

## **QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**

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### **MS. SUBARNA RAI, LD. DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE APPOINTED AS THE NEW MEMBER SECRETARY, SIKKIM SLSA**

In pursuance to Office Order No. 95/Confdl/HCS dated 15/06/2022 issued by the Hon'ble High Court of Sikkim, Ms. Subarna Rai, Ld. District & Sessions Judge assumed the charge of Member Secretary of Sikkim SLSA on 1<sup>st</sup> of July, 2022.

### **18<sup>TH</sup> ALL INDIA MEET OF STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES**

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Biswanath Somadder, Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim & Patron-in-Chief, Sikkim SLSA and Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA along with Ms. Subarna Rai, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA attended the 18<sup>th</sup> All India Meet of State Legal Services Authorities on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 at Jaipur Exhibition & Convention Centre, Sita Pura, Jaipur, Rajasthan.

### **1<sup>ST</sup> ALL INDIA DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES' MEET**

Ms. Subarna Rai, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA, Ms. Jyoti Kharka, Registrar, High Court of Sikkim & Secretary, High Court Legal Services Committee, Mrs. K.C. Barphungpa, Ld. Principal District Judge/Chairperson, District Legal Services Authority, East at Gangtok, Mr. S.P. Bhutia, Ld. District Judge/Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, West at Gyalshing and Mrs. Sonam Denka Wangdi, Ld. District Judge/Chairperson, North at Mangan attended the 1<sup>st</sup> All India District Legal Services Authorities' Meet on 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2022 at Plenary Hall, Vigyan Bhawan organised by NALSA.

## **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**

Sikkim State Legal Services Authority celebrated 76<sup>th</sup> Independence Day in the Office premises at Development Area, Gangtok on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2022. The National flag was hoisted by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA followed by National Anthem.

The programme was attended by Mr. Roger R. Rai, former Managing Director, SIDICO, Judicial Officers of Gangtok District, Panel Advocates, Officers and staff of Sikkim SLSA and High Court of Sikkim.

## **MEETING OF THE HIGH POWERED COMMITTEE**

In pursuance to the Notification bearing No. 21/Home/2020 dated 30/03/2022 issued by the Home Department, Government of Sikkim in compliance to the Order dated 23/03/2020 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Suo Moto Writ Petition (Civil) No. 01 of 2020 in Re-Contagion of COVID-19 VIRUS in Prisons, a meeting of the High Powered Committee under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA/Chairman, High Powered Committee was held via Video-Conferencing on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2022.

The meeting was attended by:

1. Mr. Ravindra Telang,  
Additional Chief Secretary,  
Home Department, Government of Sikkim/  
Member, High Powered Committee.

2. Mr. Sharab Tonyot,  
Deputy Inspector General of Police (Prison)/  
Member, High Powered Committee.
3. Mr. Yadav Krishna Sharma,  
Joint Director (Confidential),  
Home Department, Government of Sikkim/  
Member, High Powered Committee.
4. Mr. Bijoy Subba,  
Assistant Superintendent of Police,  
District Prison, Boomtar, South Sikkim/  
Member, High Powered Committee.
5. Ms. Subarna Rai,  
Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA.
6. Mr. Renu Raj Chettri,  
Superintendent of Police (Prison),  
State Central Prison, Rongyek.
7. Mr. Arun Thatal,  
Additional Superintendent of Police (Prison),  
District Prison, Boomtar.

The following agenda items were discussed during the said meeting:

**Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of the High Powered Committee held via Video Conference on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.**

**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.;
- (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 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. and under Section 167(2)(a)(i) and (ii) of the Cr.P.C. 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 the 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 1/4<sup>th</sup> 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., 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.

**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, South Sikkim.

**Agenda Item No. 5:** Number of new UTPs since 20.05.2022 and the latest vaccination position of UTPs, Convicts, Officers and staff at the State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim and District Prison, Boomtar, 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, Boomtar, South Sikkim. (UTPs, Convicts under SADA and UTPs, convicts with mental illness, other UTPs and convicts in need of counseling).**

## **SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME ON POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH**

The Sikkim State Legal Services Authority organized a Sensitization Programme on Positive Mental Health for the officers and staff of Rural Development Department, Government of Sikkim in collaboration with the Department of Psychiatry, New Multispecialty Hospital, Sochakgang on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 in the Auditorium of Sikkim Judicial Academy, Sokeythang, East Sikkim under NALSA (Legal Services to the Mentally Ill and Mentally Disabled Persons) Scheme, 2015.

