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# **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY / WEEK**

## **8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH TO 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

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## VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH HON'BLE EXECUTIVE CHAIRPERSONS & MEMBER SECRETARIES OF STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES

A video conference with the Hon'ble Executive Chairpersons and Member Secretaries of all SLSAs chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjan Gogoi, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, NALSA was held on 09.01.2018 at Conference Hall of Sikkim SLA. The agenda discussed were the adequate utilization of NALSA budget and the need to prepare annual action plan by the SLSAs.

The video conference was attended by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLA and Mr. K.W. Bhutia, Registrar, High Court of Sikkim & Member Secretary, Sikkim SLA.

## LEGAL SERVICES STALLS SET-UP DURING MAGHEY MELA

Legal services stalls were set up during Maghey Mela from 14<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2018 at Singtam in the East District and at Jorethang in the South District respectively. Information about free legal aid, Lok Adalat, Mediation etc. and pamphlets containing various messages about legal services published by Sikkim SLA were disseminated to the public.



*Jorethang, South Sikkim*



*Singtam, East Sikkim*

Panel Advocates Ms. Mukun D. Tamang and Mr. Bhim S. Pradhan along with PLV Ms. Phul Maya Pradhan and staff of Sikkim SLA and DLSA (South) manned the legal services stall at Jorethang, South Sikkim.

For the East District, the legal services stall was manned by PLVs Mrs. Indra Maya Nepal and Ms. Pemkit Lepcha along with staff of Sikkim SLA at Singtam.

## REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

Sikkim State Legal Services Authority celebrated 70<sup>th</sup> Republic Day in the Office premises at Development Area, Gangtok on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. The National flag was hoisted by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLA followed by National Anthem.

The programme was attended by Judicial Officers, Ex-Officio Members of Sikkim SLA, Panel Advocates, Officers and staff of Sikkim SLA.



*Hoisting of the National Flag by  
Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai*

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

Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLISA along with Mr. K.W. Bhutia, Registrar, High Court of Sikkim and Member Secretary, Sikkim SLISA attended the 16<sup>th</sup> All India Meet of State Legal Services Authorities on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 at Guwahati, Assam.

### OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

In accordance with the calendar of activities, the District Legal Services Authorities and Taluk Legal Services Committees under the aegis of Sikkim SLISA observed International Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 and a week thereafter, as Legal Services Week.

The following locations were covered during the occasion:-

1.	East District	08.03.2018	District Courts Complex, Sichey, Gangtok.
2.	West District	08.03.2017	(i) Industrial Training Institute, Gyalshing.
		09.03.2018	(ii) Bongten.
		12.03.2018	(iii) Reshi.
		16.03.2018	(iv) Mangalbaria.
3.	North District	08.03.2018	(i) Kabi.
		09.03.2018	(ii) Little Flower School, Mangan
		11.03.2018	(iii) Phidang, Dzongu.
		12.03.2018	(iv) Rangrang Jr. High/St. Joseph School.
		14.03.2018	(v) Lingdong Secondary School.
4.	South District	08.03.2018	(i) District Courts Complex, Namchi.
		09.03.2018	(ii) Temi Police Station.
		10.03.2018	(iii) Rabongla.
		13.03.2018	(iv) Dambudara.
		14.03.2018	(v) Ralang Secondary School.



*District Courts Complex, Sichey, Gangtok*



*Bongten, West Sikkim*





*St. Joseph School, North Sikkim*



*Teri, South Sikkim*

## **MEETING OF REVIEW COMMITTEE**

A meeting of Review Committee constituted for the purpose of updating the book “Lessons in Law” for Classes IX & XI chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim was held on February 24, 2018 in the Conference Hall of Sikkim SLISA, Gangtok, East Sikkim.

The Committee incorporated various amendments to the existing chapter on Sikkim Anti Drugs Act, 2006 in view of its latest amendments and suggested incorporation of the same in the next publication of “Lessons in Law”.

## **VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH THE CHAIRPERSONS OF DLSAs & EX-OFFICIO CHAIRPERSONS OF TLSCs**

A video-conference with the Chairpersons of DLSAs and Ex-Officio Chairpersons of TLSCs chaired by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, Sikkim SLISA & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLISA was held on March 27, 2018 in the Conference Hall of Sikkim SLISA, Gangtok. NALSA's Legal Services Camp Module and other activities of DLSAs and TLSCs were discussed in the video conference.

## **TRAINING AND SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME FOR THE PANEL ADVOCATES BELOW 8 YEARS OF PRACTICE**



*Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai  
apprising the participants*

Training and Sensitization Programme for the Panel Advocates below 8 years of practice was organized by Sikkim SLISA on March 31, 2018 in the Auditorium of the High Court of Sikkim, Gangtok.

