

#### NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

SPECIAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR CREATING LEGAL AWARENESS AMONGST THE COMMON CITIZENS

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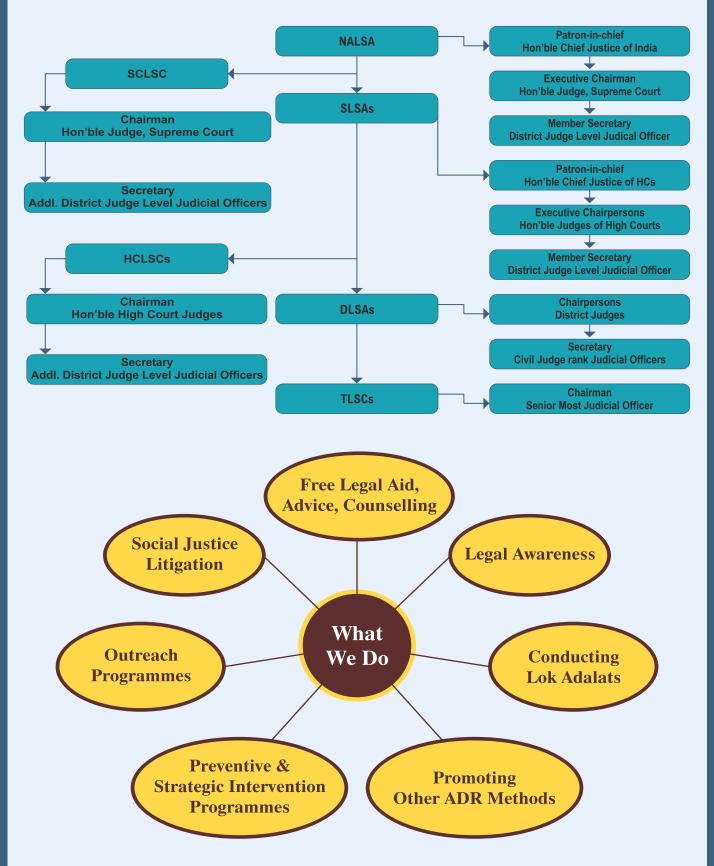
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#### ORGANOGRAM OF LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES/COMMITTEES



#### Legislative Framework

Legal Services Authorities Act



Act enacted in 1987



Came into force on 09.11.1995



Establishes Legal Services Institutions at National, State, District and Taluk level



Mentions eligible categories for free legal services

#### Key Programmes



#### Legal aid and assistance

To eligible categories before Courts/Tribunals, and assistance through Front Offices and Legal Services Clinics.



#### Outreach Programmes

To make people aware about their rights and entitlements and assist them in actualization of the same under welfare laws and schemes of the Central and State government.



#### Lok Adalat and Mediation

To promote Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms to resolve pending and prelitigation cases.

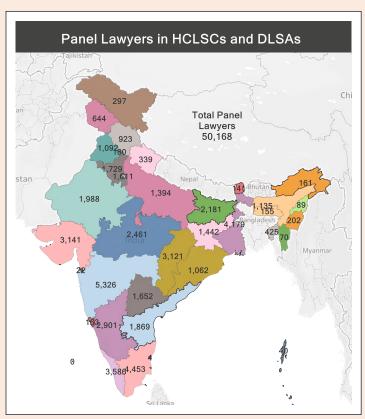


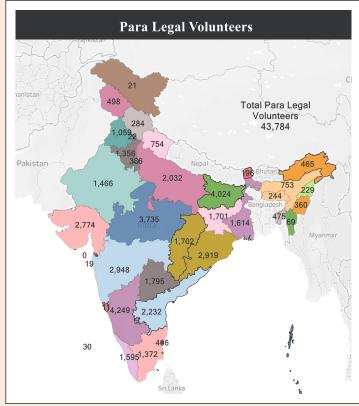
# Victim Compensation Schemes

To facilitate rehabilitation of Victims of Crime by determination and disbursement of compensation under Victim Compensation Schemes

# OUR PRESENCE ACROSS THE COUNTRY

State Legal Services Authorities	Supreme Court Legal Services Committee	High Court Legal Services Committees	District Legal Services Authorities	Taluk Legal Services Committees
37	1	39	673	2,281





# SPECIAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR CREATING LEGAL AWARENESS AMONGST THE COMMON CITIZENS

When it comes to access to legal remedies, one recurring issue that arises, is the prevalence of lack of legal literacy amongst the majority of the population. The issue pertaining to the lack of legal literacy directly emerges from the sociopolitical inequities existing in our society, especially, amongst the poor and marginalised sections. Reaching out to these vulnerable and marginalised groups of society, to inform them of their legal rights and entitlements under welfare legislations and schemes, is one of the functions envisioned for Legal Services Institutions (LSIs) under the Legal Services Authorities Act 1987.

