

**Report on Observance of International Day of Persons with Disability  
by the Legal Services Authorities under the State Legal Services  
Authority, West Bengal**

**ALIPURDUAR**

In compliance with directions from the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and the West Bengal State Legal Services Authority (SLSA), the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Alipurduar organized comprehensive Legal Awareness Programmes for the observance of the "International Day of Persons with Disabilities". The DLSA Alipurduar held multiple awareness camps, including one for the hearing impaired students of Sukanta Nazrul Deaf Residential School , another for the intellectually disabled inmates of Topoban Home , and a program on December 4, 2025, for the visually impaired children at Subodh Smriti Drishti Heen School. The objective was to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities, stressing the importance of inclusivity, accessibility, and equality in society, and to sensitize participants about prevention, early identification, rehabilitation, and mainstreaming. Activities focused on empowerment, fostering independence, and creating meaningful opportunities for social interaction and confidence-building.



**BANKURA**

District Legal Services Authority, Bankura, organised a legal awareness camp on 03-12-2025 at Gangajol Ghati Block on the occasion of World



Disability Day. A total 100 number of villagers attended the Programme, and they were made aware of the availability of legal services/aid. The programme was organised in collaboration with NGO Pratima Welfare Trust. Programme was headed by the Panel Advocate Arup Kumar Nandi. Many eminent dignitaries were also present in the camp.

### **BIRBHUM**

As per the direction of Ld. Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority, WB, DLSA Birbhum, in collaboration with District Administrative a Legal Awareness camp was organised in Gitanjali, Bolpur, spreading Awareness among the gathered mass on,"Legal Entitlements and rights of the specially challenged persons", on the "International Day of Persons with Disabilities".



**COOCH**

**BEHAR**

DLSA, Cooch Behar organised two legal awareness programmes on the subject matter of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 3rd December, 2025, at Feelings Special School, Cooch Behar, with participation of some special children of the said school, and at Rajbari Stadium, Cooch Behar, with participation of some persons with disabilities of this district. The Secretary, DLSA, Cooch Behar, and PLVs of this authority were present at the said programmes and delivered speeches



about the key provisions and benefits available for persons with disabilities.

### **DAKSHIN DINAJPUR**

The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Dakshin Dinajpur, observed World Disability Day on December 3, 2025, across several locations like Kumarganj, Balurghat, and Harirampur. The events included rallies, clothing distribution, and legal awareness camps. The primary focus was educating attendees, including persons with disabilities and senior citizens, about the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD Act), government schemes like pensions and certificates, and the availability of



free legal aid services offered by the DLSA. These initiatives successfully

promoted awareness, empowerment, and access to justice for the community.

### **DARJEELING**

On December 5th and 9th, 2025, the DLSA, Darjeeling, organized a Legal Awareness Programme for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities at the Brahma Samaj School (Darjeeling) and Prerana Educational Center (Siliguri). The event informed participants, including specially-abled persons and guardians, about their constitutional rights (Articles 14, 15, 19, 21, 41) and key acts like RPWD 2016 and the NALSA scheme. The programme featured motivational speeches by figures like Mr. Ankit Pradhan and concluded with a Q&A session.



### **HOOGLHY**

On December 4, 2025, World Disability Day, the DLSA Secretary, Hooghly, visited Cheshire Home, Serampore, for a legal awareness programme. The visit included assessing the differently-abled residents' needs, welfare, and access to government schemes and legal aid. The Secretary informed inmates about their rights, legal safeguards, and how to approach DLSA for help, adhering to the NALSA Scheme, 2015. Management highlighted areas



needing further support. The visit concluded with the distribution of stationery and toiletry articles, emphasising inclusion and support.

### **HOWRAH**

On the occasion of World Disability Day, the District Legal Services Authority, Howrah, observed the day in collaboration with the Kona Anubhuti Foundation at the CWCN Home, Uluberia, on 09.12.2025. To commemorate the day, the children of that home participated in various games. The Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority, Howrah, mingled with the disabled children, inspired them, and cheered them on in their success.



### **JHARGRAM**

District Legal Services Authority, Jhargram, organized a Legal Awareness Programme on December 11, 2025, for the “International Day of Persons with Disabilities”. Held at Panchkari Swarabodhan Niketan, the event reinforced disability rights, promoted accessibility and inclusion within the justice system, and highlighted the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. The programme was attended by DLSA members and widely publicized.



### **KALIMPONG**

On 3 December 2025, DLSA Kalimping, in collaboration with Anugyalaya and Sakcham NGO, observed the International Day of Persons with Disabilities at Lower Fagu Junior High School, Gorubathan. PLV Ujjwal Rai emphasised the importance and theme of the day, while Sakcham coordinator Askumar Tamang shared personal experiences on challenges faced by disabled persons and highlighted the organisation’s mission to amplify their voices. Supportive aids were distributed, and information was shared on the digitalisation of disability certificates to improve accessibility.



