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NATIONAL LOK ADALAT

During the period from July to September 2025, the National Lok Adalat in Uttarakhand was organized on 13th September 2025 in accordance with the NALSA's Annual Calendar. The said National Lok Adalat sessions take place simultaneously throughout the State right from Tehsil Level to Hon'ble High Court, to resolve cases quickly and efficiently without the long delays of traditional court proceedings. This approach minimizes the costs for litigants, helps reduce the backlog of cases in courts, and provides an accessible, amicable resolution mechanism for both pre-litigation and pending cases.

By incorporating pre-litigation cases within the framework of the National Lok Adalat, potential disputes are resolved at an early stage, thereby preventing escalation into formal court proceedings. This proactive approach ensures swifter and more accessible justice for all parties, while significantly reducing the burden on the judicial system. During the National Lok Adalat held on 13.09.2025, a total of **9101** pre-litigation cases were taken up, and all were amicably settled. The aggregate settlement amount reached ₹19,24,72,567, reflecting the success and efficacy of this alternative dispute resolution mechanism.

During the National Lok Adalat held on 13.09.2025, a total of 26,150 pending cases were referred for settlement. Out of these, 26,145 cases were resolved amicably between the parties, representing a remarkable achievement in alternative dispute resolution. The total settlement amount awarded in these cases was ₹71,40,59,153, showcasing the substantial financial and social impact of the Lok Adalat framework for delivering timely justice.

The National Lok Adalat was also organized in Quasi-Judicial Courts, at Consumer Courts, on 13.09.2025. A total of 37 cases were referred to these courts, and all 37 cases were amicably settled. The total settlement amount for these cases was ₹ 1,05,32,641/- demonstrating the effectiveness of Lok Adalats in resolving disputes even in specialized quasi-judicial forums.

National Lok Adalat dated 13.09.2025 at the Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand, Nainital.







National Lok Adalat dated 13.09.2025 in District Courts and Outlying Courts across the State.





MULTI - PURPOSE LEGAL SERVICES AND AWARENESS CAMPS

The main objective of a Multi-Purpose Camp is to provide a comprehensive set of services and activities that address the diverse needs of participants, ranging from healthcare and education to skills development and social welfare. These camps are designed to deliver targeted outreach for specific communities, blending recreational, awareness and capacity-building components within a single event. It is an integrated outreach initiative designed to empower citizens, especially those from vulnerable and marginalized communities, by enhancing their understanding of welfare schemes and available access to justice mechanisms. Organized under the mandate of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, the camp serves as a collaborative platform bringing together various government departments, NGOs, legal aid functionaries, and community stakeholders.

In continuation of the above, during the period from July to September 2025, three (03) Multi-Purpose Legal Services and Awareness Camps were organized by the District Legal Services Authorities across the State. Out of these, two (02) Multi-Purpose Camps were held in the august presence of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shri Manoj Tiwari, Executive Chairman, UKSLSA, Nainital.

The aforesaid Multi-Purpose Camps were also attended by the Chairmen/District Judges, Member Secretary, UKSLSA, Shri Pradeep Mani Tripathi, President, Bar Association, District Magistrate, Senior Superintendent of Police, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Chief Development Officer, Chief Medical Officer, Judicial Officers of the respective district and officers from various departments and approx. 6500 persons including women, children and senior citizens.

Various **Departments and NGOs** also participated in the camp and, while creating awareness among the **tribal/rural population of the local area** about their respective schemes, distributed relevant materials as well.

During the camp, with the support of government, private, and non-governmental institutions, essential materials were distributed to needy individuals and institutions of the area, and the distinguished guests were duly addressed. The Health Department conducted free medical camp as part of the multi-purpose event, offering various medical tests, examinations and free medicines.

During these camps, extensive support was extended by various government and non-government entities to deliver welfare materials to beneficiaries. The Department of

Women Empowerment and Child Development distributed **05** Mahalaxmi Kits, **10** Kishori Kits, and **05** Himalayan Baby Kits, while the Health Department provided Pahal Kits to 10 newly married couples. Corporate and voluntary organizations also contributed significantly: Tupperware India Pvt. Ltd., Pashuwadun, Selaqui distributed **100** umbrellas; Febco Bag Industries, Selaqui provided **300** bags; Samarpan Society, Dehradun distributed **100** Tiffin boxes and water bottles; Multani Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Roorkee supplied **100** immunity booster kits; Dixon Technologies India Ltd., Selaqui distributed **100** blankets; and Campus Activewear Ltd., Selaqui donated **100** Solar Lamps. In addition, essential assistive devices including Wheelchairs, Crutches, Walkers, Lumbar Support Belts, Walking Sticks, and Hearing Aids were provided to persons with disabilities, ensuring inclusive outreach across the region.





CLEANLINESS DRIVE ON 05TH JULY, 2025

Keeping in view the directions issued by the Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand in PIL No. 92 of 2022 (Jitendra Yadav vs. Union of India), wherein vide order dated 7 July 2022 specific directions were issued for laying down compliance steps and timelines for effective waste management, a cleanliness drive was conducted by the Uttarakhand State Legal Services Authority (UKSLSA), Nainital, under the aegis of the Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand.

The event was led by Hon'ble Judges including Justice Alok Kumar Verma, Justice Pankaj Purohit, and Justice Alok Mehra, along with the Registrar General & Registrars of High court, Member Secretary & OSD UKSLSA, High Court Bar Association officials, and environment volunteers. The judges and others physically cleaned the High Court campus, and the Nainital Municipal Corporation team assisted in garbage removal and disposal.

Its primary objective to ensure effective implementation of the Plastic Waste Management framework and proper handling of other non-biodegradable waste. During the campaign, participants and members of the public were sensitized about the provisions of the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 and the Uttarakhand Plastic and Other Non-Biodegradable Garbage (Regulation of Use and Disposal) Act, 2013.

This Public Interest Litigation also finds a direct connect with the broader initiatives undertaken by UKSLSA, including the cleanliness drive held on 5 July 2025, which was led by the Hon'ble Judges of the Uttarakhand High Court at Nainital. The said drive promoted the spirit of "**Shram Daan**" and public participation, while simultaneously spreading awareness regarding environmental protection laws. The initiative witnessed active participation of the Registrars and officials of the High Court, the Member Secretary, Officer on Special Duty (OSD), and officials of UKSLSA, thereby reinforcing institutional commitment towards environmental stewardship.

Such initiatives are in furtherance of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court for conducting regular cleanliness and awareness activities across districts, with the aim of fostering community participation and enhancing public awareness regarding environmental legislations, including the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Plastic Waste Management Rules, and other allied statutory frameworks.





ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMES FOR PRISONERS:

During the period from July to September, 2025, in furtherance of NALSA's directions and in observance of *Jail Samiksha Diwas*, the DLSAs conducted a series of intensive Legal Literacy and Awareness Camps, Jail Visits, Jail Lok Adalats, Medical Camps, workshops across District Jails, Sub-Jails, and Judicial Lock-ups, aimed at strengthening prison reforms and ensuring access to justice for all inmates.

This includes the implementation of the e-Prison system for digital record-keeping, enhancing transparency and timely access to legal information for inmates. These measures provide a robust legal framework focusing on custody, correction, rehabilitation, and after-care services, reflecting the state's commitment to humane and rights-based prison management. After rejection of bail application, prisoners can appeal to the Hon'ble Supreme Court by filing a Special Leave Petition (SLP) or criminal appeal.

In the said span of time a total of 181 legal aid & awareness programs were conducted and attended by 38811 prisoners, including 3380 undertrial prisoners who received legal assistance. Among those seeking bail, 87 accused were released with the support of legal aid, while 23 convicted prisoners were provided help in filing appeals. Total 69 Jail Visits and 13 Jail Lok Adalats were conducted in this period. These programs, organized by Legal Services Authorities, have significantly improved prisoners' access to justice, promoting timely legal support and rehabilitation within the prison system.