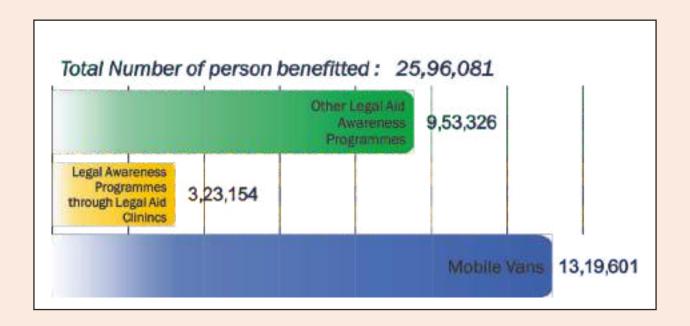
Apart from providing court-based services in terms of assigning a counsel, rendering legal advice, drafting bail applications and other miscellaneous applications, the Legal Services Instructions are mandated to perform several other outreach activities which include organisation of Legal Empowerment Camps and spreading of awareness through Legal Awareness programmes etc. to reach out to the unreached in order to understand their legal needs and requirements as well as to provide a timely and effective solution.

On September 17, 2021, the Legal Services Institutions across the country organised a pan-India "Special Awareness Campaign for Creating Legal Awareness among Common Citizens" under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to take up outreach and legal awareness through mobile vans, legal aid clinics, and organising legal assistance programmes for common citizens. On September 15, 2021, National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) convened a preparatory

meeting with the Member Secretaries of all the State Legal Services Authorities (SLSAs) to chalk out the strategies for the present Special pan-India Legal Awareness Campaign. Hon'ble Mr. Justice U.U. Lalit, Executive Chairman of NALSA, presided over the meeting and encouraged the Member Secretaries of SLSAs to make the campaign a huge success.

The Member Secretaries of SLSAs were instructed by the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, NALSA to galvanise the District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) into action and (i) to deploy the Mobile Vans and spread audio video legal awareness among the masses by showing documentaries and films, vernacular documentaries, access to justice programmes, NALSA Theme Song, and other available resources; (ii) to organise Legal Aid Camps, clinics where pre-litigation legal advices can be given to the citizens with the help of Panel Lawyers and PLVs; and (iii) to Pick 5-10 villages that were inaccessible from each taluk and to spread legal awareness, either physically or virtually in such villages.

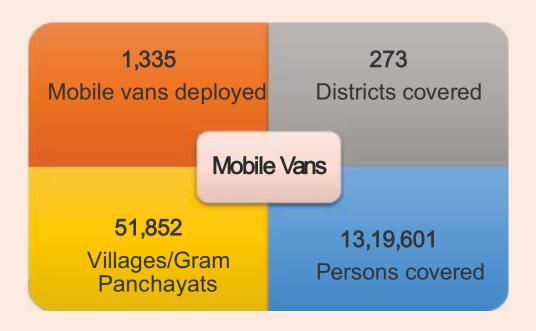
The Legal Services Institutions acted promptly to comply with the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, NALSA's instructions. In order to make the special pan-India awareness drive a great success in their respective states, the Legal Services Institutions devised their action plans and guided their legal services functionaries, including Panel Lawyers and PLVs to implement the action plans at the grassroot level. The intensity of the efforts of the workforce of LSIs in doing human services and discharging legal services swiftly, can be well measured by the fact that in a single day i.e., September 17, 2021, they were successful in reaching out to approximately 25,96,081 people.



This report provides an overview of the activities carried out by Legal Services Institutions across the country.

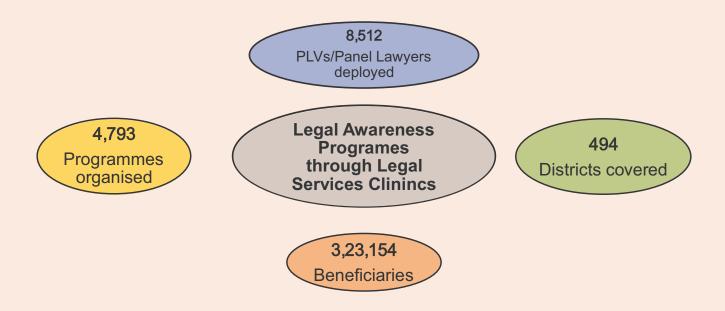
#### 1. Deployment of Mobile Vans for spreading legal awareness

The Legal Services Institution across the country deployed the Legal Services Mobile Vans to reach out to the people living in remotest area of their respective state. These mobile vans displayed audio-visual legal awareness documentaries and films, access to justice programmes, NALSA Theme Song, etc. for disseminating the legal awareness amongst the masses. The following pictorial graph depicts an overview of the operational framework of deployment of mobile vans.



