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POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMME

The Sikkim State Legal Services Authority under the directions of Hon’ble Mrs Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA and NALSA (Legal Services to the Mentally ILL and Mentally Disabled Persons) Scheme, 2015 organized a Positive Mental Health Programme for the employees of Excise Department, Government of Sikkim on 25th October, 2024 at the Conference Hall of the Sikkim SLSA, Gangtok.

Resource Persons Dr Upasana Gurung, Senior Psychiatrist, Department of Psychiatry, Health & Family Welfare Department and Dr Archana Chettri, Clinical Psychologist from the Department of Psychiatry, Health & Family Welfare Department spoke on mental health issues, stress management and coping mechanisms.

18 officers and staff members of the Excise Department attended the programme.



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During the course of the programme, a short movie titled "Ab Khamosh Kyun" produced by Human Rights Law Network, New Delhi was also screened.

The programme was attended by 51 officers and staff members of the Police Department.



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OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES DAY/WEEK

National Legal Services Day/Week was observed by the District Legal Services Authorities and the Taluk Legal Services Committees all over the State on 9th November, 2024. Legal awareness camps and door to door campaigns were conducted by the DLSAs and TLSCs all over the State, a week thereafter as Legal Services Week from 9th to 15th November, 2024.

Pamphlets on various subjects published by the Sikkim SLSA were distributed by the District Legal Services Authorities and the Taluk legal Services Committees during the legal awareness programmes held in their respective jurisdiction. Social media platforms were also utilized to spread legal awareness amongst the public.

The details of the programmes on the occasion of the National Legal Services Day/Week conducted at various districts/sub-divisions/institutes are mentioned as under:

DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, GANGTOK

NAME OF THE PROGRAMME	DATE	VENUE
Legal Awareness Programme	09/11/2024	Balika Niketan Child Care Institute
Legal Awareness Programme	14/11/2024	Government Senior Secondary School, Lingdok
Legal Awareness Programme	15/11/2024	Block Administrative Centre, Ranka

	
<i>Balika Niketan Child Care Institute, Gangtok district</i>	<i>Block Administrative Centre, Ranka, Gangtok district</i>

DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, GYALSHING

NAME OF THE PROGRAMME	DATE	VENUE
Door to Door Campaign	09/11/2024 & 10/11/2024	Tashiding, Dentam and Gyalshing Bazaar
Awareness Programme for Members of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe	11/11/2024	Industrial Training Institute, Gyalshing
Legal Awareness Programme	12/11/2024	Panchayat Ghar, Upper Begha, Gyalshing
Painting Competition, Poem Competition and Essay Competition on the issues pertaining to Women Empowerment, Gender Equality and Rights for students of Legal Literacy Clubs at Schools	13/11/2024	PM Shri Government Senior Secondary School, Pelling, Government Senior Secondary School, Lingchom, and Government Senior Secondary School, Legship

Legal Awareness Programme	14/11/2024	Government Senior Secondary School, Darap
Debate Competition on the topic “Are traditional gender roles a barrier to women empowerment”?	15/11/2024	Government Senior Secondary School, Mukrung
Door to Door Campaign	15/11/2024	8 th Mile, Gyalshing




Industrial Training Institute, Gyalshing district

DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, NAMCHI

NAME OF THE PROGRAMME	DATE	VENUE
Legal Awareness Programme	08/11/2024	Tinik, Chisopani
Legal Awareness Programme	11/11/2024	Government Secondary School, Salghari
Legal Awareness Programme	14/11/2024	District Courts Complex, Namchi
Legal Awareness Programme	15/11/2024	Sinchuthang Mangley, Namchi




Government Secondary School, Salghari, Namchi district

District Courts Complex, Namchi district

DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, MANGAN

NAME OF THE PROGRAMME	DATE	VENUE
Legal Awareness Programme with special focus on Members of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe	09/11/2024	Namok Swayem GPU
Legal Awareness Programme with special focus on women	13/11/2024	Ramthang Tanek GPU
Legal Awareness Programme on Children’s Day	14/11/2024	Open Shelter Home, Pentok, Mangan
Legal Awareness Programme with special focus on persons with disability (mental & physical)	15/11/2024	District Hospital, Mangan

	
Ramthang Tanek GPU, Mangan district	District Hospital, Mangan district

TALUK LEGAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, RONGLI

NAME OF THE PROGRAMME	DATE	VENUE
One Day Legal Awareness Programme	11/11/2024	Government Secondary School, Lingtam, Rongli

	
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TALUK LEGAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, RANGPO

NAME OF THE PROGRAMME	DATE	VENUE
Legal Awareness Programme	15/11/2024	Government Senior Secondary School, Mining



APPOINTED OF THE NEW MEMBER SECRETARY, SIKKIM SLSA

Pursuant to Office Order No 367/Confdl/HCS dated 12/11/2024, issued by the Hon’ble High Court of Sikkim, Mrs Samita Sharma, District & Sessions Judge assumed the charge of Member Secretary of the Sikkim SLSA on 2nd of December, 2024.