During the campaign conducted within the jail premises, inmates were comprehensively informed about the functioning of UTRC, the legal framework governing bail bonds, warrants and sureties, the procedure and benefits of plea bargaining, and their rights relating to remission, commutation and compounding of offences. They were also sensitized about the importance of Early Access to Justice at the pre-arrest, arrest and remand stages, availability of free legal aid services including assistance through the Legal Aid Defence Counsel (LADC) system, the role and advantages of ADR mechanisms, as well as the causes of and preventive measures against trafficking in persons.

Surprise inspections were also conducted by the DLSA Secretaries, during which staffing-related issues and overall jail administration have been reviewed, juvenile barracks inspected to ensure that no minor inmate was lodged and immediate legal aid has been arranged for a 16-year-old inmate. During the visit, counselling and guidance has been provided to 220 inmates regarding procedures for temporary bail, the condition of the jail bakery and canteen was assessed. Mental health condition of a mentally ill prisoner was also examined and necessary directions were issued to ensure improved care and support.

NOTE: Faces of the Jail Inmates have been made blur due to privacy reasons



AWARENESS AND OUT REACH PROGRAMME IN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Recognizing that students and children are the future of the nation, the Legal Services Authorities conducted a range of awareness programmes, workshops, and legal literacy classes during the quarter from July to September, 2025, with the objective of sensitizing the younger generation to key legal rights and responsibilities. These initiatives highlighted important legal provisions and schemes such as the NALSA (DAWN) Scheme, NALSA (JAGRITI) Scheme 2025, laws relating to child marriage and child labour, the Right to Education, the NDPS Act, and issues concerning cybercrime, internet misuse, and social media frauds/scams. During these programmes, informative videos were also screened, and pamphlets relating to the National Lok Adalat scheduled for 13.09.2025, along with brochures explaining the role, benefits, and functions of Permanent Lok Adalats and Public Utility Services, were widely distributed among the participants.

From July to September, 2025, the Uttarakhand State Legal Services Authority (UKSLSA), along with all District Legal Services Authorities, conducted a total of 4,734 Legal Awareness Programmes across the State. These initiatives extensively covered 38,757 schools and colleges, reaching a wide academic demographic. Through these programmes, 2,61,225 students actively participated and were comprehensively sensitized on a diverse range of significant legal and social themes, including: NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2024; World Day Against Trafficking in Persons; NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2005; NALSA (Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016 Provisions of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007; NALSA (DAWN) Scheme, 2025 (Disability Access Without Barriers); Role and responsibilities of Adhikar Mitra; Process and entitlement of Free Legal Aid; Cyber Security and Cyber Crimes, including responsible digital behaviour and preventive safeguards. These programmes collectively contributed to a widespread sensitization drive aimed at equipping students with essential knowledge of their legal rights, available legal remedies, and mechanisms of institutional support under the Legal Services Authority framework.



CAPACITY BUILDING / TRAINING PROGRAMMES

- The Secretary, DLSA Almora, organized an online training programme for PLVs on 01.08.2025, focusing on the roles, benefits, and functions of Permanent Lok Adalats (PLAs), the objectives of PLAs, and the scope of Public Utility Services. Approximately 52 participants benefited from the session.



- DLSA Pauri Garhwal organized a three-day Virtual Basic Training Programme for Pro



Bono PLVs from 26.08.2025 to 28.08.2025. The training sessions were conducted by eminent resource persons, including Secretary, DLSA Pauri Garhwal, CLADC, and Retainer Advocate. The main speaker for the programme was Secretary, DLSA Pauri Garhwal. A total of **2913 Pro Bono PLVs**

participated in the training.

- The Secretary, DLSA Almora, organized an orientation training programme for Jail Visitors and Community PLVs on 07.07.2025 in connection with the **UTRC 2025 Campaign**.
- An exhaustive training programme was conducted on 05.07.2025 for the entire workforce of the Legal Services Institutions, focusing comprehensively on the rights, protections, and welfare mechanisms relating to women and children. Organized under the guidance and supervision of the Secretary, DLSA, Bageshwar, the programme aimed at strengthening institutional capacity by sensitizing participants to critical legal provisions, including laws



on domestic violence, child protection, trafficking, sexual offences, child marriage, right to education, and available legal aid frameworks. The session also emphasized effective implementation strategies, early intervention mechanisms, and the role of legal services personnel in ensuring timely access to justice for vulnerable groups.

- DLSA Chamoli conducted an intensive '**Internship Training Programme**' from **01.07.2025 to 08.07.2025** in the auditorium of the District Court Campus, Gopeshwar. During the programme, participants were comprehensively trained on a wide range of subjects, including the role and responsibilities of PLVs, key provisions of criminal law, child protection laws related to violence and sexual offences, legislations concerning senior citizens, the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, and the use of the NALSA Portal, including



LSMS and LAIS modules. The sessions also covered various NALSA Schemes and other relevant legal topics aimed at enhancing practical understanding and legal awareness. A total of **139 law students** attended and actively participated in the programme.

- On 10.09.2025, the Secretary, DLSA, organised a Training Programme for PLVs in collaboration with the ARTO, Almora, wherein the participants were sensitised on key issues relating to *Sadak Suraksha*, Traffic Rules, overspeeding, mandatory use of helmets and seat belts, lane discipline, and other important road-safety measures.



- DLSA, Chamoli conducted a Training Programme titled '*NALSA Portal (LSMS and LAIS) and NALSA Scheme*' in the auditorium of the District Court Campus, Gopeshwar, on 06.09.2025. The participants were imparted training on the provisions and operational aspects of the NALSA Portal (LSMS and LAIS) along with an overview of the relevant NALSA Schemes. The programme was attended by **108 PLVs, 03 Panel Lawyers (Physical)** and **09 Panel Lawyers (Virtual)**.



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- An online Training Programme was organised on 15.09.2025 by the Secretary and Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel, DLSA Dehradun, for **Pro Bono Para-Legal Volunteers**. The programme provided comprehensive information on the functions and mandate of the National Legal Services Authority, the State Legal Services Authority, and the District Legal Services Authority.

Participants were apprised of the Legal Aid Clinics established in law schools, their significance, and their operational modalities. Detailed information was also disseminated regarding various schemes implemented by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) to strengthen access to justice and legal aid delivery.

The training concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session, during which queries raised by the participating law students were addressed satisfactorily, ensuring a clear and holistic understanding of legal aid mechanisms and their practical implementation.



- An Orientation Programme on the *NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse and Eradication of Drug Menace) Scheme, 2015* was meticulously organised for the Para-Legal Volunteers/Adhikar Mitras of DLSA, Nainital, with the objective of strengthening their capacity to effectively identify, assist, and support victims of substance abuse, and to enhance grassroots implementation of the Scheme across the district.
- DLSA, Pithoragarh conducted a *Training-cum-Sensitization Programme for Newly Inducted PLVs* from **25.09.2025 to 27.09.2025**. During the programme, participants were sensitised on key subjects including **disaster prevention and preparedness, organic awareness initiatives**, and the delivery of legal services to vulnerable and helpless persons. The training aimed at strengthening the capacity of PLVs to respond effectively to community needs at the grassroots level.



SPECIAL CAMPAIGN

CAMPAIGN ON "GENERIC DRUGS: EFFECTIVE, ECONOMICAL AND ESSENTIAL" CONDUCTED DURING AUGUST, 2025

On the direction of the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, UKSLSA, Nainital, a dedicated 02 Days awareness campaign is being carried out by the DLSAs in every month. During the period July to September, 2025 total **178** legal awareness camps/programmes, was conducted by the legal services institutions sensitizing and approximately **11700** people about the benefits, safety, and cost-effectiveness of generic medicines. Generic medicines are safe, effective, and affordable, containing the same active ingredients as branded drugs and meeting strict quality standards. Yet, many people still believe they are less effective, which is not true. This campaign aims to clear such myths, build trust among patients and healthcare providers, and promote wider use of generics to reduce healthcare costs and make quality treatment accessible to all.

The campaign clearly informed attendees that generic medicines have the same active ingredients as branded drugs and meet the same national quality and safety standards. It was highlighted that generic medicines cost 50–90% less, making healthcare more affordable for poor and vulnerable communities. Participants learned that using generic medicines helps reduce family expenses and supports the national goal of universal, affordable healthcare, aligning with the National Health Policy, Ayushman Bharat, and the right to health under Article 21. Citizens were encouraged to ask doctors for prescriptions using generic names, as required by the Medical Council of India, and to buy medicines from Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) to access essential medicines at lower prices.

