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Government of India
Ministry of Law & Justice
Department of Justice

**Subject: Monthly Summary for the month of November, 2023 in respect of
Department of Justice**

The following are the important activities of the Department of Justice for the month of November, 2023:

1. Constitution Day celebrations on 26th November, 2023:

- a) Constitution Day 2023 was celebrated in the Supreme Court of India during which the Hon'ble President of India was the Chief Guest. On this occasion, statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution was unveiled in the Supreme Court premises by the Hon'ble President of India in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Law and Justice. The Hon'ble President of India also inaugurated the eSCR (electronic Supreme Court Reports) portal of the Supreme Court of India, developed under the eCourts Mission Mode Project. This portal includes Hindi translations for 21,388 judgments out of a total of 36,068 delivered since January, 1950. Already, the English versions of all judgments are accessible through this portal at no cost to judges, lawyers, litigants and the general public.
- b) DoJ officials attended various sessions at the full day celebration at the Supreme Court. These included sessions on 'Budgeting, Human Resources and Infrastructure for the Judiciary' and on the 'Reflections on Dr. Ambedkar's ideas on Constitutionalism'. A presentation was also made on 'E Courts - Phase III – Budgetary aspects' before the Hon'ble CJI and other distinguished judges in the session titled 'Institutionalizing the use of Technology in Judicial Administration, with special emphasis on E-Courts Phase III Project.'
- c) Earlier in the day the reading of the Preamble to the Constitution of India was done in the Department of Justice during which all officers and staff participated and re-affirmed their commitment to uphold the values, ideas and principles as enshrined in the Constitution of India.

2. eCourts Mission Mode Project Phase-II:

- a) **NJDG:** On National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG), as on 01.11.2023, case status information in respect of over 24.35 crore cases and more than 23.80 crore orders/ judgments pertaining to the courts can be accessed.
- b) **Virtual Courts:** Over 3.95 crore cases have been handled by 25 virtual courts and in more than 44 lakh cases, online fine of more than Rs. 466.32 crore have been realized till 31.10.2023.
- c) **JustIS app:** Mobile App for Judicial Officers has a total of 19,405 downloads as of 31.10.2023.

3. Tele-Law: Reaching the Unreached

- a) Till 30th November, 2023 Legal Advice was provided to 60,23,222 beneficiaries including 3,63,636 in the month of November, 2023.
- b) During the month, 1,930 people participated in 109 awareness sessions/camps organized in 86 districts in 22 states/UTs by Village Level Entrepreneur/Para-Legal Volunteers(VLEs/PLVs), State Coordinators and Panel Lawyers.
- c) Under the Selfie Drive Campaign of Tele-Law programme for sharing experiences of tele-law field functionaries like VLE and State Coordinators, a total of 217 selfie/videos from 36 States & UTs were uploaded as on 30th November, 2023 on Tele Law social media sites (Facebook & Twitter).

4. Nyaya Bandhu (Pro-Bono Legal Services) Programme:

During the month, 75 new Pro Bono advocates registered through Nyaya Bandhu mobile application/web portal. A total of 10629 lawyers (Male-8901, Female-1726, Transgender- 02) have been registered under Nyaya Bandhu portal.

5. Legal Literacy and Legal Awareness Programme (LLLAP):

- a) National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru, Karnataka organized second Legal Aid Competition on 26th November, 2023 for 40 teams and also organised Policy Hackathon with 100 participants on 25.11.2023.
- b) Abdul Nazir Sab State Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Mysuru, Karnataka, organized Capacity Building Training Programme for 27 Women Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes of Gram Panchayats on 16th November 2023 at District Resource Centres, Mangalore.

- c) Center for Community Economics and Development Consultants Society, Jaipur, Rajasthan organized separate Block and District level Training on Rights of Women, Children and Elderly Persons and reached out to 68 volunteers in Sirohi district. A Dhani meeting was also organized with 24 community members in Basantgarh and Pindwara block of Sirohi district.
- d) On the occasion on Samvidhan Diwas (26.11.2023), State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD), Yashwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration (YASHADA), Pune, Maharashtra organized reading of the Preamble event with 76 District Panchayat Officials, 55 Elected Representatives and 70 VIDHI Doots.

6. National Legal Services Authority (NALSA):

- a) **Legal Services Day on 09th November, 2023** - The Legal Services Day was celebrated by NALSA on 09th November, 2023. On this occasion, Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India and Patron-in-Chief, NALSA launched the upgraded "National Toll-Free Helpline Number 15100 of NALSA through Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) Technology", and National Commission for Women's (NCW's) Mobile Application "Her Legal Guide".
- b) **The 1st Regional Conference on Access to Legal Aid: Strengthening Access to Justice in the Global South -**
 - i) National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), with the support of Department of Justice, Government of India, along with International Legal Foundation (ILF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) organized the 1st Regional Conference on Access to Legal Aid: Strengthening Access to Justice in the Global South at New Delhi, India on November 27 & 28, 2023. The participants of the Conference comprised of representatives from 40 Africa-Asia-Pacific countries of the Global South. This included Hon'ble Chief Justices; Hon'ble Law Ministers; Heads of the national legal aid institutions/ authorities/ services; and experts from academia/civil society.

Over the course of two days, a total of 16 sessions were conducted on various themes to enable focused and strategic deliberations on specific needs of the participating countries on access to justice and access to Legal Aid.

A Ministerial Roundtable and Chief Justices Roundtable on Access to Justice as a Sustainable Development Goal were also held during the conference and an Outcome Document was thereafter released.

The Conference showcased India's 'Access to Justice' framework as a model in providing universal access to legal aid and for advancing 'Ease of Justice' for the Global South Countries.