MEETING OF THE HIGH - POWERED COMMITTEE

A meeting of the High Powered Committee under the chairmanship of Hon’ble Mrs Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA/Chairman, High Powered Committee was held on 11th December, 2024 via virtual mode.

The meeting was attended by Mr R Telang, IAS., the then Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Government of Sikkim/Member, High Powered

Committee, Mrs Samita Sharma, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLISA, Mr Thakur Thapa, Deputy Inspector General of Police with additional charge of State Central Prison, Rongyek, High Powered Committee, Mr Khem Bhattarai, Additional Secretary (Confidential) /Member, High Powered Committee, and Mr Tseten Palzor Bhutia, Additional Superintendent of Police, District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi/Member, High Powered Committee.

The following Agenda Items were deliberated during the meeting:

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of the High Powered Committee which was held on 31st May, 2024.

Agenda Item No. 2: DECONGESTION OF JAILS.

- (a) To consider Convicts who have undergone their sentence or are entitled to remission/suspension/commutation of sentence under Sections 432 and 432A of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short, “Cr P C”) and Furlough in terms of the Sikkim Prison Manual;
- (b) To consider UTPs released on Bail by the Court, but unable to furnish sureties;
- (c) To consider release of UTPs booked under compoundable offences;
- (d) To consider release of UTPs covered under Sections 436 and 436A of the Cr P C/Sections 478 and 479 of the BNSS;
- (e) To consider release of UTPs who may be covered under Section 3 of the Probation of Offenders Act, 1958, namely accused of offence under Sections 379, 380,381,404,420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short “IPC”)/Sections 303(2), 304, 305, 306, 315 and 318(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 203 (for short “BNS”), or alleged to be an offence not more than 2 years imprisonment;
- (f) To consider UTPs eligible to be released on bail under Section 167 of the Cr P C /Section 187 of the BNS and under Section 167(2)(a)(i) and (ii) of the Cr.P.C./Section 187(2)a(i) and (ii) of the BNS read with Section 36A of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (where persons accused of Section 19 of Section 24 or Section 27A or for offences involving commercial quantity) where investigation is not completed in 60/90/180 days;

- (g) To consider release of UTPs who are imprisoned for offences which carry a maximum punishment of 2 years;
- (h) To consider release of vulnerable UTPs who are sick or infirm and require specialized medical treatment;
- (i) To consider release of UTPs who are women;
- (j) To consider release of UTPs who are first time offenders between the ages 19 and 21 and in custody for offences punishable with less than 7 years of imprisonment and have suffered at least 1/4th of the maximum sentence prescribed;
- (k) To consider release of UTPs who are of unsound mind;
- (l) To consider UTPs eligible for release under Section 437(6) of the Cr P C/Section 480(6) of BNSS, wherein in a case triable by a Magistrate, the trial of a person accused of any non-bailable offence has not been concluded within a period of 60 days from the first date fixed for taking evidence in the case;
- (m) To consider release of UTPs detained under Sections 107, 108, 109, 151 of the Cr P C/Sections 126, 127, 128 and 170 of BNSS.

Agenda Item No. 3: UTPs and Convicts with COVID-19 in the State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim and District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim and availability of medical facilities and treatment.

Agenda Item No. 4: Continuation of sanitization and maintenance of hygiene and cleanliness in the State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim and District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi South Sikkim.

Agenda Item No. 5: Number of new UTPs since 31st May, 2024 and the latest vaccination position of UTPs, Convicts, Officers and staff at the State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim and District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim.

Agenda Item No. 6: Present mode of production of UTPs before Courts and continuation of Video Conference for Remand.

Agenda Item No. 7: Steps taken for progress of counseling of UTPs and Convicts by Psychologists and Psychiatrists at the State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim and District Prison, Namchi, Boomtar, South Sikkim.

(UTPs, Convicts under SADA and UTPs, convicts with mental illness, other UTPs and convicts in need of counseling).

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During the course of the programme, a short movie titled "Ab Khamosh Kyun" produced by Human Rights Law Network, New Delhi was also screened.

The programme was attended by 58 officers and staff members of the Health & Family Welfare Department.

The welcome address was delivered by Mrs Samita Sharma, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLISA while the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr Praveen Pradhan, Deputy Secretary, Sikkim SLISA.



