation of the 07 new schemes launched by NALSA, Submission of timely and accurate reports to the UPSLSA, Organization of legal awareness camps and Information related to mediation activities. During the conference, a quarterly report of the activities that had been undertaken by UPSLSA during the months of April to June, 2016 was also released.

## **WEST BENGAL**

The unveiling of the foundation stone for the 19<sup>th</sup> ADR Centre in the Howrah District was done on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016 through a ceremony comprising of the Hon'ble Chief Justice Dr. Manjula Chellur, the Executive Chairperson-in-charge, WBSLSA, Hon'ble Ms. Justice Indira Banerjee, Judge, High Court, Calcutta and other eminent Judges of the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta.



### **CHANDIGARH**

Sh. Mahavir Singh, Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority, U.T. Chandigarh and Sh. Balbir Singh, District & Session Judge Cum-Chairman, DLSA, Chandigarh regularly visited the Model Jail, Chandigarh during the quarter to monitor the legal aid services to the jail inmates. Sh. Rajeshwar Singh, Law Officer also visited Model Jail, Burail, Sector 45,

Chandigarh once a week and interacted with the inmates of each barrack. Free legal aid was also provided to unrepresented inmates. The Advocates also interact with the inmates of each barrack on daily basis and provide free legal aid to unrepresented inmates. A total **61** visits were made to Model Jail, Chandigarh during the quarter.

# **DELHI**

On 5th and 6th August, 2016, the newly recruited Trainee Judicial Officers of Delhi Judicial Service visited the Central Office of DSLSA and were given orientation on the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 and the programmes and activities of DSLSA. They also visited the offices of DLSAs and also attended the training programme organized by DSLSA at Tis Hazari on 'Forensic Medical Jurisprudence: Issues of Age Determination of Juveniles & Psychological Social Analysis of their Cognitive Faculties.'



On 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2016, the Special Secretary and Addl. Secretary, DSLSA held a talk at Faculty of Law, JMI on the topic 'Equality before Law' followed by felicitation of 09 Para Legal Volunteers/students of JMI and gave them books and Certificates of Appreciation for their participation in the Project/Survey of Manual Scavenging in Delhi. On this occasion, the Officers of DSLSA also spread legal awareness on the topic of "Anti-Ragging" and also made the students aware about the activities of DSLSA.

### **PUDUCHERRY**

The Regional Meet of the Executive Chairpersons of Southern States was held on 23rd July, 2016. The Meet was chaired by Hon'ble Justice Anil R.Dave, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Executive Chairman, NALSA.

On 24.07.2016, a conclave of the Member Secretaries of State Legal Services Authorities of Southern States of India was held to evolve plans for full and proper utilization of grants, Social Impact Assessment of Legal Services Programmes and area specific problems.

On 23.08.2016, a review meeting for the Para Legal Volunteers was conducted in the premises of UTPLSA. The Daily Activities Registers which were printed as per the instructions of NALSA were distributed to the Para-Legal-Volunteers.

On 29.08.2016, a review meeting was conducted for the advocates nominated to serve the TOLL FREE Number by the Member Secretary. Around 50 Advocates participated in the said review meeting.

On 19.09.2016, in compliance of the Standard Operating Procedure for Jails (SOP) communicated by NALSA, a Suggestion/Complaint box was fixed in the Central Prison, Puducherry. Hon'ble Thiru Justice M.Jaichandren, Judge, High Court of Madras and Executive Chairman, UTPLSA handed over the Suggestion/Complaint box to the Chief Superintendent of Jail, Central Prison, Puducherry in the presence of Thiru C.V. Karthikeyan, Chief Judge of Puducherry, Thiru G.Senthil Kumar, Secretary to Government (Law) and Smt V.Sofana Devi, Member Secretary, UTPLSA.