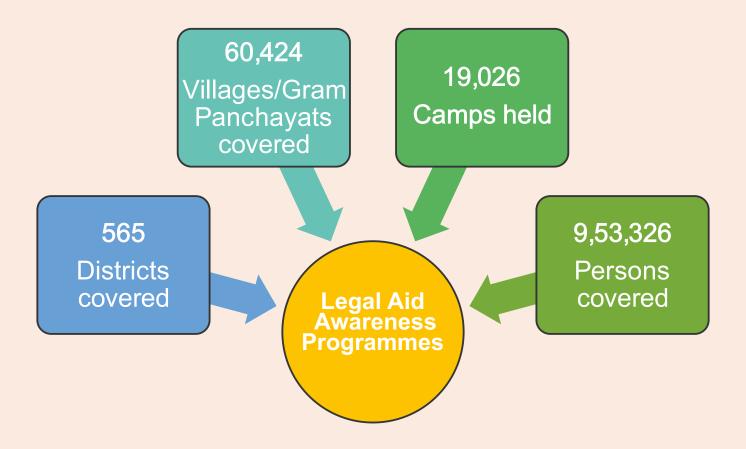
#### 2. Awareness through Legal Services Clinics

The Legal Services Institutions upto the level of DLSAs and Taluk Legal Services Committees galvanised the ideas of spreading legal awareness into action. Panel Lawyers and PLVs in Legal Services Clinics were deployed specially to spread legal awareness amongst the citizens who were also provided pre-litigation legal advice, if sought. The following pictorial graph depicts an overview of the legal awareness programmes conducted through Legal Services Clinics.



#### 3. Reaching out to the unreached through legal awareness programmes

As stated above, the LSIs across the country were able to disseminate legal information to around 25,96,081 people in a single day. In order to achieve such a massive figure, the LSIs organized numerous activities and awareness programmes to spread legal awareness. The following pictorial graph depicts the overview of the programmes through which the public at large was made aware of the functioning of legal services authorities, the availability of free legal services, the rights and entitlements of citizens under various laws and welfare schemes, etc.



## ANDHRA PRADESH

1,558 Camps held 13 Districts covered 1,557 Villages/ Gram Panchayats

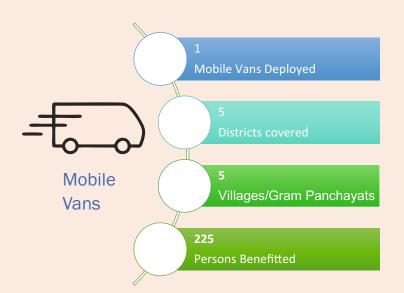
37,084 Persons benefitted



















## ARUNACHAL PRADESH

14 Camps held 14 Districts covered 9 Villages/ Gram Panchayats

1,269 Persons benefitted

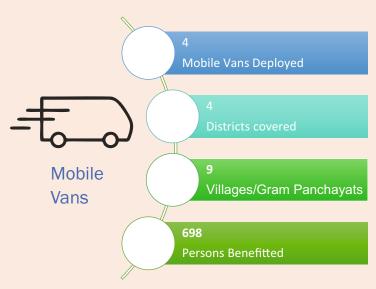


















Legal Awareness Programes through Legal Aid Clinincs

Lawyers deployed

## **ASSAM**

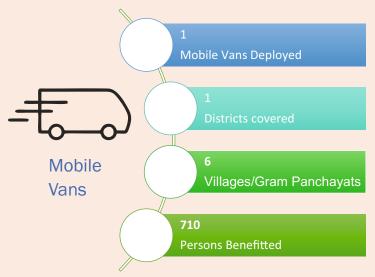
109 Camps held 33 Districts covered 191 Villages/ Gram Panchayats

8,753 Persons benefitted















Legal Awareness Programes through Legal Aid Clinincs

> 33 District

**3,144**Beneficiaries

PLVs/Panel Lawyers deployed

#### **BIHAR**

109 Camps held **37** Districts covered

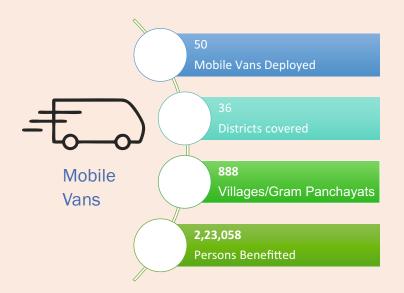
613
Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

**40,644**Persons benefitted

















Legal
Awareness
Programes
through Legal
Aid Clinincs

**25,396**Reneficiaries

LVs/Panel Lawyers deployed

> 34 District

## **CHHATTISGARH**

**2,337** Camps held

23 Districts covered 993
Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

**1,49,153**Persons benefitted





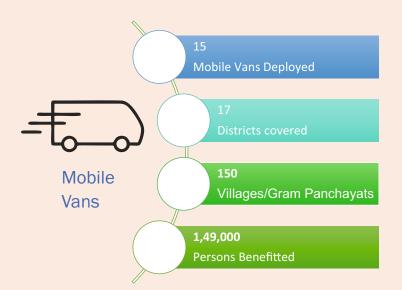


















> PLVs/Panel Lawyers deployed

Legal
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through Legal
Aid Clinincs

