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Government of India
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Department of Justice

Subject: Monthly Summary for the month of April, 2024 in respect of Department of Justice

The following are the important activities of the Department of Justice for the month of April, 2024:

1. India@75: 75 Years of the Indian Constitutional Republic:

To commemorate the Indian Republic completing its 75th year, a series of year-long events and activities have been envisioned by Department of Justice to celebrate the shared values that bind our nation. In this series, on 14th April, 2024, the Department of Justice celebrated “India@75: Past, Present and Beyond”, marking the 75 years of the Indian Constitutional Republic and role of the Constitutional ideals in improving justice systems by hosting an event at the Vigyan Bhavan. The event hosted two Panel Discussions comprising the leading academics on the evolving contours of justice in India@75, as follows:

- **Panel I:** *Improving Justice Delivery Systems Through Constitutional Ideals*
- **Panel II:** *Exploring the Role of Dr. Ambedkar in Shaping the Democratic Institutions and Principles of “Bharat”.*

The occasion was graced by the presence of the Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Learned Attorney General for India and Hon'ble Justice Suresh Kait of the Delhi High Court. The event elicited wide participation by law students from seven different universities.

On the same day, the Hon'ble Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, also unveiled a statue of the father of the Indian Constitution, Dr B.R Ambedkar, in the central lawns of the departmental office to commemorate his birth anniversary and as a mark of respect to his seminal contribution to the Indian Republic.

2. eCourts Mission Mode Project:

- a. **NJDG:** In March 2024, information in respect of over 27 lakh cases and more than 45 lakhs orders/judgments pertaining to the computerized courts was added to the National Judicial Data Grid portal.
- b. **e-Sewa Kendras:** 98 new e-Sewa Kendras have been constructed in March 2024.
- c. **Virtual Courts:** In March 2024, 16,05,545 cases have been handled by 25 virtual courts, and in 14,47,22 cases, an online fine of Rs. 13.58 crore has been realized.
- d. **Video Conferencing:** In March 2024, The District & Subordinate courts heard 2,82,842 cases while the High Courts heard 75,417 cases (totalling 3.58 lakhs) using the VC mode.
- e. **e-Courts Services Mobile App Downloads:** The eCourt services mobile app has seen an additional 5 lakh downloads in March 2024.
- f. **JustIS app for judges App Downloads:** The JustIS mobile app has seen an additional 74 downloads in March 2024.

3. Tele-Law: Reaching the Unreached:

- a. Upto the month, Legal Advice was provided to 82,60,936 beneficiaries including 3,52,254 in the month of April, 2024.
- b. During the month, 1,886 people participated in 89 awareness sessions/camps organized in 63 districts in 18 States/UTs by Village Level Entrepreneurs/Para-Legal Volunteers(VLEs/PLVs), State Coordinators and Panel Lawyers.
- c. During the month, 3802 Village Level Entrepreneur (VLEs) participated in 75 training sessions, which were conducted in 88 districts in 20 States/UTs.

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

During the month, 77 new Pro Bono Advocates registered through Nyaya Bandhu mobile application/web portal. A total of 10,999 (Male-9217, Female-1780, Transgender-02) Pro Bono Advocates have been on boarded under the Nyaya Bandhu portal.

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

- a. As part of Digital Legal Literacy, National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru, Karnataka, recorded 34 Reels (short videos) on national level socio-legal issues and disseminated on social media platforms -

Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, and LinkedIn and reached out to 75,246 viewers in April 2024.

- b. Sikkim State Commission for Women, Gangtok, Sikkim organized a talk show on topic 'Understanding Medico-Legal Aspects of Cervical Cancer' with the help of Sikkim Chronical and medico-legal experts, on 29th April 2024 and through social media reached out to 35,100 viewers.
- c. During the month, Shadow Advertising and Communications Pvt. Ltd. Bhubaneswar, Odisha, continued their Digital Legal Literacy Campaign through social media platforms and covered Tribal Rights, Labour Rights, Pension Yojna, Right to Equality, Women's Rights and Child Rights issues and reached out to 13,941 viewers.
- d. Indira Gandhi National Open University organized an interactive session on 'Constitutional Values' dated 29th April 2024 on its Gyan Darshan TV channel and reached out to 220 viewers.
- e. State Institute of Rural Development, Pune, Maharashtra organized a virtual workshop with 289 Vidhi Doots on 29th April 2024. In the workshop all the programmes of DISHA Scheme were discussed in detail.
- f. During the month, Bihar Institute of Public Administration, Patna, organized a legal literacy session on Human Trafficking, Dowry and Domestic Violence with 42 participants from Sitamarhi District of Bihar.
- g. Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College, Puducherry under the NYAYA OLI Project conducted a orientation program for 29 NYAYA OLI volunteers on 30th April 2024 at their college campus.
- h. Meghalaya State Legal Service Authority (MSLSA), Shillong is in the process of conducting baseline survey, where 1 Headman and 21 participants were surveyed on 16th April, 2024, at Somonpara village of West Garo Hills District.

6. National Legal Services Authority (NALSA):

A Framework and Schedule for Quarterly Meetings of Under Trial Review Committees (UTRCs) for the year 2024 has been released by NALSA on 08.04.2024 to ensure uniform periodicity of UTRCs across the country which in turn shall ensure frequent reviews of the cases of prison inmates thereby increasing their chances of release.
