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Sitting 4th from left: Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, Judge, High Court of Sikkim/Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLSA, Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K. Sinha, Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim/Patron-in-Chief, Sikkim SLSA and Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim with Ex-officio Members, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA, Resource Persons and newly trained PLVs of Gnathang/Kupup, East Sikkim

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TRAINING OF MASTER TRAINERS PROGRAMME

Mr. K.W. Bhutia, District and Sessions Judge, East at Gangtok and Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA along with Senior Panel Advocates Mr. Bhaskar Raj Pradhan and Mr. Narendra Rai attended the 'Training of Master Trainers Programme' at Indian Law Institute, New Delhi from 11th to 13th July, 2015.



Mr. K.W. Bhutia, D&SJ(E)/Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA addressing at the valedictory session on behalf of the participating Member Secretaries



Mr. K.W. Bhutia, D&SJ, East/Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA; Senior Advocates, Mr. Bhaskar Raj and Mr. Narendra Rai receiving certificates in the training programme

LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME AT UPPER KHAMDONG, EAST SIKKIM



Ms. Puja Lamichaney, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA delivering a talk

Legal Awareness Programme for the general public of Upper Khamdong, East Sikkim was conducted by Ms. Puja Lamichaney, Panel Advocate under the aegis of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority on 21st July, 2015.

The programme was attended by Gram Vikas Adhikari, Zilla Adakshya, Panchayat President, Mr. Bikash Sharma, Under Secretary, Mr. Umesh Chettri, Head Assistant, Sikkim SLSA, Panchayat Members, Principal and Students of Upper Khamdong Senior Secondary School and local gentries.

Dr. C.L. Pradhan, Psychiatrist, S.T.N.M. Hospital, Mr. Mahesh Sharma, Assistant Controller, Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection Cell, P.I. Sonam Wangdi Bhutia, Station House Officer of Singtam Police Station and Panel



Dr. C.L. Pradhan, Psychiatrist, S.T.N.M. Hospital delivering a talk

Advocates Mr. Tashi Raptan Barfungpa, Ms. Puja Lamichaney and Mr. Anjan Sharma were the Resource Persons.



Participants enjoying the documentary film "Access to Justice for All"

Dr. C.L. Pradhan, Psychiatrist delivered a talk on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention.

During the awareness programme, a short-documentary titled "Access to Justice for All" produced by Sikkim SLSA was also screened for the general public.

Pamphlets published by Sikkim SLISA and brochures of Consumer Protection Cell, Food & Civil Supplies Department were distributed to the audience during the awareness programme.

69TH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



*Unfurling of National Flag
by Hon'ble Mr. Justice
S.P. Wangdi during the
occasion*

Sikkim State Legal Services Authority celebrated 69th Independence Day in the office premises at Development Area, Gangtok on 15th August, 2015. The National Flag was hoisted by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLISA/Member, Central Authority, NALSA. It was followed by National Anthem.

The programme was attended by Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim/Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLISA, Madam T.T. Wangdi, Judicial Officers, Ex-Officio Members of Sikkim SLISA, Panel Advocates, officers and staff of Sikkim SLISA.



THREE DAYS PARA-LEGAL VOLUNTEERS TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR GNATHANG AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS



*Lighting of inaugural lamp by Resource Person
in presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi*

Three days Para-Legal Volunteers training was organized by Sikkim State Legal Services Authority for the PLVs of Gnathang, Kupup and Zuluk, East Sikkim w.e.f. 20th to 22nd August, 2015 in the Training Hall of Sikkim SLISA, Office Building. Twenty trainees comprising of members of Panchayat and educated unemployed youth were trained as PLVs.

The inaugural function of the training programme chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLISA/Member, Central Authority, NALSA was held on 20th August, 2015.

Senior Advocates Mr. A. Moulik, Mr. K.T. Bhutia and Mr. N.Rai, Panel Advocates Mr. U.P. Sharma, Mr. S.S. Hamal, Mr. Sudesh Joshi, Mr. Tashi Raptan Barfungpa, Mr. S.P. Bhutia, Ms. Kesang Diki Bhutia, Ms. Zola Megi and Dr. Dilip Pandey, Assistant Professor, Department of Law, Sikkim Government Law College were the Resource Persons.



