





# NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY NEWSLETTER

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# **REGIONAL CONFERENCES**

The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) convened a series of four Regional Conferences spread zone-wise across India as a crucial step in ensuring equal access to justice for all. The Conference's central theme, "Enhancing Access to Justice," emphasized NALSA's dedication to make legal aid effective and accessible for all facets of society.

Date of A	Zone	Venue
21st January 2023	North Zone	Varanasi(Uttar Pradesh)
4 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	West Zone	Udaipur (Rajasthan)
18 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	East Zone	Shillong (Meghalaya)
8 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	South Zone	Mysore (Karnataka)

The Regional Conferences were inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Judge Supreme Court of India and the Executive Chairperson of the National Legal Services Authority, along with Hon'ble Mr Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Judge Supreme Court of India and a member of the Advisory- cum- Consultative Panel for the National Legal Services Authority, with other distinguished dignitaries and representatives from the States/UTs.

These Regional Conferences marked a collective effort to foster dialogue and cooperation among legal luminaries, policymakers, and stakeholders. The central discussions revolved around five pivotal agendas: 1. Evolving Legal Aid Services within the Judicial Framework: From pre-arrest to postconviction, discussions highlighted bail, rehabilitation, witness protection and victim compensation. The focal points were also the Legal Aid Defence Counsel System and panel lawyer strengthening. 2. Fostering Alternative Dispute Resolution and the Essence of Lok Adalats: The second agenda delved into alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. With Lok Adalats at its core, this agenda delved into strategies to expedite justice delivery while upholding fairness and legality. 3. Seamless Integration of Digital Technology for Enhanced Justice Access: The third focal point was NALSA's tech initiatives, like Legal Aid Case Management System, Legal Service Management System and mobile applications by both NALSA and State Legal Services Authorities (SLSAs), including E-prisons, showcasing the potential of tech-driven legal processes. 4. Amplifying NALSA Schemes, Legal Awareness, and Outreach: The fourth agenda underscored the indispensable role of legal awareness. By spreading knowledge and advocating NALSA's schemes, a wider array of citizens can tap into the legal support they deserve. 5. Discovering Challenges and Exchanging Best Practices: The final plank of discussion was dedicated to recognizing hurdles and exchanging success stories among participating State Legal Services Authorities. The collaborative approach propelled an atmosphere of shared learning and growth.

These Regional Conferences echoed innovative solutions, and comprehensive plans, demonstrating NALSA's unwavering commitment to an open and equitable legal landscape.

#### NORTH ZONE REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Hon'ble Mr Justice Rajesh Bindal, Chief Justice, High Court of Judicature at Allahabad and Patron-in-Chief, UPSLSA, along with Hon'ble Mr Justice Pritinker Diwaker, Judge, High Court of Judicature at Allahabad & Executive Chairperson, UPSLSA, and Hon'ble Mr Justice Manoj Misra, Judge High Court of Judicature at Allahabad & Chairperson, HCLSC extended a warm welcome to legal experts and dignitaries in Varanasi, UP. During this event, an insightful report titled "Inside Punjab Prisons: Study on the Conditions of Prisons in Punjab," created by the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) in collaboration with Punjab State Legal Services Authority (SLSA), was unveiled by the Hon'ble Mr Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Judge of the Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairperson, NALSA in the presence of other dignitaries.

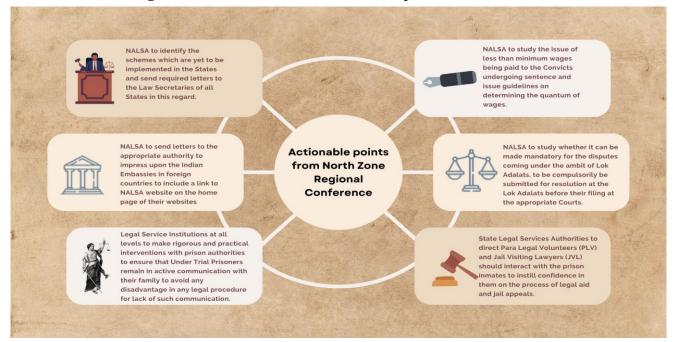


Release of the Report titled 'Inside Punjab Prisons'



"Every region of our Country possesses its unique peculiarities, similarities and problems, which require thoughtful discussions and productive exchanges at the Regional Level to overcome the challenges and to ensure the success of a National Conference." Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay KishanKaul

Distinguished participants, including Hon'ble Executive Chairpersons from various State Legal Services Authorities (SLSAs), Hon'ble Chairpersons of High Court Legal Services Committees (HCLSCs), and Member Secretaries from SLSAs of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, and Delhi, contributed valuable insights. Their inputs paved the way for fruitful discussions and deliberations, leading to the identification of the actionable points:



#### WEST ZONE REGIONAL CONFERENCE

On March 4th, 2023, the West Zone Regional Conference on 'Enhancing Access to Justice' was convened at Udaipur, Rajasthan. The event witnessed the presence of esteemed judicial luminaries, including Hon'ble Mr Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Judge of the Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman of NALSA. Accompanying him were Hon'ble Mr Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Judge, Supreme Court and Member of NALSA's Advisory-cum-Consultative Panel, Hon'ble Justice Manindra Mr Mohan Chief Shrivastava, Acting Justice Rajasthan High Court & Executive Chairman of Rajasthan SLSA, among other esteemed dignitaries.

The formal welcome was extended by Hon'ble Mr Justice Manindra Mohan Shrivastava, Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court & Executive Chairman of Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority, and Hon'ble Mr Justice Vijay Bishnoi, Judge of Rajasthan High Court & Chairman of High Court Legal Services Committee, Jodhpur, Rajasthan.



"The concept of access to justice is based on the Constitutional legal framework and the basic tenet of law which stands since the time of Magna Carta that justice shall not be refused or delayed, and this is the very base of the legal services authorities" - Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, NALSA

The event was graced by the participation of distinguished figures, including Hon'ble Executive Chairpersons from various State Legal Services Authorities (SLSAs), Hon'ble Chairpersons of High Court Legal Services Committees (HCLSCs), and Member Secretaries from Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, and Rajasthan. This conference was a pivotal platform for fostering dialogue and cooperation in advancing the accessibility of justice across the West Zone. Their valuable contributions enriched deliberations, resulting in the identification of the following actionable points:



#### EAST ZONE REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Hon'ble Mr Justice Sanjib Banerjee, Chief Justice of the High Court of Meghalaya & Patron-in-Chief of Meghalaya SLSA, and Hon'ble Mr Justice Hamarsan Singh Thangkhiew, Judge of the High Court of Meghalaya & Executive Chairman of Meghalaya SLSA, extended a gracious welcome to esteemed dignitaries-Hon'ble Mr Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Judge of the Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman of NALSA, Hon'ble Mr Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Judge of the Supreme Court of India & Member of NALSA's Advisory-cum-Consultative Panel and other dignitaries who joined from East-Zone Regional States to Shillong, Meghalaya.

