

**Observance of World AIDS Day by the Legal Services Authorities under  
the State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal**

**Cooch Behar**

In observance of World AIDS Day DLSA, Cooch Behar in collaboration with one NGO, organised a legal awareness and sensitization programme on the subject matter at Priyoganj Colony, Cooch Behar on 1st December, 2025 with participation of a good number of sex worker persons of that area.



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**Jalpaiguri**

In observance of World AIDS Day DLSA, Jalpaiguri organized One Legal Awareness Camp at Rangamutee Tea Garden, Chibasa Line on 1st December, 2025. The program was presided over by Sri Sanjoy Ranjan Pal, Ld. Additional District & Sessions Judge–cum–Chairman of Sub Divisional Legal Services Committee, Malbazar, who gave valuable speech stating about the importance of Observation of this auspicious day, also Sri Dulla Chand Prasad, Panel Advocate explained the audience about the Legal Services Authority Act and various aspects of the concerned law and Sri Maloy Roy, Councilor, ICTC, Malbazar, Super specialty Hospital made the people aware of the diseases and stated the ways to prevent the spread of the diseases.



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## **Darjeeling**

In observance of World AIDS Day DLSA, Darjeeling conducted two programs on 03.12.25 and 04.12.25 at Kurseong and Darjeeling District Hospital respectively. The programme was conducted by PLV Reena Raya in the presence of the Medical Officer, Secretary, DLSA Darjeeling, and health department staff. Participants were sensitised on the medical aspects of AIDS, including its prevention and control. The legal provisions of the HIV and AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017 were also explained, emphasizing confidentiality and non-discrimination. The session highlighted the need for early testing, accurate information, and empathetic support to counter stigma. Concluding the programme, the Secretary stressed that

while AIDS is a controllable medical condition, discrimination is a social disease that requires collective change—an effort DLSA is committed to.



## Hooghly

In observance of World AIDS Day DLSA, Hooghly with the sex workers of Sheorafuli Red Light Area conducted a sensitization programme coupled with a picnic at Abanindranath Thakur Baganbari, Konnagar which was held on 05.12.2025. The programme focused on promoting awareness about health, education, dignity, and empowerment. Shri Shyamal Gupta, Retired District Judge conducted a motivational counselling session, supported by a medical practitioner who highlighted key health and HIV/AIDS-related issues. The Secretary, DLSA Hooghly, emphasized the importance of education and socio-economic upliftment. A legal awareness session was held, and shawls and lunch were distributed to all 36 participating sex workers.



## Howrah

In observance of World AIDS Day DLSA, Howrah organised a post-celebration programme on 08.12.2025 at Jhorhat Educational Project Centre, Sankrail, Howrah in collaboration with Kona Anubhuti Foundation (NGO). The programme spread awareness on HIV/AIDS prevention, legal rights, and reducing stigma. Officials from DLSA Howrah and other guests addressed participants on safeguards and support systems. Interactive sessions and activities were conducted by NGO volunteers with 30 participants attending. A rally was also organized in observance of World AIDS Day.



## Purulia

In observance of World AIDS Day DLSA, Purulia on 01.12.2025, conducted an awareness rally and workshop in collaboration with Deben Mahata Govt Medical College & Hospital, Purulia emphasizing under the theme of 2025 "Over Coming Disruption, Transforming the AIDS response".



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## Paschim Medinipur

In observance of World AIDS Day DLSA, Paschim Medinipur on 01-12-2025 held a Legal Awareness Camp.



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## Dakshin Dinajpur

In observance of World AIDS Day DLSA, Dakshin Dinajpur organized multiple Legal Awareness Camps, that included camps at Jotgopal Health Centre, Balurghat, at Itakhor, at Saiyadpur GP, Danga Para ICDS Centre, Harirampur Block, at Nagan ICDS Centre No. 365, under Gangarampur Block, at Kasba Haritala ICDS Centre, under Jahangirpur Gram Panchayat of Gangarampur Block, and at the BDO Office, Balurghat Block. The programme was conducted with the male and female trainees of the Agarbatti Making batch of RCTII Vocational Centre. Sessions focused on HIV/AIDS awareness, preventive measures, legal rights, and child protection issues. Participants included trainees from vocational centres, Self-Help Groups (SHGs) members, and community residents. The programmes aimed to promote legal literacy and inform people about the services of the DLSA.