*Mr. K.T. Bhutia, Senior Advocate
imparting the training*



Mr. N. Rai, Senior Advocate imparting the training

The training was conducted as per the prescribed module for Orientation and Induction Courses for PLV training framed by NALSA.

The valedictory function was chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K. Sinha, Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim and Patron-in-Chief, Sikkim SLSA along with Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLSA/Member, Central Authority, NALSA and Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi M. Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim on 22nd August, 2015 held in the Conference Hall, office of Sikkim SLSA, Gangtok.

Certificates and identity cards were handed over to the trained PLVs.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K. Sinha, Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim and Patron-in-Chief, Sikkim SLSA offering Khada (Scarf) to Resource Person and handing over the certificate to newly trained Para Legal Volunteer in presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLSA and Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi M. Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim

MEETING OF SIKKIM STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY HELD ON 22ND AUGUST, 2015

A meeting of the State Authority to review the activities of Sikkim SLSA was held in the Conference Hall of the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority on 22nd August, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was chaired by Hon'ble Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLSA. The following members were present:

1. Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLSA.
2. Mr. Avinash Mohananey, IPS, Director General of Police and Ex-Officio Member, Sikkim SLSA.
3. Mr. M.G. Kiran, IAS (Retd.), Principal Secretary, Finance, Revenue & Exp. Deptt., Government of Sikkim and Ex-Officio Member, Sikkim SLSA.
4. Mr. R. Telang, IAS, Principal Secretary, Social Justice Emp. & Welfare Dept., Government of Sikkim and Ex-Officio Member, Sikkim SLSA.

5. Mr. Tenzing Gelek, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Department of Personnel Adm, Reforms & Trg., Government of Sikkim and Ex-Officio Member, Sikkim SLSA.
6. Mrs. Lakchung Sherpa (SSJS), Secretary, Law Department, Government of Sikkim and Ex-Officio Member, Sikkim SLSA.
7. Mr. C.T. Wangdi, Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, Government of Sikkim and Ex-Officio Member, Sikkim SLSA.
8. Mr. D.R. Nepal, Secretary, R.M.D.D, Government of Sikkim and Ex-Officio Member, Sikkim SLSA.
9. Mr. C.P Tongden, Principal C.E-cum-Secretary, S.P.W.D (Roads and Bridges), Government of Sikkim and Ex-Officio Member, Sikkim SLSA.
10. Mr. S.P. Pradhan, Chief Engineer, S.P.W.D (Buildings and Housing), Government of Sikkim and Ex-Officio Member, Sikkim SLSA.
11. Mr. K.W. Bhutia, District and Sessions Judge (East) and Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA.



Meeting in progress



Sitting 2nd from left: Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi with Ex-Officio members and Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA

TWO DAYS TRAINING OF LEGAL SERVICES LAWYERS



Mr. K.W. Bhutia, D&SJ (E)/Master Trainer imparting training

As per the directions of NALSA, two days training of Legal Services Lawyers was organized by Sikkim SLSA in the office of State Legal Services Authority, Gangtok from 3rd to 4th September, 2015. Fifty one Legal Services Lawyers under the panel of Sikkim SLSA were trained during the programme.

Master Trainers comprising of Mr. K.W. Bhutia, District and Sessions Judge, East at Gangtok and Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA, Senior Advocates Mr. Bhasker Raj Pradhan and Mr. Narendra Rai were the Resource Persons.

The inaugural function chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLSA/Member, Central Authority was held on 3rd

September, 2015 in the office of Sikkim SLSA. The valedictory function was chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K. Sinha, Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim and Patron-in-Chief, Sikkim SLSA along with Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLSA/Member, Central Authority and Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi M. Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim was held on 4th September, 2015 in the Conference Hall, office of Sikkim SLSA.