**23** Districts

**1,030** eneficiaries

## **DELHI**

108 Camps held 11 Districts covered 77
Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

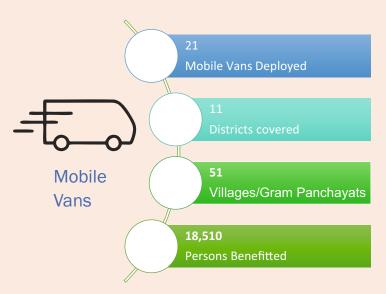
**11,599**Persons benefitted

















> PLVs/Panel Lawyers deployed

Legal
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Programes
through Legal
Aid Clinincs

Districts

**8,943**Beneficiaries

# GOA

3 Camps held **2** Districts covered

Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

**75**Persons benefitted

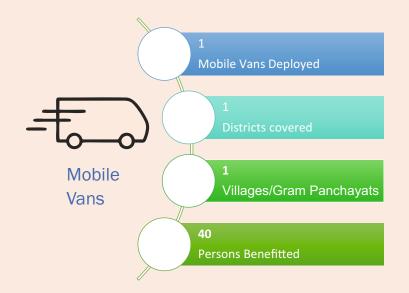




















## GUJARAT

**853** Camps held

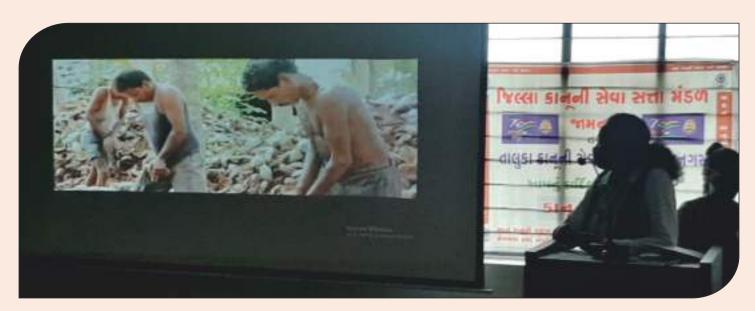
**32** Districts covered

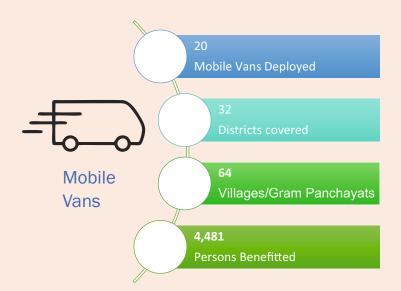
**829**Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

28,749
Persons
benefitted















Legal Awareness **Programes** through Legal **Aid Clinincs** 

PLVs/Panel Lawyers deployed

#### **HARYANA**

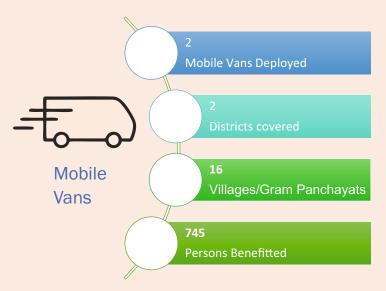
357 Camps held 22 Districts covered 248
Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

**40.466**Persons benefitted















Legal Awareness **Programes** through Legal Aid Clinincs

14,708

Lawyers deployed

## HIMACHAL PRADESH

337 Camps held 11 Districts covered 330
Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

**38,341**Persons
benefitted













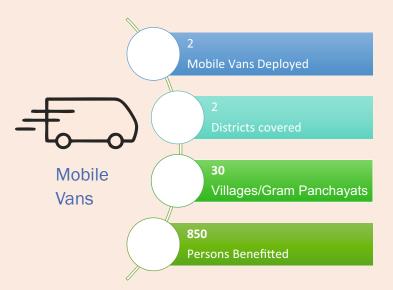




























Legal Awareness **Programes** through Legal Aid Clinincs

16,218

Lawyers deployed

## JAMMU & KASHMIR

226 Camps held **20** Districts covered

597
Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

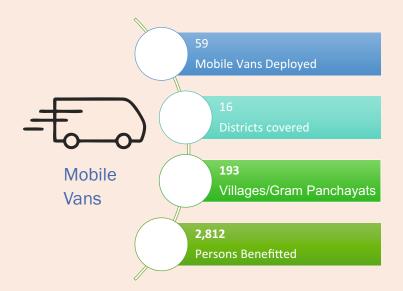
**14,230**Persons benefitted

















Legal Awareness Programes through Legal Aid Clinincs

**8,593**Beneficiaries

PLVs/Panel Lawyers deployed

> **20** District

#### **JHARKHAND**

**359** Camps held

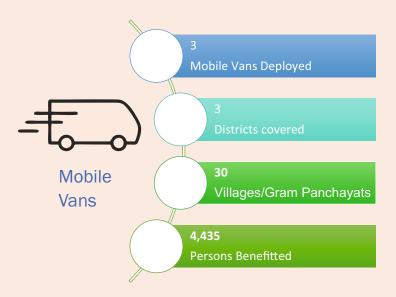
24 Districts covered 544
Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