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MENTAL HEALTH CAMP

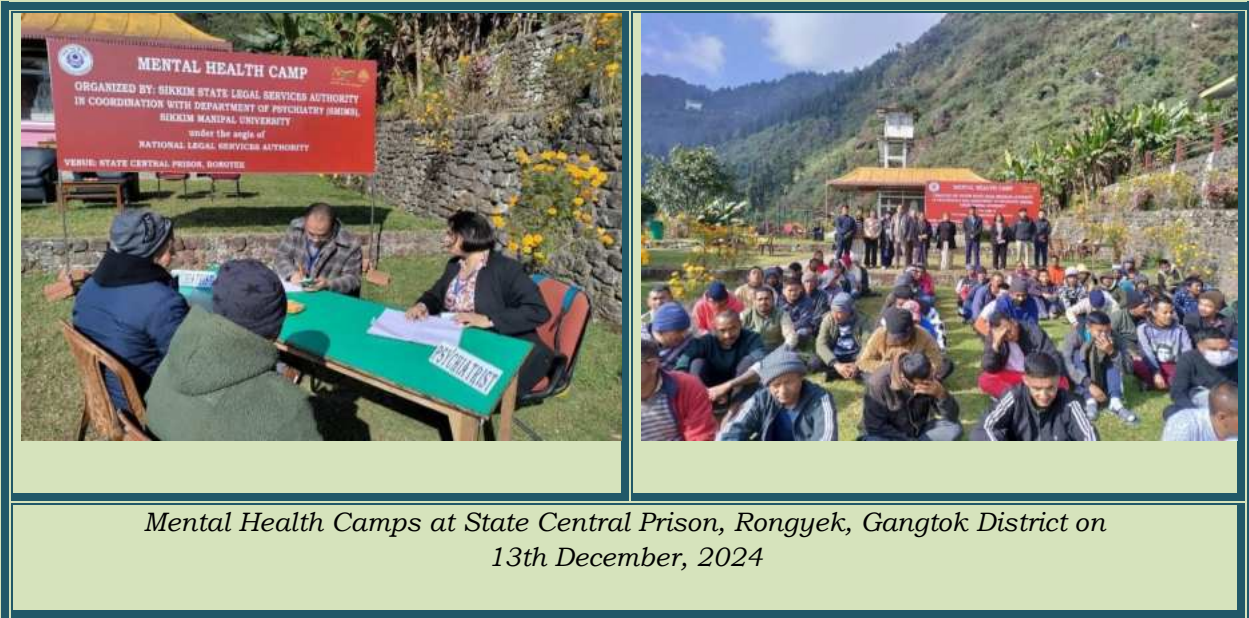
In compliance to the resolution taken during the 19th All India Meet of State Legal Services Authorities held on 30th June to 1st July, 2023 at Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, and under the NALSA (Legal Services to the Mentally Ill and Mentally Disabled Persons) Scheme, 2015, the Sikkim SLSA under the aegis of NALSA and in co-ordination with Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences (Department of Psychiatry) organized Mental Health Camps at State Central Prison, Rongyek, Gangtok District on 13th December, 2024.

Similar camp was also organized jointly by the District Legal Services Authority, Namchi and the Taluk Legal Services Committees, Namchi, Jorethang and Yangang in co-ordination with the Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, at District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi District on 13th December, 2024 as per the table below:

Prison	Resource Persons	Convicts/UTPs examined and provided counseling
State Central Prison, Rongyek, Gangtok	1. Dr Anmol Pradhan, Psychiatrist. 2. Dr Vinisha Gupta, Psychiatrist. 3. Ms Sweta Tirkey, Clinical Psychologist.	86 inmates (11 Convicts 75 UTPs) were examined and provided counseling.
District Prison Boomtar, Namchi District	1. Dr Sheetal Sharma, Psychiatrist, STNM Hospital, Gangtok.	19 UTPs were examined and provided counseling.

	2. Ms Divyaswari Rai, Clinical Psychologist, District Hospital, Namchi. 3. Ms Kavyaswari Rai, Clinical Psychologist, District Hospital, Namchi. 4. Ms Simran Rai, Clinical Psychologist, District Hospital, Namchi	
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During these camps, the Convicts and Under Trial Prisoners undergoing medical treatment for mental health issues were examined and other Convicts and Under Trial Prisoners suffering from various mental issues were provided counseling by the Psychiatrists and Clinical Psychologists and medicines were also prescribed to them.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

HIGH COURT LOK ADALAT:

S.No.	Date	Presided over by	Cases taken up	Cases Disposed of
1.	24/10/2024	Hon'ble Mr Justice A P Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Other Persons Mrs Geeta Gurung, and Mrs Yangchen Ladingpa	05	03
2.	15/11/2024	Hon'ble Mr Justice A P Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Other Persons Mrs Basanti Rai, and Mrs Yangchen Ladingpa	03	02
3.	29/11/2024	Hon'ble Mr Justice A P Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Other Persons Mr G P Pradhan, and Mrs Geeta Gurung	03	01
4.	06/12/2024	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A P Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Other Persons Mr G P Pradhan, and Mrs Yangchen Ladingpa	05	02

NATIONAL LOK ADALAT :

National Lok Adalat was held on 14th December, **2024** wherein out of **111 cases** that were taken up, **53 cases** were settled and a total amount of **Rs 22,03,806/- only** was awarded.