The training was divided into various sessions including Ice-Breaking, Brain-Storming, Lawyering Skills and Presentation followed by interactive sessions. The programme was conducted in accordance with the training module for legal services lawyers prepared by NALSA.



Senior Advocates/Master Trainers Mr. Bhaskar Raj Pradhan and Mr. N. Rai imparting training

STATE LEVEL MEET OF THE PARA-LEGAL VOLUNTEERS



Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi addressing the gathering

State Meet of Para-Legal Volunteers was organized by Sikkim SLSA on 26th September, 2015 in the Conference Hall, office of Sikkim SLSA, Development Area, Gangtok to commemorate the outstanding work done by Para-Legal Volunteers in their respective villages from all the four districts of the State.

Sikkim SLSA had sought for names of the best performing PLVs of the respective districts from the District Legal Services Authorities. Mrs. Nirmala Dhakal of Chewribhotey, Duga (East District), Mrs. Mingma Doma Bhutia of Mangan (North District), Mr. Passang Tshering Bhutia of Namchi (South District) and Mr. Phul Chandra Pradhan of Soreng (West District) were selected as the "Best Para-Legal Volunteers" from their respective DLSAs. They were awarded with Certificate of Appreciation and mementoes by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLSA and Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi M. Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim.



Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi M. Rai offering Khada (scarf) to one of best performing PLV



Mr. Yoland Z. Christopher receiving Khada (scarf) from Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi

Mr. Yoland Z. Christopher, System Administrator, District & Sessions Court, East at Gangtok was also felicitated with a Certificate of Appreciation and a memento for the services rendered to the District Legal Services Authority, East at Gangtok, apart from his official work.

The best performing Para-Legal Volunteers shared their experience with other PLVs during the function.



Some of the best performing PLVs sharing their experiences

OTHER ACTIVITIES

HIGH COURT LOK ADALAT

High Court Lok Adalat was held on 16.07.2015 in the office of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Development Area, Gangtok, East Sikkim which was presided by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, Judge, High Court of Sikkim/Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLISA along with Mr. G.P. Pradhan and Mr. Norden Tshering Bhutia as the "Other Person" wherein 10 cases were taken up and 04 cases were disposed of.

The High Court Lok Adalat was held on 06.08.2015 in the office of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority at Development Area, Gangtok, East Sikkim.

Before the commencement of the High Court Lok Adalat, a two minute silence was observed by the Hon'ble bench and parties present as a mark of respect to late Mrs. Pushpa Basnett who was a member of High Court Lok Adalat as "Other Person" since 2008. She had expired on 01.08.2015.

High Court Lok Adalat in progress



The Lok Adalat was presided over by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLSA/Member, Central Authority, NALSA along with Mr. G.P. Pradhan and Mr. Norden Tshering Bhutia as Other Persons wherein 07 cases were taken up.

High Court Lok Adalat was held on 21.08.2015 in the office of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Development Area, Gangtok, East Sikkim which was presided by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, Judge, High Court of Sikkim/Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLSA along with Mr. Norden Tshering Bhutia and Mr. D.K. Gazmer as the "Other Person" wherein 03 cases were taken up and 01 case was disposed of.

High Court Lok Adalat was held on 09.09.2015 in the office of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Development Area, Gangtok, East Sikkim which was presided by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, Judge, High Court of Sikkim/Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLSA along with Mr. Tempo Bhutia and Mrs. Geeta Gurung as the "Other Person" wherein 07 cases were taken up and 02 cases disposed of.

High Court Lok Adalat in progress



High Court Lok Adalat was held on 24.09.2015 in the office of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Development Area, Gangtok, East Sikkim which was presided by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, Judge, High Court of Sikkim/Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLSA along with Mr. Tempo Bhutia and Mrs. Geeta Gurung as the "Other Person" wherein 12 cases were taken up and 02 cases disposed of.