The event's technical session provided a platform for insightful discussions and thoughtful deliberations led by dignitaries- Hon'ble Executive Chairpersons from various State Legal Services Authorities (SLSAs), Hon'ble Chairpersons of High Court Legal Services Committees (HCLSCs), and Member Secretaries of SLSAs from Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, West Bengal, and Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The actionable points delved for are as under









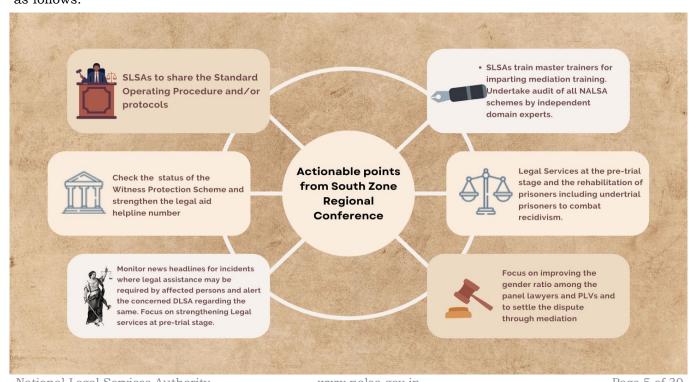
#### SOUTH ZONE REGIONAL CONFERENCE

On April 8th, 2023, the South Zone Regional Conference on 'Enhancing Access to Justice' was organized at Mysore, Karnataka. The auspicious inauguration witnessed the esteemed presence of Hon'ble Mr Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Judge of the Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA). Alongside, Hon'ble Mr Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Supreme Court Judge and Member of NALSA's Advisory-cum-Consultative Panel, and Hon'ble Mr Justice Prasanna B. Varale, Chief Justice of the High Court of Karnataka, and Patron-in-Chief of Karnataka State Legal Services Authority, adorned the event with their presence, other dignitaries accompanied by participants. Hon'ble Mr Justice B. Veerappa, Judge of the High Court of Karnataka & Executive Chairman of Karnataka SLSA, delivered the welcome address.

distinguished The gathering included comprising participants, Hon'ble Executive Chairpersons from various State Legal Services Authorities (SLSAs), Hon'ble Chairpersons of High Court Legal Services Committees (HCLSCs), and Member Secretaries of SLSAs from the South Zone, including Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Odisha, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana. A day-long conference ensued, filled with insightful discussions and meaningful deliberations, culminating o in actionable points for future progress, which are as follows:







#### NATIONAL LOK ADALATS

The first of four National Lok Adalats scheduled for 2023 was held on 11.02.2023 in 36 States and UTs, with the exception of Himachal Pradesh, which was held on 11.03.2023.

The inaugural National Lok Adalat was a resounding success, resolving 2,06,62,131 cases out of 3,87,03,984 cases. The total settlement sum in these cases is approximately Rs. 15,424.44 crores.



	Pre	-Litigatio	n Cases	Pending Cases			Total		
Categories	Taken up	Disposed of	Settlement Amount (Rs.)	Taken up	Dispose d of	Settlement Amount (Rs.)	Taken up	Disposed of	Settlement Amount (Rs.)
Criminal compoundable Offence cases	8,487,902	921,752	582,881,974	1,844,134	978,015	989,452,349	10,332,036	1,899,767	1,572,334,323
NI Act cases u/s 138	20,337	12,506	92,121,466	644,529	131,324	36,919,499,603	664,866	143,830	37,011,621,069
Bank Recovery Cases	4,159,742	331,368	16,059,861,263	85,050	12,773	5,034,774,557	4,244,792	344,141	21,094,635,820
MACT Cases	224	74	79,098,026	154,458	46,744	27,961,665,403	154,682	46,818	28,040,763,429
Labour dispute cases	184,160	151,560	243,525,255	13,936	4,109	442,735,483	198,096	155,669	686,260,738
Electricity Bills (excluding non-compoundable)	1,326,451	648,121	1,253,252,456	90,630	51,207	438,038,816	1,417,081	699,328	1,691,291,272
Water Bills (excluding non- compoundable )	1,103,407	641,286	1,407,830,707	77	3	576,457	1,103,484	641,289	1,408,407,164
Matrimonial disputes	3,124	1,290	2,176,992	126,316	30,035	424,215,640	129,440	31,325	426,392,632
Land Acquisition Cases	1,705	1,580	784,026,187	13,536	1,693	1,111,030,153	15,241	3,273	1,895,056,340
Service matters relating to pay and allowances and retiral benefits	17,794	6,436	958,608,010	2,507	613	1,436,000	20,301	7,049	960,044,010
Revenue Cases	4,422,090	3,897,079	564,383,962	275,410	210,367	56,455,328	4,697,500	4,107,446	620,839,290
Other Civil Cases	406,344	231,354	411,328,047	388,493	79,173	21,911,531,684	794,837	310,527	22,322,859,731
Other Cases	12,580,565	10,760,271	5,046,298,935	2,351,063	1,511,398	31,467,637,938	14,931,628	12,271,669	36,513,936,873
Grand Total	32,713,845	17,604,677	27,485,393,280	5,990,139	3,057,454	126,759,049,411	38,703,984	20,662,131	154,244,442,691

