



Action Plan

(For Financial Year 2026-2027)

INTRODUCTION

The Constitution of India, through its Preamble and Article 39A, guarantees social, economic, and political justice to all citizens, emphasizing equal access to justice irrespective of economic or social disadvantages. However, significant sections of society remain deprived of justice due to lack of awareness about their rights, economic limitations, and adverse circumstances. To address these challenges, this action plan aligns with the objectives of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, which was enacted to operationalize Article 39A by providing free and competent legal services to weaker sections of society and ensuring that justice is not denied due to economic or other disabilities.

OBJECTIVES

The action plan aims to:

- **Provide Legal Aid and Awareness:** Under the aegis of National Legal Services Authority, Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority through this action plan seeks to organize legal aid camps in rural areas, slums, labour colonies etc. These camps are aimed to literate marginalized communities about their legal rights and provide free legal services through legal aid clinics and other mechanisms.
- **Promote Fundamental Duties:** The action plan emphasizes motivating citizens to perform their fundamental duties under Part IVA of the Constitution. This includes fostering respect for the environment, promoting social harmony, and contributing to national development.

- **Strengthen Alternate Dispute Resolution Mechanisms:** By encouraging arbitration, mediation, conciliation and Settlements through Lok Adalats, the plan aims to resolve disputes quickly and cost-effectively while reducing the burden on the judiciary.
- **Empower Marginalized Communities:** The plan focuses on empowering persons belonging to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, Women, and other disadvantaged groups by bridging the gap between legally available benefits and entitled beneficiaries. It also seeks to address socio-economic rights such as access to education, health care, housing, and livelihood through strategic legal aid programs.
- **Preserve and Promote Environmental Justice:** In line with constitutional mandates for environmental protection under Article 48A and fundamental duties under Article 51A n (g), the plan incorporates awareness campaigns about environmental laws and encourages community participation in conservation efforts.
- **Monitor Effectiveness:** To ensure accountability, the action plan includes periodic evaluation of legal aid schemes' effectiveness and implementation at grassroots levels. This will help refine strategies for delivering justice efficiently.

STRATEGIC ACTIONS FOR EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION

Legal Services Institutions in India, established under the Legal Services Authorities Act of 1987, play a crucial role in ensuring access to justice, particularly for marginalized and economically disadvantaged groups. Their primary functions include providing free legal aid to eligible individuals, spreading legal awareness through literacy programs and legal aid camps, and organizing Lok Adalats for the amicable settlement of disputes. Additionally, they promote alternative dispute resolution methods such as mediation and

arbitration to alleviate the burden on courts. These institutions also assist victims of crime in accessing government compensation schemes and implement preventive legal aid programs addressing issues like domestic violence and child labour.

In alignment with the aforementioned objectives, the following activities shall be undertaken as part of this action plan, in conjunction with other operational schemes. Additionally, this plan may incorporate relevant schemes, directives, and guidelines issued by the National Legal Services Authority, Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority, and other competent authorities from time to time.

S.No.	Month & Year	Details of activities
1	July, 2026	Legal Awareness programmes and outreach activities on day of " World Population Day " on 11th July, 2026 .
		Organize suitable awareness programmes on rule of law, accountability and human rights protection on 17th July, 2026 on the occasion of World Day of International Justice .
		Organize awareness camps for girl students in Colleges and schools on the NALSA (ASHA - Awareness, Support, Help and Action) Scheme, 2025 for creating awareness about prevention and elimination of child marriage through a coordinated legal, social, and community-based approach through dedicated ASHA Units.
		Organize Legal Awareness Programmes on the NALSA (Legal Services to the Persons with Mental Illness and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities) Scheme 2024 .
		Legal Awareness Programmes on the NALSA (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015 on the day of "World Day against Trafficking in Persons" on 30th July, 2026 .

National Lok Adalat Awareness Campaign

A special campaign will be launched to promote awareness about the upcoming National Lok Adalat scheduled for September 12, 2026. This initiative will run continuously until the date of the Lok Adalat, aiming to ensure widespread public participation and greater understanding of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) are expected to actively engage with Panchayats to trace and identify potential cases at the grassroots level, enabling their resolution through Lok Adalats. This collaborative approach will help in early settlement of disputes and reduce the burden on regular courts.

Organize special awareness programme and outreach activities under the **NALSA (SAMVAD) Scheme, 2025** on **09th August, 2026** to mark **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples**. The programmes should aim to educate tribal communities about their rights as guaranteed under various laws, including the ***Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006***, and the ***Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989*** and other **Constitutional provisions** safeguarding their rights.