The Resource Persons for the said programme were Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLISA who apprised the participants on Cross-Examination, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhakar Raj Pradhan, Judge, High Court



of Sikkim who spoke on Remand/Bail and Mr. Tashi Raptan Barfungpa, Panel Advocate on Juvenile Justice.

A presentation on NALSA's new web-portal was also presented by Mr. Sisir Chettri, System Assistant, Sikkim SLSA.

57 Panel Advocates underwent the training programme.



*Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan  
apprising the participants*



*Mr. Tashi Raptan Barfungpa, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA  
imparting the training*



## **LEGAL SERVICES CAMP ORGANIZED AS PER NALSA's NEWLY DESIGNED LEGAL SERVICES MODULE**

In accordance with the newly approved NALSA module, Legal Services Camps were conducted in all the four districts of the State during the quarter January to March, 2018. All the DLSAs in coordination with the TLSCs formed teams in their respective districts consisting of Panel Advocates, PLVs, NGOs, Officers of concerned Government Departments and other volunteers.

Legal Services Camps were conducted as per the new module on the following themes and on the following dates:

<b>District</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Theme Adopted</b>
East	03.01.2018	Community Hall, Pakyong	NALSA (Legal Services to the Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016
	25.02.2018	Village Administrative Centre, Duga	NALSA (Legal Services to the Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016
	10.03.2018	Ralap Senior Secondary School, Khamdong	NALSA (Effective Implementation of Poverty Alleviation) Scheme, 2015
North	25.01.2018	Village Administrative Centre, Mangshila	NALSA (Protection and Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme, 2015 and Rights of Senior Citizens and Women

	24.02.2018	Panchayat Bhawan, Mangan	NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse and Eradication of Drug Menace) 2015
	23.03.2018	Panchayat Ghar, Chungthang	NALSA (Legal Services to the Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016
South	25.01.2018	Gram Vikas Kendra, Nandu Gaon, Namchi	Victims of Trafficking, Labour, Prisoners, Road Safety and Disasters, Welfare Legislations and Schemes identifying and connecting people to Welfare Scheme
	24.02.2018	Govt. Sec. School, Kitam.	Rights of women, children, senior citizens and the disabled and Right to Health.
	10.03.2018	Rabongla Lall Market	Childline & HIV-AIDS, Mission Jyoti Flame of Fearlessness (Police Deptt.), MGNREGA and Legal Aid Clinics.
West	25.01.2018	Dentam Bazaar	NALSA (Effective Implementation of Poverty Alleviation) Scheme, 2015, NALSA (Protection and Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme, 2015 and Rights of Senior Citizens and Women.
	24.02.2018	Soreng Bazaar	NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015, NALSA (Effective Implementation of Poverty Alleviation) Scheme, 2015 and NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse & Drug Menace) Scheme, 2015.
	28.03.2018	Yuksom	NALSA (Victims of Trafficking & Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015, NALSA (Effective Implementation of Poverty Alleviation) Scheme, 2015, NALSA (Legal Services to the Unorganized Sector) Scheme, 2015 and NALSA (Protection & Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme, 2015.



A total of 3,486 (East: 790, North: 445, South: 826 and West: 1425) people attended these camps while 2,414 (East: 790, North: 445, South: 826 and West 353) were the beneficiaries. Free Health Camps were also conducted during the said camps.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES:

### HIGH COURT LOK ADALAT:

Sl. No.	Date	Presided over by	Cases taken up	Cases Disposed of
1.	17.02.2018	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Mr. D.K. Gazmer and Mr. Wangyal T. Bhutia as "Other Persons"	06	03
2.	03.03.2018	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Mr. K.K. Rasaily and Mrs. Yangchen Ladingpa as "Other Persons"	03	01
3.	10.03.2018	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Mrs. Basanti Rai and Mr. Wangyal T. Bhutia as "Other Persons"	01	Nil
4.	31.03.2018	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Mr. D.K. Gazmer and Mr. Wangyal T. Bhutia as "Other Persons"	08	01



*High Court Lok Adalat in progress*

## **NATIONAL LOK ADALAT :**

### **February, 2018:**

National Lok Adalat was held on February 10, 2018. 82 cases were taken up wherein 32 cases were settled. Total amount awarded was ₹17,48,500/- only.

Details of cases taken up and disposed during the National Lok Adalat on 10.02.2018, are as follows:

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

No. of cases taken up	:	50
No. of cases settled	:	16
Amount Awarded	:	₹14,71,000/-

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

No. of cases taken up	:	04
No. of cases settled	:	02
Amount Awarded	:	Nil

(iii) Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, East at Gangtok (I/C):

No. of cases taken up	:	08
No. of cases settled	:	03
Amount Awarded	:	Nil

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

No. of cases taken up	:	13
No. of cases settled	:	07
Amount Awarded	:	₹2,10,900/-

(v) Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, West at Gyalshing:

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

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

No. of cases taken up	:	04
No. of cases settled	:	02
Amount Awarded	:	₹65,200/-



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

No. of cases taken up : 03  
 No. of cases settled : 02  
 Amount Awarded : ₹1,400/-

## **REGULAR LOK ADALATS AT THE DISTRICT AND TALUK LEVELS FROM JANUARY TO MARCH, 2018**

### **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
06	23	165	188	138	17	33

### **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
05	30	82	112	41	NIL	71

### **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
04	11	17	28	03	05	20

### **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
07	24	16	40	29	02	09

### **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
14	19	09	28	20	NIL	08

**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
05	03	10	13	05	NIL	08

**LEGAL AID**

Legal aid was provided to 278 beneficiaries by the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority during the quarter January to March, 2018.