Category-wise Case Disposal

## NATIONAL LOK ADALAT

	Pre	e-litigation (	Cases		Pending Ca	ses		Total		
Authority Name	Taken Up	Disposed Of	Settlement Amount (Rs.)	Taken Up	Disposed Of	Settlement Amount (Rs.)	Taken Up	Disposed Of	Settlement Amount (Rs.)	
Andaman And Nicobar	390	63	10723500	520	203	206800	910	266	10930300	
Andhra Pradesh	65445	31050	126551805	306447	244904	2418740095	371892	275954	2545291900	
Arunachal Pradesh	565	85	3693638	336	85	6736000	901	170	10429638	
Assam	161724	16597	233462728	47609	20928	689030318	209333	37525	922493046	
Bihar	583196	68678	2265946493	80900	23035	582372028	664096	91713	2848318521	
Chandigarh	6448	28	2665980	10511	8439	1063650004	16959	8467	1066315984	
Chhattisgarh	384416	272545	501489158	57927	39062	1148991538	442343	311607	1650480696	
Dadra And Nagar Haveli	1568	144	6451032	332	42	9755549	1900	186	16206581	
Daman And Diu	20619	10303	50306684	177	23	4329586	20796	10326	54636270	
Delhi	25053	590	68674449	173180	151810	30022081403	198233	152400	30090755852	
Goa	2007	41	3012940	3643	693	21547676	5650	734	24560616	
Gujarat	527535	201361	615122524	315921	184590	12634984392	843456	385951	13250106916	
Haryana	81462	67076	130530287	196516	120019	1718353041	277978	187095	1848883328	
Himachal Pradesh	14099	6582	48920614	71517	31692	592305360	85616	38274	641225974	
Jammu And Kashmir	62218	55557	97438515	32431	26960	347255309	94649	82517	444693824	
Jharkhand	437664	398070	3099760718	78857	63219	1001714824	516521	461289	4101475542	
Karnataka	6945145	6226437	3395045027	324619	187171	10645258925	7269764	6413608	14040303952	
Kerala	37713	8278	901421074	21796	6155	1571835565	59509	14433	2473256639	
Ladakh	9	6	869000	309	290	2555648	318	296	3424648	
Lakshadweep	41	20	13000	26	3	0	67	23	13000	
Madhya Pradesh	598159	91746	992948568	237029	34156	3230937160	835188	125902	4223885728	
Maharashtra	10276813	1165100	3306495860	599852	147488	23067302743	10876665	1312588	26373798603	
Manipur	366	317	23026030	64	21	9320000	430	338	32346030	
Meghalaya	562	67	2097909	503	35	3162579	1065	102	5260488	
Mizoram	912	315	34422601	70	25	7503000	982	340	41925601	
Nagaland	175	121	20904434	62	47	33093000	237	168	53997434	
Odisha	104261	4136	130299529	213990	161618	1645967429	318251	165754	1776266958	
Puducherry	1069	71	6726302	3697	1542	106737518	4766	1613	113463820	
Punjab	137825	59016	737799955	101290	75727	6715730952	239115	134743	7453530907	
Rajasthan	3217698	2830335	1701793862		217254	7759935619	3722839	3047589	9461729481	
Sikkim Tamil Nadu	41 45351	12 22076	544000 1056838423	32 142746	11 80191	4312600 8725081008	73 188097	23 102267	4856600 9781919431	
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Telangana Tripura	12984	9635 340	286277913 6913727	323314	323021 547	1484277303 8578300	336298 6664	332656 887	1770555216 15492027	
Tripura Uttarakhand	3949 20236	12907	290221320	2715 9088	7706	1157511112	29324	20613	15492027	
Uttar Pradesh	8855977		6961304987		676931	4529221811	10723438	6709744	11490526798	
West Bengal	80150	12159	364678694	259511	221811	3788673216	339661	233970	4153351910	
Grand Total	32713845	17604677	27485393280	5990139	3057454	126759049411	38703984	20662131	154244442691	

National Lok Adalat (11.02.2023) Case Disposal

## PERMANENT LOK ADALATS

SLSAs	PLAs Function ing	No. of Sittings	Cases pending as on the beginning of the year	Cases received	Cases settled	Settlement Amount Rs.
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	13	378	1342	186	223	3351123
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assam	15	64	118	30	26	260019
Bihar	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chhattisgarh	5	428	527	1064	801	2637203
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delhi	3	256	576	7355	7354	225151168
Goa	1	0	सब की	0	0	0
Gujarat	1	0,31	6	0	0	0
Haryana	21	1190	22497	0	26734	205257918
Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jharkhand	24	2037	23895	9649	11465	348767285
Karnataka	6	184	10850	2372	1795	278962355
Kerala	3	60	23608	107	554	29274542
Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	50	404	203	163	163	1170431
Maharashtra	4	337	., 1495	134	183	21998363
Manipur	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Odisha	22	367	2940	500	709	0
Puducherry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Punjab	22	1524	8663	5128	4206	204773476
Rajasthan	35	1527	10161	1693	1683	153015397
Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tamil Nadu	32	399	340	155	157	5953445
Telengana	6	42	13534	3700	1508	53252451
Tripura	8	19	82	79	36	292277
Chandigarh	1	77	826	3169	3718	6981049
Uttar Pradesh	71	1180	15535	1199	557	18786148
Uttarakhand	4	202	603	157	106	18232044
West Bengal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ladakh	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	347	10675	137801	36840	61978	1578116694

Permanent Lok Adalats Disposal

#### STATE LOK ADALATS

The State Legal Services Institutions hold State Lok Adalats on a weekly, biweekly, monthly, or quarterly basis, depending on the need for case disposition.

	Benches	Pr	e-Litigation (	Cases	Pend	ling Cases in	Courts		Total	
Name of the State Authority	Constitut ed	Taken up	Disposed of	Settlement Amount (Rs.)	Taken up	Disposed of	Settlement Amount (Rs.)	Taken up	Disposed of	Settlement Amount (Rs.)
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	233	13	13	7011000	3643	390	78849551	3656	403	85860551
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bihar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chhattisgarh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delhi	51	9689	6043	221375039	1217	670	224694066	10906	6713	446069105
Goa	18	48	1	39159	2129	409	25536672	2177	410	25575831
Gujarat	202	9423	470	326000	1106	625	42623217	10529	1095	42949217
Haryana	22	0	0	0	1475	190	198384000	1475	190	198384000
Himachal Pradesh	19	0	0	0	1467	497	827600	1467	497	827600
Jammu & Kashmir	26	20	8	30000	1005	295	69406500	1025	303	69436500
Jharkhand	543	3518	1841	41100977	3744	2674	65601128	7262	4515	106702105
Karnataka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kerala	140	9383	931	65944617	864	179	18149000	10247	1110	84093617
Lakshadweep	1	6	2	0	11	0	0	17	2	0
Madhya Pradesh	497	3859	1695	14711983	3903	1049	122762141	7762	2744	137474124
Maharashtra	24	27	8	0	3165	239	30055294	3192	247	30055294
Manipur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mizoram	9	220	114	31408552	2	2	0	222	116	31408552
Nagaland	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Odisha	2	0	0	0 (	135184	112231	252490510	135184	112231	252490510
Puducherry	8	2721	182	28434321	0051	0	0	2721	182	28434321
Punjab	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rajasthan	339	410	42	0	11258	232	3665750	11668	274	3665750
Sikkim	52	257	197	1120000	116	60	3402939	373	257	4522939
Tamil Nadu	419	46361	3892	364197879	8336	2899	1655687342	54697	6791	2019885221
Telangana	840	5029	2722	123503646	14386	14083	806900428	19415	16805	930404074
Tripura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chandigarh	3	3304	376	0	770	0	0	4074	376	0
Uttar Pradesh	13	671371	27782	1455702564	331080	112581	852531766	1002451	140363	2308234330
Uttarakhand	39	0	0	0	14524	5997	8085908	14524	5997	8085908
West Bengal	14	1843	431	21767623	389	316	112429018	2232	747	134196641
Ladakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	3514	767502	46750	2376673360	539774	255618	4572082830	1307276	302368	6948756190

State Lok Adalats Disposal

The graph illustrates 3,02,368 cases heard in 3,514 benches around the country, with disposal of 46,750 pending cases and 2,55,618 pre-litigation matters.

