

Report on Awareness Programme on the International Day of Older Person: Healthy Eyes, Informed Minds, Dignified Lives

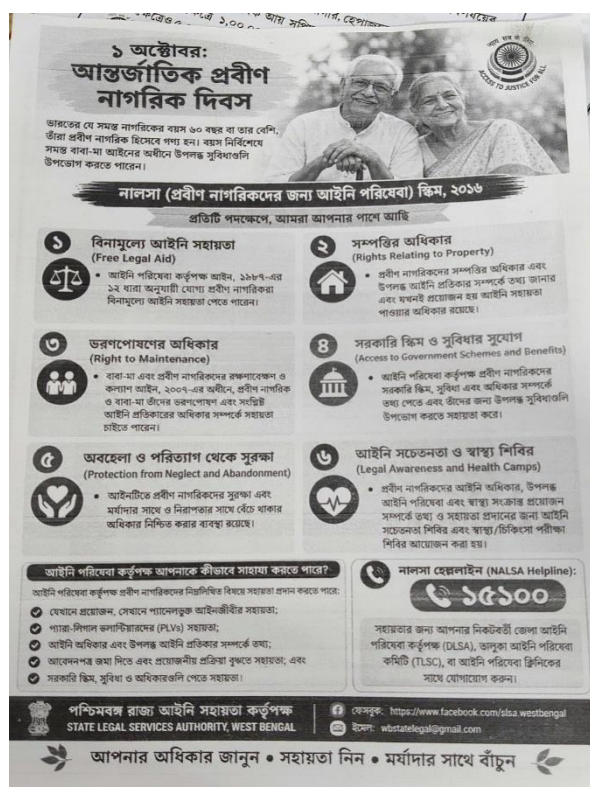
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Venue: Maa Vabatarani Sevashram Trust, Salap, Howrah

The State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal (SLSA, WB), in collaboration with Sankalp Today, organised an awareness programme on 1st October, 2026, at Maa Vabatarani Sevashram Trust, Salap, Howrah, to mark the International Day of Older Persons. The programme was attended by Resource Person, Para Legal Volunteer along with interns representing the State Legal Services Authority.

Legal Awareness and Access to Justice

During the programme, the participating senior citizens were sensitised about the importance of being aware of their legal rights and the various avenues available to them for obtaining legal assistance. The interaction focused on encouraging older persons to seek timely assistance whenever they face legal difficulties.



A pamphlet was prepared by the State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal, to raise awareness among senior citizens about their rights, entitlements, and available legal services. The pamphlet was distributed among the senior citizens during the programme.

Health and Eye Check-up Camps

Recognising that the well-being of older persons extends beyond legal awareness, a Health Check-up Camp and an Eye Check-up Camp were also organised as part of the programme.

The health check-up facility provided senior citizens with an opportunity to undergo basic health screening and receive necessary medical guidance. The Eye Check-up Camp specifically addressed the importance of regular eye examinations among older persons and provided essential screening and assistance.



An Initiative Towards Dignity and Empowerment

The initiative of SLSA, West Bengal, in collaboration with Sankalp Today, reflects the importance of



taking legal awareness and support services closer to vulnerable and deserving sections of society. By combining legal awareness with health and eye-care services, the programme sought to address some of the practical concerns faced by older persons and promote a sense of security and dignity.

The programme also conveyed an important message that older persons are entitled to live with dignity, access appropriate assistance and remain informed about the rights and services available to them.

Conclusion

Through the combined efforts of SLSA, West Bengal and Sankalp Today, the programme successfully brought together legal awareness and essential health services in a manner that directly benefited the participating older persons. The initiative reaffirmed the commitment of the State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal towards ensuring that senior citizens remain informed about their rights, aware of available assistance and support in leading a life of dignity, security and well-being.