Categories of beneficiaries are as under:

Month	S.C.	S.T.	Women	Child	Under Trial/ detained by custody	General	Disabled	Others	Total
Jan. - March, 2018	08	55	98	07	68	32	Nil	10	278

**CASES BEFORE THE MEDIATION CENTRES, EAST DISTRICT AT GANGTOK,  
SOUTH DISTRICT AT NAMCHI, WEST DISTRICT AT GYALSHING AND NORTH  
DISTRICT AT MANGAN FROM JANUARY TO MARCH, 2018**

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	26	13	03	07	03
Mediation Centre (South) at District Court Complex, Namchi, South Sikkim	70	29	09	08	12
Mediation Centre (West) at Civil Court Complex, Gyalshing, West Sikkim	13	17	06	10	01



## MICRO LEGAL LITERACY CAMPS

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	VENUE
DLSA & TLSC, East at Gangtok	24.02.2018	Govt. Secondary School, Penlong.
	25.02.2018	Village Administrative Centre, Duga.
	10.03.2018	Ralep Secondary School, Khamdong.
	15.03.2018	District Consumer Redressal Forum, Sichey.



*District Consumer Redressal Forum,  
Sichey, East Sikkim*



*Ralep Secondary School,  
Khamdong, East Sikkim*

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	VENUE
DLSA, North at Mangan & TLSC, North at Mangan & Chungthang Sub-Division.	05.01.2018	Rabi.
	06.01.2018	North Sikkim Academy, Mangan.
	21.02.2018	Passingdong.
	22.02.2018	Pakshep.
	24.02.2018	Govt. Secondary School, Phensong.
	25.02.2018	Paney.
	08.03.2018	Kabi.
	11.03.2018	Phidang, Dzongu.
	12.03.2018	St. Joseph School.
	19.03.2018	Govt. Secondary School, Singhik.



*North Sikkim Academy, Mangan,  
North Sikkim*



*St. Joseph School,  
North Sikkim*

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	VENUE
DLSA & TLSC, South at Namchi	27.02.2018	Salghari.
	28.02.2018	Borong.
	09.03.2018	Temi.
	14.03.2018	Govt. Secondary School, Ratang.



*Borong, South Sikkim*



*Temi, South Sikkim*

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	VENUE
DLSA, West at Gyalshing & TLSC, West at Gyalshing & Soreng Sub-Division.	22.02.2018	Aarigaon.
	26.02.2018	Chingzong & Dodak.
	12.03.2018	Reshi.
	09.03.2018	Bongten.
	16.03.2018	Mangalbaria.



*Mangalbaria, West Sikkim*



*Reshi, West Sikkim*



## MGNREGA CAMPS

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	VENUE
DLSA & TLSC, East at Gangtok	24.02.2018	Govt. Secondary School, Penlong.
	25.02.2018	Village Administrative Centre, Duga.
	10.03.2018	Ralep Secondary School, Khamdong.
	15.03.2018	District Consumer Redressal Forum, Sichey.



*Govt. Secondary School, Penlong, East Sikkim*

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	VENUE
DLSA, North at Mangan & TLSC, North at Mangan & Chungthang Sub-Division.	03.01.2018	Malam.
	23.02.2018	Malling & Rel-Naga.
	25.02.2018	Paney.
	27.02.2018	Lower Lingchom.
	22.03.2018	Lower Kazor.
	25.03.2018	Mangan.
	27.03.2018	Ramthang.
	31.03.2018	Rabi-Chongthang.



*Lower Kazor, North Sikkim*



*Mangan, North Sikkim*

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	VENUE
DLSA & TLSC, South at Namchi	27.02.2018	Salghari.
	28.02.2018	Borong.
	09.03.2018	Temi.
	14.03.2018	Govt. Secondary School, Ralang.



*Salghari, South Sikkim*



*Ralang, South Sikkim*

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	VENUE
DLSA, West at Gyalshing & TLSC, West at Gyalshing & Soreng Sub-Division.	22.02.2018	Aarigaon.
	26.02.2018	Chingzong & Dodak.
	09.03.2018	Bongten.
	12.03.2018	Reshi.
	16.03.2018	Mangalbaria.



*Mangalbaria, West Sikkim*



*Reshi, West Sikkim*