The gathering was informed about what generic medicines are and how they differ from branded ones. It was emphasized that generic drugs are equally effective, safe, and approved by authorities such as the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI). The campaign also aimed to raise awareness about the availability of low-cost generic medicines at Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs), promote responsible healthcare choices, reduce out-of-pocket medicine expenses, and encourage community understanding of rational drug use and proper prescription practices.

A total of **11,400** pamphlets and brochures were distributed among the general public during the awareness campaign. These informative materials highlighted the benefits, safety, and cost-effectiveness of generic medicines, emphasizing that they contain the same active ingredients and therapeutic efficacy as branded drugs. The objective was to empower citizens with clear and reliable information, encouraging them to adopt affordable yet equally effective generic alternatives for their healthcare needs.

ACTIVITY PHOTOGRAPHS



15 DAYS INTENSIVE DOOR-TO-DOOR CAMPAIGN ON

“स्थायी लोक अदालतः न्याय की बात हमारे साथ”

ORGANIZED IN THE STATE OF UTTARAKHAND

FROM 11TH AUGUST, 2025 TO 25TH AUGUST, 2025

As per Section 22-B of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, total 07 Permanent Lok Adalats are functional in the State of Uttarakhand (Permanent Lok Adalats in District Dehradun, Haridwar, Nainital and Udham Singh Nagar are functional since November, 2017 and Permanent Lok Adalats in District Almora, PauriGarhwal and Tehri-Garhwal are functional since July, 2025), which play a significant role for providing an alternative mechanism for resolving disputes quickly and effectively relating to **“Public Utility Services”** as defined and notified under Section 22-A(b) of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

In order to ensure the strengthen and promote the role, objectives, and benefits of Permanent Lok Adalats (PLAs), it is essential to make wider publicity by organizing legal awareness camps and outreach programmes across the district through the respective District Legal Services Authorities.

In view of the above, the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, Uttarakhand State Legal Services Authority, Nainital has been pleased to direct all the DLSA to launch a **15 Days Intensive Door-to-Door Campaign on “स्थायी लोक अदालतः न्याय की बात हमारे साथ” from 11th August, 2025 to 25th August, 2025**, engage community Para Legal Volunteers to educate the public about the benefits and functioning of Permanent Lok Adalats, to leverage media, mobile apps, social media platforms, and other digital tools, to spread awareness and allow citizens to access information about PLAs and their functioning, to print the informative materials like; brochures, pamphlets, banners or posters, etc. regarding role, objective and benefits of the PLAs.

On the basis of the statistical information furnished by the District Legal Services Authorities relating to the aforesaid Campaign, a consolidated report has been prepared and the same is hereunder:-

Name of the District	No. of Legal Awareness camps and outreach Programmes conducted.	No. of persons attended these Legal Awareness camps and outreach Programmes.	No. of NukkadNatak organized.	Total area covered by the PLVs during this campaign.
Almora	320	12971	-	320
Bageshwar	20	575	0	19 Villages
Chamoli	37	1465	-	-
Champawat	54	1265	01	130 Villages
Dehradun	25	2500	04	Dehradun, Vikasnagar, Rishikesh, Doiwala and Mussoorie
Haridwar	294	1850	01	29 Villages
Nainital	203	7286	04	203
PauriGarhwal	94	3919	Nil	70%
Pithoragarh	10	500 (Approx.)	Nil	Malli Mirthi, Bhanuda Askot, Dhungakhani, Badlu, Munakot, Police Line, Aincholi
TehriGarhwal	92	2391	Nil	Approx. the whole district.
Udham Singh Nagar	137	13524	-	All over District.
Uttarkashi	109	2500 (Approx.)	-	Throughout the District.
TOTAL	1395	50746 (Approx.)	10	-

As per the District-wise reports mentioned in the above table, it is found that during the aforesaid campaign **total 1395 legal awareness camps and outreach programmes organized** wherein **around 50746 persons attended** these legal awareness camps and outreach programmes.

Apart from the above, publicity materials like; Brochures, Banners, Pamphlets, Gummimg Sheets were also prepared and distributed to the public at large during the aforesaid campaign. Publicity of the same was also done through Local Radio Channels, Facebook, Newspaper and Social Media platform.

ALMORA



BAGESHWAR



CHAMOLI



CHAMPAWAT



DEHRADUN



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**25 अगस्त तक चलेगा स्थायी लोक अदालत :
न्याय की बात हमारे साथ जागरूकता अभियान**

PAURI GARHWAL



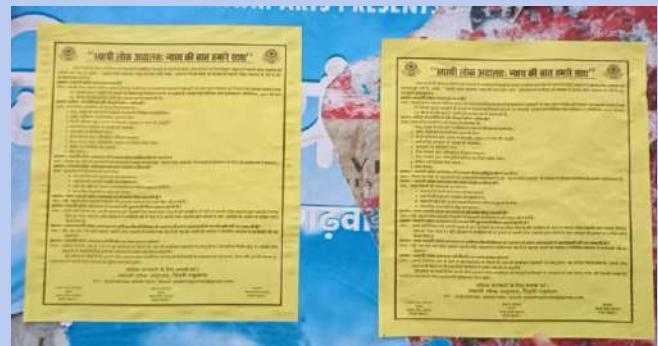
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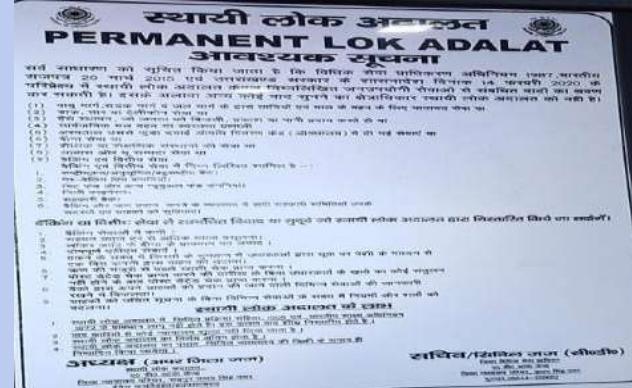
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अभियान में वैफलेट, बैनर, पोस्टर, मोबाइल एप्स और सोशल मीडिया के माध्यम से लोगों को कनूनी प्रक्रिया के प्रति जागरूक किया जा रहा है। बताया कि स्थायी लोक अदालत प्रबलक यूटिलिटी सर्विसेस से संबंधित विवादों के समाधान के लिए कार्य करती है। उन्नाने कहा कि यह अभियान 25

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CELEBRATION/OBSERVATION OF *IMPORTANT DAYS*

OBSERVATION OF “NELSON MANDELA DAY” ON 18th JULY, 2025

“**Nelson Mandela Day**”, also known as Mandela Day, is an annual international day celebrated on July 18th the birthday of Nelson Mandela. It was officially declared by the United Nations in November 2009. The day honors Mandela's legacy and his dedication to the service of humanity, promoting his values of social justice, peace, reconciliation, and cultural diversity through volunteering and community service.

Nelson Mandela Day is closely linked to prison reform and the humane treatment of prison inmates through the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, known as the Nelson Mandela Rules. These rules were adopted by the UN General Assembly in December 2015 to honor Mandela's legacy, recognizing his 27 years of imprisonment during his struggle for democracy and human rights.

The connection to Mandela Day reinforces the importance of humane treatment in prisons as part of Mandela's broader mission for justice and equality. Mandela Day is thus also a platform to promote awareness and reforms aimed at improving prison conditions worldwide, advocating that prisoners remain part of society with rights and dignity.

The Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 mandates the provision of free and competent legal aid to prisoners, ensuring that no inmate is denied justice due to lack of awareness or resources. Under this Act, District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) coordinate with jail and health authorities to conduct legal awareness campaigns, counseling, health check-ups, and motivational sessions in prisons, especially during Nelson Mandela International Day campaigns.