Resource Persons Dr. C.L. Pradhan, Consultant and Ms. Nancy Palmu Chankapa, Senior Clinical Psychologist from the Department of Psychiatry, New Multispecialty Hospital, Sochakgang spoke on mental health issues, stress management and coping mechanisms.

82 officers and staff of Rural Development Department attended the programme.

The welcome address was delivered by Ms Subarna Rai, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLISA and the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Praveen Pradhan, Deputy Secretary, Sikkim SLISA.

## **MEGA LEGAL AWARENESS AND OUTREACH PROGRAMME**

The Sikkim State Legal Services Authority under the directions of Hon'ble Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA organized a Megal Legal Awareness and Outreach Programme in co-ordination with District Legal Services Authority, West District on (i) 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 at Government Senior Secondary School, Maneybong Block, Uttarey, Gyalshing District and on (ii) 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 at Dow Gyatso Kazi Senior Secondary School, Mangalbaria, Soreng District. NALSA (Legal Services for Differently Abled Children) Scheme, 2021 was launched at Uttarey, The programme also focused on NALSA (Legal Services to Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015, NALSA (Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016, NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services and their Protection) Scheme, 2015, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, Sikkim Anti Drugs Act, 2006.

The programme in both the places were presided over by the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Biswanath Somadder, Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim & Patron-in-Chief, Sikkim SLSA in the presence of Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA as the 'Guest of Honour'.

Mr. Suman Gurung, Special Secretary, Social Justice & Welfare Department, Ms. Jyotsna Karthak, Special Secretary, Women & Child Development Department, Ms. Dhan Maya Subba, Superintendent of Police, Anti-Human Trafficking Unit, Sikkim Police and Dr. Kunzang Bhutia, Senior Psychiatrist, District Hospital, Gyalshing were the Resource Persons. The programme was followed by a Health Camp set up by District Hospital Gyalshing for the public. A legal aid clinic manned by the Panel Lawyers and PLVs to assist and counsel those requiring free legal aid and assistance was also set up. Stalls

of the various departments viz; Agriculture, Horticulture, Education, Health and Government Institute of Cottage Industries displaying the Schemes of the Central/State Government were also set up and inspected by the Hon'ble Chief Guest and Guest of Honour.

The programmes also had the presence of the former Managing Director, SIDICO, Officers of the Registry of Hon'ble High Court of Sikkim, Ld. Judicial Officers, District Magistrates, Superintendent of Police, Sub-Divisional Magistrates, Officers from the State Government, Bar Members of Gyalshing and Soreng and the local gentry.

### **LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR STUDENTS OF SECONDARY AND SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SIKKIM**

During the quarter, twenty six legal awareness programmes were conducted by the team comprising of officers from the Social Welfare Department and Police Department, Government of Sikkim and Panel Advocates of Sikkim SLISA 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 the students of Secondary Schools of Sikkim.

The details are as under:

Sl. No.	Date	Venue	Resource Person	No. of participants comprising of students, teaching/non-teaching staff
1.	06.08.2022	Aho Shanti Secondary School, Aho, Pakyong	Ms. Priyanka Chettri, Advocate	150
2.	06.08.2022	Aho Kishan Secondary School, Aho Pul, Pakyong	Ms. Sudha Basnett, Deputy Superintendent of Police (AHTU) and Mr. Kazi Sangay Thupden, Advocate	80
3.	03.09.2022	Government Secondary School, Bardang	Ms. Navtara Sarda, Panel Advocate and Ms. Samieekcha Limboo, Welfare Inspector, Social Welfare Department	150
4.	03.09.2022	Government Secondary School, Sumin	Ms. Zola Megi, Panel Advocate and Mr. Arun Chettri, Welfare Officer, Social Welfare Department	40
5.	16.07.2022	Government Secondary School, Phong	Mr. Parshu Ram Sharma, SDPO (Namchi), Ms. Pushpa Rai, Social Welfare Officer (Namchi) and Panel Advocates Ms. Yashoda Rai and Mr. Norbu Galchan	80
6.	16.07.2022	Government Secondary School, Chuba	Mr. Samir Subba, Police Inspector (Namchi P.S.), Ms. Dawa Diki Bhutia, Social Welfare Inspector (Namchi) and Panel Advocates Mr. J.B. Rai and Mr. Prasun Adhikari	90
7.	30.07.2022	Government Secondary School, Turung	Mr. Sawan Gurung, Police Inspector (Namchi P.S.), Ms. Suk Rani Limboo, Social Welfare Inspector (Namchi), Panel Advocates Ms. Pabitra Pradhan and Mr. Sonam Zigmee Bhutia	78
8.	30.07.2022	Government Secondary School, Kabrey	Mr. Parshu Ram Sharma, SDPO (Namchi), Ms. Dawa Diki Bhutia, Social Welfare Officer (Namchi) and Panel Advocates Ms. Janu	52



			<b>Tamang and Ms. Unisha Pradhan</b>	
9.	06.08.2022	<b>Government New Secondary School, Namchi</b>	<b>Mr. Parshu Ram Sharma, SDPO (Namchi), Ms. Kyondit Lepcha, Social Welfare Officer (Namchi) and Mr. Nirmal Kumar Bardewa, Panel Advocate</b>	150
10.	06.08.2022	<b>Government Secondary School, Maniram</b>	<b>Mr. T.B. Gurung, Assistant Sub-Inspector (I/C/), Namthang, Ms. Binita Pradhan, Social Welfare Officer (Namchi) and Panel Advocates Sushila Thapa and Ms. Kesang Doma Bhutia</b>	140
11.	25.08.2022	<b>Government Secondary School, Damthang</b>	<b>Ms. Shova Mora, Police Inspector (Namchi P.S.), Ms. Suk Rani Limboo, Social Welfare Officer (Namchi) and Ms. Choki Sherpa, Panel Advocate</b>	50
12.	25.08.2022	<b>Government Secondary School, Assangthang</b>	<b>Mr. Parshu Ram Sharma, SDPO (Namchi), Ms. Pushpa Rai, Social Welfare Officer (Namchi) and Ms. Unisha Pradhan, Panel Advocate</b>	48
13.	03.09.2022	<b>Government Senior Secondary School, Ben</b>	<b>Ms. Anupa Gurung, Police Inspector (Temi P.S.), Ms. Suk Rani Limboo, Social Welfare Officer (Namchi) and Panel Advocates Ms. Kesang Doma Bhutia, and Ms. Sushila Thapa</b>	80
14.	03.09.2022	<b>Government Secondary School, Sangmoo</b>	<b>Mr. Rajeev Shanker, Sub-Inspector (Ravangla P.S.), Ms. Pushpa Rai, Social Welfare Officer (Namchi) and Panel Advocates Ms. Pabitra Pradhan and Mr. Sonam Zigmee Bhutia</b>	87
15.	17.09.2022	<b>Government Senior Secondary School, Bikmat</b>	<b>Mr. Kesang Gyatso Bhutia, Sub-Inspector (Melli P.S.), Ms. Angel Subba,</b>	100