During these Adalats, a total of Rs. 694,87,56,190 was the settlement amount.



DLSA Kannur, Kerala organised a **"Special Adalat for Tribals and farm Labourers of Aralam Farm"** in the month of February. Adalat was conducted on the premises of Tribunal Resources Development and Management. Secretary, DLSA headed the Special Adalat. About 120 cases were considered in the said Special Adalat.





#### **MEDIATION**

SLSA	ADR Centres	ADR Centre function al	Existing Mediation Centres other than ADR Centres	Judicial Officers Mediators	Lawyers Mediator s	Any other Mediators	Judicial Officers Mediators Deployed	Lawyers Mediator s Deploye d	Any other Mediator s Deploye d	Cases settled through mediation
Andaman &	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Nicobar Islands Andhra Pradesh	0	0	13	75	119	48	0	46	0	150
Arunachal		_								
Pradesh	21	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assam	13	5	22	16	250	0	3	44	0	152
Bihar	37	37	1	96	268	0	96	268	0	437
Chhattisgarh	6	0	33	92	157	0	38	39	0	235
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	1	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	3
Daman & Diu	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Delhi	0	0	6	0	38	0	0	33	0	230
Goa	2	2	13	38	59	7	8	1	0	3
Gujarat	12	12	14	2400	594	2	21	594	2	561
Haryana	19	19	36	226	326	0	8	226	0	879
Himachal Pradesh	11	7	5	108	204	0	0	79	0	159
Jammu & Kashmir	16	14	8	7	144	0	7	144	0	44
Jharkhand	24	24	0	166	282	134	0	140	78	3216
Karnataka	18	18	11	0	1738	0	0	673	0	3113
Kerala	7	7	69	0	721	20	0	721	20	5098
Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	44	44	142	1435	329	112	512	105	9	6138
Maharashtra	37	37	0	1644	298	2632	1052	157	1203	6367
Manipur	6	6	1	41	37	0	0	1	0	41
Meghalaya	1 2	0	0	12	6	9	0	0	0	0
Mizoram	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nagaland Odisha	16	16	15	0	158	0	0	158	0	46
Puducherry	2	2	2	0	45	0	0	8	0	3
Punjab	17	17	5	210	152	13	210	152	13	1140
Rajasthan	31	31	144	86	238	1	86	238	1	142
Sikkim	4	4	4	5	42	5	0	67	0	16
Tamil Nadu	33	32	11	398	1242	0	25	788	0	876
Telengana	4	4	7	88	157	0	0	94	0	214
Tripura	2	2	6	70	46	0	0	21	0	1
Chandigarh	1	1	0	3	59	0	0	47	0	197
Uttar Pradesh	71	46	0	297	539	0	297	539	0	2624
Uttarakhand	4	4	18	8	90	0	0	0	0	28
West Bengal	19	19	1	70	236	10	0	96	0	232
Ladakh	1	1	1	1	3	0	1	3	0	0
Grand Total	483	415	595	5221	8578	2993	2368	5483	1326	32355

## **LEGAL SERVICES AT**

## PRE-ARREST, ARREST AND REMAND STAGE\*

SLSAs	Suspects provided legal assistance at pre- arrest stage at police station	Suspects not arrested by police	Arrestees provided legal assistance at the police station before producing them before courts	Provided legal assistance at remand stage	Bail applications filed at remand stage	Cases in which bail granted
Andhra Pradesh	6	7	7	339	605	559
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	243	40	37
Assam	0	0	2	1540	945	540
Bihar	92	60	183	15967	1108	1069
Chhattisgarh	354	13	232	1066	322	79
Goa	0	0	0	36	14	18
Gujarat	8	0	83	394	290	265
Haryana	28	०य स	न <u>भ</u> भू122	1965	199	180
Himachal Pradesh	401	174	202	721	133	111
Jammu & Kashmir	68	5	40	200	56	32
Jharkhand	562	153	499	2573	56	80
Karnataka	213	63	224	426	211	117
Kerala	659	39	942	1178	833	566
Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0	83	31	44
Maharashtra	16	13/	4	580	278	252
Manipur	1	0	8	129	32	21
Meghalaya	0	12	5	87	98	44
Mizoram	0	0	0	0	39	29
Nagaland	0	0 31	15110-9	7	1	1
Odisha	336	99	202	818	818	86
Punjab	2	1	70	1107	300	251
Rajasthan	7	1	8	289	152	116
Sikkim	0	0	0	29	6	6
Telangana	28	5	17	354	232	165
Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	652	532	324
Tripura	0	0	0	118	116	35
Uttar Pradesh	361	88	297	435	334	84
Uttarakhand	2104	1047	1119	519	134	75
West Bengal	846	315	1667	4912	4493	1414
A & N Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chandigarh	8	6	2	52	4	5
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	57	55
Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delhi	113	2	215	5782	1978	1044
Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ladakh	0	0	0	4	1	1
Puducherry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6213	2103	6159	42605	14448	7705

<sup>\*</sup>The aforesaid data is of the Quarter- January to March, 2023 as it is collected quarterly from SLSAs

#### LEGAL SERVICE CLINICS IN JAILS

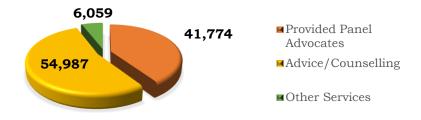
State/UTs	Jail Legal Services Clinics	Persons Visited	Persons provided Legal Assistance
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	83	136	136
Arunachal Pradesh	5	122	122
Assam	32	1652	1235
Bihar	59	12533	11071
Chhattisgarh	34	6272	3757
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	0	0
Daman & Diu	1	0	0
Delhi	18	36173	36173
Goa	1	0	0
Gujarat	51	2457	1646
Haryana	21 मुद्र हो	10669	9700
Himachal Pradesh	12	1284	1284
Jammu & Kashmir	10	157	152
Jharkhand	29	5568	5015
Karnataka	55	4943	4661
Kerala	54	2678	1236
Lakshadweep	- 0	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	124	2979	1014
Maharashtra	40	2275	1879
Manipur	2	123	123
Meghalaya	5 JUSTIC	84	0
Mizoram	7	297	275
Nagaland	11	79	50
Odisha	87	5380	1863
Puducherry	4	221	38
Punjab	27	4825	4431
Rajasthan	100	566	566
Sikkim	2	0	0
Tamil Nadu	125	10470	1907
Telengana	35	1316	945
Tripura	12	34	21
Chandigarh	1	340	340
Uttar Pradesh	72	2015	255
Uttarakhand	12	1107	1067
West Bengal	49	11654	5465
Ladakh	0	0	0
Total	1181	128409	96427

1,28,409 people have visited in 1,181 Jail Legal Services Clinics and 96,427 have been aided.

## LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO PRISONERS

SLSAs	Provided Panel Advocates	Advice / Counselling	Other Services	Total
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	16	0	0	16
Andhra Pradesh	449	41	0	490
Arunachal Pradesh	222	213	0	435
Assam	2288	1266	507	4061
Bihar	2153	10882	1536	14571
Chhattisgarh	1177	2687	41	3905
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	3	0	0	3
Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0
Delhi	9019	0	0	9019
Goa	76	0	0	76
Gujarat	1457	933	19	2409
Haryana	2648	9700	68	12416
Himachal Pradesh	126	125	3	254
Jammu & Kashmir	186	63	7	256
Jharkhand	2191	1649	304	4144
Karnataka	605	2108	2	2715
Kerala	892	104	19	1015
Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	1968	15426	853	18247
Maharashtra	2553	1302	0	3855
Manipur	30	JUS 66	0	96
Meghalaya	273	0	0	273
Mizoram	60	11	0	71
Nagaland	109	67	38	214
Odisha	249	767	46	1062
Puducherry	29	0	0	29
Punjab	4043	3698	1	7742
Rajasthan	1076	108	1	1185
Sikkim	105	0	0	105
Tamil Nadu	1598	476	602	2676
Telangana	456	535	766	1757
Tripura	64	0	0	64
Chandigarh	170	0	10	180
Uttar Pradesh	326	736	1018	2080
Uttarakhand	852	915	192	1959
West Bengal	4305	1109	26	5440
Ladakh	0	0	0	0
Total	41774	54987	6059	102820

Out of **102,820** people, **54,987** people were given Advice / Counselling, **41,774** were provided Panel Advocates and 6059 were provided with other services



#### LEGAL SERVICES TO UTPs & CONVICTS\*

SLSAs	UTPs represented before the courts	Convicts whose appeals filed in the Sessions Courts	Convicts whose papers/ applications sent to High Court by DLSAs for filing appeals
Andhra Pradesh	536	33	5
Arunachal Pradesh	301	2	8
Assam	1479	18	26
Bihar	1541	7	12
Chhattisgarh	1188	30	230
Goa	82	157	0
Gujarat	2033	<b>亞</b> 64	28
Haryana	2394	42	88
Himachal Pradesh	974	10	6
Jammu & Kashmir	543	1	0
Jharkhand	1839	30	91
Karnataka	852	5	15
Kerala	1590	20	9
Madhya Pradesh	3168	106	60
Maharashtra	919	15	45
Manipur	70	0	1
Meghalaya	378	0	21
Mizoram	356	STICE	0
Nagaland	44	0	1
Odisha	818	34	3
Punjab	3331	42	176
Rajasthan	815	16	43
Sikkim	495	0	4
Telangana	2560	2	1
Tamil Nadu	802	4	15
Tripura	215	0	8
Uttar Pradesh	8124	513	146
Uttarakhand	935	24	16
West Bengal	3983	57	34
A& N Islands	913	0	17
Chandigarh	157	12	17
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	24	0	0
Daman & Diu	9	0	0
Delhi	4545	5459	278
Lakshadweep	0	0	0
Ladakh	6	0	0
Puducherry	28	0	0
Total	48047	6703	1404

<sup>\*</sup>The aforesaid data is of the Quarter- January to March, 2023 as it is collected quarterly from SLSAs

#### UNDER TRIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

In *In Re-Inhuman Conditions in 1382 Prisons*, W.P. (C) 406/2013, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, vide order dated 04.12.2018, directed the establishment of Under Trial Review Committees (UTRC) in each and every district of the country, with the UTRCs adhering to the NALSA SOP for UTRCs. The Under Trial Review Committees assess 14 categories of inmates' cases on a regular basis in order to recommend steps to be taken by the Legal Services Authorities for their release. One of the categories of cases assessed on a regular basis by the UTRC is where bail has been granted to the undertrial but they remain in detention due to failure to fulfill bail conditions imposed.

STATE/UT	UTRC meetings held	UPTs/ Convicts recommended for bail/ release	Inmates released pursuant to UTRCs recommendations
Andhra Pradesh	13	593	109
Arunachal Pradesh	35	97	2
Assam	54	400	325
Bihar	69	160	68
Chhattisgarh	38	597	58
Goa	3	27	0
Gujarat	33 सब के	70	15
Haryana	110	394	313
Himachal Pradesh	118	48	36
Jammu & Kashmir	7	7	0
Jharkhand	29	101	55
Karnataka	318	512	430
Kerala	8	129	25
Madhya Pradesh	82	611	171
Maharashtra	113	1790	296
Manipur	10	43	1
Meghalaya	79) WGT1C	47	1
Mizoram	3 005 110	23	6
Nagaland	11	26	4
Odisha	137	839	642
Punjab	185	1628	526
Rajasthan	148	1220	334
Sikkim	49	5	1
Telangana	14	101	71
Tamil Nadu	27	437	586
Tripura	32	70	52
Uttar Pradesh	123	2614	1181
Uttarakhand	42	547	269
West Bengal	41	748	386
A & N Islands	14	0	0
Chandigarh	1	20	0
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0
Daman & Diu	1	0	0
Delhi	85	460	214
Lakshadweep	0	0	0
Puducherry	2	0	0
Ladakh	0	0	0
Total	1964	14364	6177

#### LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL SYSTEM

As a full-time Public Defender System, the Legal Aid Defense Counsel System is a recently introduced scheme to guarantee accessibility, availability and quality of legal representation. NALSA implemented the Legal Aid Defense Counsel System, which consists of lawyers who solely handle legal aided criminal matters.