### **KOLKATA**

The awareness camp, a joint initiative between Jadavpur University, CPWD and the Society for Welfare of the Blind, was successfully conducted on December 5, 2025, running from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The primary focus of the program was educating attendees on two crucial areas: the provisions of

the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, and the vital Role of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) in upholding these rights. The event saw the active participation of 30 visually impaired individuals. Esteemed legal professionals contributed their expertise, including Smt. M. M. of DLSA, Kolkata; Dr. Mousree Basistha, As of Malda Law College; and two Adhikar Mitras (Pa) Mridha and Smt. Krishna Nandi.



### MALDA

DLSA Malda observed World disability day on 3 December 2025. The Secretary attended a scheduled Video Conference at the office. Simultaneously, a deputed team of Panel Lawyers and PLVs successfully conducted the Legal Awareness Camp , integrating new guidelines and existing legal literacy agendas for beneficiaries.



## **NADIA**

DLSA Nadia conducted the awareness programme on December 3, 2025, at the Nakashipara Nirmal Hriday Samity under the Nakashipara Police Station in Nadia. The event, attended by approximately 45 persons, featured the Ld. Chairman, DLSA cum District & Sessions Judge, Nadia, the Secretary, DLSA, Nadia, and other dignitaries from the District Administration as keynote speakers. The primary focus of the session was to sensitise participants about the disability rights in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, and the role of the Legal Services Institution.



## **NORTH 24 PARAGANAS**

The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Nadia, reported on an awareness and outreach activity held on December 3, 2025, at Nakashipara Nirmal Hriday Samity for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Approximately 45 people attended. Keynote speakers included the Ld. Chairman cum District & Sessions Judge and the Secretary of DLSA, Nadia. The program sensitized attendees on disability rights under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.



## **PASCHIM BARDHAMAN**

The DLSA, Paschim Bardhaman, celebrated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3rd, 2025, at Asansol District Hospital, in partnership with the Health and Social Welfare Departments. District Magistrate Sri Ponnambalam S. inaugurated the event, discussing government welfare schemes like Manabik and Niramay. DLSA Secretary Smt. Amrapali Chakraborty explained the legal provisions and assistance provided by the DLSA and PLVs, announcing the inauguration of a special clinic at the District Hospital to address grievances. The Chief Medical Officer of Health detailed available medical facilities.



## **PASCHIM MEDINIPUR**

The DLSA, Paschim Medinipur, observed World Disability Day on December 3rd, 2025, with an awareness camp in collaboration with district departments. Key dignitaries discussed legal rights under the RPWD Act, 2016, and explained government welfare schemes like UDID. The event reaffirmed the DLSA's dedication to providing free legal aid and ensuring the rights and social inclusion of Persons with Disabilities.



## **PURBA BARDHAMAN**

The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Purba Bardhaman, organised two events around World Disability Day. On December 3, 2025, a Legal Awareness Camp and cultural program was held at Dr Sailendranath MUK and BADHIR School, in collaboration with the Rotary Club, focusing on provisions for disabled children. Subsequently, on December 6, 2025, a community program was conducted at Baburbag with Bardhaman Sahayodhya, featuring a food distribution drive alongside the Legal Awareness Camp.



## **PURBA MEDINIPUR**

On 03.12.2025, DLSA Purba Medinipur marked the International Day of Persons with Disabilities with two programmes. At Nimtouri Tamluk Unnayan Samiti Home, Smt. Sudipa Banerjee inspected the facility and addressed 80 participants on the NALSA Scheme, 2024, highlighting disability rights, inclusion, and the 'Manonyay' Committee's role. At Kumudini Dakua Muktamancha, a camp with 263 attendees, featured a Legal Aid Help Desk staffed by trained PLVs to ensure persons with mental illness and intellectual disabilities could access legal services across civil, criminal, and administrative matters.



**PURULIA**

The DLSA, Purulia, observed World Disability Day on December 3rd, 2025, hosting an awareness camp to promote the rights of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). Officials highlighted provisions of the RPWD Act, 2016, and detailed various governmental welfare schemes and benefits available. The DLSA emphasised its role in providing free legal assistance and working actively with PLVs to ensure social justice and equal opportunities for the PwD community in Purulia.



**SOUTH 24 PARGANAS**

In the spirit of promoting disability inclusion within the Justice delivery system on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 03.12.2025, the Secretary, DLSA, Alipore, participated and spoke in a programme organised by New-Age Society for All, CCI at Sitakundu, Baruipur.