**20,615**Persons benefitted















Legal Awareness Programes through Legal **Aid Clinincs** 

11,489

Lawyers deployed

#### **KARNATAKA**

**4486** Camps held **30** Districts covered

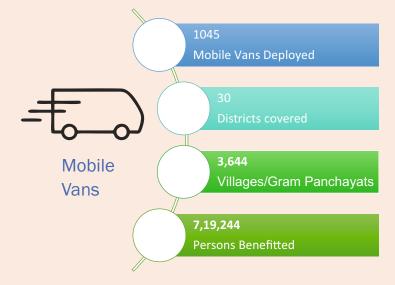
4645
Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

**3,08,368**Persons benefitted















Legal Awareness Programes through Legal Aid Clinincs

**1,09,071**Beneficiaries

**1,409** PLVs/Panel Lawyers deployed

> **30** District







## **KERELA**

**3,191** Camps held

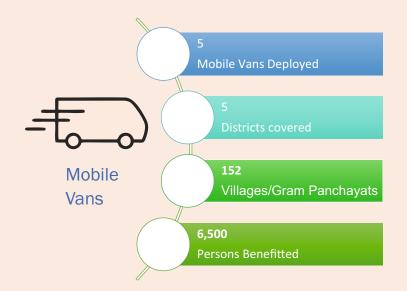
14 Districts covered **582**Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

**41,090**Persons benefitted















Legal Awareness Programes through Legal **Aid Clinincs** 

7,100

Lawyers deployed

## MADHYA PRADESH

**426** Camps held **50** Districts covered

**431**Villages/Gra

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Panchayats

**20,228**Persons benefitted

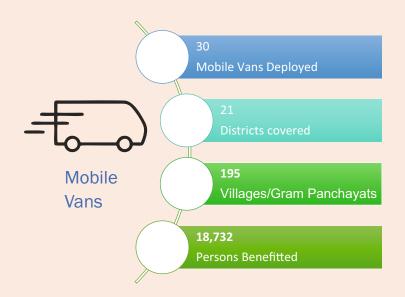




















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through Legal
Aid Clinincs

**8,743**Beneficiaries

PLVs/Panel Lawyers deployed

48

cover

#### **MAHARASHTRA**

1,135 Camps held **34** Districts covered

1,056
Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

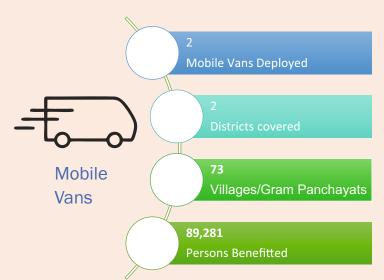
**52,536**Persons benefitted

















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**Awareness Programes** through Legal **Aid Clinincs** 

14,850

#### **MANIPUR**

31 Camps held 13 Districts covered 72
Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

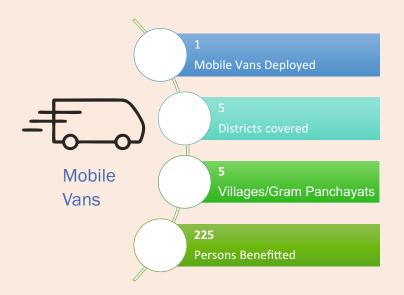
**1,098**Persons benefitted

















Legal Awareness Programes through Legal Aid Clinincs

## **MEGHALAYA**

10 Camps held 11 Districts covered 17
Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

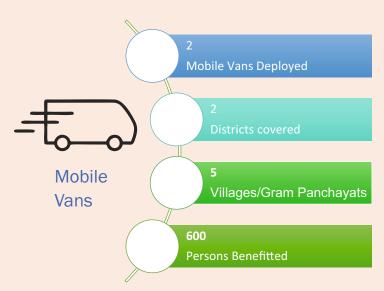
**985**Persons benefitted

















Legal Awareness Programes through Legal Aid Clinincs

PLVs/Panel Lawyers deployed

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**779** eneficiarie:

# MIZORAM

Camps held Districts covered

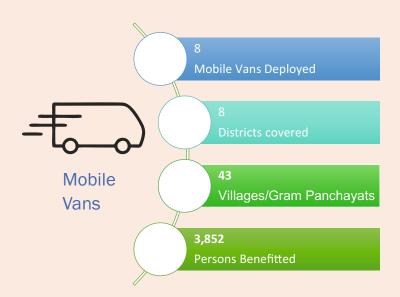
Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