MONTHLY NATIONAL LOK ADALAT :

As directed by NALSA, National Lok Adalat was observed on 8th August, 2015 at the District level. Cases related to bank matters were taken up. 195 cases were taken up wherein 101 cases were settled, 05 cases unsettled, 86 cases returned and 03 cases pending. Total amount awarded was ₹13,684,017/-.

Statistics of cases disposed of during this National Lok Adalat, are as follows:

(i) Court of District and Sessions Judge, Special Division-II (I/C), East at Gangtok:

No. of cases taken up	: 102
No. of cases disposed of	: 101
Amount Awarded	: ₹70,11,663/-

- (ii) Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate (E/N), East at Gangtok:
 No. of cases taken up : 05
 No. of cases disposed of : 02
 Amount Awarded : ₹1,65,000/-
- (iii) Court of District & Sessions Judge, South at Namchi:
 No. of cases taken up : 27
 No. of cases disposed of : 27
 Amount Awarded : ₹46,42,500/-
- (iv) Court of District & Sessions Judge, West at Gyalshing:
 No. of cases taken up : 37
 No. of cases disposed of : 34
 Amount Awarded : ₹14,41,937/-
- (v) Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, West at Gyalshing:
 No. of cases taken up : 13
 No. of cases disposed of : 06
 Amount Awarded : ₹2,34,775/-
- (vi) Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, North at Mangan:
 No. of cases taken up : 11
 No. of cases disposed of : 11
 Amount Awarded : ₹1,88,142/-

Similarly, National Lok Adalat was observed on 12th September, 2015 in the Court of District & Sessions Judge, West at Gyalshing. Cases related to Criminal Compoundable matters were taken up. 42 cases were taken up wherein 40 cases were settled, 02 cases returned. Total amount awarded was ₹11,400/-.

LOK ADALATS AT THE DISTRICT AND TALUK LEVELS FROM JULY, 2015 TO SEPTEMBER, 2015

DISTRICT LOK ADALAT (EAST) AT GANGTOK

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases settled	No. of cases returned	No. of cases pending
38	19	164	183	146	09	12

DISTRICT LOK ADALAT (NORTH) AT MANGAN

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

DISTRICT LOK ADALAT (SOUTH) AT NAMCHI

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases settled	No. of cases returned	No. of cases pending
07	06	34	40	36	03	01

DISTRICT LOK ADALAT (WEST) AT GYALSHING

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases settled	No. of cases returned	No. of cases pending
08	01	56	57	46	04	07

TALUK LOK ADALAT (NORTH) AT MANGAN

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases settled	No. of cases returned	No. of cases pending
06	03	14	17	15	02	Nil

TALUK LOK ADALAT (SOUTH) AT RAVANGLA

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases settled	No. of cases returned	No. of cases pending
13	05	34	39	36	01	02

TALUK LOK ADALAT (WEST) AT GYALSHING

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases settled	No. of cases returned	No. of cases pending
08	Nil	29	29	23	Nil	06

TALUK LOK ADALAT (WEST) AT SORENG

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases settled	No. of cases returned	No. of cases pending
09	01	53	54	53	Nil	01

LEGAL AID UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES ACT, 1987

Legal aid was provided to 258 beneficiaries by the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority during the months July to September, 2015 under section 12 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

Months	S.C.	S.T.	Women	Child	Under Trial/ detained by custody	General	Disabled	Others	Total
July to Sept., 2015	06	28	99	05	83	32	Nil	05	258

CASES BEFORE THE MEDIATION CENTRES, EAST DISTRICT AT GANGTOK AND SOUTH DISTRICT AT NAMCHI FROM JULY TO SEPTEMBER, 2015

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 Sikkim SLSA Office, Dev. Area, Gangtok	Nil	02	Nil	Nil	02
Mediation Centre (South) at District Court Complex, Namchi, South Sikkim	13	07	03	03	01

MICRO LEGAL LITERACY CAMPS

CONDUCTED BY	DATES	VENUES
Jointly by DLSA/TLSC, East at Gangtok	18.07.2015	Chewribhotay, Duga, East Sikkim.
	31.07.2015	Rongyek School, Rongyek, East Sikkim.
	31.08.2015	Kagyu Monastery, Chandmari, East Sikkim.
	30.09.2015	Modern Secondary School, Gangtok, East Sikkim.