Keeping in view, the Hon'ble Executive Chairman of UKSLSA, Nainital has emphasized the importance of celebrating Nelson Mandela International Day through Legal Services Institutions focusing on prison reforms and community welfare. During observations legal awareness camps conducted in prisons, including District and Sub-Jails, where inmates are educated on their rights such as compounding, remission, and commutation. This initiative addresses prisoner issues directly, alongside broader campaigns reaching urban and remote areas, sensitizing thousands on various welfare schemes, legal protections, and access to free legal aid along with dedicated helplines.

During the celebration of Nelson Mandela Day, Legal Services Institutions organized **23** Legal Awareness Camps, **3** conferences inside jail campuses, and **11** Medical Camps, providing legal aid and advice to **1590** prisoners. Approximately **9550** prisoners attended these campaigns, which aimed to raise awareness about prisoners' rights and improve their access to justice and healthcare. These activities demonstrate the commitment to Mandela's legacy

by empowering inmates and promoting judicial prison reforms through coordinated efforts between legal services, jail authorities, and health departments.

PHOTOGRAPHS



CELEBRATION OF "HARELA FESTIVAL" From 01.07.2025 To 31.07.2025

The **Harela Festival in Uttarakhand** is a traditional and agrarian celebration marking the beginning of the monsoon season and the sowing cycle in the Hindu month of Shraavan. It is widely observed in the Kumaon region and parts of Garhwal, where households prepare by sowing seeds such as barley, maize, and mustard about ten days before the festival. These seeds sprout into green shoots called "harela," which are symbolically cut and placed on family members' heads as blessings for prosperity and health.

Religiously, Harela also commemorates the divine marriage of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati, with clay idols set up for worship, and prayers offered for a good harvest, environmental harmony, and community well-being. The festival features traditional folk songs, dances, local fairs, and children's games like bamboo-stilt walking known as "Gedi."

In modern times, the festival has expanded into an environmental movement, with mass tree plantation drives being organized, planting lakhs of saplings across Uttarakhand to promote ecological balance. It is both a cultural tradition and a public environmental campaign reinforcing the bond between humans and nature. The festival is significant socially, agriculturally, religiously, and environmentally, symbolizing the start of a new agricultural year and the renewal of life.

As per directions of the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, Uttarakhand SLSA, Nainital, the 2025 "**Harela Festival**" was celebrated **from 01.07.2025 to 31.07.2025** by all the Legal Services Institutions by organizing Legal Awareness Camps and with record sapling plantations across the state.

Communication was made with Wildlife Divisions, National Parks Chief Horticulture Officers, and Chief Education Officers to promote environmental awareness and ecological conservation of trees in the state during the World Environment Day 2025 campaign. The message emphasized highlighting the importance of planting medicinal plants, fruit trees, and other tree species to foster biodiversity and ecological balance.

Chief Education Officers were specifically requested to take a leading role in promoting environmental awareness among students by organizing competitions such as essay writing, slogan creation, painting, and debates focused on trees and ecological conservation. These activities aimed to engage young minds in understanding the significance of trees for environmental health and sustainability.

District Magistrates were officially requested to organize extensive tree plantation programs under the **Harela Mahotsav** from 01st July to 31st July, 2025. They were further instructed to direct all stakeholders and government departments within their jurisdiction to actively participate in and organize tree plantation activities at their respective levels.

This initiative formed part of a larger state-wide ecological conservation campaign during the Harela festival in Uttarakhand, which is deeply rooted in agricultural traditions and promotes environmental consciousness. The **Harela Mahotsav 2025** saw an unprecedented scale of plantation activities, with a wide variety of plants/saplings are planted, typically focusing on both native and beneficial species suited to the region's environmental needs. Common saplings planted include both fruiting and timber trees, as well as trees with medicinal and ornamental value **across all 13 Districts of Uttarakhand**. This massive drive included saplings planted in villages, towns, schools, government offices, and public spaces, reinforcing the cultural significance of the festival while championing environmental sustainability. These saplings, planted during the Harela festival, symbolize prosperity, harmony with nature, and a sustainable future for Uttarakhand.

ACTIVITY AT A GLANCE

UTTARAKHAND SLSA, NAINITAL



ALMORA



BAGESHWAR



CHAMOLI



CHAMPAWAT



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HARIDWAR



PAURI GARHWAL



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TEHRI GARHWAL



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SELA PARVA (सेला पर्व) CELEBRATED DURING HARELA FESTIVAL

The traditional Sela Festival, celebrated by the Van Gujjar Community of Uttarakhand, was organized from July 20 to July 30. The inauguration of the festival in the Kumaon region was graced by Hon'ble Shri Justice Manoj Kumar Tiwari, Executive Chairman, Uttarakhand SLSA, Nainital. His Lordship attended the programme as the Chief Guest.

The Van Gujjar community in Uttarakhand celebrates the annual Sela Parv, typically in July, as a vibrant traditional festival dedicated to environmental conservation and cultural heritage. The festival centers around planting native trees and conserving water in forest areas, guided by the community's rich traditional knowledge. The selected tree species provide multiple benefits, including fodder for cattle, fuelwood, medicinal uses, and shade, supporting the community's sustainable livelihood.

During Sela Parv, the community partakes in traditional rituals, such as consuming kheer (a sweet dish) and singing ancestral folk songs known as "bainth," which are passed down orally over generations. The event fosters communal unity and reinforces ecological stewardship.

In recent years, for the second consecutive year, the Uttarakhand SLSA has collaborated closely with the Van Gujjar community and their Forest Rights Committees to support and celebrate Sela Parv. This partnership not only amplifies the plantation drive but also integrates legal awareness and advocacy around forest rights, empowering the Van Gujjars amidst challenges such as land rights and forest department interactions. The engagement encourages dialogue between the community, local administration, and forest officials, enhancing mutual respect and recognizing the Van Gujjars' invaluable role in forest conservation.

On this occasion, a short booklet showcasing the lifestyle, culture, wildlife, and the environmental relationship of the Van Gujjar community with their Gojri buffaloes was also released by the Chief Guest. The programme was graced by the presence of administrative officers from various districts, District Judges, and other distinguished guests. Cultural performances presented by school children, along with a special presentation by the Tharu tribe, added vibrancy and colour to the celebration.

DLSA Nainital also organized a plantation drive and a legal awareness camp on **20th July 2025** at Bhudhakhatt Pipalpariorenj, Nainital, on the occasion of Sela Parva. The programme was conducted in cooperation with the Van Gujjar community of Uttarakhand, during which fruit-bearing and medicinal plants were planted. The event was also attended by the Member Secretary UKSLSA, Chairperson/Judges of DLSA Nainital and officials from the Forest Department.

NALSA schemes cover free legal services for vulnerable groups such as women, children, SC/ST, differently-abled persons, and those in custody or disaster-affected. The camp promoted broader access to justice under NALSA and UKSLSA, demonstrating forms of application and highlighting assistance modes (online, in-person, written, and telephonic). Distribution of legal literacy material and direct interactions with legal professionals were part of the initiative.

During the 12-day long **Sela Parva Campaign**, plantation drives were carried out across several regions of Uttarakhand, including Haridwar, Pauri Garhwal, Rudraprayag, Tehri Garhwal, Uttarkashi, Dehradun. The festival was thus transformed into a public movement. From the Shivalik hills to the Himalayan meadows (bugyals), and across the Terai-Bhabhar region, thousands of native saplings were planted. Through this initiative, the Van Gujjar community expressed its deep commitment and resolve towards environmental conservation.

During the Sela Parv programme organized in Uttarakhand, the Van Gujjar community was comprehensively informed about the wide range of legal aid services provided by Legal Services Institutions, which are aimed at ensuring effective access to justice for marginalized and forest-dependent communities.

The programme detailed other legal aid activities carried out by the DLSAs. These activities encompass organizing legal aid clinics, awareness camps and multi-purpose legal service programmes aimed at educating the public about their legal rights. The DLSAs also provide support for filing applications related to legal aid, land claims, and government welfare schemes, thus enhancing the socio-legal empowerment of the Van Gujjars. The legal aid services extend to facilitating access to information on child protection helplines, cybercrime cells, disability benefits, and pension schemes.