Details of cases taken up and disposed of are as follows:

(i) Court of District & Sessions Judge, Special Division- II, Gangtok:

No of cases taken up	:	03
No of cases settled	:	01
Amount Awarded (in Rs.)	:	90,000/-

- (ii) **Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Civil Judge (Sr. Division), Gangtok:**

No of cases taken up	:	01
No of cases settled	:	01
Amount Awarded (in Rs.)	:	Nil

- (iii) **Court of District & Sessions Judge, Namchi:**

No of cases taken up	:	14
No of cases settled	:	12
Amount Awarded (in Rs.)	:	3,43,000/-

- (iv) **Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Rangpo:**

No of cases taken up	:	41
No of cases settled	:	09
Amount Awarded (in Rs.)	:	7,30,010/-

- (v) **Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Soreng:**

No of cases taken up	:	36
No of cases settled	:	16
Amount Awarded (in Rs.)	:	4,52,596/-

- (vi) **Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Gangtok:**

No of cases taken up	:	02
No of cases settled	:	01
Amount Awarded (in Rs.)	:	Nil

- (vii) **Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Yangang:**

No of cases taken up	:	10
No of cases settled	:	09
Amount Awarded (in Rs.)	:	2,53,700/-

- (viii) **Court of District and Sessions Judge, Mangan:**

No of cases taken up	:	04
No of cases settled	:	04
Amount Awarded (in Rs.)	:	3,34,500/-



REGULAR LOK ADALAT AT THE DISTRICT AND TALUK LEVEL DURING THE QUARTER OCTOBER TO DECEMBER, 2024

DISTRICT LOK ADALAT, GANGTOK

No of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No of cases received	Total	No of cases disposed	No of cases pending
03	Nil	126	126	53	73

DISTRICT LOK ADALAT, GYALSHING

No of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No of cases received	Total	No of cases disposed	No of cases pending
01	01	Nil	01	01	Nil

DISTRICT LOK ADALAT, NAMCHI

No of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No of cases received	Total	No of cases disposed	No of cases pending
06	55	15	70	40	30

TALUK LOK ADALAT, RANGPO

No of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No of cases received	Total	No of cases disposed	No of cases pending
02	Nil	41	41	41	Nil

TALUK LOK ADALAT, NAMCHI

No of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No of cases received	Total	No of cases disposed	No of cases pending
06	01	04	05	02	03

TALUK LOK ADALAT, JORETHANG

No of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No of cases received	Total	No of cases disposed	No of cases pending
06	25	10	35	20	15

TALUK LOK ADALAT, GYALSHING

No of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No of cases received	Total	No of cases disposed	No of cases pending
06	19	04	23	17	06

TALUK LOK ADALAT, SORENG

No of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No of cases received	Total	No of cases disposed	No of cases pending
05	38	02	40	38	02

TALUK LOK ADALAT, MANGAN

No of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No of cases received	Total	No of cases disposed	No of cases pending
02	Nil	01	01	01	Nil

LEGAL AID

During the quarter October to December, 2024, Legal aid was provided to **196** beneficiaries by the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, as per the category mentioned hereunder:

QUARTER	S C	S T	WOMEN	CHILD	UNDER TRIAL/DETAINED BY CUSTODY	GENERAL	DISABLED	SENIOR CITIZEN	TOTAL
October to December 2024	06	27	86	03	44	26	Nil	04	196

STATISTICS OF MEDIATION

OCTOBER - DECEMBER, 2024					
MEDIATION CENTRE	NO OF MEDIATIONS HELD	NO OF CASES TAKEN UP	NO OF CASES SETTLED	NO OF CASES RETURNED	NO OF CASES PENDING
Gangtok	142	73	09	24	40
Mangan	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Namchi	33	24	10	09	05
Gyalshing	31	17	05	03	09
Total	206	114	24	36	54