Chewribhotey, Duga, East Sikkim



Modern Sec. School, Gangtok, East Sikkim

CONDUCTED BY	DATES	VENUES
Jointly by DLSA/TLSC, North at Mangan	19.07.2015	Kazor, North Sikkim.
	31.07.2015	Chaday, North Sikkim.
	02.08.2015	Nampatam, North Sikkim.
	05.09.2015	Rang Rang, North Sikkim.



Kazor, North Sikkim



Rang Rang, North Sikkim

CONDUCTED BY	DATES	VENUES
Jointly by DLSA/TLSC, South at Namchi	25.07.2015	Conference Hall, District Administrative Centre, Namchi, South Sikkim
	21.08.2015	Namthang Sr. Sec. School
	25.08.2015	Hingdam, South Sikkim.
	29.09.2015	Turung, South Sikkim.
	30.09.2015	Mamring, South Sikkim.



Conference Hall, DAC, Namchi, South Sikkim



Turung, South Sikkim

CONDUCTED BY	DATES	VENUES
Jointly by DLSA/TLSC, West at Gyalshing	25.07.2015	Singyang & Dokothang, Chumbong, West Sikkim.
	27.08.2015	Timberbong Govt. Sec. School & Sreebadam Govt. Sec. School, West Sikkim.
	18.09.2015	Birdang & Rothak, West Sikkim



Singyang, West Sikkim



Birdang, West Sikkim

MGNREGA CAMPS

CONDUCTED BY	DATES	VENUES
Jointly by DLSA/TLSC, East at Gangtok	18.07.2015	Chewribhotay, Duga, East Sikkim.
	31.07.2015	Govt. School, Rongyek, East Sikkim.
	31.08.2015	Kagyu Monastery, Chandmari, East Sikkim.
	30.09.2015	Modern Secondary School, Gangtok, East Sikkim.



Kagyu Monastery, Chandmari, East Sikkim



Govt. School, Rongyek, East Sikkim

CONDUCTED BY	DATES	VENUES
Jointly by DLSA/TLSC, North at Mangan	19.07.2015	Kazor, North Sikkim.
	31.07.2015	Chaday, North Sikkim.
	02.08.2015	Nampatam, North Sikkim.
	05.09.2015	Rang Rang, North Sikkim



Chaday, North Sikkim



Nampatam, North Sikkim

CONDUCTED BY	DATES	VENUES
Jointly by DLSA/TLSC, South at Namchi	31.07.2015	Lower Tanak Busty, South Sikkim
	25.08.2015	Hingdam, South Sikkim.
	29.09.2015	Turung, South Sikkim.
	30.09.2015	Mamring, South Sikkim.



Lower Tanak Busty, South Sikkim



Turung, South Sikkim

CONDUCTED BY	DATES	VENUES
Jointly by DLSA/TLSC, West at Gyalshing	25.07.2015	Singyang & Dokothang, Chumbong, West Sikkim.
	27.08.2015	Timberbong Govt. Sec. School & Sreebadam Govt. Sec. School, West Sikkim.
	18.09.2015	Birdang & Rothak, West Sikkim



Dokothang, West Sikkim



Rothak, West Sikkim

OTHER LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES:

Organised by	Programme	Date	Venue
DLSA & TLSC, South at Namchi	Anti-Ragging & Drugs Abuse	30.07.2015	Kitam Senior Secondary School, South Sikkim.



Mr. Raj Kumar Chettri, Panel Advocate of Sikkim SLSA apprising students of Kitam Sr. Sec. School, South Sikkim about Anti-Ragging Laws



Glimpses of Training of new PLVs of Gnathang & Kupup, East Sikkim



Holding of interview of Advocates to be empaneled as Legal Aid Counsel of Sikkim SLSA



Glimpses of training for Legal Services Lawyers