

Government of India
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Department of Justice

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month of October, 2021-reg.

The undersigned is directed to circulate herewith a copy of the Monthly Summary of the Department of Justice for the month of October, 2021.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



(M S P Dara)

Under Secretary(Coord.)

Encl: As above

To

1. All the Members of the Council of Ministers
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The following are the important activities of the Department of Justice for the month of October, 2021.

1. National Legal Services Authority (NALSA):

Celebrating 75 years of our Independence, the National Legal Services Authorities (NALSA) started six-week long Pan India Legal Awareness and Outreach Campaign as a part of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'. The programme was flagged off on 2nd October, 2021 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi by Hon'ble the President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind in the august presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.V. Ramana, Chief Justice of India, Shri Kiren Rijiju, Hon'ble Minister of Law & Justice, Hon'ble Mr. Justice U.U. Lalit, Executive Chairman, NALSA & Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.M. Khanwilkar, Chairman, Supreme Court Legal Services Committee. Major highlights of the activities conducted from 2nd October, 2021 to 15th October, 2021 are as follows:

- ❖ Door-to-Door visits conducted in 1,44,668 villages by 1,04,390 Outreach teams.
- ❖ 11,63,99,760 persons covered during the Door-to-Door visits.
- ❖ 94,365 Legal Awareness Programmes organized by 88,109 teams benefitted 1,87,97,221 persons.
- ❖ 2,095 Mobile Vans were deployed in 24,017 villages which sensitized 64,01,965 persons.
- ❖ Legal awareness of 11,96,987 persons through 8,961 Legal Aid Clinics.
- ❖ 12,669 programmes organised by 30,531 Resource persons, covering 58,55,004 persons.

2. Manthan:

- Hon'ble Minister and Hon'ble Minister of State of Law & Justice held a brainstorming session with the officers and staff of the Department of Justice on 12.10.2021 at Garvi Gujarat Bhavan, New Delhi. During the meeting, there was a candid exchange of ideas and several fruitful suggestions were made to improve the functioning of the Department of Justice both in terms of policies and processes. It was also decided that further rounds of free-wheeling of ideas and thoughts would be held later for building cohesive team work in the Department.

3. Tele-Law:

- Legal advice was provided to 64,843 persons which included 21,876 Women, 20,518 Scheduled Castes, 12,362 Scheduled Tribes and 21,434 OBC beneficiaries. Total advice enabled till 31st October, 2021 was 12,31,746 cases.
- 25 trainings were conducted across 15 States/UTs, in which 1267 State Level Coordinators/District Managers/Village Level Entrepreneurs/Para Legal Volunteers participated.
- 'EK Pahal' (Login Days) Campaign conducted on 2nd October 2021 to commemorate Gandhi Jayanti including promotional activities conducted in 29 States/UTs across the country.

4. Nyaya Bandhu:

- 165 new lawyers registered through Nyaya Bandhu mobile application/web portal during the month. Total of 3506 lawyers (M- 3089, F-415, Transgender 02) have registered under this programme.
- Total 458 Pro Bono Lawyers have been enrolled by 14 High Courts under Nyaya Bandhu Panel so far.

5. Legal Literacy Programme:

- Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority organized a Legal Literacy cum Training Programme for 32 GaonBurahs and GaonBurihs on 24th October 2021 at Nafra, District West Kameng, Arunachal Pradesh.
- Sikkim State Commission for Women organised Legal Literacy Programs for 200 Self Help Group members on Laws related to Domestic Violence and Sexual Harassment and for 156 students, teachers and school staff on Child Sexual Abuse.
- Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Science, Manipur organised "Three day Online Training and Sensitisation of Stakeholders on Child Sexual Abuse" for 125 teachers from higher secondary schools and colleges from 13/10/2021 to 15/10/2021 in Manipur.
- Law Research Institute (LRI) Assam organised a workshop on "Documentation of Customary laws of Molsom tribe a sub tribe of Halem Tribe on 11th October 2021.
- DoJ in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Leh, Ladakh, organised a National Level Workshop on Access to Justice for Marginalized on 28th October 2021 at Leh, Ladakh which was attended by Legal Services Authorities, Police, Government Departments, academic institutions and NGOs.

6. eCourts Mission Mode Project Phase-II:

- The eCourts Mobile App recorded a total of 66.05 lakh downloads till 01.10.2021.
- Over 93 lakh cases (93, 18,277) were handled by 15 virtual courts and online fine of more than Rs.183 crore has been realized till 05.10.2021.
- The Chairman, eCommittee of the Supreme Court in a letter dated October 9, 2021, has directed all the High Courts across the country to ensure that e-filing of cases/petitions by government in all types of matters should be mandatory from 1st January, 2022. After such date, there should be no physical filing of cases by government in any matter. All the High Courts have also been advised to engage with the advocates as well as Bar Associations to sensitize and encourage them to adopt e-filing proactively.
- Preparing future groundwork for the eCourts project, the Chairman, eCommittee of the Supreme Court also shared the Digital Preservation Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) with the Chief Justices of all the High Courts. The eCommittee is intending to implement the SOP for digitization of judicial records in two or three High Courts on a pilot basis so that the experience and best practices could be a guiding source for all High Courts.
- The District courts heard 97,25,907 cases while the High Courts heard 51,38,205 cases (totaling 1.48 cr) using video conferencing till 11.10.2021.

7. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Development of Judicial Infrastructure and Fast Track Special Courts:

- Video Conference Meeting was held with the representatives of State Governments/High Courts to review the status of the implementation of the procedure for release of funds under the CSS for Judicial Infrastructure and Fast Track Special Courts through PFMS. A review meeting was also held with the team of National Remote Sensing Centre, ISRO, which is maintaining Nyaya Vikas 2.0 portal for online monitoring of development of judicial infrastructure facilities for making further improvements in the portal. Presently, 6064 Court Halls (completed and under construction) and 4802 Residential Units (completed and under construction) are geotagged with the portal.

8. Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with other countries:

Department of Justice has, so far, signed 11 Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with other countries in the field of Judicial Cooperation as well as in the field of training and capacity building programmes for Judicial Officers. The progress of all these MoUs was reviewed at the level of Hon'ble Minister of Law and Justice and follow-up action was taken with MEA and concerned Embassy/High Commission for energizing the MoUs.

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