ACTIVITY PHOTOGRAPHS





OBSERVATION OF "INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES"
ON 09TH AUGUST, 2025

International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is observed every year on **9th August** to honor, protect, and promote the rights, cultures, and contributions of Indigenous communities across the globe. Established by the United Nations in 1994, the day highlights the unique identities, traditions, languages, and knowledge systems of Indigenous peoples, while drawing attention to the challenges they face—such as marginalization, displacement, loss of land, lack of access to justice, and threats to their cultural survival.

On the occasion of the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, extensive awareness activities were conducted to educate the general public—particularly Indigenous and tribal communities—on key legal and constitutional protections available to them. The campaign highlighted essential provisions of the Constitution of India, including the Fifth and Sixth Schedules, the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, and the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. Participants were also briefed on free legal aid services, Lok Adalats, legal literacy initiatives, and other entitlements under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. Informative sessions were held on major international instruments such as the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) to foster a deeper understanding of global standards for Indigenous rights. In addition, the public was encouraged to support and promote Uttarakhand's traditional and indigenous products in line with the Government of India's "**Vocal for Local**" initiative, aimed at strengthening self-reliance, sustainable livelihoods, and the preservation of Indigenous cultural heritage.

During the observance of the **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples**, the DLSAs/TLSCs conducted a series of comprehensive outreach initiatives, organizing **87** legal awareness camps/programmes, rallies and allied activities across various districts. These programmes received an overwhelming response, with a total participation of approximately **13485** individuals, including members of Indigenous communities, local residents, students, and grassroots stakeholders. To ensure wide public visibility and effective dissemination of information, **35** thematic banners were prominently displayed throughout the campaign. Furthermore, **6,000** pamphlets containing detailed and informative material on the rights, welfare schemes, and legal protections available to Indigenous Peoples were distributed, significantly strengthening awareness and community engagement.



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विश्व के आदिवासी जनों का अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस
(International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples)

यह दिन जनों नमाया जाता है?
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- परम्परागत ज्ञान और जीवीय पद्धतियाँ
- सामूहिक जीवनशैली और साक्षात् जाता

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- विधिक साक्षात् विधियों का आयोजन
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- सरकारी योगानकारी दाक घुट्ठ सुनिश्चित करना
- PLVs (Para Legal Volunteers) के नाममध्ये जागरूकता अभियान

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- पेटा अभियान, 1990
- विकास, रोजगार और स्वास्थ्य से पुरुष विशेष आवश्यक

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CELEBRATION OF "TEACHER'S DAY" ON 05th SEPTEMBER, 2025

Teachers' Day is a celebration of the guiding lights who shape the character, wisdom, and future of our society. It is an occasion to honour the dedication, patience, and unwavering commitment of teachers who nurture young minds with knowledge, values, and compassion. Teachers' Day is celebrated to honor the contributions of teachers and their impact on society. In India, it is specifically celebrated on September 5th to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a philosopher, teacher, and the second President of India. The programme was organised to acknowledge the invaluable contribution of teachers in shaping society and to strengthen the partnership between educational institutions and the legal aid machinery for promoting legal awareness among students.

Secretary, DLSAs underscored the pivotal role of teachers in shaping an enlightened society and highlighted their contribution to nation-building by nurturing informed, responsible, and value-oriented citizens. During the campaign, teachers were strongly encouraged to adopt both preventive and responsive institutional measures to ensure a safe, inclusive, and legally aware school environment. An interactive awareness session was conducted covering critical themes such as Child Rights and the Juvenile Justice System, POCSO Act and school-based child safety protocols, cyber safety and emerging risks of online financial fraud, gender sensitisation and provisions of the POSH Act, along with an overview of free legal aid services, NALSA Schemes, and the role of Legal Services Authorities in supporting educational institutions. The PLVs also shared practical success stories demonstrating effective collaboration between schools and Legal Services Institutions, further emphasising the importance of instilling legal awareness at an early age to empower children and strengthen protective mechanisms within schools.

On this occasion, 79 legal awareness and sensitization programmes were organised by the DLSAs across the State, attracting an impressive participation of 12,210 individuals, including teachers, students, parents, and non-teaching staff of various schools.

Teachers' Day is a celebration of the guiding lights who shape the character, wisdom, and future of our society. It is an occasion to honour the dedication, patience, and unwavering commitment of teachers who nurture young minds with knowledge, values, and compassion. A teacher does not merely impart lessons but inspires curiosity, builds confidence, and transforms learners into responsible citizens capable of contributing meaningfully to the nation. On this day, we pay heartfelt respect to all teachers whose selfless service strengthens the foundations of our democracy and whose influence continues to resonate through every success story they help create.

तिर्तुला:- विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण के निर्देशानुसार शिक्षक दिवस के उपलक्ष में आयोजित किया गया दो दिवसीय जागरूकता अभियान

नाहा - September 6, 2025



LEGAL SERVICES/AWARENESS & MEDICAL CAMP ON THE OCCASION OF MAA NANDADEVI MAHOSTAVA

On the occasion of "Shri Maa Nanda Devi Mahotsav-2025," under the guidance and direction of the Hon'ble Shri Justice Manoj Kumar Tiwari, Executive Chairman, UKSLSA, Nainital, a vibrant nine-day Legal Services & Awareness Camp was organized from 30th August to 7th September 2025 at Flat Ground, Nainital. This joint initiative by UKSLSA and DLSA, Nainital, engaged the community through competitions, aid distribution, medical camps, and legal outreach, aligning with NALSA's mission for legal empowerment of vulnerable groups.

A Painting and Essay Competition was organized on 29th August 2025 which drew enthusiastic participation from students of Classes VI-XII. Winners received felicitations from Hon'ble Executive Chairman Shri Justice Manoj Kumar Tiwari and other esteemed judges, fostering awareness on legal rights among youth.

On 4th September 2025, under the noble initiative of Legal Services Institutions, essential aids were distributed free of cost by Hon'ble Shri Justice Manoj Kumar Tiwari alongside Hon'ble Shri Justices Pankaj Purohit, Hon'ble Shri Justices Ashish Naithani, and Hon'ble Shri Justices Alok Mehra. Beneficiaries included 10 persons with wheelchairs, 6 with hearing aids, 5 with crutches, 8 with walking sticks, and 5 with Mahalaxmi Kits, promoting dignity and accessibility.

A comprehensive free medical camp was organized on 1st and 2nd September 2025, in collaboration with the renowned Medanta Hospital from Gurugram, Haryana, as part of the nine-day Legal Services & Awareness Camp during Shri Maa Nanda Devi Mahotsav-2025 at Flat Ground, Nainital. This initiative, guided by Hon'ble Justice Shri Manoj Kumar Tiwari, Executive Chairman of UKSLSA, Nainital, and executed jointly by UKSLSA and DLSA, Nainital, aimed to deliver holistic healthcare to vulnerable and marginalized communities, aligning with NALSA's objectives for integrated legal and welfare services. Over the nine days, approximately 350 visitors received free legal books, 30 availed advice from Panel Advocates and PLVs, and documentary films on legal rights were screened to enhance community legal literacy.







OBSERVATION OF "DEMOCRACY DAY" ON 15th SEPTEMBER, 2025

The International Day of Democracy is observed annually on 15 September. In 2025, this day emphasizes promoting democratic values such as human rights, citizen participation, transparent governance, and gender equality. The theme for 2025 highlights gender equality with the call "Achieving Gender Equality, Action by Action," focusing on equal representation, inclusive institutions, and eliminating gender-based discrimination in political life. This day serves as a global platform to reaffirm democratic principles, encourage active citizen participation, particularly among youth and underrepresented groups, protect civil liberties, and combat authoritarianism and political exclusion.

It highlights the importance of every individual's voice in shaping societies that respect human rights, uphold the rule of law, and foster social justice.

The **theme for 2025 "Achieving Gender Equality, Action by Action"** focuses on the vital role that women and marginalized communities play in democratic governance. It emphasizes the need for continuous efforts to remove barriers to their participation in political, economic, and social life, ensuring that democratic systems truly reflect the diversity of the people they represent.