			Social Welfare Officer (Namchi) and Mr. Prasun Adhikari, Panel Advocate	
16.	17.09.2022	Government Senior Secondary School, Rateypani	Mr. Prashant Rai, Police Inspector (Melli P.S.), Ms. Pushpa Rai, Social Welfare Officer (Namchi) and Panel Advocates Ms. Unisha Pradhan and Ms. Janu Tamang	180
17.	04.07.2022	Government Secondary School, Hathidhunga	Mr. Jabyang Dorjee Sherpa, Secretary, DLSA (West), Ms. Pratibha Tamang, Senior Welfare Officer, Social Welfare Department and Ms. Tashi Doma Bhutia, Panel Advocate	149
18.	16.07.2022	Government Secondary School, Sardong	Mr. Jabyang Dorjee Sherpa, Secretary, DLSA (West), Mr. T.R. Gyatso, Welfare Inspector, Social Welfare Department and Mr. Pujan Kharka, Panel Advocate	36
19.	16.07.2022	Government Secondary School, Sopakha	Mr. Sagar Subba, Police Inspector (Uttarey P.S.), Mr. T.R. Gyatso, Welfare Inspector, Social Welfare Department and Mr. Pujan Kharka, Panel Advocate	36
20.	16.07.2022	Government Secondary School, Rinchenpong	Mr. Rajiv Mukhia, Sub-Inspector, SHO (I/C), Kaluk P.S., Mrs. Pratibha Tamang, Welfare Officer, Social Welfare Department and Mr. Manoj Subba, Panel Advocate	231
21.	06.08.2022	Government Secondary School, Tikpur	Mr. Anish Bhujel, SHO (Sombaria P.S.), Mrs. Pratibha Tamang, Welfare Officer, Social Welfare Department and Mr. Manoj Subba, Panel Advocate	88

22.	23.08.2022	Government Secondary School, Milling	Mr. Roshan Gurung, Police Inspector, (Dentam P.S.), Mr. Ashok Hang Subba, Welfare Inspector, Social Welfare Department and Mr. Pujan Kharka, Panel Advocate	75
23.	25.08.2022	Government Secondary School, Lungchok	Mr. T.B. Chettri, Assistant Sub-Inspector (Sombaria P.S.), Ms. Bhumika Rai, Welfare Officer, Social Welfare Department, Ms. Norki Lepcha, Ld. APP and Ms. Barkha Subba and Mr. Manoj Subba, Panel Advocate	61
24.	27.08.2022	Government Secondary School, Lower Bermiok	Mr. Sukbir Chetri, ASI, Kaluk Outpost under Dentam P.S., Mr. Bhushan Sharma, Welfare Inspector, Social Welfare Department and Mr. Pujan Kharka, Panel Advocate	60
25.	15.09.2022	Government Secondary School, Sawaligaon	Ms. Tara Sharma, SHO (Nayabzaar P.S.), Ms. Bhumika Rai, Welfare Inspector, Social Welfare Department and Ms. Anusha Thapa, Panel Advocate	126
26.	21.09.2022	Government Secondary School, Gelling	Mr. Ugen T. Bhutia, SHO (Soreng P.S.), Mrs. Pratibha Tamang, Welfare Officer, Social Welfare Department, Ms. Norkit Lepcha, Ld. APP and Mr. Manoj Subba, Panel Advocate	96

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**HIGH COURT LOK ADALAT:**

S.No.	Date	Presided over by	Cases taken up	Cases Disposed of
1.	15.07.2022	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Mr. G.P. Pradhan and Ms. Basanti Rai as "Other Persons"	01	Nil
2.	29.07.2022	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Mr. Wangyal Tshering Bhutia and Yangchen Ladingpa as "Other Persons"	04	Nil
3.	12.08.2022	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Mr. Kiran Kr. Rasaily and Mr. G.P.Pradhan as "Other Persons"	03	02
4.	07.09.2022	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Mr. Kiran Kr. Rasaily and Mr. G.P.Pradhan as "Other Persons"	02	Nil
5.	23.09.2022	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Mr. Kiran Kr. Rasaily and Mr. G.P.Pradhan as "Other Persons"	02	Nil

**NATIONAL LOK ADALAT :**

National Lok Adalat was held on **13<sup>th</sup> August, 2022**. **97 cases** were taken up out of which **50 cases** were settled and a total amount of **Rs. 34,98,065 /- only** was awarded.