Host special camp under the provisions of **NALSA (Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016** on **21st August, 2026** on the occasion of **World Senior Citizens' Day** for senior citizens, particularly those in old age homes and care institutions, providing essential legal awareness and medical examination facilities to support their well-being.

Organize training programmes for Para Legal Volunteers in accordance with the **NALSA Module for Training of Para-Legal Volunteers**.

International Literacy Day (September 8)

Organize awareness program on the importance of literacy for social empowerment and legal awareness for promotion of basic literacy and legal literacy among adults, women, and disadvantaged groups on the rights related to education, welfare schemes and public services.

Hindi Day (September 14)

In collaboration with the Education Department, organize:

- Legal awareness programs focusing on fundamental duties under the Indian Constitution.
- Painting, essay, and debate competitions (centred on Indian legends) to promote the use of Hindi in legal and educational discourse.

Lectures and interactive sessions for students to enhance understanding of legal rights and responsibilities.

World Environmental Health Day (September 26)

Organize awareness & outreach program regarding ill effects of various kinds of environmental pollution on the health of the people and any government schemes for the benefit of such affected person.

International Day of the Deaf (September 27)

On the occasion of World Deaf Day, special awareness and legal aid camps will be organized in schools and institutes for the hearing impaired to educate them about their legal rights, government welfare schemes, and accessibility provisions under the ***Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016***.

International Day of Non-Violence (October 2)

In observance of the International Day of Non-Violence, a Mediation Awareness Program will be organized to educate individuals on peaceful dispute resolution. The initiative will emphasize the principles and ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, encouraging amicable settlements through mediation.

World Mental Health Day (October 10)

Organize awareness programs under *NALSA (Legal Services to Persons with Mental Illness and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities) Scheme, 2024* to promote mental well-being, including workshops, counselling sessions, and legal awareness on mental health rights under the *Mental Healthcare Act, 2017*. Special outreach initiatives in schools, colleges, and communities will focus on stress management, emotional resilience, and reducing stigma around mental health.

Anti-Poverty Day (October 17)

Organize awareness & outreach programs under NALSA (Effective Implementation of Poverty Alleviation Schemes) Scheme, 2015 and NALSA (JAGRITI – Justice Awareness for Grassroots information and Transparency Initiative) Scheme – 2025 regarding the government schemes available for poor people.

Organize training programmes for Panel Lawyers in accordance with the **NALSA Training Modules for Legal Services Lawyers**.

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5	November, 2026	National Education Day (November 4) Awareness programmes shall be organized in schools and colleges to promote understanding of the provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, child rights, child protection laws, and child safety measures. These programmes shall also disseminate information on the relevant legal provisions, reporting mechanisms, child helplines, and the availability of free legal aid services, with the objective of ensuring greater awareness and timely access to legal protection and support for children.
		National Legal Services Day (November 9) Awareness and outreach activities shall be undertaken through the organization of legal awareness camps and mobile legal help desks to enhance public access to legal services. These initiatives shall also promote mediation and other Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms while encouraging student participation through legal quizzes, street plays, poster-making competitions, and other awareness drives to foster legal literacy and community engagement.

		Children's Day (November 14) Organize awareness & outreach programs under NALSA (Child-Friendly Legal Services for Children) Scheme, 2024. Efforts shall be made to facilitate access to education, protection services, rehabilitation measures, and welfare schemes for vulnerable children. Legal assistance and awareness programmes shall also be provided to disseminate knowledge of child protection laws, legal procedures, and the rights and entitlements available to children, thereby ensuring their protection, rehabilitation, and overall well-being.
		Constitution Day (November 26) On the occasion of Constitution Day (November 26), seminars and awareness camps will be organised to educate citizens on the significance of the Indian Constitution, Fundamental Rights, and Duties. A special event will be held to publicly recite the Preamble to the Constitution of India, reaffirming our commitment to constitutional values. Schools, colleges, and community centres will actively participate in discussions, essay competitions, and legal awareness sessions to emphasize the importance of Democracy, Justice, Liberty, and Equality.
6	December, 2026	Awareness Program for AIDS Prevention (December 1) World AIDS Day On World AIDS Day, an awareness program will be conducted under the <i>NALSA (Legal Services for Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015</i>, to promote acceptance of AIDS victims, prevent the spread of the disease. The program will also provide information on government welfare schemes available for their support.

International Day for the Person with Disability (December 3)

Organize awareness & outreach programs under **NALSA (Legal Services to Persons with Mental Illness and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities) Scheme, 2024**. Awareness activities regarding rights of persons with disabilities, accessibility inclusion, legal safeguards and availability of welfare schemes and free legal aid services.

