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

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

1. **'Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Samman': Second Regional Event, Prayagraj, State of Uttar Pradesh**
 - a. The second regional event for "Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Samman" was organised at Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, on **July 16, 2024** at the Allahabad Medical Association Convention Centre. The event was graced by the presence of Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C) for Law & Justice and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, along with Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad, Hon'ble Shri Arun Bhansali, and Executive Chairman of the Uttar Pradesh State Legal Services Authority, Shri Manoj Kumar Gupta.
 - b. The event was attended by over 800 people in person and over 2,000 digitally. The attendees included members from the Bar Association, Village Level Entrepreneurs from Common Service Centres, senior officials from the Department of Justice (DoJ), winners of various competitions under the campaigns, Judicial Officers, Government Counsels, media personnel and the representatives from district administration. The highlights of the event included:
 - The felicitation of winners of various competitions under the "Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Samman" campaign conducted through the MyGov platform. The top three entries from the 1,000 winners of the Samvidhan Quiz, as well as 15 winners each from the Panch Pran Rangotsav (poster-making) and Panch Pran Anubhav (reel competition) were honored.

- The launch of a dedicated portal for "Hamara Samvidhan," designed to serve as a knowledge hub for spreading constitutional education in accessible and understandable ways and to enhance citizen participation. The posts related to the event garnered over 50,000 views and impressions across various social media platforms. The media coverage of the event, both in print and electronic formats, reached an audience of 15,79,723.
- c. Doordarshan, in collaboration with DoJ under the DISHA Scheme, has developed 56 TV programs addressing various legal awareness issues. These programs focus on the empowerment of senior citizens, persons with disabilities, women, children, and transgender individuals. As of July 2024, 42 episodes have been broadcast across 11 national and regional Doordarshan channels under the sub-theme "Vidhi Jagriti Abhiyaan," which is part of the ongoing pan-India "Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Samman" campaign, reaching an audience of 19.01 lakh.

2. **eCourts Mission Mode Project:**

- a. **National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG):** During June, 2024, information in respect of over 21 lakh cases and more than 22 lakhs orders/judgments pertaining to the computerized courts was added to the NJDG portal.
- b. **Virtual Courts:**
- 28 virtual courts are functioning in 21 States / UTs viz. Delhi (2), Haryana, Chandigarh, Gujarat (2), Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala (2), Maharashtra (2), Assam, Chhattisgarh, Jammu and Kashmir (2), Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Meghalaya, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand (2), Madhya Pradesh, Tripura, West Bengal, Rajasthan and Manipur (2). Three new Virtual Courts have been established, one additional in Uttarakhand and 2 in Manipur, making the total to 28.

- During June 2024, 17,53,534 cases have been handled by 28 virtual courts, and in 1,78,432 cases, an online fine of Rs. 18.33 crore has been realized.

c. **Video Conferencing:** From May 2024 to June 2024, The District & Subordinate courts heard 5,34,144 cases while the High Courts heard 97,302 cases (totalling 6.31 lakhs) using the VC mode.

d. **JustIS app for judges App Downloads:** The JustIS mobile app has seen an additional 469 downloads in June 2024.

e. **e-Sewa Kendras:** 22 new e-Sewa Kendras have been constructed from May 2024 to June 2024.

f. **e-Courts Services Mobile App Downloads:** The eCourt services mobile app has seen an additional 11 lakh downloads from May 2024 to June 2024.

3. **Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the Development of Infrastructure Facilities for Judiciary:**

During the FY 2024-25, a sum of Rs. 1000 crore has been provided under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the Development of Infrastructure Facilities for Judiciary. Out of this a sum of Rs. 388.60 crore has been released to various States/UTs, till 31.07.2024. Further, during the month of July, 2024, a sum of Rs. 148.46 crore has been released under the scheme.

4. **Tele-Law: Reaching the Unreached:**

a. **Legal Advice:** Till 31st July 2024, Legal Advice had been provided to 93,19,618 beneficiaries including 3,61,904 in the month of July 2024.

- b. **Awareness Sessions:** In July 2024, a total of 80 awareness sessions and camps were organized across 67 districts in 20 States/UTs by Village Level Entrepreneurs, Nyaya Sahayaks, State Coordinators, and Panel Lawyers, with 1,865 citizens participating.
- c. **Training of Field Functionaries:** In July 2024, a total of 93 training sessions were conducted across 94 districts in 20 States/UTs, with 4,587 people participating.