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

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

No. of cases taken up	:	26
No. of cases settled	:	13
Amount Awarded	:	Rs. 15,33,000/-

(ii) Court of District & Sessions Judge, South at Namchi:

No. of cases taken up	:	09
No. of cases settled	:	07
Amount Awarded	:	Rs. 3,73,900/-

(iii) Court of District & Sessions Judge, West at Gyalshing:

No. of cases taken up	:	19
No. of cases settled	:	09
Amount Awarded	:	Rs. 2,08,734/-

(iv) Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Senior Civil Judge, East at Gangtok:

No. of cases taken up	:	02
No. of cases settled	:	01
Amount Awarded	:	Rs. 33,970/-

(v) Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, East at Gangtok:

No. of cases taken up	:	03
No. of cases settled	:	Nil
Amount Awarded	:	Nil

(vi) Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, West at Gyalshing:

No. of cases taken up	:	36
No. of cases settled	:	18
Amount Awarded	:	Rs. 10,98,461/-

(vii) Court of Senior Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, South at Jorethang:

No. of cases taken up	:	02
No. of cases settled	:	02
Amount Awarded	:	Rs. 2,50,000/-

**REGULAR LOK ADALAT AT THE DISTRICT AND TALUK LEVEL DURING THE  
QUARTER JULY TO SEPTEMBER, 2022**

**DISTRICT LOK ADALAT (EAST) AT GANGTOK**

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases disposed	No. of cases pending
16	52	148	200	170	30

**DISTRICT LOK ADALAT (WEST) AT GYALSHING**

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases disposed	No. of cases pending
03	Nil	20	20	20	Nil

DISTRICT LOK ADALAT (SOUTH) AT NAMCHI

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases disposed	No. of cases pending
08	18	28	46	21	25

TALUK LOK ADALAT (NORTH) AT MANGAN

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

TALUK LOK ADALAT (SOUTH) AT NAMCHI

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases disposed	No. of cases pending
05	09	11	20	10	10

TALUK LOK ADALAT (SOUTH) AT JORETHANG

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases disposed	No. of cases pending
10	01	14	15	10	05

TALUK LOK ADALAT (WEST) AT GYALSHING

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases disposed	No. of cases pending
08	11	69	80	50	30

TALUK LOK ADALAT (WEST) AT SORENG

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

LEGAL AID

Legal aid was provided to **299** beneficiaries by the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority during the quarter July to September, 2022 :-

Categories of beneficiaries are as under-

QUARTER	S.C.	S.T.	WOMEN	CHILD	UNDER TRIAL/DETAINED BY CUSTODY	GENERAL	DISABLED	SENIOR CITIZEN	TOTAL
July to September, 2022	07	36	137	03	93	20	NIL	03	299

CASES BEFORE THE MEDIATION CENTRES, EAST DISTRICT AT GANGTOK, SOUTH DISTRICT AT NAMCHI, WEST DISTRICT AT GYALSHING AND NORTH DISTRICT AT MANGAN FROM JULY TO SEPTEMBER, 2022

CENTRE	NO. OF MEDIATIONS HELD	NO. OF CASES TAKEN UP	NO. OF CASES SETTLED	NO. OF CASES RETURNED	NO. OF CASES PENDING
Mediation Centre (East) at District Court Complex, Sichey, East Sikkim	50	33	07	09	17
Mediation Centre (South) at District Court Complex, Namchi, South Sikkim	43	42	11	10	21
Mediation Centre (West) at Civil Court Complex, Gyalshing, West Sikkim	76	38	13	07	18
Mediation Centre (North) at Pentok, Mangan, North Sikkim	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	169	113	31	26	56

**PRE-LITIGATION MEDIATION BEFORE THE MEDIATION CENTRES, EAST DISTRICT AT GANGTOK, SOUTH DISTRICT AT NAMCHI, WEST DISTRICT AT GYALSHING AND NORTH DISTRICT AT MANGAN FROM JULY TO SEPTEMBER, 2022**

CENTRE	NO. OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	NO. OF CASES SETTLED	NO. OF CASES DISPOSED OF AS NON-STARTER	NO. OF CASES PENDING
Mediation Centre (East) at District Court Complex, Sichey, East Sikkim	04	NIL	02	02
Mediation Centre (South) at District Court Complex, Namchi, South Sikkim	18	NIL	18	NIL
Mediation Centre (West) at Civil Court Complex, Gyalshing, West Sikkim	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Mediation Centre (North) at Pentok, Mangan, North Sikkim	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>02</b>

**TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR PANEL ADVOCATES**

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

03 nos. of training programmes were conducted via virtual mode during the quarter July to September, 2022 which are as follows:



Sl. No.	Date	Topic	Resource Person
1.	02.07.2022	Section 21B, 21C, 22, 23, 23A, 24 & 25 of Hindu Marriage Act, 1955	Mr. U.P. Sharma, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
2.	06.08.2022	Section 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 & 29 of POCSO Act, 2012	Mr. N. Rai, Senior Advocate, High Court of Sikkim & Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
3.	29.09.2022	Human Trafficking	Mr. T. R. Barfungpa, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA

### **LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES THROUGH DOORDARSHAN AND ALL INDIA RADIO**

As an 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 Sikkim SLSA.

The topics discussed during the quarter July to September, 2022 are as follows:

- **Doordarshan (once a month):**

Sl. No.	Month	Topic	Resource Person
1.	July, 2022	Salient Features of Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013	Mr. N. Rai, Senior Advocate, High Court of Sikkim & Senior Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
2.	August, 2022	Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012	Mr. J.K.P. Jaiswal, Panel Advocate Sikkim SLSA
3.	September, 2022	Salient Features of Right to Information Act, 2005	Mr. Umesh Ranpal, Panel Advocate Sikkim SLSA

- **All India Radio (every Saturday):**

Sl. No.	Date	Topic	Resource Person
1.	02.07.2022	Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015	Ms. Kamala Giri, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
2.	09.07.2022	The Environment Act, 1986	Mr. M.N. Dhungel, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
3.	16.07.2022	Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993	Mr. Gulshan Lama Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
4.	23.07.2022	Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act, 1994	Mr. Rajendra Upreti, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
5.	30.07.2022	Consumer Protection Act, 2018	Mr. D.K. Siwakoti, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
6.	06.08.2022	Salient Features of Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013	Mr. Jorgay Namka, Senior Advocate, High Court of Sikkim & Senior Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
7.	13.08.2022	Important Articles of Indian Constitution every citizens should know vis-a-vis fundamental duties	Mr. Sajal Sharma, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
8.	20.08.2022	The Family Courts Act, 1984	Ms. Prarthana Ghataney, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
9.	27.08.2022	Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007	Mr. K.B. Chettri, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
10.	03.09.2022	Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989	Mr. Sunil Baraily, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
11.	10.09.2022	Cyber Crimes in India vis-à-vis Information Technology Act, 2000	Mr. T.R. Barfungpa, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
12.	17.09.2022	Right to Information Act, 2005	Mr. Laxuman Gurung, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
13.	24.09.2022	Places of Worship Act, 1991	Mr. U.P Sharma, Senior Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA

## **ONLINE COUNSELLING FOR THE INMATES ARRESTED UNDER SADA, 2006 AND NDPS ACT, 1985**

Online 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 through webinar 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 Sikkim SLSA.

30 counselling programmes were conducted via virtual mode during the quarter July to September, 2022 as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Date	Resource Persons	No. of Participants UTPs
1.	01.07.2022	Mr. Tenzong Lepcha and Mr. Padam Lepcha, Counselors, Freedom Facility Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	29
2.	04.07.2022	Mr. Karma Jigme Bhutia and Mr. Laxuman Gautam, Counselors, Freedom Facility Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	19
3.	06.07.2022	Mr. Jeewan Basnett and Mr. Yongden Lepcha, Counselors, Freedom Facility Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	23
4.	11.07.2022	Mr. Karma Jigme Bhutia and Mr. Rohan Thapa, Counselors, Freedom Facility Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	26
5.	18.07.2022	Mr. Karma Jigme Bhutia and Mr. Rapden Bhutia, Counselors, Freedom Facility Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	20
6.	20.07.2022	Mr. Jiwan Basnett and Mr. Thinlay, Counselors, Freedom Facility Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	18