Human Rights Day (December 10)

Awareness activities regarding fundamental human rights, constitutional values, access to justice, protection of dignity and availability of legal aid and grievance redressal mechanisms.

National Consumer Day (December 24)

Awareness programmes shall be organized to educate the public about consumer rights and remedies available under the **Consumer Protection Act, 2019**. These initiatives shall also disseminate information on grievance redressal mechanisms for unfair trade practices and deficiency in services, while promoting mediation and pre-litigation settlement of consumer disputes as effective, cost-efficient, and expeditious modes of dispute resolution.

Human Rights Day (December 10)

On Human Rights Day, seminars and awareness camps will be organized to educate citizens about Fundamental Rights and encourage discussions on human rights issues, ensuring that people are aware of their constitutional protections.

		National Consumer Rights Day (December 24) On National Consumer Rights Day, an awareness program will be organized with the participation of subject experts and concerned departments to educate the public about their consumer rights and the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act. The event will focus on empowering consumers by informing them about legal remedies and mechanisms available for grievance redressal.
7		National Youth Day (January 12) Camps will be organized to inspire nationalism among the youth and encourage them to actively participate in the development of society and the nation. The program will aim to instil a sense of responsibility and awareness about their role in shaping the country's future. National Girl Child Day (January 24) A special awareness program will be conducted to highlight critical issues affecting the girl child, including declining sex ratios, the importance of gender equality, and the legal provisions related to the <i>Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act, 1994</i> to prevent female foeticide. The program will also emphasize the significance of girl child education, ensuring equal access to educational opportunities, and promoting government schemes supporting girls' education. Sessions will focus on raising awareness about sexual offenses, exploitation, and the rights of the girl child, encouraging societal change towards gender justice and empowerment. National Voters' Day (January 25) To mark National Voters' Day, awareness campaigns will be conducted to educate citizens, especially first-time voters, about the importance of voting, electoral rights, and the democratic process. Special sessions will be held in educational institutions to emphasize

	January, 2027	the significance of active participation in elections.
		Republic Day (January 26) Awareness camps will be organized in schools and colleges to educate students about Fundamental Rights and Duties on January 25. Competitions such as essay writing, slogan writing, and discussions on constitutional values will be conducted to deepen their understanding of democratic principles and responsible citizenship.
		World Leprosy Day (January 30) On the occasion of World Leprosy Day, an awareness program will be organized to educate the public about leprosy, its causes, prevention, and treatment. The campaign will focus on eliminating stigma and discrimination against individuals affected by leprosy and promoting their rights and rehabilitation. Legal awareness regarding government schemes, healthcare facilities, and social inclusion programs for leprosy-affected persons will also be highlighted to ensure their dignity and equal opportunities in society.
8	February, 2027	World Social Justice Day (February 20) An Awareness program will be organized under the NALSA (Legal Services for Effective Implementation of Poverty Alleviation Schemes) Scheme, 2015, to promote awareness about social justice and equality. An action plan will be prepared to ensure the effective implementation of poverty alleviation schemes, focusing on marginalized and economically weaker sections. The initiative will aim to educate people about their legal rights, access to government welfare programs, and avenues for legal assistance to promote inclusivity and justice for all. Campaign for School Dropouts (Until School Admissions conclude) A continuous campaign will be conducted in coordination with the

		education department to identify and reintegrate school dropouts into the education system, extending until the commencement of school admissions. Awareness programs will highlight the importance of education, government schemes for free and compulsory education, and scholarship opportunities for underprivileged children. The initiative will include community outreach, counselling sessions for parents and children, and legal awareness about the <i>Right to Education Act, 2009</i> , ensuring maximum enrolment and retention of students in schools.
		Awareness and outreach programmes shall be organized under the <i>NALSA (DAWN) Scheme, 2025</i> to disseminate information on the rights and entitlements of persons affected by substance abuse and drug dependence, available de-addiction, rehabilitation and counselling services, relevant legal provisions, and the availability of free legal aid. The programmes shall also promote preventive awareness, early intervention, social reintegration, and access to institutional support through coordinated efforts with the concerned stakeholders.
9	March, 2027	World Wildlife Day (March 03) Awareness and outreach programmes shall be organized to disseminate information on the <i>NALSA – Scheme on Justice for Victims of Human-Wildlife Conflict (HWC), 2025</i>, while promoting awareness regarding wildlife protection, the legal framework governing conservation, and the prevention of poaching, with a view to encouraging environmental responsibility and access to legal assistance for affected persons.
		International Women’s Day (March 08) Special awareness and outreach activities will be organized to educate women about their rights and legal protections against crimes such as acid attacks, domestic violence, and other forms of abuse. The initiative will focus on spreading awareness about laws related to women's safety and empowerment, ensuring access to legal