SLSAs/UTs	LADCS functional as on 30.04.2023
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0
Andhra Pradesh	9
Arunachal Pradesh	0
Assam	16
Bihar	0
Chhattisgarh	23
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0
Daman & Diu	0
Delhi	1
Goa Ha	2
Gujarat	34
Haryana	12
Himachal Pradesh	9
Jammu & Kashmir	20
Jharkhand	24
Karnataka	17
Kerala	14
Ladakh	2
Lakshadweep	0
Madhya Pradesh	TICE 19
Maharashtra	32
Manipur	4
Meghalaya	0
Mizoram	4
Nagaland	0
Odisha	15
Puducherry	0
Punjab	7
Rajasthan	34
Sikkim	2
Tamil Nadu	17
Telangana	16
Tripura	0
Chandigarh	0
Uttar Pradesh	40
Uttarakhand	13
West Bengal	10
Grand Total	396

Functional LADCS

# **VICTIM COMPENSATION**

SLSAs	Applications received directly by Legal Service Institutions (A)	Applications / orders marked/ directed by any Court (B)	Applications received including Court Orders (A+B)	Applicati ons Decided	Compensation Awarded (in Rs.)	
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	0	0	0	
Andhra Pradesh	22	17	39	37	19925000	
Arunachal Pradesh	29	0	29	32	0	
Assam	66	168	234	164	27600000	
Bihar	125	232	357	252	57355000	
Chhattisgarh	1827	605	2432	1725	119854000	
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	1	1	1	300000	
Daman & Diu	0	12	12	3	1000000	
Delhi	534	1369	1903	1906	376449500	
Goa	0	0	0	0	0	
Gujarat	155	232	387	403	31400000	
Haryana	23	212	235	234	63897500	
Himachal Pradesh	22	18	40	9	4450000	
Jammu & Kashmir	13	18	31	12	2187500	
Jharkhand	95	527	622	280	75577750	
Karnataka	29	314	343	418	62077500	
Kerala	42	157	199	141	16000000	
Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	
Madhya Pradesh	108	506	614	473	101805415	
Maharashtra	46	46	92	51	5660000	
Manipur	0	6051	6	14	6800000	
Meghalaya	67	27	94	39	4450000	
Mizoram	89	124	213	23	8480000	
Nagaland	5	0	5	1	200000	
Odisha	560	307	867	1107	205579500	
Puducherry	0	12	12	0	300000	
Punjab	102	136	238	216	49691250	
Rajasthan	591	320	911	751	120313750	
Sikkim	0	1	1	1	200000	
Tamil Nadu	260	80	340	177	38819771	
Telangana	55	53	108	64	14264000	
Tripura	6	11	17	12	3730000	
Chandigarh	4	7	11	13	6150000	
Uttar Pradesh	36	0	36	36	2920000	
Uttarakhand	138	36	174	167	9105000	
West Bengal	121	87	208	184	12843000	
Ladakh	0	0	0	0	0	
Grand Total	5170	5641	10811	8946	1449385436	

Disbursal of Victim Compensation

#### LEGAL AID CLINICS AT COMMUNITY LEVEL

NALSA's community-level Legal Aid Clinics aims to bring accessible legal assistance closer to everyone, fostering a society where rights are known, protected, and upheld. These clinics stand as beacons of empowerment, providing free legal aid, guidance, and support to those most in need. With a focus on grassroots outreach, the clinics ensure that every individual, regardless of their background or circumstance, can exercise their rights and seek justice.

SLSAs	Legal Services Clinics in Community Centers	Persons Visited	Persons provided Legal Assistance
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	30	182	177
Arunachal Pradesh	3	83	83
Assam	11	2017	1987
Bihar	68	4704	3156
Chhattisgarh	6	257	140
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0
Daman & Diu	० सब के	0	0
Delhi	23	484	428
Goa	7	0	0
Gujarat	16	135	21
Haryana	37	232	187
Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0
Jammu & Kashmir	40	1333	935
Jharkhand	10	11849	9496
Karnataka	and the second	0 0	0
Kerala	20	1684	1196
Lakshadweep	O JUSTIC	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	125	1834	18
Maharashtra	34	59	40
Manipur	5	882	741
Meghalaya	0	0	0
Mizoram	1	0	0
Nagaland	17	575	421
Odisha	2	0	0
Puducherry	1	0	0
Punjab	9	0	0
Rajasthan	0	0	0
Sikkim	7	0	0
Tamil Nadu	120	2724	797
Telangana	12	55	10
Tripura	0	0	0
Chandigarh	2	38	38
Uttar Pradesh	47	0	0
Uttarakhand	29	29	29
West Bengal	120	9085	6282
Ladakh	0	0	0
Total	782	38241	26182

## LEGAL AID CLINICS AT COLLEGES/ UNIVERSITIES

Legal Aid Clinics at Colleges/Universities commit to fostering legal awareness. These clinics provide students with valuable insights into their rights and legal avenues, equipping young minds with the tools to champion justice within their communities and beyond.

SLSAs	Legal Services Clinics in Law Colleges/ Universities	Persons Visited	Persons provided Legal Assistance	
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	0	
Andhra Pradesh	31	65	44	
Arunachal Pradesh	3	0	0	
Assam	18	3075	3041	
Bihar	33	3583	123	
Chhattisgarh	16	464	446	
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	
Daman & Diu	0 सब	<del>2</del> 0	0	
Delhi	13	193	166	
Goa	36	0	0	
Gujarat	38	315	275	
Haryana	18	285	285	
Himachal Pradesh	28	0	0	
Jammu & Kashmir	15	1424	988	
Jharkhand	6	3729	3479	
Karnataka	232	157	157	
Kerala	60	418	372	
Lakshadweep	0 0 .1116	TICE O	0	
Madhya Pradesh	89	79	61	
Maharashtra	82	267	140	
Manipur	3	217	176	
Meghalaya	5	0	0	
Mizoram	1	0	0	
Nagaland	4	239	159	
Odisha	19	0	0	
Puducherry	9	0	0	
Punjab	18	0	0	
Rajasthan	96	0	0	
Sikkim	3	0	0	
Tamil Nadu	24	1206	13	
Telangana	19	270	230	
Tripura	5	124	124	
Chandigarh	3	0	0	
Uttar Pradesh	130	762	2	
Uttarakhand	17	0	0	
West Bengal	14	101	58	
Ladakh	0	0	0	
Grand Total	1088	16973	10339	

The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), in collaboration with the National Commission for Women (NCW), initiated a statewide campaign to educate women about their rights. The fundamental goal of these efforts was to provide women with legal literacy and an understanding of various laws existing for their security and welfare. With this aim, 2,187 programmes have been organized by the SLSAs, covering 2,095 Taluka Legal Services Committee/DLSAs throughout India.