The day also serves as an opportunity to reflect on how democracy can adapt and evolve in a rapidly changing world shaped by technology, global crises, and social transformation. Keeping in view the significance of the *International Day of Democracy on 15th September, 2025*, the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, Uttarakhand State Legal Services Authority, has been pleased to direct all Legal Services Institutions in the State to observe the day in a meaningful manner.

In compliance of the directions of the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, UKSLSA, Nainital all **DLSAs** and **TLSCs** organized seminars, lectures and workshops highlighting the importance of democracy and constitutional values. Resource persons from the judiciary, academia, and civil society were invited to address participants on the theme of the year "Achieving Gender Equality, Action by Action". During the **Legal Literacy and Awareness Camps**, the general public was informed about fundamental human rights, duties, peace and role in democratic governance, the fundamental objective of democracy is to create a society where every individual's voice is heard, democracy is a system of governance which is based on participation, equality and freedom of citizens.

Democracy Day was observed on 15.09.2025 across Uttarakhand by the DLSAs, Tehsil Legal Services Committees, and other legal services institutions through a coordinated statewide awareness campaign. A total of 299 legal awareness camps were organized, covering districts, blocks, and remote hilly regions, benefiting approximately 7,185 individuals. The public was sensitised on the purpose of Democracy Day, the role of citizens in streng-

thening democratic institutions, fundamental duties under Article 51A, and key constitutional values of justice, equality, liberty, and fraternity. Participants were also informed about free legal aid services, gender equality, cyber safety, inclusive governance, the rights of women, children, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities, as well as the importance of resolving disputes through Lok Adalats and mediation.

To strengthen the outreach efforts, twelve specially designed public awareness banners highlighting the theme of Democracy Day and key constitutional messages were prepared and displayed at prominent public places, including district headquarters, educational institutions, major market areas, and bus stands. In addition, five Nukkad Nataks (street plays) were conducted during the campaign, drawing significant public attention and serving as an effective medium for community engagement.

GLIMPSE OF ACTIVITY





CAMPAIGN ON POSH ACT

The primary objectives of awareness on the POSH Act, 2013 is to educate women about their legal rights by clearly explaining what constitutes sexual harassment including physical, verbal, non-verbal acts, hostile work environments, and quid pro quo behaviour—and to promote safe, respectful workplaces grounded in dignity, equality, and mutual respect. Such awareness also aims to familiarise participants with complaint mechanisms under the Internal Committee (IC) and Local Committee (LC), covering their structure, functioning, powers, timelines, confidentiality norms, and available remedies.

Therefore, as per directions legal services institutions conducted a focused campaign on the POSH Act which combine legal awareness, sensitization, and clear reporting mechanisms for women across workplaces and institutions. The campaign was most effective as a series of thematic programmes rather than a one-time event. The core objectives was to inform women about what constitutes sexual harassment under the POSH Act, 2013—including hostile work environments and quid pro quo behaviour—while also explaining the structure and functioning of Internal Committees (ICs) and Local Committees (LCs), the complaint process, timelines, confidentiality norms, and available remedies.

The campaign emphasize employer duties such as adopting a policy, constituting an IC, providing training, and ensuring mandatory reporting, along with outlining penalties for non-compliance so that participants can demand proper implementation in their workplaces.

During the period **52** legal awareness camps/sensitization programmed/workshops were organized by the DLSAs with panel advocates and PLVs, using simple case examples, short talks, and open Q&A sessions; sensitisation workshops focusing on gender sensitivity, respectful workplace behaviour and the dissemination of IEC materials/pamphlets in Hindi and English explaining the definition of sexual harassment, IC/LC contact details, and relevant helpline or legal services contacts. Approx. 11580 women including employees in government offices, educational institutions, Anganwadi centres, ASHA workers, self-help groups, factories, shops, and the unorganised sector were informed about the aforesaid.





COUNSELLING

The ADR Centre at UKSLSA Nainital provides specialized counselling services under the top leadership of the Hon'ble Patron-in-Chief and Executive Chairman of Uttarakhand SLSA with supportive supervision of Member Secretary-SLSA. Counselling services are offered by professional counsellors, Ms. Rakhi and Mr. G.K. Tripathi.

Our institution offers comprehensive psychological support, specializing in marital and family counselling, to foster emotional well-being and promote healthy relationships, underscoring our dedication to holistic care. We specialize in providing empathetic and evidence-based psychological support to individuals and families, focusing on marital and family counselling, with the goal of enhancing emotional well-being and promoting sustainable, healthy relationships.

Counsellors are seeing a notable increase in cases involving anxiety, depression, emotional dysregulation, and psychological distress, often linked to substance use, academic pressure, and suicidal thoughts.

Key Achievements-

- ❖ **All-encompassing psychological care services:** From July to Sept 2025, delivered expert, personalized support to 63 cases, showcasing exceptional clinical expertise and compassionate care.
- **Key focus areas include:**
 - Strategies for holistic well-being (mental, physical, emotional, social)
 - Managing life stress impact on relationship and health
 - Identifying and addressing work-related stressors, especially management-related issues
- ❖ **Voluntary and follow-up cases-** In counselling center 18 cases for voluntary counselling services, often driven by personal needs to address specific issues or challenges availed the services. Most of them are availing the follow-up services also.
- ❖ **Law interns and students-** Law interns from various universities participated in counselling sessions, gaining insights into the field. Interactive sessions addressed their queries, shared professional experiences, and provided valuable information, helping them clarify roles, build confidence, and develop essential skills for their legal careers.
- ❖ **Mental health program-** On **10th Oct 2025 world mental health** the theme- "**Mental health in catastrophes and emergencies**" was celebrated. We extended our services to society in collaboration with DLSA Nainital a interaction program to sensitize ASHA Health workers on mental health was organized in **Ram Datt Joshi government Hospital Ramnagar, Nainital**.
- ❖ **Outreach Program-** To identify the psychological needs and supports in children living with special needs visited to **Janet Sheed Roberts Residential School, Ramnagar, Nainital** with support of DLSA Nainital.

To identify the mental health challenges, orientation to prisoners, effect of substance uses on physical and mental health among inmates, old age peoples facing mental health chal-

lenges, social withdrawal and isolation from family-friends a visit to **District Jail, Nainital** was completed with DLSA Nainital.

SUCCESS STORY

A couple visited to this center in follow-up. Husband is farmer belongs to U.P. and wife is from Uttarakhand, she is studying and working in Australia. The differences between couple became in existence after some years of marriage. They are blessed with a daughter. Major reasons of gaps in relationship between couple were identified as earning money, different perspective, family interference, lack of understanding etc.

After counselling sessions a heartening development, the couple is taking proactive steps to revive their relationship, with expressing a sincere desire to spend quality time with each other. Husband proposed a long-hour meeting where they can reconnect and strengthen their familial bond. This gesture reflected a mutual longing to bridge the distance and work towards a more harmonious and connected life together. Both agreed to withdraw their court cases and live together.



पिता का दुलार ही चाहिए, माँ का साथा नहीं...

पति ने कीरी 20 साल पहले छोड़ दिया था पत्नी को, अब दोनों चाहते हैं साथ, मगर वर्षों को यह मंजूर नहीं
मर्ह मिस्ट्री रिपोर्ट मात्रा हाईकोर्ट एक पूछता है कि क्या से दर्शक को कल्पनाने के लिए रात्रि विकिंग सेवा

क्षमताएँ ने यह कहा कि ये बचे नवजात कर रहे हैं और विवरण नहीं हैं। राज्य विधान सभा प्रकाशकाणा

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लगा है मानसिक अवसाद : पारुल

MISC ACTIVITIES

On 23 August 2025, a large-scale blood donation camp was organized by DLSA Dehradun in collaboration with Brahma Kumaris and the IMA Blood Bank, Uttarakhand,



drawing enthusiastic participation from local citizens, NCC cadets, and individuals from various parts of the country. The camp witnessed an exceptional response, with more than **200 units of blood donated**, significantly strengthening the region's emergency healthcare preparedness. Secretary, DLSA Dehradun, commended the donors for their compassion

and civic responsibility, distributed certificates of appreciation, and underscored that blood donation is not merely a medical contribution but a profoundly life-saving and spiritually elevating service to humanity. She encouraged participants to adopt regular blood donation as a personal commitment and called upon institutions, community groups, and volunteers to continue championing such noble initiatives for the greater social good.