		assistance, and promoting gender equality in society.
		International Day of Forests (March 21) To mark the International Day of Forests, awareness programs in co-ordination with the forest department under Panch-J Abhiyan will be organized to highlight the importance of afforestation, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable forest management. Activities such as tree plantation drives and discussions on environmental laws will be conducted to promote ecological balance.
		World Water Day (March 22) A public awareness program will be organized to emphasize the significance of water conservation and sustainable water management. The campaign will aim to educate people about the importance of preserving water resources, encourage responsible water usage, and promote community participation in conservation efforts.

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- 1.1 Apart from the above activities, District Legal Services Authorities are expected to organize additional activities as per local needs and priorities to further legal awareness and outreach. These activities should be conducted in coordination with relevant government departments and non-government organizations, utilizing the services of Paralegal Volunteers (PLVs), Panel Lawyers and Legal Aid Defence Counsels as required.
- 1.2 Additionally, the abovementioned activities are to be conducted compulsorily, and any further directions issued by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble High Court of Madhya Pradesh, NALSA or MPSLSA from time to time must also be implemented accordingly to ensure effective legal aid and awareness.

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- 2.1 Workshops and awareness programs will be organized on a **quarterly basis** for management, employers, and adolescent groups under ***The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013***. The objective of these programs should be to enhance gender sensitivity in the workplace, provide information on legal provisions, clarify the role of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), and strengthen the process of preventing and addressing cases of sexual harassment.
- 2.2 These workshops/programmes will involve experts, legal professionals, and social organizations to help management and employers better understand their responsibilities and create safer and more inclusive workplaces.
- 2.3 These workshops/programmes shall be conducted strictly in accordance with the Module for conduct of Legal Awareness Camps and training Workshops prepared by NALSA in compliance of the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Aureliano Fernandes Vs. State of Goa Civil Appeal No 2482 of 2014***.

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- 3.1 All District Legal Services Authorities shall strive to ensure the effective delivery of legal aid to all eligible persons, particularly under trial and convicted prisoners. Regular jail visits must be conducted to identify inmates who are in need of legal assistance. Upon such identification, appropriate legal actions, including filing of appeals, revisions, or other necessary representations must be taken before the competent legal forums. DLSAs should also coordinate closely with jail authorities to ensure timely intervention and continued follow-up, thereby reinforcing the commitment to access to justice for all, especially for those who are most vulnerable and marginalized.
- 3.2 All District Legal Services Authorities are encouraged to take special initiatives aimed at empowering prisoners through skill development programs. These initiatives should focus on equipping inmates with essential vocational and life skills that can enable them to lead productive and dignified lives post-release. By facilitating access to training in areas

such as tailoring, carpentry, computer literacy, handicrafts, or other locally relevant trades, DLSAs can play a pivotal role in rehabilitation and reintegration, helping inmates build a brighter and self-reliant future. Collaboration with government departments, NGOs, and training institutions should be explored to ensure the effective implementation of these programs.

TARGET TO BE ACHIEVED UNDER NALSA & MPSLSA SCHEMES FOR THE YEAR 2026-27

The M.P. State Legal Services Authority has set the following targets for District Legal Services Authorities and Tehsil Legal Services Committees for the year 2026-27:-

1) Legal Aid and Legal Advice Scheme: - To ensure maximum outreach and benefit under the Legal Aid and Advice Scheme, the following monthly targets (*in terms of no. of beneficiaries*) have been set:

S.No.	Name of Scheme	Divisional Headquarters	Other Districts	Taluka Level
1	Legal Aid Scheme	75	40	25
2	Legal Advice Scheme	125	75	50

2) Lok Adalat:- Lok Adalats shall be conducted at the District and Tehsil levels as per the following schedule:-

S. No.	Type of Lok Adalat	Monthly Target at District Level	Monthly Target at Tehsil Level	Period
1	Continuous Lok Adalat	1 sitting for each District	1 sitting for each Tehsil	Last Saturday of the month
2	Permanent Lok	4 sittings for each		Weekly

	Adalat for Public Utility Services (Section 22B)	District	--	
3	Lok Adalat under Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025	--	1 sitting for each TLSC	Monthly
4	Jail Lok Adalat	1 sitting for each District	--	Monthly
5	Mobile Lok Adalat	As per the dates proposed by the DLSA		
6	National Lok Adalat	As per directions of NALSA		