225
Persons
benefitted

















# NAGALAND

29 Camps held 10 Districts covered 25
Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

**1,683**Persons benefitted

















Legal Awareness Programes through Legal Aid Clinincs Districts covered

PLVs/Panel Lawyers deployed

**266** Seneficiaries

# **ODISHA**

101 Camps held **30** Districts covered

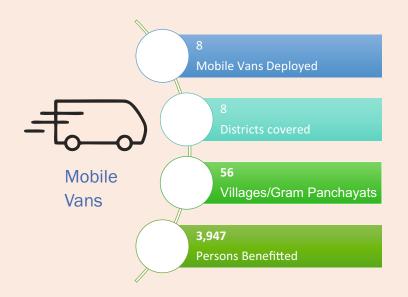
142
Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

**5,347**Persons benefitted















Legal Aid Clinics Setup

Legal Awareness
Programes
through Legal Aid Clinincs

155
PLVs/Panel Lawyers
deployed

3,005
Beneficiaries

## **PUNJAB**

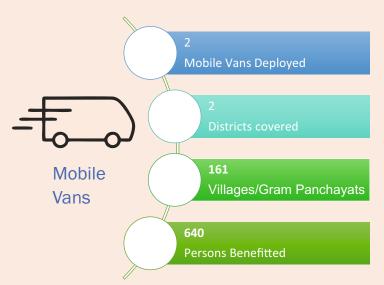
307 Camps held 22 Districts covered 390
Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

10,323
Persons
benefitted















Legal Awareness Programes through Legal Aid Clinincs

## **RAJASTHAN**

1,183 Camps held **36** Districts covered

897
Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

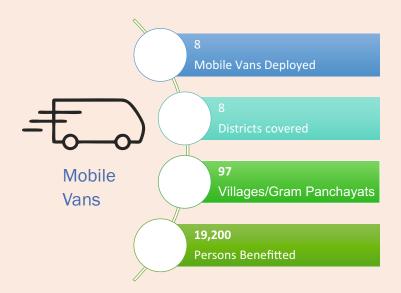
**37,494**Persons benefitted

















Legal Awareness Programes through Legal Aid Clinincs

33,808

# SIKKIM

11 Camps held

Districts covered

11
Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

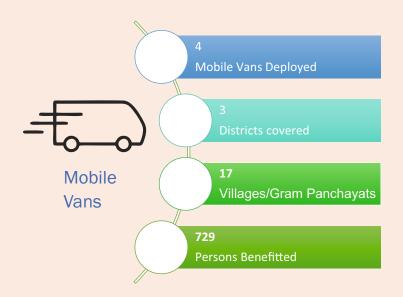
203 Persons benefitted

















Legal Awareness Programes through Legal Aid Clinincs

# TELANGANA

305 Camps held 11 Districts covered 388
Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

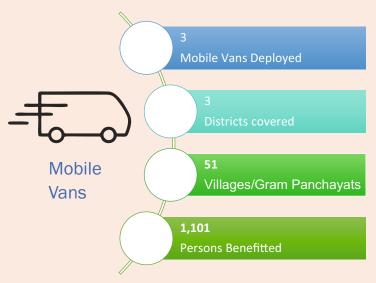
**23,810**Persons benefitted

















Legal Awareness Programes through Legal Aid Clinincs

**2,493**eneficiaries

Districts covered

PLVs/Panel Lawyers deployed

# TAMIL NADU

138 Camps held **32** Districts covered

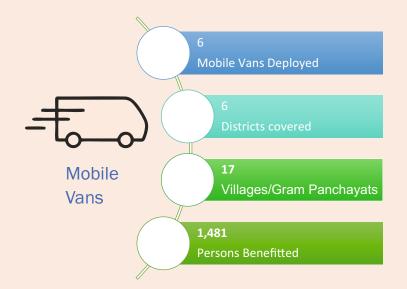
148
Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

**7,730**Persons benefitted















Legal Awareness Programes through Legal Aid Clinincs covered

PLVs/Pane Lawyers deployed

**1,375** Beneficiaries

## **TRIPURA**

22 Camps held

Districts covered

29
Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

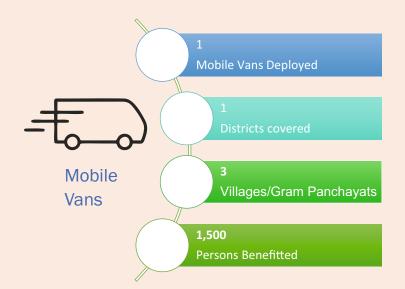
**2,640**Persons benefitted



















## **UTTAR PRADESH**

356 Camps held **61** Districts covered

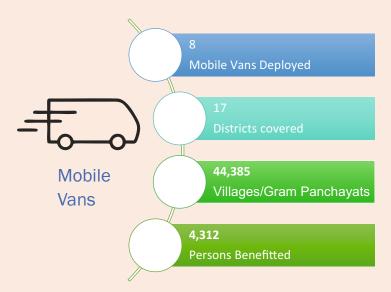
44,649
Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