PLVs of DLSA, Champawat organised a Special Legal Aid and Awareness Camp under the NALSA (Legal Services to Victims of Drug Abuse and Eradication of Drug Menace) Scheme, 2015 at the Legal Aid Clinic, Sainik Kalyan Board, Champawat, on 04.09.2025. The primary objective of the programme was to spread awareness about the ill-effects of drug abuse—particularly among the youth—which often leads to severe social, mental, and physical consequences. Attendees were also sensitised on a wide range of legal literacy topics, including Permanent Lok Adalat, the Right to Information Act, 2005, the Child Labour Act, 1986, the Child Marriage Act, issues relating to female foeticide, registration under the UCC, the Domestic Violence Act, POCSO Act, among others.



PLVs of DLSA, Champawat organised a Special Legal Aid and Awareness Camp under the *NALSA Drug Abuse Scheme, 2015* at the Legal Aid Clinic, **Labour Facilitation Centre**, Champawat, on 18.09.2025. Participants were informed about the ill-effects of drug abuse and sensitised on key legal topics, including Permanent Lok Adalat, RTI Act, Child Labour Act, Child Marriage Act, Domestic Violence Act, POCSO Act, and related issues. A total of 22 persons attended the camp and were also briefed on the role of NALSA.

Under the chairmanship of Hon'ble District Judge/Chairman, DLSA Dehradun, Shri Prem Singh Khimal, the second pre-trial meeting was held on 08.09.2025 in the Dehradun Court auditorium with bank officials and insurance company representatives in preparation for the National Lok Adalat scheduled on 13.09.2025. Discussions were held with Presiding Officers, insurance companies, and parties regarding Motor Accident Claims cases to enhance settlement possibilities. Deliberations with bank officials focused on NI Act cases and bank recovery matters, with specific directions issued on pre-litigation matters to maximise disposal. The meeting aimed to strengthen coordination among stakeholders and ensure maximum settlements in the upcoming National Lok Adalat."



SUCCESS STORY

1. On 25.09.2025, a comprehensive Health Assessment Camp was organized at the Primary Health Center, Imli Kheda, Roorkee, Haridwar by the Government of Uttarakhand for the issuance of disability certificates to eligible differently-abled persons. During the camp, PLV Subodh Kumar actively participated as a frontline facilitator and provided dedicated assistance to all beneficiaries, with particular focus on supporting differently-abled individuals in navigating the procedural formalities, completing documentation, and accessing medical evaluation services. His involvement significantly contributed to ensuring a smooth, inclusive, and beneficiary-centric service delivery process at the camp.



2. दिनांक 23.09.2025 को प्रार्थिनी सुनीता देवी, पक्की श्री गणेश लाल, ग्राम धनक पटटी नादलस्यू जिला पौड़ी गढ़वाल द्वारा इस आशय का प्रार्थना-पत्र प्रस्तुत किया गया कि दिनांक 20.09.2025 को प्रार्थिनी जब टक्सी से कोटद्वार जा रही थी, तब रास्ते में उसे एक अज्ञात युवती रोती हुई अवस्था में मिली।

प्रार्थिनी द्वारा उक्त युवती से उसके रोने तथा टक्सी से यहाँ आने का कारण पूछने पर उस युवती ने अपना नाम खुशी बताया तथा अपना निवास-स्थान “कोटद्वार, नया बस स्टैण्ड, मोटा” बताया। साथ ही उसने यह भी बताया कि उसके पिता द्वारा उसके साथ बहुत मारपीट की जाती है तथा उसे घर से निकाल दिया गया है, जिस पर उसकी माता ने भी बीच-बचाव नहीं किया और न ही घर से बाहर आने से रोका, जिस कारण वह अत्यंत दुखी होकर आत्महत्या करने की मंशा से निकल पड़ी।

प्रार्थिनी ने अपने पास पर्याप्त धनराशि न होने के कारण पैदल ही कोटद्वार की ओर जाने का निर्णय लिया था, परंतु बस स्टैण्ड पर भीड़ होने के कारण वह युवती (खुशी) को अपने साथ अपने घर ले आई और अपने संरक्षण में सुरक्षित होने का उसे भरोसा दिलाया। तत्पश्चात प्रार्थिनी द्वारा खुशी को बताया गया कि वह उसके (खुशी) गायब होने की सूचना थाने में दर्ज कराएगी। यह सुनकर खुशी बहुत डर गई। इसके बाद प्रार्थिनी द्वारा खुशी को जनपद विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण, पौड़ी गढ़वाल ले जाया गया। इसके उपरांत रिटेनर अधिवक्ता द्वारा खुशी से विस्तृत वार्ता कर उसे विधिक राय दी गई, किन्तु खुशी द्वारा अपने माता-पिता के पास जाने से इंकार किया गया। तत्पश्चात जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण द्वारा संबंधित थाने से पत्राचार कर उक्त युवती की गुमशुदगी की सूचना दी गई, जिस पर अनुपालनार्थ थाना प्रभारी कोटद्वार द्वारा आवश्यक कार्यवाही करते हुए खुशी को प्रार्थिनी लघुत्रा देवी के संरक्षण से उसकी माता के सुपुर्द किया गया।

इसके बाद प्रार्थिनी तथा खुशी द्वारा जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण, पौड़ी गढ़वाल के सचिव, के समक्ष उपस्थित होकर यह कथन किया गया कि यदि जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण, पौड़ी गढ़वाल द्वारा उनकी सहायता न की जाती, तो खुशी भयवश अपने माता-पिता के पास वापस नहीं जा पाती।

3. विचाराधीन अभियुक्त शिवम द्वारा माननीय मुख्य न्यायिक मजिस्ट्रेट पौड़ी के न्यायालय में लंबित फौजदारी वाद संख्या 736/2024 (सरकार बनाम शिवम), धारा 498A, 323/504/506 भा.द.सं. के अंतर्गत जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण पौड़ी गढ़वाल के अधीन संचालित विधिक सेवा प्रतिरक्षा परामर्श प्रणाली के कार्यालय में उपस्थित होकर अपनी आर्थिक स्थिति एवं अनुसूचित जाति से संबंधित होने की जानकारी प्रदान की गई। इस पर सचिव, जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण पौड़ी गढ़वाल द्वारा अभियुक्त की ओर से निःशुल्क पैरवी हेतु विधिक सेवा प्रतिरक्षा परामर्श प्रणाली को निर्देशित किया गया। विधिक सेवा प्रतिरक्षा परामर्श प्रणाली द्वारा अभियुक्त की ओर से मामले में पैरवी की गई, अभियोजन द्वारा प्रस्तुत साक्ष्यों की प्रतिपरीक्षा की गई तथा मामले में अभियुक्त की ओर से प्रभावी पैरवी की गई।

दिनांक 26 सितंबर 2025 को माननीय मुख्य न्यायिक मजिस्ट्रेट पौड़ी के न्यायालय द्वारा फौजदारी वाद संख्या 736/2024 (सरकार बनाम शिवम), धारा 498A, 323/504/506 भा.द.सं. में अभियुक्त शिवम को दोषमुक्त कर दिया गया। अभियुक्त द्वारा कार्यालय के प्रति आभार व्यक्त करते हुए कहा गया कि यदि उनकी सहायता न की जाती ए तो वह न्याय से वंचित रह जाता ए क्योंकि उसके पास निजी अधिवक्ता नियुक्त करने का कोई संसाधन न था तथा न ही उसके परिजनों द्वारा उसकी पैरवी की जा रही थी।

**STATUS OF THE FULL TIME SECRETARIES/TLSC/PLVS/PANEL LAWYERS/RETAINER
LAWYERS/MEDIATORS/LEGAL AID CLINICS/FRONT OFFICE/MEDIATION CENTERS**