STATISTICS OF PRE-LITIGATION MEDIATION

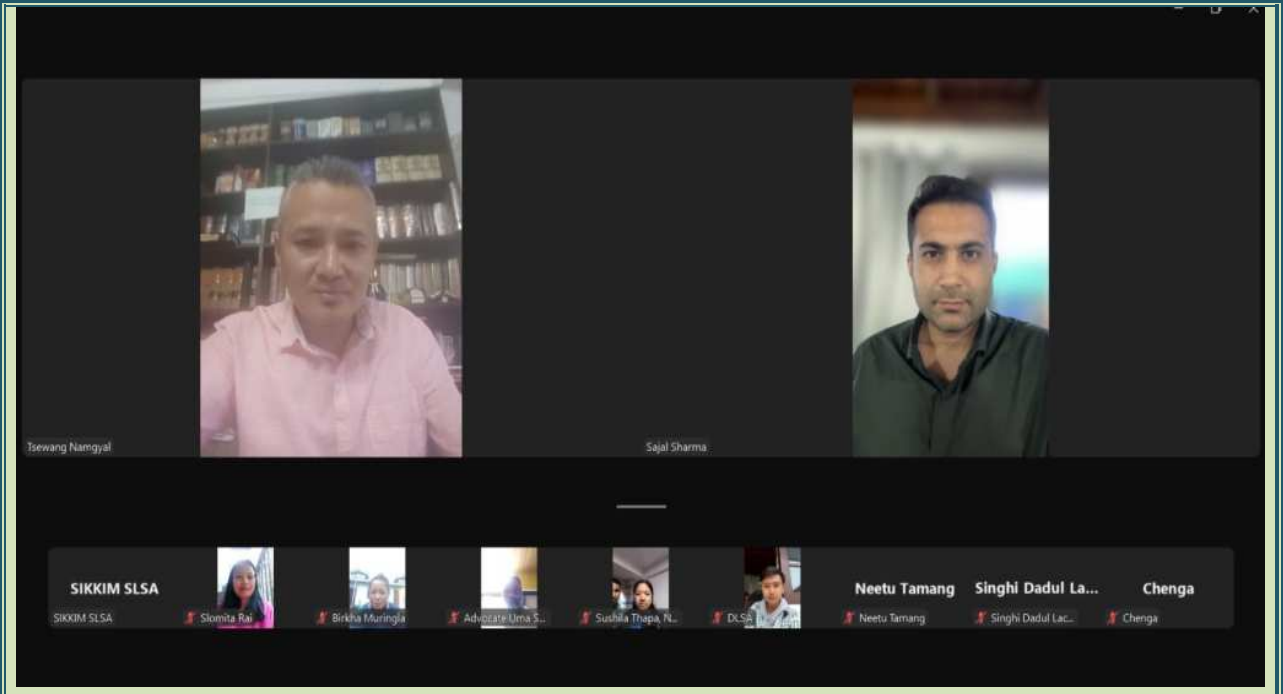
OCTOBER - DECEMBER, 2024						
District Legal Services Authority	No of ongoing/pending mediation at the beginning of quarter	No of applications received for mediation	No of applications where mediation remains non-starter	No of applications where parties reached to settlement	No of applications where parties could not reach to settlement	No of ongoing/pending mediation at the end of quarter
Gangtok	08	10	07	02	NIL	09
Mangan	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Namchi	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Gyalshing	01	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	01
Total	09	10	07	02	NIL	10

TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR PANEL ADVOCATES

Under the directions of Hon’ble Mrs Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA, training programmes are being conducted by the Sikkim SLSA every month, through webinar for the Panel Lawyers (upto 12 years of practice).

Three training programmes was conducted via virtual mode during the quarter October to December, 2024 which are as follows:

Sl. No.	Date	Topic	Resource Person
1.	31/10/2024	Sikkim Anti Drugs Act, 2006 highlighting Hon’ble High Court decisions	Mr Tsewang Namgyal, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
2.	16/11/2024	Law of Injunction (Order XXXIX) of CPC, 1908 in India including the filing of interlocutory applications for stay etc.	Ms Kesang D Bhutia, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
3.	07/12/2024	Criminal Procedure Code and practice in Criminal Courts including filing appeals and revision and Rights of LGBTQIA	Mr A Moulik, Designated Senior Advocate, High Court of Sikkim



Training programme conducted via virtual mode on the topic ‘Sikkim Anti-Drugs Act, 2006 highlighting Hon’ble High Court decisions’ by Mr Tsewang Namgyal, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLA on 31st October,2024



Training programme conducted via virtual mode on the topic ‘Law of Injunction (Order XXXIX) of CPC, 1908 in India including the filing of interlocutory applications for stay etc’ by Ms Kesang D Bhutia, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLA on 16th November,2024



LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES THROUGH DOORDARSHAN AND ALL INDIA RADIO

As a part of its awareness drive, Sikkim State Legal Services Authority has been disseminating information on various legal topics which is telecast in Doordarshan, once a month under “Gramin Kariakram”, and All India Radio, every Saturday, under “Kanuni Kura”. The Resource Persons comprises of Panel Advocates of the Sikkim SLSA, and the topics disseminated are as follows:

• **Doordarshan (once a month):**

Sl. No.	Month	Topic	Resource Person
1.	October, 2024	Children related laws vis-à-vis Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 and Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015	Mr K B Chettri, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
2.	November, 2024	Remedies available through Writs under the Constitution of India	Mr Thupden Yongda, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA

3.	December, 2024	Cyber Crimes with special emphasis on Information Technology Act, 2000	Mr T R Barfungpa, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
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• All India Radio (every Saturday):