	TLSCs/DLSAs in			
	Number of	Number of	which NCW	Programmes
State	TLSCs	DLSAs		organized
	ILSCS	DLSAS	programmes were	Organizeu
Andhra Pradesh	138		organized 93	70
Arunachal Pradesh	0	25	93 7	9
	2	25	1	31
Assam Bihar	44			71
	65		40 65	59
Chhattisgarh	11			
Goa			11	11
Gujarat	253	न्य सब क	62	62
Haryana	33	2115	31	31
Himachal Pradesh	48		48	48
J & K	63		63	66
Jharkhand	4		4	4
Karnataka	149		149	149
Kerala	62		53	37
Madhya Pradesh	171		161	168
Maharashtra	304		305	305
Manipur	0	9	9	9
Meghalaya	3	100	3	3
Mizoram	0	<b>8</b>	CE 8	8
Nagaland	0	110051	11	11
Odisha	105		105	105
Punjab	44		44	47
Rajasthan	181		179	179
Sikkim	9		5	5
Tamil Nadu	150		92	59
Telangana	88		85	152
Tripura	14		0	0
Uttar Pradesh	321		359	373
Uttarakhand	36		36	36
West Bengal	39		38	38
A & N Islands	4		4	4
Chandigarh	0	1	1	1
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	1	1	1
Daman & Diu	0	2	2	7
Delhi	0	11	11	13
Lakshadweep	2		2	2
Puducherry	2		2	5
Ladakh	5		5	8
TOTAL	2350	68	2095	2187

Pan – India Programmes organized in collaboration with NCW

#### AWARENESS PROGRAMMES AT COMMUNITY LEVEL

SLSAs	Programmes Held	Persons Attended	
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	9	675	
Andhra Pradesh	2949	255810	
Arunachal Pradesh	178	17443	
Assam	990	241853	
Bihar	1671	84338	
Chhattisgarh	6621	579555	
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	13	1774	
Daman & Diu	15	1230	
Delhi	1748	129574	
Goa	43	4479	
Gujarat	3676	374119	
Haryana	15102	1181904	
Himachal Pradesh	658	23555	
Jammu & Kashmir	सब 998	60872	
Jharkhand	3850	516646	
Karnataka	2580	450292	
Kerala	2069	156111	
Lakshadweep		0	
Madhya Pradesh	8404	1718191	
Maharashtra	5653	1563787	
Manipur	55	7060	
Meghalaya	229	9713	
Mizoram	O.1115727E	1803	
Nagaland	69	4881	
Odisha	668	55113	
Puducherry	142	4824	
Punjab	10040	1016321	
Rajasthan	41363	1824706	
Sikkim	121	8209	
Tamil Nadu	1582	258507	
Telangana	1202	163182	
Tripura	331	34554	
Chandigarh	419	15184	
Uttar Pradesh	2660	508064	
Uttarakhand	3297	168199	
West Bengal	4503	216767	
Ladakh	46	2258	
Grand Total	123981	11661553	

The camps' goal is to bridge knowledge gaps and to provide citizens access to their legal rights. Efforts are undertaken through these camps to identify the poor, weak, and disenfranchised persons and connect them to their legal and welfare entitlements. The camps are planned to fulfill three goals: to raise awareness about various welfare laws and schemes, to identify target recipients, and to reach out to individuals.

## AWARENESS PROGRAMMES AT SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Legal Services Authorities work to provide children with legal literacy and make them aware of their rights to achieve the common goal of equal access to justice. Legal Literacy Clubs function nationwide to help realize this vision of an empowered future generation.

SLSAs	Programmes Held	Persons Attended	
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1	54	
Andhra Pradesh	584	86565	
Arunachal Pradesh	13	1717	
Assam	130	12121	
Bihar	233	11053	
Chhattisgarh	1454	134257	
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	
Daman & Diu	6	904	
Delhi	411	51012	
Goa	9	1265	
Gujarat	981	74633	
Haryana	1525	141237	
Himachal Pradesh	175	2904	
Jammu & Kashmir	196	17207	
Jharkhand	585	45957	
Karnataka	788	138362	
Kerala	2 1060	41413	
Lakshadweep	0 0	0	
Madhya Pradesh	1672	182495	
Maharashtra	JUS 809	93075	
Manipur	1	200	
Meghalaya	123	3232	
Mizoram	4	440	
Nagaland	5	240	
Odisha	116	11651	
Puducherry	6	550	
Punjab	6171	778241	
Rajasthan	11095	690148	
Sikkim	26	2893	
Tamil Nadu	300	62606	
Telangana	293	61776	
Tripura	132	13845	
Chandigarh	114	5280	
Uttar Pradesh	332	47034	
Uttarakhand	603	53012	
West Bengal	398	34003	
Ladakh	10	915	
Grand Total	30361	2802297	

# **CAPACITY BUILDING & TRAINING PROGRAMMES**

	Panel Lawyers		PLVs		Others	
States/UTs	Training Programme conducted	Participants	Training Programme conducted	Participants	Training Programme conducted	Participants
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	56	307	7	261	9	355
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	3	121
Assam	2	2	16	236	8	448
Bihar	20	368	25	500	1	105
Chhattisgarh	39	1620	58	1269	1	12
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delhi	21	1312	4	467	49	1616
Goa	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gujarat	9	164	13	320	1	25
Haryana	91	1498	82	710	95	1632
Himachal Pradesh	21	245	27	375	0	0
Jammu & Kashmir	2	43	0	0	0	0
Jharkhand	27	660	53	1387	0	0
Karnataka	10	137	16	603	33	4626
Kerala	3	135	9	584	17	2211
Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	32	495	46	1017	21	2511
Maharashtra	61	1843	27	1123	16	1321
Manipur	3	41	3	52	1	21
Meghalaya	0	0 /0	0.5	0	0	0
Mizoram	0	0	USTIO	0	0	0
Nagaland	0	0	1	7	0	0
Odisha	1	45	31	863	0	0
Puducherry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Punjab	160	2630	64	694	229	1829
Rajasthan	0	0	3	25	0	0
Sikkim	3	207	3	42	0	0
Tamil Nadu	26	833	16	256	18	654
Telangana	15	228	12	297	6	412
Tripura	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chandigarh	3	225	3	68	0	0
Uttar Pradesh	3	108	5	19	0	0
Uttarakhand	4	41	9	222	2	70
West Bengal	6	190	26	906	1	40
Ladakh	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	618	13377	559	12303	511	18009

Capacity-building and training programmes are organized through informative workshops, seminars, and interactive sessions for panel lawyers, para-legal volunteers, and other stakeholders to empower them with the latest skills and knowledge in the legal field to foster a community of professionals dedicated to promoting access to legal aid and upholding the rights of every individual.