As on 30.09.2025

NAME OF DLSA/HCLSC	No. of Panel Lawyers	Legal Aid Defense Counsel System			No. of TRAINED PLVs	No. of Legal Aid Clinics	No. of Mediation Centers	No. of Mediators	No. of Pro- Bono Lawyers	One Village One Pro-Bono PLV	
		No. of (Chief) LADC	No. of (Deputy) LADC	No. of (Asst.) LADC						Total PLVs In Villages	In College & Un iver sities
ALMORA	15	01	01	-	100	60	01	03	07	2118	83
BAGESHWAR	07	01	01	01	64	36	01	03	02	852	30
CHAMOLI	12	01	01	01	105	137	01	01	10	1189	28
CHAMPAWAT	11	01	01	01	100	98	01	03	03	702	50
DEHRADUN	49	01	02	02	106	65	02	25	31	657	94
HARIDWAR	34	01	02	02	140	106	03	22	12	601	37
NAINITAL	37	01	02	02	97	11	03	14	04	961	33
PAURI GARHWAL	25	01	01	01	95	93	02	04	04	4452	-
PITHORAGARH	10	01	01	01	175	62	01	04	02	1590	102
RUDRAPRAYAG	06	01	01	01	95	44	01	01	05	688	40
TEHRI GARHWAL	31	01	01	01	95	28	01	03	04	1062	307
U. S. NAGAR	64	01	01	01	94	25	03	11	35	606	-
UTTARKASHI	17	01	01	01	86	46	01	08	08	470	01
HCLSC, Nainital	25	-	-	-	-	-	01	25	Nil		
TOTAL	343	13	16	15	1352	811	22	127	127	15948	805

**CONSOLIDATED STATISTICAL DATA OF THE LOK ADALAT/LEGAL AID PROGRAMMES
ORGANIZED IN THE STATE OF UTTARAKHAND**

(JULY-2025 TO SEPTEMBER-2025)

S.N.	Name of District	Total No. of Lok Adalats Held	Total No. of Cases Taken up	Total No. of Cases Disposed off	Compensation/ Settlement Amount (inRs.)	Realized as Fine (inRs.)	Total No. of Persons Benefited in Lok Adalats	No. of Camps/ Sensitization Programmes Organized	Total No. of Persons Benefited in Camps	No. of Persons Benefited Through Legal Aid & Advice/other Services		
										Legal Aid	Advice/other Services	Others
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
1	ALMORA	01	121	120	53,28,652	-	120	3283	228796	33	998	1000
2	BAGESHWAR	03	161	107	41,01,970	-	107	805	27782	19	355	355
3	CHAMOLI	04	76	46	1,26,08,015	-	46	2400	48300	25	118	118
4	CHAMPAWAT	04	325	312	3,60,32,318	-	312	13469	116682	39	-	-
5	DEHRADUN	04	15660	14916	26,05,06,267	4,84,700	14916	997	66140	406	252	252
6	HARIDWAR	01	3125	3124	12,76,07,797	-	3124	2476	39346	346	365	365
7	NAINITAL	04	1603	1603	2,89,36,667	68,900	1603	785	33509	125	187	187
8	PAURI GARHWAL	04	1131	1131	1,73,82,556	4,50,000	1131	620	33630	64	313	313
9	PITHORAGARH	01	234	234	99,54,307	-	234	803	15014	34	59	59
10	RUDRAPARYAG	01	174	174	56,51,357	-	174	394	45904	38	-	-
11	TEHRI GARHWAL	02	600	575	1,91,83,390	500	575	1359	33116	70	111	111
12	U. S. NAGAR	01	4440	4439	13,64,34,970	-	4439	594	30798	263	411	411
13	UTTARKASHI	01	108	108	1,60,03,746	-	108	1172	29343	27	-	-
14	HCLSC, NTL	01	44	44	3,48,47,591	-	44	-	-	106	-	-
15	UKSLSA, NTL	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	1200	-	140	140
	TOTAL: -	32	27802	26933	71,45,79,603	10,04,100	26933	29158	749560	1595	12902	
16	CONSUMER COURTS	01	37	37	1,05,32,641	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, D.DUN	02	65	14	8,65,00,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL: -	03	102	51	9,70,32,641	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	GRAND TOTAL: -	35	27904	26984	81,16,12,244	10,04,100	26933	29158	749560	1595	12902	

PROGRAMMES/ACTIVITIES INSIDE JAIL CAMPUS

(JULY-2025 TO SEPTEMBER-2025)

S.N.	Name of District	Lok Adalats organized in jails		Legal Literacy Camps organized in jails		Legal Aid provided to under trial prisoners	Jail visit
		No. of organize Lok Adalats	No. of cases disposed off	Camps organized	Benefitted persons	Numberof Benefitted under trial prisoners	Total Number of Jail visit
1	ALMORA	-	-	11	2812	09	05
2	BAGESHWAR	-	-	02	86	07	11
3	CHAMOLI	-	-	01	118	09	08
4	CHAMPAWAT	02	03	08	321	27	08
5	DEHRADUN	03	71	06	1950	234	09
6	HARIDWAR	03	26	07	1650	87	08
7	NAINITAL	-	-	06	334	80	02
8	PAURI GARHWAL	-	-	11	1814	42	06
9	PITHORAGARH	-	-	08	496	13	10
10	RUDRAPRAYAG	-	-	12	321	05	-
11	TEHRI GARHWAL	03	03	11	2098	45	-
12	UDHAM SINGH NAGAR	02	16	10	1276	211	10
13	UTTARKASHI	-	-	14	486	14	-
14	H.C.L.S.C. NAINITAL	-	-	-	-	69	-
	TOTAL :-	13	119	107	13762	852	77

STATISTICAL INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF PERMANENT LOK ADALATS

(Established U/S 22B of Legal Services Authorities Act 1987)

(JULY-2025 TO SEPTEMBER-2025)

(i) No. of PLAs existing :- 07 (Almora, Dehradun, Hardwar, Nainital, Pauri Garhwal, Tehri Garhwal and U. S. Nagar)
(ii) Total No. of PLAs functioning:- 04 (Dehradun, Hardwar, Nainital, Udhampur, Almora, Pauri and Tehri)

S.N.	Permanent Lok Adalats	Number of Sittings	No. of cases pending as on 30.09.2025	No. of cases received during the Period	No. of cases settled during the Period	Total Value/Amount of Settlement (₹)	No. of cases pending as on 30.09.2025
1	Almora	04	-	07	-	-	07
2	Dehradun	57	637	184	63	2,25,90,602	751
3	Hardwar	35	123	12	06	15,00,000	131
4	Nainital	39	119	07	25	21,45,636	97
5	Pauri Garhwal	03	-	02	-	-	02
6	Tehri Garhwal	10	-	08	-	-	08
7	Udhampur	65	58	33	23	78,92,702	67
	Total	213	937	253	117	3,41,28,940	1063

STATISTICAL DATA IN RESPECT OF CASES SETTLED THROUGH MEDIATION**(JULY-2025 TO SEPTEMBER-2025)**

(A) Total Number of ADR Centers :	05
(B) Total No of Existing Mediation Centers other than ADR Centers :	18
(C) Number of Mediators (Total of both in ADR Centers and Mediation Centers) :	127

DISPOSAL

S.N.	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
A	No. of cases received during the month	2349
B	Cases settled through Mediation	320
C	Cases returned as not settled	1104
D	Non-starter cases which were returned as mediation could not commenced	89
E	No. of Connected cases	19
F	No. of Cases pending at the end of the month	1021

STATISTICAL INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF VICTIM COMPENSATION SCHEME U/S 357A Cr.P.C.**(JULY-2025 TO SEPTEMBER-2025)**

No. of applications received directly by Legal Services Institutions (A)	No. of applications/orders marked/directed by any Court (B)	Total No. of applications received including Court orders (A+B)	No. of applications decided	No. of applications pending	Total Compensation Amount (₹)
12	07	19	18	154	3,25,000



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