**16,742**Persons benefitted















Legal Awareness Programes through Legal Aid Clinincs

#### **UTTARAKHAND**

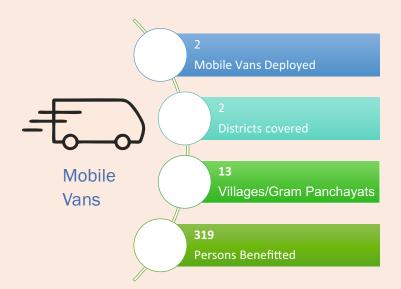
192 Camps held 13 Districts covered 191
Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

**5,234**Persons benefitted















Legal Awareness Programes through Legal Aid Clinincs

**4,116**Repeficiaries

13 Districts covered

> **219** /s/Pane

## WEST BENGAL

Camps held Districts covered

Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

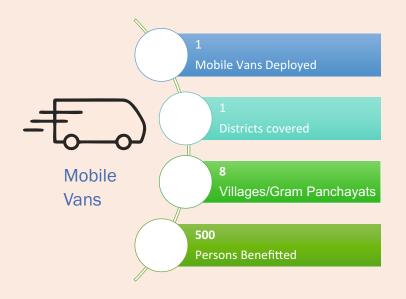
**570**Persons benefitted



















Legal Aid Clinics Setup

Legal Awareness Programes through Legal Aid Clinincs

1

Districts covered

1

Districts covered

1

PLVs/Panel Lawyers deployed

40

Beneficiaries

# CHANDIGARH

Camps held Districts covered

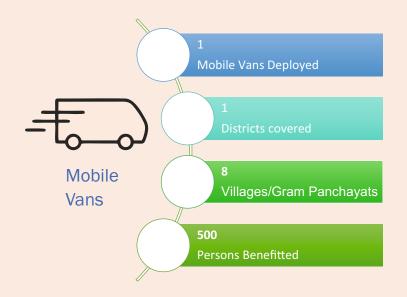
Villages/ Gram Panchayats **570**Persons benefitted



















Legal Aid Clinics Setup

1
Districts covered
Awareness
Programes
through Legal
Aid Clinincs
19
PLVs/Panel
Lawyers
deployed

40
Beneficiaries

## DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI

Camps held Districts covered

Villages/ Gram Panchayats

**570**Persons benefitted

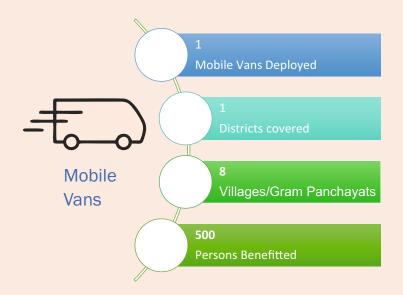
Legal Aid Awareness Programmes





















## **LADAKH**

6 Camps held 10 Districts covered 25
Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

418
Persons
benefitted

Legal Aid Awareness Programmes



















Legal Aid Clinics Setup

Districts covered

Legal Awareness Programes through Legal Aid Clinincs

PLVs/Panel Lawyers

Beneficiaries

## **PUDUCHERRY**

43 Camps held

Districts covered

40
Villages/
Gram
Panchayats

950 Persons benefitted

Legal Aid Awareness Programmes















Legal Aid Clinics Setup

Legal **Awareness** Programes through Legal Aid Clinincs

1. Deployment of Mobile Vans									
SLSA	Number of Mobile Vans	Number of Districts Covered	Number of Villages/Gram Panchayats covered	Number of persons covered					
A & N Islands	0	0	0	0					
Andhra Pradesh	22	13	1156	16040					
Arunachal Pradesh	4	4	9	698					
Assam	1	1	6	710					
Bihar	50	36	888	223058					
Chhattisgarh	15	17	150	149000					
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	1	8	145					
Daman & Diu	1	1	1	2					
Delhi	21	11	51	18510					
Goa	1	1	1	40					
Gujarat	20	32	64	4481					
Haryana	2	2	16	745					
Himachal Pradesh	2	2	30	850					
Jammu & Kashmir	59	16	193	2812					
Jharkhand	3	3	30	4435					
Karnataka	1045	30	3644	719244					
Kerala	5	5	152	6500					
Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0					
Madhya Pradesh	30	21	195	18732					
Maharashtra	2	2	73	89281					
Manipur	1	5	5	225					
Meghalaya	2	2	5	600					
Mizoram	8	8	43	3852					
Nagaland	0	0	0	0					
Odisha	8	8	56	3947					
Puducherry	0	0	0	0					
Punjab	2	2	161	640					
Rajasthan	8	8	97	19200					
Sikkim	4	3	17	729					
Tamil Nadu	6	6	17	1,481					
Telangana	3	3	51	1101					
Tripura	1	1	3	1500					
U. T. Chandigarh	1	1	8	5000					
Uttar Pradesh	8	17	44385	4312					
Uttarakhand	2	2	13	319					
West Bengal	31	26	324	21412					
West Bengal Ladakh		26 0	324 0	21412 0					

