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Pursuant to the communication received from the National Legal Services Authority, New Delhi, regarding the launch of the pan-India Environmental Legal Literacy & Community Protection Initiative titled **“Protect Today, Secure Tomorrow”**, the said directions along with the approved Concept Note were duly circulated by the State Legal Services Authority to all District Legal Services Authorities across the State for necessary implementation. The District Authorities were directed to organize awareness and outreach programmes strictly in accordance with the objectives, scope, and components prescribed in the Concept Note, with emphasis on enhancing environmental legal literacy, promoting affordable preventive practices, and empowering communities with knowledge of their rights and available grievance redressal mechanisms.

In compliance with the aforesaid directions, the District Legal Services Authorities implemented the initiative within their respective jurisdictions through Taluk/Tehsil Legal Services Committees, Legal Services Clinics, and Para-Legal Volunteers. As part of the campaign, the District Legal Services Authorities organized awareness rallies, plantation programmes, and legal awareness camps to promote environmental protection and community participation. These activities were conducted at various locations including schools, colleges, hostels, rural and semi-urban

areas, residential localities, labour clusters, and other public places, keeping in view local environmental concerns while adhering to the guidelines issued by NALSA.

The programmes focused on sensitising students, youth, and community members about environmental degradation and its adverse impact on public health. Legal literacy sessions addressed issues such as air pollution, water contamination, waste mismanagement, noise pollution, and other locally relevant environmental challenges. Emphasis was laid on promoting simple and practical preventive measures and encouraging responsible environmental practices at the individual and community level.

Para-Legal Volunteers played an important role in the effective implementation of the initiative by mobilising participation, disseminating information at the grassroots level, and engaging with vulnerable groups. They also guided community members regarding statutory grievance redressal mechanisms available under environmental laws, limited strictly to legal assistance and facilitation, without implying any executive or regulatory action.

The initiative witnessed encouraging participation across districts and contributed to enhanced awareness regarding environmental rights, health risks associated with pollution, and the importance of preventive and protective measures.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

- Plantation Drive Organised by the District Legal Services Authority as Part of the Environmental Legal Literacy & Community Protection Initiative



- Awareness Rally Organised by the District Legal Services Authority to Promote Environmental Protection and Public Sensitisation



- Legal Awareness Camp Organised in Educational Institutions to Educate Students on Environmental Protection and Legal Responsibilities



Legal Awareness Camp Conducted in Rural Areas to Sensitise Communities on Environmental Rights and Preventive Practices



- **Door-to-Door Awareness Campaign Conducted to Disseminate Information on Environmental Health, Rights, and Preventive Measures**



Awareness and Orientation Session Organised to Promote Understanding of Environmental Issues and Legal Safeguards



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