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### **Alipurduar**

In observance of World AIDS Day DLSA, Alipurduar organised a focused Legal Awareness & Sensitisation Camp on 1st December, 2025, for frontline health workers, including ASHA, ICDS staffs, Block Health Staffs, to strengthen their understanding of the legal rights & protection frameworks related to HIV/AIDS. The Secretary, DLSA emphasised that empowering frontline workers with legal knowledge helps protect the dignity and rights of

persons affected by HIV. Key provisions of the HIV & AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017 were explained, including confidentiality and anti-discrimination safeguards. The Retainer Lawyer discussed the challenges faced by PLHIV and the support DLSA can provide for legal redress. The Block Health Supervisor stressed the importance of awareness and sensitivity in supporting this vulnerable community.



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### **Birbhum**

In observance of World AIDS Day DLSA, Birbhum celebrated World AIDS Day 2025 with a rally covering prominent corners of the Headquarters particularly belts requiring attention, along with Medical Officers of the district, PLVs and staff members. The AIDS logo was broached upon all participants. Placards were carried and slogans were raised. The rally was held with proper security arrangements and following necessary protocol.



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### **Purba Medinipur**

In observance of World AIDS Day DLSA, Purba Medinipur organized a World AIDS Day and Legal Awareness Camp on 02.12.2025. The programme was held at Tamralipta Medical College & Hospital, Tamluk. Around 86 participants were informed about free legal aid and HIV/AIDS awareness. On the same day, another Legal Awareness Camp was held at Tamluk Subsidiary Correctional Home. A total of 30 inmates learned about the role of LADCS, free legal aid services, and HIV/AIDS awareness.



## **Kalimpong**

In observance of World AIDS Day DLSA, Kalimpong and AIWC jointly observed World AIDS Day by holding a Legal Awareness Programme on 9.12.2025 at Teesta Bridge High School. The event was chaired by the District Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA, Kalimpong. Sessions included awareness on DLSA services, the HIV/AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act 2017, and mental health issues of HIV-positive individuals. Speakers included the resource person from DLSA, Advocate Roshni Rai, and Clinical Psychologist Mr. Bivek Pradhan. About 52 participants attended, and the programme concluded with a vote of thanks by the AIWC President.



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## Kolkata

In observance of World AIDS Day DLSA, Kolkata organised sensitisation programmes with KNP+ and DMSC to support people living with HIV/AIDS and other vulnerable communities. Resource persons highlighted challenges faced by affected groups and shared information on stigma reduction and available health services. Officials explained free legal aid, legal remedies, and government welfare schemes. The programmes aimed to strengthen community support and improve awareness of rights and welfare provisions. PLVs conducted field visits to spread awareness, identify local issues, and guide community members toward legal and social support.



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### **South 24 Parganas**

In observance of World AIDS Day DLSA, South 24 Parganas held a Legal Awareness Programme in collaboration of women and children development centre, Rotary club at Lake Gardens, Bangurpark on 01.12.2025. Smt. Sweta Mishra, Ld. Advocate, DLSA as a resource alongside the Secretary, DLSA, Alipore.



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## Jhargram

In observance of World AIDS Day DLSA, Jhargram observed World AIDS Day on 3 December, 2025, with a Legal Awareness Programme at Belpahari S.C. High School. The programme focused on rights of persons living with HIV/AIDS under the HIV & AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017. It also highlighted non-discrimination, access to healthcare, welfare schemes, and the objectives of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. A total of 155 students, teachers, and staff participated at the Belpahari event. Adhikar Mitras (PLVs) also held awareness programmes at Kesharrekha Gram Panchayat Office under Nayagram block with 26 persons including the Pradhan, the Upa-Pradhan, ASHA Workers, Self-Help Group members and

at Baligeria ICDS Center under Sankrail block with 52 ASHA workers and local villagers.



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### **Murshidabad**

In observance of World AIDS Day DLSC, Murshidabad observed World AIDS Day on 8 December, 2025, at Berhampore Central Correctional Home. The Superintendent, Panel Advocate, and PLVs discussed the day's significance, legal services, and NALSA schemes with 55 inmates. A Health Check-up Camp and Legal Awareness Programme were held at Dhulian Lalpur Ghosh Para under Samsrganj PS. The event was conducted in collaboration with Anup Nagar BPHC and a local NGO, with 55 participants attending. SDLSC Jangipur's Panel Advocate and PLVs were present in the programme. SDLSC Kandi organized another awareness programme at Raja Birendra Chandra College with 72 attendees. SDLSC Lalbagh held an awareness programme at Sarbonagar village, sensitizing 25 participants on legal rights and schemes related to HIV/AIDS.