7.	22.07.2022	Mr. K.C. Nima, Counselor, Freedom Facility Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	32
8.	25.07.2022	Mr. Karma Jigme Bhutia and Mr. Dawa Bhutia, Counselors, Freedom Facility Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	18
9.	27.07.2022	Mr. Jeewan Basnett and Mr. Sonam Topden, Counselors, Freedom Facility Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	25
10.	29.07.2022	Mr. Kalzang Wangdi Bhutia and Mr. Pranay Tamang, Counselors, Freedom Facility Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	37
11.	03.08.2022	Mr. Jiwan Basnett and Mr. Nikhil Pradhan, Counselors, Freedom Facility Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	19
12.	05.08.2022	Mr. Jiwan Basnett and Mr. Dawa Sherpa,q Counselors, Freedom Facility Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	32
13.	10.08.2022	Mr. Jiwan Basnett and Mr. Kiran Tamang, Counselors, Freedom Facility Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	17
14.	12.08.2022	Mr. Jiwan Basnett and Mr. Nima Tshering Lepcha, Counselors, Freedom Facility Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	40
15.	17.08.2022	Mr. Jiwan Basnett and Mr. Pranay Tamang, Counselors, Freedom Facility Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	09
16.	23.08.2022	Mr. Amon Boris Lepcha Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	14
17.	24.08.2022	Mr. Amon Boris Lepcha Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	09
18.	29.08.2022	Mr. Amon Boris Lepcha Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	19
19.	31.08.2022	Mr. Amon Boris Lepcha Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	10
20.	02.09.2022	Mr. Amon Boris Lepcha Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	35

21.	05.09.2022	Mr. Amon Boris Lepcha Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	14
22.	07.09.2022	Mr. Amon Boris Lepcha Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	07
23.	12.09.2022	Mr. Aresh Mukhia Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	19
24.	14.09.2022	Mr. Aresh Mukhia Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	11
25.	16.09.2022	Mr. Amon Boris Lepcha Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	21
26.	21.09.2022	Mr. Aresh Mukhia Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	11
27.	23.09.2022	Mr. Aresh Mukhia Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	37
28.	26.09.2022	Mr. Arpan Chettri Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	14
29.	28.09.2022	Mr. Amon Boris Lepcha Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	10
30.	30.09.2022	Mr. Amon Boris Lepcha Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	48

### **COUNSELLING FOR RECOVERING SUBSTANCE ABUSERS AND REHABILITATED DRUG ABUSERS**

On the request of 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 Counselling

Centre” for recovering substance abusers and rehabilitated drug abusers and is functioning since 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Counselling Centre for the quarter July – September, 2022 is as under:-

<b>Month</b>	<b>No. of Days visited by the recovering substance abusers/rehabilitated drug abusers</b>	<b>No. of visitors</b>
<b>July, 2022</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>143</b>
<b>August, 2022</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>September, 2022</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>88</b>

#### **MICRO LEGAL LITERACY CAMPS**

<b>CONDUCTED BY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
<b>DLSA &amp; TLSC, East at Gangtok</b>	<b>24.09.2022</b>	<b>Kyongnosla.</b>
<b>DLSA, North at Mangan &amp; TLSC, North at Mangan.</b>	<b>26.07.2022</b>	<b>Malling.</b>
	<b>21.09.2022</b>	<b>Government Secondary School, Tingchim.</b>
	<b>23.09.2022</b>	<b>Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Mangan.</b>
<b>DLSA &amp; TLSC, South at Namchi</b>	<b>15.07.2022</b>	<b>Government Secondary School, Damthang.</b>
	<b>08.09.2022</b>	<b>Munal Club Community Hall, Kitam.</b>
<b>TLSC, West at Soreng</b>	<b>13.09.2022</b>	<b>Government B.Ed. College, Soreng.</b>

MGNREGA LEGAL LITERACY CAMPS

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	VENUE
DLSA & TLSC, East at Gangtok	16.08.2022	Rhenock Bazaar.
TLSC, Chungthang	24.08.2022	Chungthang.
DLSA & TLSC, South at Namchi	15.07.2022	Government Secondary School, Damthang.
	27.08.2022	Government Primary School, Lower Kopchey.
TLSC, Soreng	16.07.2022	Uttarey.
	27.08.2022	Parenggaon, Soreng.