Sl. No.	Date	Topic	Resource Person
1.	05/10/2024	Old Laws of Sikkim with reference to Land Laws	Ms Shreya Sharma, Advocate,
2.	12/10/2024	Protection of Women from Domestic Violence	Mrs Zola Megi, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
3.	19/10/2024	Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986	Mr Pema Ongchu Bhutia, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
4.	26/10/2024	Sikkim Anti-Drugs Act, 2006 and Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985	Mr Sajal Sharma, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
5.	02/11/2024	Matrimonial Laws in Sikkim	Ms Kesang D Bhutia, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
6.	09/11/2024	The Mental Health Care Act, 2017	Mr Safal Sharma, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
7.	16/11/2024	The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016	Ms Kamala Giri, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
8.	23/11/2024	Alternative Dispute Resolution including Lok Adalat, Mediation and Pre-Litigation Mediation	Mr Umesh Ranpal, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
9.	30/11/2024	Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013	Ms Gita Bista, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
10.	07/12/2024	The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 r/w Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019	Mr Sushant Subba, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
11.	14/12/2024	The Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984	Mr Dewen Sharma Luitel, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
12.	21/12/2024	Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015	Mr Bhusan Nepal, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA

13.	28/12/2024	Labour Laws	Mr Hem Lal Manger, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
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COUNSELING FOR THE INMATES ARRESTED UNDER SADA, 2006 AND NDPS ACT, 1985

Counseling is being provided to the inmates involved in cases under Sikkim Anti Drugs Act, 2006 and Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Act, 1985 and lodged in State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim and District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim by the Counselors from the Rehabilitation Homes (1) Serenity Home, Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok and (2) Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok on rotation basis under NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse and Eradication of the Drug Menace) Scheme, 2015 from the office of the Sikkim SLSA.

Nineteen counseling programmes were conducted by the Counselors/Volunteers from Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok via virtual/physical mode during the quarter October to December, 2024 as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Date	Prison	Name of the Counsellor	No. of Participants (UTPs)
1.	18/10/2024	District Prison, Boomtar	Mr Rajit Singh (Sr Patient) Mr Bikash Gurung (Sr Staff Member)	22 <i>(virtual)</i>
2.	21/10/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr Kumar Chettri (Sr Patient) Mr Bikash Gurung (Sr Staff Member)	13 <i>(virtual)</i>
3.	23/10/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr Budha Limboo (Sr Patient) Mr Sonam T Bhutia (Sr Staff Member)	33 <i>(physical)</i>

4.	28/10/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr Nitesh Basnett (Sr Patient) Mr Bikash Gurung (Sr Staff Member)	19 (virtual)
5.	06/11/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr Sonam T Bhutia (Sr Staff Member) Mr Kiran Sherpa (Sr Patient) Mr Nitesh Basnett (Sr Patient)	22 (physical)
6.	08/11/2024	District Prison, Boomtar	Mr Bikash Gurung (Sr Staff Member) Mr Kiran Sherpa (Sr Patient)	19 (virtual)
7.	11/11/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr Bikash Gurung (Sr Staff Member) Mr Kiran Sherpa (Sr Patient)	24 (virtual)
8.	13/11/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr Sonam T Bhutia (Sr Staff Member) Mr Nitesh Basnett (Sr Patient)	26 (physical)
9.	15/11/2024	District Prison, Boomtar	Mr Bikash Gurung (Sr Staff Member) Mr Nitesh Basnett (Sr Patient)	15 (virtual)
10.	18/11/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr Bikash Gurung (Sr Staff Member) Mr Nitesh Basnett (Sr Patient)	25 (virtual)
11.	25/11/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr Bikash Gurung (Sr Staff Member) Mr Nitesh Basnett (Sr Patient)	12 (virtual)
12.	27/11/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr Norden Bhutia (Sr Patient) Mr Nitesh Basnett (Sr Patient)	14 (physical)

13.	04/12/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr Bikash Gurung (Sr Staff Member) Mr Lobzang Lodup (Sr Staff Member)	15 (physical)
14.	06/12/2024	District Prison, Boomtar	Mr Bikash Gurung (Sr Staff Member) Mr Nitesh Basnett (Sr Patient)	24 (virtual)
15.	09/12/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr Raju Gurung (Sr Patient)	16 (virtual)
16.	11/12/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr Bikash Gurung (Sr Staff Member) Mr Nitesh Basnett (Sr Patient) Mr Prabhakar Sharma (Sr Patient)	17 (physical)
17.	16/12/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr Raju Gurung (Sr Patient)	18 (virtual)
18.	18/12/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr Bikash Gurung (Sr Staff Member) Mr Palden Bhutia (Sr Patient) Mr Norden Bhutia (Sr Patient)	22 (physical)
19.	23/12/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr Gurung (Sr Patient) Mr Lendup Bhutia	14 (virtual)



COUNSELING FOR THE INMATES ARRESTED UNDER SADA, 2006 AND NDPS ACT, 1985

**COUNSELING FOR RECOVERING SUBSTANCE ABUSERS AND
REHABILITATED DRUG ABUSERS**

On the request of the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, a room has been allotted at Old STNM Hospital, Gangtok by the Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, to be used as a “Day Care and Counseling Centre” for recovering substance abusers and rehabilitated drug abusers and is functioning since 20th January, 2022.