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## Uttar Dinajpur

In observance of World AIDS Day DLSA, Uttar Dinajpur organized an HIV/AIDS Awareness Camp on 09.12.2025 at Caritas, Raiganj in collaboration with Natun Disha NGO. The Secretary of DLSA delivered a detailed talk on transmission, symptoms, myths, and legal rights of HIV-positive individuals. Natun Disha NGO conducted on-site HIV testing with counseling, and several participants voluntarily took the tests. PLVs assisted with coordination, crowd management, and distribution of awareness materials. The programme successfully raised awareness, reduced stigma, and encouraged early detection and preventive health practices.



## **Nadia**

In observance of World AIDS Day DLSA, Nadia organized awareness and outreach programmes on 04.12.2025 and 09.12.2025 at the Red Light Area of Santipur, Nadia and Children Home for Girls, Nagendranagar 3<sup>rd</sup> Lane, Krishnagar, Nadia, respectively. Speech was given by PLVs, Adhikar Mitras, District Judge and Secretary, DLSA, Nadia on HIV prevention, myths vs facts and legal protections under the HIV & AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017. Also, explain the key rights such as confidentiality, informed consent, non-discrimination, and access to treatment. The role of Legal Services Authority has also been sensitized to the participants.



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### **North 24 Parganas**

In observance of World AIDS Day DLSA, North 24 Parganas observed World AIDS Day on 1 December 2025 with an awareness programme at Barasat Government College. The event, held in collaboration with NNP+ (North 24 Parganas Network for People Living With HIV/AIDS) and the college, included awareness sessions, a rally, health check-ups, counselling, and community engagement. NNP+ also organized a World AIDS Day camp at Basirhat Court Area with support from the West Bengal State AIDS Prevention & Control Society. The camp focused on spreading basic

knowledge about HIV/AIDS and offering counselling, education, and guidance on HIV testing. Around 200 participants—including common people, advocates, police, and health workers—attended the programme.



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### **Purba Bardhaman**

In observance of World AIDS Day DLSA, Purba Bardhaman organized a World AIDS Day rally from the District Judges' Court to Burdwan Town Hall with about 130 NCC students and PLVs. In collaboration with Sahayodhya NGO, a Pathanatika (street play) titled '*Aloy Fera*' was performed at Curzon Gate to spread awareness on HIV/AIDS. A Legal Awareness Camp was held at Burdwan M.U.C. Women's College with participation from the Secretary, faculty members, NGO representatives, PLVs, and 160 students. The Secretary discussed the theme "Overcoming Disruption, Transforming the AIDS Response." A sensitization, counselling, and medical testing programme was conducted at Alisha Bus Stand with support from the Health Department. Around 40 labourers and truck drivers were tested and

counselled, along with discussions on ending stigma and discrimination faced by persons living with HIV/AIDS.



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### **Bankura**

In observance of World AIDS Day DLSA, Bankura observed World AIDS Day on 01.12.2025 by organizing a Legal Awareness Programme at Bankura Gobindanagar Bus Stand with 25 participants. PLVs, along with the Bankura Society of People Living with HIV/AIDS and the District TB Office, highlighted legal rights under the HIV & AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017. A Composite Screening Camp offered HIV testing, TB screening, eye check-ups, diabetic and hypertension screening, and sputum collection. On 09.12.2025, SDLSC Khatra held a similar programme at Khatra Bus Stand with 28 participants, supported by the Health Department and DTO. Both events concluded with interactive sessions where PLVs addressed participants' legal queries.



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### **Malda**

In observance of World AIDS Day DLSA, Malda conducted an awareness initiative on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 in collaboration with Santipur Durbar Mohila Samonnay Committee, Malda Branch. The session was conducted by Panel Advocates and trained PLVs. Orientation on the legal entitlements under the HIV and AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017, anti-discrimination protections, and access to welfare schemes. Information dissemination on confidentiality norms, grievance redressal avenues and service linkage. Interactive engagement with the target cohort to assess awareness gaps and address stigma-related impediments was held.



### **Paschim Bardhaman**

In observance of World AIDS Day DLSA, Paschim Bardhaman observed World AIDS Day on 01.12.2025 at the Durbar Mahila Samanwaya Samity in collaboration with the Health Department. The event was attended by Smt. Amrapali Chakraborty, Secretary, D.L.S.A., and Smt. Ananya Mukherjee, Deputy CMOH-IV. Smt. Marjina Sk delivered the welcome address, stressing the importance of the day. The D.L.S.A. Secretary discussed legal provisions and the role of D.L.S.A. in aiding marginalized communities. She also highlighted the role of Para Legal Volunteers and announced a special grievance-redressal clinic for the differently abled. The Deputy CMOH-IV outlined the medical facilities available for AIDS-affected individuals across district hospitals and health centres.

