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

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

1. eCourts Mission Mode Project:

- a. National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG): During July, 2024, information in respect of over 16 lakh cases and more than 5 lakhs orders/judgments pertaining to the computerized courts was added to the NJDG portal.
- b. Virtual Courts: During July 2024, 21,27,125 cases have been handled by 28 virtual courts, and in 1,68,343 cases, an online fine of Rs. 16.64 crore has been realized.
- c. Video Conferencing: During July, 2024, The District & Subordinate Courts heard 3,46,166 cases, while the High Courts heard 95,894 cases (totalling 4.42 lakhs) using the VC mode.
- d. JustIS app for judges App Downloads: The JustIS mobile app has seen an additional 119 downloads in July 2024.
- e. e-Sewa Kendras : 16 new e-Sewa Kendras have been constructed in July, 2024.
- f. e-Courts Services Mobile App Downloads: The eCourt services mobile app has seen an additional 6 lakh downloads in July, 2024.

2. <u>Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the Development of Infrastructure</u> 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. Of this, a sum of Rs. 444.76 crore has been released to various States/UTs, till 31.08.2024. Further, during the month of August, 2024, a sum of Rs. 56.16 crore has been released under the scheme.

3. Tele-Law: Reaching the Unreached:

- a. Legal Advice: Till 31st August, 2024, Legal Advice had been provided to 96,89,281 beneficiaries, including 3,69,663 in the month of August, 2024.
- b. Awareness Sessions: In August, 2024, a total of 107 awareness sessions and camps were organized across 76 districts in 22 States/UTs by Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs), Nyaya Sahayaks, State Coordinators, and Panel Lawyers, with 2,264 citizens participating.
- c. Training of Field Functionaries: In August 2024, a total of 116 training sessions were conducted across 169 districts in 22 States/UTs, where 5,335 people participated.

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

103 new Pro Bono Advocates were registered through Nyaya Bandhu mobile application/web portal. Till date, 11,330 (Male-9,487, Female-1,841, Transgender-02) Pro Bono Advocates have been on-boarded under the Nyaya Bandhu portal.

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

- a. The Pro Bono Club of Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur organized a legal literacy & community service camp at Madhuban Ashram Shala in Gumgao, Butibori, Nagpur. The programme had an outreach of 85 participants.
- b. The Pro Bono Club of Birla School of Law, Birla Global University, Bhubaneswar organized a legal awareness program and Independence celebration in its adopted villages of Malipada and Gothapatna, Odisha. The programme had an outreach of 50 participants.
- c. The Pro Bono Club of SOL, Christ University, Ghaziabad organized a debate and quiz competition while celebrating Independence Day. The primary aim was to foster critical thinking, articulate reasoning, and informed discourse on the topic of the enforceability of Fundamental Duties within the Indian constitutional framework. The event had an outreach of 40 participants.
- d. The Pro Bono Club of Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies (MAIMS), Delhi organized a legal awareness drive in Tattesar Village and Punjab Khor Village, Delhi. The primary aim was to spread legal awareness about various Government schemes like Senior Citizen Saving

- Scheme, Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, Mahila Samman Saving Scheme, Stand up India Scheme etc. The programme had an outreach of 30 participants.
- e. The Pro Bono Club of the P.G. Department of Law, Berhampur University, Berhampur, Odisha organized awareness drive on Tele-Law App and Pro Bono legal Services for the blue-collar workers, teaching and non-teaching staffs and students of Berhampur University. The programme had an outreach of 30 participants.
- f. The Pro Bono Club of the Faculty of Law, Vivekananda Global University, Jaipur organized a panel discussion titled "Breaking Barriers for LGBTQ+" to discuss legal, social, and cultural challenges faced by the LGBTQ+ community. The event had an outreach of 100 participants.
- g. The Pro Bono Club of Faculty of Law, Marwadi University, Rajkot, organized a Nukkad Natak/Street Play on "Anti Ragging" at the University. The event reached 100 participants.
- h. The Pro Bono Club of Shri Navalmal Firodiya Law College, Pune organized a legal aid camp in Uruli Kanchan, Pune. The primary aim was to make the villagers aware about various laws, initiatives of the government. The programe had an outreach of 30 students.
- i. The Pro Bono Club of Faculty of Law, Jagran Lake City University, Bhopal organized a legal awareness program for disadvantaged sections of society, focusing on educating participants about women safety and rights. The event reached 100 participants.
- j. The Pro Bono Club of Amity University, Jabalpur, (M.P) successfully organized a talk show titled "The Role of Youth in Indian Democracy: A Catalyst for Change." Also an interactive quiz on Indian democracy was conducted, engaging participants in thought-provoking questions related to our democratic system. The programme had an outreach of 300 participants.
- k. The Pro Bono Club of Faculty of Law, University of Lucknow, organized Anti Ragging Campaign for 1st year LL. B (Hons). The primary aim was to educate students about the seriousness of ragging, its legal implications and measures in place to prevent it. The programme had an outreach of 80 participants.

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

- a. National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru, Karnataka launched third edition of Prof. V.S Mallar Memorial Legal Aid Competition 2024. The event had an outreach of 55 teams as participants. In addition, they also organized Legal Aid Lawyering Workshop in association with School of Legal Studies, CMR University, Bengaluru. The programme had an outreach of 181 participants. Further they developed 409 Social Media Posts/Youtube Content which had an outreach of 52,909.
- b. State Institute of Rural Development, Pune, Maharashtra organized a webinar on Child Rights and Protection on August 29, 2024. The program had an outreach of 451 participants.
- c. Abdul Nazir Sab State Institute of Rural Development, Mysuru conducted an online training for elected representatives and functionaries at the Zila, Taluk, and Gram Panchayat levels. The program had an outreach of 825 participants (physical & virtual).
- d. Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College (AGLC), Puducherry organized eight Legal Awareness sessions in Government schools and organized two training sessions at Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College Puducherry. 8 posters Socio-Legal topics were developed and distributed. The program had an outreach of 2656 participants.
- e. Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) hosted an interactive session on "Rights of Elderly persons" on August 30, 2024, on its Gyan Darshan TV channel. The session reached 157 viewers.
- f. 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 Kishanganj, Araria Madhepura Muzaffarpur, Aurangabad. The sessions had an outreach of 224 participants.
- g. 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 August 2024, 54 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 19.32 lakh.

7. National Legal Services Authority (NALSA): Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLSA) under the aegis of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) organized the State Conference for District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) of Delhi at Sarvodaya Vidyalaya, Jaunti Village. The Conference was chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, NALSA. In a first ever, this conference was conducted in the School Auditorium of a Village, as a landmark step to increase the outreach of legal services authorities in remote and underdeveloped areas. Further, in collaboration with North & North West Delhi District Legal Services Authorities, a Mega Legal and Other Services Camp was also organised under Project "गूंज: क्रानूनी सहायता के नए आयाम" with an aim to identify, engage, and uplift remote and underdeveloped villages in Delhi through a comprehensive strategy focused on legal empowerment, healthcare, education, and awareness.