3) Target under various Schemes:-

S.No.	Activities/Schemes	Target
1	Litigation Free Village Scheme	At least two villages shall be made litigation-free under this scheme.
2	District Legal Counselling Centre Scheme	5 cases at the district level and at least 2 cases at the tehsil level to be resolved monthly.
3	Family Dispute Resolution Centre Scheme	Annual target of 5 beneficiaries per district and 3 per tehsil from April 2025 to March 2026.
4	Remand Advocate Scheme in Magistrate Courts	Maximum outreach to benefit under trials through widespread awareness and publicity.
5	Legal Aid Clinics	Clinics to be established in government offices, children's homes, Swadhar homes, old age homes, schools, colleges, mental hospitals, Gram Panchayats, jails, and community centers.
6	Crime against labour cell	Monthly review of activities to ensure maximum benefits for workers under the Principal District Judge's supervision.
7	Women and Child Protection Unit	Strengthening awareness programs on legal rights, duties, and responsibilities to benefit more women and children, with monthly

		progress reviews.
8	Mediation Awareness Program	Monthly mediation awareness programs at district, family court, and tehsil levels.
9	Legal Literacy Camp Scheme	DLSAs shall organize six camps per month at the District level and four camps per month at the Tehsil level, focusing on NALSA/MPSLSA schemes. These camps will serve as a platform to disseminate information on the beneficial schemes of the Central and State Governments and ensure that eligible individuals receive their entitled benefits. Additionally, DLSAs shall identify individuals who have been denied such benefits and coordinate with the relevant government departments to facilitate their rightful access.
10	Wide Publicity	Legal Services, NALSA/SLSA schemes, and success stories should be widely publicized via print/electronic media, social media, banners, pamphlets, street plays, and rallies.
11	Organization of special camps to provide prosthetic limb transplantation and other assistive devices for the benefit of Divyangjan	Special camps for prosthetic limb transplantation & assistive devices to be held at Indore, Gwalior, and Jabalpur (Divisional Level), with pre-identification of beneficiaries. Other DLSAs should also conduct such camps within their jurisdiction.

GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

1. Monthly Reports:

- ❖ The concerned TLSCS will submit progress reports in the prescribed format to the respective DLSAs by the 1st of the following month. Subsequently, the DLSAs will prepare the district report and ensure the submission of the consolidated monthly progress report to the SLSA by the 5th of every month.

2. Financial Compliance:

- ❖ All official expenses and payments related to the implementation of various schemes must be processed regularly on a monthly basis. The utilization of funds should be carefully verified and all financial statements must be submitted within the prescribed timelines.
- ❖ All expenditures must be made strictly in accordance with the guidelines issued by NALSA and M.P. State Legal Services Authority, and only after obtaining prior approval from the Chairman, District Legal Services Authority.

3. Public Outreach and Awareness:

- ❖ Each DLSA must create and maintain an online presence through YouTube, Twitter, Facebook, and other platforms.
- ❖ Legal awareness through radio broadcasts, short films, and multimedia initiatives should be encouraged.

4. Specialized Legal Aid Camps:

- ❖ At least **one camp every week** must be conducted under each NALSA scheme, incorporating one or more schemes in each session.

5. Localized Issue Focus:

- ❖ District-level camps should address local socio legal issues and be widely publicized.
- ❖ Panel Advocates, NGOs, Law students and Paralegal Volunteers should actively support these initiatives.

RECOGNITION & INCENTIVE MECHANISM

To encourage excellence and efficiency in executing the action plan, the "***STAR DLSA OF THE MONTH***" recognition shall be awarded to the District Legal Services Authority demonstrating the most effective implementation of the schemes.

The Criteria includes:

- Achievement of targets in Legal Aid, Lok Adalats, and Legal Awareness and Literacy Programs.
- Innovation in outreach and engagement strategies.
- Impact assessment through success stories and feedback.
- Efficient utilization of resources and collaboration with stakeholders.
- Ensuring that the benefits of government schemes reach the maximum number of eligible individuals.

The best-performing DLSA will receive recognition and commendation from the Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority, Jabalpur.

CONCLUSION

The Action Plan 2026-27 aims to strengthen Legal Aid, promote Access to Justice, and enhance Legal Awareness across Madhya Pradesh. With effective coordination, proactive implementation, and innovative outreach, this plan will empower marginalized communities and ensure justice reaches the last mile.

DLSAs are expected to adhere strictly to these targets and undertake additional initiatives to expand the reach and impact of NALSA and MPSLSA schemes.