	2. Legal Aid Clinics and Camps for beneficiaries								
S.NO	SLSA	Number of Districts covered	Number of Legal		Number of beneficiaries covered				
1	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0	0	0				
2	Andhra Pradesh	13	120	586	8387				
3	Arunachal Pradesh	5	5	22	224				
4	Assam	33	50	97	3144				
5	Bihar	34	238	530	25396				
6	Chhattisgarh	23	43	277	1030				
7	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0				
8	Daman & Diu	1	1	10	35				
9	Delhi	11	82	109	8943				
10	Goa	-	-	-	-				
11	Gujarat	27	156	198	7589				
12	Haryana	22	207	231	14708				
13	Himachal Pradesh	11	92	150	16218				
14	Jammu & Kashmir	20	146	333	8593				
15	Jharkhand	24	243	687	11489				
16	Karnataka	30	447	1409	109071				
17	Kerala	14	401	625	7100				
18	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0				
19	Madhya Pradesh	48	281	508	8743				
20	Maharashtra	34	231	541	14850				
21	Manipur	13	36	192	3161				
22	Meghalaya	5	14	18	779				
23	Mizoram	8	37	41	1173				
24	Nagaland	2	2	16	266				
25	Odisha	26	76	155	3005				
26	Puducherry	2	40	38	880				
27	Punjab	22	131	80	3966				
28	Rajasthan	36	1139	582	33808				
29	Sikkim	5	10	22	151				
30	Tamil Nadu	17	25	76	1,375				
31	Telangana	7	37	113	2493				
32	Tripura	0	0	0	0				
33	U. T. Chandigarh	1	8	19	40				
34	Uttar Pradesh	43	183	363	6577				
35	Uttarakhand	13	133	219	4116				
36	West Bengal	20	179	263	15464				
37	Ladakh	10	10	24	380				
	TOTAL	494	4793	8512	323154				

	3. Legal Aid Awareness Programmes							
S.NO	SLSA	Number of Districts covered	Number of Villages/Gram Panchayats covered		Number of persons covered			
1	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0	0	0			
2	Andhra Pradesh	13	1557	1558	37084			
3	Arunachal Pradesh	14	9	14	1269			
4	Assam	33	191	109	8753			
5	Bihar	37	613	407	40644			
6	Chhattisgarh	23	993	2337	149153			
7	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	5	8	145			
8	Daman & Diu	1	1	1	22			
9	Delhi	11	77	108	11599			
10	Goa	2	3	3	75			
11	Gujarat	32	829	853	28749			
12	Haryana	22	248	357	40466			
13	Himachal Pradesh	11	330	337	38341			
14	Jammu & Kashmir	20	597	226	14230			
15	Jharkhand	24	544	359	20615			
16	Karnataka	30	4645	4486	308368			
17	Kerala	14	582	3191	41090			
18	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0			
19	Madhya Pradesh	50	431	426	20228			
20	Maharashtra	34	1056	1135	52536			
21	Manipur	13	72	31	1098			
22	Meghalaya	11	17	10	985			
23	Mizoram	2	3	3	225			
24	Nagaland	10	25	29	1683			
25	Odisha	30	142	101	5347			
26	Puducherry	2	40	43	950			
27	Punjab	22	390	307	10323			
28	Rajasthan	36	897	1183	37494			
29	Sikkim	6	11	11	203			
30	Tamil Nadu	32	148	138	7,730			
31	Telangana	11	388	305	23810			
32	Tripura	8	29	22	2640			
33	U. T. Chandigarh Uttar Pradesh	61	8 44649	8 356	570 16742			
35	Uttarakhand	13	191	192	5234			
36	West Bengal Ladakh	21 10	678 25	366	24507 418			
31	Total	565	60424	19026	953326			



The NALSA Portal https://nalsa.gov.in/lsams/ has been designed for filing online applications and lodging grievances and complaints by legal aid seekers, victims and people. They can lodge grievances and complaints here indicating issues or problems related to their legal rights and entitlements instead of sending emails to the Helpdesk of Legal Services Institutions. It has been designed in a manner that the user can also upload documents, for quick redressal of grievances.

The portal has the following advantages:

- Enable the user to file an application or lodge his complaint
- Diary number generated after a complaint is lodged.
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