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

81 new Pro Bono Advocates were registered through Nyaya Bandhu mobile application/web portal. Till date, 11,227 (Male-9,403, Female-1,822, Transgender-02) Pro Bono Advocates have been on-boarded under the Nyaya Bandhu portal.

6. **Activities/Programmes conducted by Pro Bono Clubs at Law Schools:**

- a. The Pro Bono Club of North Cap University, Gurgaon organized a one-week Capacity Development Programme titled "Unlocking Legal Horizons: Empowering Educators in Contemporary Legal Issues," which included new criminal laws. The programme comprised 10 lectures and reached an audience of 70 participants.
- b. The Pro Bono Club of Birla School of Law, Birla Global University, Bhubaneswar organized a 15-day poster-making competition for university students and school students from its adopted village in Gothapatna, Odisha. The competition had an outreach of 40 participants.
- c. The Pro Bono Club of SOL, Christ University, Ghaziabad organized a visit to the Nanhak Foundation, Ghaziabad – Education Centre. The primary aim was to educate children about the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and the concepts of 'Good and Bad touches' as a preliminary step towards understanding their rights and safety. The outreach effort reached 35 participants.

- d. The Pro Bono Club of the Faculty of Law, University of Lucknow, organized a webinar titled "New Criminal Laws" to discuss recent developments in criminal legislation. The event had an outreach of 200 participants.
- e. The Pro Bono Club of the Faculty of Law, Vivekananda Global University, Jaipur, organized a training session on "Safety of Women at the Workplace" at S.S. Jain Subodh Mahila Shikshak Prashikshan Mahavidyalay, Jaipur. The session reached 30 participants.
- f. The Pro Bono Club of Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation (KLEF) College of Law, KLEF University, Guntur, organized a lecture on "Curative Measures to Overcome Anaemia." The event had an outreach of 100 participants.
- g. The Pro Bono Club of the P.G. Department of Law, Berhampur University, organized a plantation drive in commemoration of Van Mahotsav. The initiative reached 20 participants.

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

- a. Shadow Advertising and Communications Pvt. Ltd., Bhubaneswar, Odisha continued their Digital Legal Literacy Campaign via social media platforms, covering laws related to The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, and The Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017. The campaign reached 37,130 viewers.
- b. National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru, Karnataka released Volume 2 of "Legal Aid to Legal Rights," a ready reckoner for legal trainers and paralegal volunteers to promote legal literacy. The publication reached an audience of 68,429.
- c. State Institute of Rural Development, Pune, Maharashtra organized a training program on the Judicial Literacy Campaign on July 31, 2024, in village Amaanwadi of the Malegaon block. The program had an outreach of 95 participants.

- d. Abdul Nazir Sab State Institute of Rural Development, Mysuru conducted a webinar on new criminal laws for elected representatives and functionaries at the zila, taluk, and gram panchayat levels, with an outreach of 60,569 (both physical and digital).
 - e. Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College (AGLC), Puducherry inaugurated a Nyaya Oli Club at St. Joseph of Cluny Higher Secondary School, Lawspet, Puducherry. A booklet on new criminal laws was distributed among students, reaching 48 participants.
 - f. Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) hosted an interactive session on "Prevention of Sexual Harassment at the Workplace" on July 26, 2024, on its Gyan Darshan TV channel. The session reached 557 viewers.
 - g. Bihar Institute of Public Administration & Rural Development organized awareness sessions under its project titled "Legal Empowerment of 700 Village Panchayats through Vidhi Mitra" in the districts of Araria and Sitamarhi, Bihar. The sessions had an outreach of 97 participants.
 - h. Meghalaya State Legal Service Authority (MSLSA) submitted its Baseline Study Report on the need for community mediation among local and elected leaders. The study, conducted in the villages of Phulbari, Chidekgre, Kama Duminikgre, and Rombagre in the West Garo Hills district, involved interviews with 54 households.
8. **National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)**: Under the aegis of NALSA, over 1.72 lakh pre-litigation cases and 23.87 lakh pending cases were disposed of at the 2nd National Lok Adalat on 13th July, 2024 and 27th July, 2024 organized across Taluks, districts and at the High Courts level in 09 States/Union Territories.