The Centre is being run by the Counselors of Serenity Home, Lower Burtuk. The number of persons who have visited the Day Care and Counseling Centre for the quarter October to December, 2024 are as under:

Month	No of Days visited by the recovering substance abusers/rehabilitated drug abusers	No of visitors
October, 2024	20	22
November, 2024	24	32
December, 2024	16	18

LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME UNDER NALSA (LEGAL SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING AND COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION) SCHEME INCLUDING PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL OFFENCES (POCSO) ACT, 2012, SIKKIM ANTI- DRUGS ACT (SADA), 2006 AND WELFARE SCHEMES OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND STATE GOVERNMENT FOR STUDENTS OF SECONDARY AND SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SIKKIM

During the quarter, two legal awareness programmes were conducted by the team comprising of officers from the Social Welfare Department and Anti-Human Trafficking Unit, Police Department, Government of Sikkim and Panel Advocates of the Sikkim SLSA for the students of Secondary Schools of Sikkim, detailed hereunder:

SI No	Date	Venue	Resource Person	No of participants comprising of students, teaching/non-teaching staff
1.	16/11/2024	Government Secondary School, Linkey, Pakyong	Mrs Chezum Lepcha, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Human Trafficking Unit, Mr Anup Gurung, Welfare Inspector, Social Welfare Department, and Mr Passang Tshering Bhutia, Panel Advocate	80



OTHER LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	Name of the Programme	VENUE
DLSA & TLSC Gangtok,	01/10/2024	Legal Awareness Programme on the occasion of Senior Citizens Day	Kopibari, Syari GPU
	10/10/2024	Awareness Programme under NALSA (Legal Services to Disaster Victims through Legal Services) Scheme, 2010	Sikkim Rehabilitation and Detoxification Soccity, Nimtar
		Legal Awareness Programme on the occasion of “World Mental Health Day”	

	14/11/2024	Awareness Programme on NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015 and Legal Services for Differently Abled Children Scheme, 2021	Government Senior Secondary School, Lingdok
		Observance of Children Day	
	26/11/2024	Observance of Constitution Day	Hall of ADR Centre, Sichey
	01/12/2024	Observance of World AIDS Day	Pulyong Welfare Society, Bojoghari
		Observance of Disability Day	
	10/12/2024	Observance of Human Rights Day	State Central Prison, Rongyek
		Awareness Programme under NALSA (Protection & Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme, 2015	
	24/12/2024	Consumer Day	Rongyek GPU, Gangtok
TLSC at Rongli	01/10/2024	Awareness Programme on the occasion of Senior Citizens Day	Dalapchand GPU, Rongli
	26/11/2024	Awareness Programme under NALSA (Child Friendly Service to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015 and Legal Services for Differently Abled Children Scheme, 2021	Poksey Primary School, Rongli
TLSC, Rangpo	26/11/2024	Observance of Constitution Day	Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Mangan
DLSA & TLSC Mangan	01/10/2024	Legal Awareness Programme on the occasion of Senior Citizen Day	Toong, Naga GPU

	29/10/2024	Awareness Programme on NALSA (Legal Services to Disaster Victims through Legal Services Authorities Scheme) 2016	Toong, Naga GPU
	14/11/2024	Awareness Programme under NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Service to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015 and Legal Services for Differently Abled Children Scheme, 2021	Open Shelter Home, Mangan
	26/11/2024	Observance of Constitution Day	District & Sessions Court, Mangan
	01/12/2024	Observance of World AIDS Day	Mangan Bazaar
	03/12/2024	Legal Awareness Programme on the occasion of Disability Day	District Administrative Centre, Mangan
	10/12/2024	Observance of Human Rights Day	Nampatam Ward under Ringhim Nampatam GPU
	23/12/2024	Legal Awareness Programme under NALSA (Protection and Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme, 2015	ICDS Centre, Chadey
		Observance of Consumer Day	
DLSA & TLSC Namchi	01/10/2024	Awareness Programme on the occasion of Senior Citizen Day	Hall-cum-Office of the Choutara (Group C & D) Retired Employees Association, Namchi Bazaar
	29/10/2024	Awareness Programme under NALSA (Legal Services to Disaster Victims through Legal Services Authorities) Scheme, 2010	Village Administrative Centre, Rangang GPU, Namchi
		Awareness Programme on the Functions of Legal Services Institutions	

	08/11/2024	Legal Awareness Campaign for Members of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe, Women, Children and for Persons with Disability (Physical and Mental)	Village Administrative Centre (VAC), 36-Tinik Chisopani, Namchi
	26/11/2024	Observance of Constitution Day	District Courts Complex, Namchi
	27/11/2024	Legal Awareness Programme on NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Service to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015 and Legal Services for Differently Abled Children Scheme, 2021	Rateypani Gram Panchayat, Namchi
	03/12/2024	Observance of Disability Day	Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Institute, Boomtar
		Observance of World AIDS Day	Sikkim Alpine University, Namchi
	10/12/2024	Observance of Human Rights Day, 2024	District Prison, Boomtar
		Legal Awareness Programme for Prisoners with focus on Under Trial Prisoners	
	23/12/2024	Observance of Consumer Day	Perbing GPU, Namchi
		Legal Awareness Campaign on the issue of Drug Abuse and De-addiction Schemes/Policies in the State	
		Legal Awareness Programme on NALSA (Protection and Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme, 2015	
	01/10/2024	Observance of Senior Citizens Day	Langang Village

