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

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

1. eCourts Mission Mode Project:

- a. **National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG)** : During August, 2024, information in respect of over 29 lakh cases and more than 15 lakhs orders/judgments pertaining to the computerized courts were added to the NJDG portal.
- b. **Virtual Courts:** During August, 2024, 14,82,499 cases have been handled by 28 virtual courts, and in 1,46,915 cases, online fine of Rs. 16.77 crores has been realized.
- c. **Video Conferencing** : During August, 2024, the District & Subordinate Courts heard 3,08,006 cases, while the High Courts heard 81,829 cases (totalling 3.89 lakhs), using the VC mode.
- d. **JustIS app for judges App Downloads** : The JustIS mobile app has seen an additional 103 downloads in August, 2024.
- e. **e-Sewa Kendras:** 277 new e-Sewa Kendras have been constructed in August 2024.
- f. **e-Courts Services Mobile App Downloads** : The eCourt services mobile app has seen an additional 5 lakh downloads in August, 2024.

2. 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, which includes a sum of Rs. 2.00 crore allocated for the scheme of Gram Nyayalayas. During the month of September, 2024, a sum of Rs.25.67 crore has been released under the scheme. Out of the total budgetary allocation under this Scheme, a sum of Rs. 471.43 crore has been released to States and UTs till 30.09.2024.

3. Tele-Law: Reaching the Unreached:

- a. **Legal Advice** : Till 30th September, 2024, Legal Advice had been provided to 99,45,660 beneficiaries, including 2,56,379 in the month of September, 2024.
- b. **Awareness Sessions** : In September, 2024, a total of 109 awareness sessions and camps were organized across 84 districts in 23 States/UTs by Village Level Entrepreneurs(VLE), Nyaya Sahayaks, State Coordinators, and Panel Lawyers, where 3,892 citizens participated.
- c. **Training of Field Functionaries** : In September, 2024, a total of 83 training sessions were conducted across 175 districts in 20 States/UTs, where 6,154 people participated.

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

- a. 253 new Pro Bono Advocates were registered through Nyaya Bandhu mobile application/web portal. Till date, 11,580 (Male-9,678, Female-1,903, Transgender-02) Pro Bono Advocates have been on-boarded under the Nyaya Bandhu portal.
- b. 68 new cases were registered in September 2024, bringing the total number of beneficiary cases to 3629.
- c. 19 new Law Schools (across Pan India) for FY 2024-26 have initiated Pro Bono Clubs (PBC) at their respective Law Schools/Colleges in September, 2024. A total of 108 Law Schools have been covered under the said Scheme so far.

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

- a. The Pro Bono Club of Sharda School of Law, Sharda University, organized an educational visit to Bisrakh Village, Gautam Buddha Nagar. The primary aim was to foster a strong community connect and raise awareness about various government schemes available for rural development in India. The programme had an outreach of 35 participants. The Club in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority, Gautam Budh Nagar also organized the Swachta Hi Sewa Campaign. The programme had an outreach of 50 participants.

- b. The Pro Bono Club of School of Law, KIIT University, Bhubaneswar organized legal awareness programme at Government schools at Patia on Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. The programme had an outreach of 100 participants. A Handbook on Women's Safety was also launched by the Club.
- c. The Pro Bono Club of P.G. Department of Law, Berhampur University and Pro-Bono Club, P.G. Department of Law, Berhampur University organised an Anti-Ragging Campaign. 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 50 participants.
- d. The Pro Bono Club of School of Law, Forensic Justice & Policy Studies, NFSU Gandhinagar organized a legal awareness drive in Indroda and Vavol villages. 'Jan Sunwai' was also organized in Vavol village. The programme had an outreach of 100 participants.
- e. The Pro Bono Club of Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur, organized a Client Counselling Competition. The aim of the competition was to enhance the skills of future legal professionals in client interaction, problem-solving, and ethical counseling. This event saw active participation from 70 teams.
- f. The Pro Bono club of Department of Law, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda organized special lectures on new criminal amendment Acts. The club also visited Government School in Ghudda village where they conducted a workshop on Child Labour in India. The event has an outreach of 50 participants.
- g. The Pro Bono Club of Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies (MAIMS), Delhi organized a legal awareness drive in Kamla Nagar market. The primary aim was to spread legal awareness among street vendors regarding their rights and duties and about various government schemes. The programme had an outreach of 50 participants.
- h. The Pro Bono Club of Birla School of Law, Birla Global University, Khorda, Cuttack organized State Mediation competition. The primary aim was to promote Alternative Dispute Resolution among the legal fraternity. 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 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/You tube Content which had an outreach of 1,04,620.
- b. Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) hosted an interactive session on "Online Crimes against women" on 27th September 2024, on its Gyan Darshan TV channel. The session reached 235 viewers.
- c. Law Research Institute (LRI) Guwahati conducted a field visit for documenting customary laws of five tribes from three States namely Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Manipur.
- d. Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College (AGLC), Puducherry organized three legal awareness sessions in different schools/colleges of Puducherry. The program had an outreach of 662 students.
- e. Under the Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice (DISHA) Scheme, this Department, has developed 56 TV programs addressing various legal awareness issues in collaboration with Doordarshan. These programs focus on the empowerment of senior citizens, persons with disabilities, women, children, and transgender individuals. As of September 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.

7. NALSA (National Legal Services Authority):

Under the aegis of NALSA, over 31.27 lakh pending cases and 1.33 crore pre-litigation cases were settled at 3rd National Lok Adalat organized on 14th September, 2024 and 21st September, 2024, across taluks, districts and at the High Court level in 28 States/Union Territories.