DLSA & TLSC Gyalshing	19/10/2024	Observance of World Mental Health Day	Yuksom GPU, Gyalshing
	25/10/2024	Awareness Programme under NALSA (Legal Services to Disaster Victims through Legal Services Authorities) Scheme, 2010	House of Panchayat President, Begha GPU, Denta, Gyalshing
	14/11/2024	Awareness Programme under NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015 and Legal Services for Differently Abled Children Scheme, 2021	Government Senior Secondary School, Darap
	26/11/2024	Observance of Constitution Day	Hall of ADR Centre, Gyalshing
	02/12/2024	Observance of World AIDS Day	Hall of ADR Centre, Gyalshing
	03/12/2024	Observance of Disability Day	Zilla Panchayat Bhawan, Gyalshing
	10/12/2024	Observance of Human Rights Day	District Prison, Boomtar
	14/12/2024	Awareness Programme under NALSA (Protection and Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme	4th Mile Gyalshing
	24/12/2024	Observance of Consumer Day	Legship, Gyalshing
DLSA & TLSC Soreng	01/10/2024	Awareness Programme under NALSA (National Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme 2016	Bara Samdung, Soreng
	22/10/2024	Awareness Programme under NALSA (Legal Services to the Mentally ILL and Mentally Disabled Persons) Scheme 2010	Chakung GPU, Soreng
	01/12/2024	Observance of World AIDS Day	Tikpur, Soreng
	03/12/2024	Awareness Campaign on World Disability Day	Tharpu, Soreng
	10/12/2024	Observance of Human Rights Day	District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi

	14/12/2024	Awareness Programme under NALSA (Protection & Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme, 2015	Aatish Dipankar Boys Children Home, Chakung
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Sikkim Rehabilitation and Detoxification Socety,
Nimtar, Gangtok district



District Administrative Centre, Mangan district



Village Administrative Centre, Rangang GPU,
Namchi district



Langang Village, Gyalshing district



Tikpur, Soreng district



Dalapchand GPU, Rongli Sub-Division

MGNREGA LEGAL LITERACY CAMPS

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	VENUE
DLSA & TLSC Gangtok	01/10/2024	Kopibari, Syari GPU
DLSA & TLSC Gangtok	24/12/2024	Rongyek GPU, Gangtok
TLSC at Rongli	10/12/2024	Changeylakha GPU, Rongli
DLSA & TLSC Mangan	10/12/2024	Nampatam Ward under Ringhim Nampatam GPU
DLSA & TLSC Namchi	08/11/2024	Tinik Chisopani, Village Administrative Centre
DLSA & TLSC Gyalshing	19/10/2024	Yuksom GPU, Gyalshing
DLSA & TLSC Gyalshing	24/12/2024	Legship, Gyalshing
DLSA & TLSC Soreng	16/12/2024	Village Administrative Centre, 03 Tadong, Rinchenpong GPU, Kaluk Block, Soreng



Kopibari, Syari GPU, Gangtok district



Nampatam Ward under Ringhim Nampatam GPU,
Mangan district



Village Administrative Centre, 03 Tadong,
Rinchenpong GPU, Soreng district



Legship, Gyalshing district



Village Administrative Centre, Tinik Chisopani,
Namchi district



Changeylakha GPU, Rongli Sub-Division

MICRO LEGAL LITERACY CAMPS

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	VENUE
DLSA, & TLSC Gangtok	09/11/2024	Balika Niketan Child Care Institute
DLSA, & TLSC Mangan	13/11/2024	Ramthang Tanek GPU
DLSA & TLSC Namchi	01/10/2024	Hall-cum-Office of the Choutara Retired Employees Association, Namchi
	03/12/2024	Sikkim Alpine University
DLSA & TLSC Gyalshing	12/11/2024	Panchayat Ghar, Upper Begha, Gyalshing
DLSA & TLSC Soreng	22/10/2024	Chakung GPU
TLSC at Rangpo	10/12/2024	Industrial Training Institute, Rangpo
TLSC at Rongli	10/12/2024	Changeylakha GPU, Rongli

	
Balika Niketan Child Care Institute, Gangtok district	Ramthang Tanek GPU, Mangan district
	
Hall-cum-Office of the Choutara (Group C & D) Retired Employees Association, Namchi district	Panchayat Ghar, Upper Begha, Gyalshing district
	
Changeylakha GPU, Rongli Sub-Division	Industrial Training Institute, Rangpo, Pakyong district