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Arunachal Pradesh, SLSA, in collaboration with the Department of Justice, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh and Gauhati High Court Legal Services Committee, Itanagar and Jarbom Gamlin Govt Law College, Jote, and with the assistance of the District Administration of Papum Pare District under the aegis of NALSA organized a "Mega Legal Services Camp and Sewa Apke Dwar" on 23.04.23. Hon'ble Union Minister of Law and Justice Shri. Kiren Rijiju inaugurated the 'Pro-Bono Club' at Jote, Itanagar. Hon'ble Justice Suman Shyam, Judge, Gauhati High Court, Yomge Ado, Member Secretary, APSLSA and other dignitaries were also present at the Camp.





Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority (JHALSA), under the aegis of the National Legal Services Authority, organised the "Engagement and Training Programme for newly selected Legal Aid Defence Counsels of Jharkhand and West Bengal" on 24th-25th January 2023 at Visveswaraya Sanitation and Water Academy, Ranchi. Hon'ble Mr Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh, Acting Chief Justice, High Court of Jharkhand-Cum-Patron-in-Chief & Executive Chairman, JHALSA, along with Hon'ble Mr Justice Pradeep Kumar Srivastava, Judge, High Court of Jharkhand inaugurated the programme and addressed the participating LADCs of Jharkhand and West Bengal. 142 Legal Aid Defence Counsels, including 117 from Jharkhand and 25 from West Bengal, participated in the programme.





Manipur SLSA, under the aegis of NALSA, organizes a weekly TV Awareness program in collaboration with DDK, Imphal, on the 'Legal Hints' theme. On 11.04.2023, Shri Ch. Momon Singh, Advocate, was deputed as the Resource Person at the 'Legal Hints' programme; he imparted information on the "Legal Aid Defense Counsel Scheme." The TV programme was organised keeping in view the upcoming inauguration of the office of the Legal Aid Defense Counsel System (LADCS) for the districts of Imphal West and Imphal East at Cheirap Court Complex, Imphal West and Lamphelpat Court Complex, Imphal West, Manipur on 29.04.23. The said offices were inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr Justice A. Bimol Singh, Judge, High Court of Manipur and Executive Chairman, Manipur State Legal Services Authority (MASLSA) and Hon'ble Mr Justice A. Guneshwar Sharma, Judge, High Court of Manipur and Chairperson, High Court Legal Services Committee (HCLSC).

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Odisha SLSA, as part of the MOU between the Department of Justice and the NALSA under "Project DISHA", conducted **Legal Literacy and Awareness Programmes at 10 Aspirational Districts** for the general public on 7 and 8 January 2023. The programme entailed legal services to the needy beneficiaries, and a free Health check-up to the public was also made available. The public was made aware of its Constitutional Rights, Duties of Citizens under the Constitution, various social welfare schemes, legal services to unorganized sector workers and legal services available to children and senior citizens for their protection.



DLSA, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh, conducted a "Special Awareness Programme" at Nyaya Seva Sadan, Kurnool, on 15.04.23. The topic of the programme was NALSA (Legal Services to the Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016, and NALSA (Legal Services for differently abled Children) Scheme, 2021. The event also included an awareness session about the Rights of Transgenders. The event was conducted in collaboration with the Office of Assistant Director, Welfare of Differently-Abled, Senior Citizens & Transgenders, Kurnool. The participants were also informed about the availability of Legal Services and the benefits of Government Welfare Schemes.



On 5th, 10th, 14th and 28th March 2023, DLSA, Majuli, Assam held an "Awareness Programme on Domestic Violence" at Salmora Yuva Bijoy Milon Sangha, Salmara, Selek Sechachuk L.P School, Namoni Majuli Borduwar L.P. School and 149 No Natun chapori S.T L.P School, respectively.

DLSA, Chandigarh organised a **"Door-to-Door Awareness Programme"** in Hallomajra, Burail, Ramdarbar and Faida villages on 04.03.2023. As part of the campaign, the residents of the said localities were made aware of the functioning of free legal aid services, women empowerment and facilities available to the women.

Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority (JHALSA), under the aegis of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC), Supreme Court of India organised a "40 Hrs. Intensive Mediation Training Programme" for Experts from 18.02.23 to 22.02.23 and from 25.02.23 to 01.03.23 at Nyaya Sadan, JHALSA, Ranchi.

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Telangana SLSA, under the aegis of NALSA, in collaboration with NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad and Legal Empowerment and Assistance for Farmers Society, established the first ever Agri-Legal Aid Clinic at Bammera Village of Palakurthy Mandal, Jangaon to educate the farmers about Agricultural legislations, welfare schemes and their rights, responsibilities and availability of legal remedies under the law. Hon'ble Sri Justice V. Ramasubramanian, Judge, Supreme Court of India, virtually inaugurated the Agri Legal Aid on 18.03.2023 in the august presence of Hon'ble Sri Justice P.S. Narasimha, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble Sri Justice P. V. Sanjay Kumar, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble Sri Justice Ujjal Bhuyan, Chief Justice, High Court for the State of Telangana & Patron-in-Chief, TSLSA, Hon'ble Sri Justice P. Naveen Rao, Judge, High Court for the State of Telangana & Executive Chairman, TSLSA and Hon'ble Companion Judges of High Court for the State of Telangana. His Lordship also released a bilingual brochure on Agricultural legislation and Government Welfare Schemes.



DLSA, West Kameng, Arunachal Pradesh, in collaboration with Arunachal Pradesh SLSA, conducted Legal Awareness Programme at Bomdila on 18.04.23 for Panchayat Raj Institution members and Gaon Bura/ Buris (GBs) to ensure that legal services reach villages. Hon'ble Mr Justice Sandeep Mehta, Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court, chaired the programme.

Rajasthan SLSA and various DLSAs organised Camps to spread awareness about the **"Eradication of Child Marriage"**. About 2,462 Camps were organized. These camps had 1,22,433 beneficiaries, and 58 Child Marriages were stopped in April, 2023.

DLSA, East, Delhi, jointly with DLSA, North East, Delhi, and in association with the Authorities of Mandoli Central Jail, organized a "Workshop on Universal Human Values for the Well Being of Jail Inmates" on 04.02.23 & 05.02.23 for the UTPs and Convicts of Mandoli Jail. Sh. Manoj Kumar Gupta, Assistant Professor and Research Scholar at Greater Noida Institute of Technology, was deputed as the Resource Person. He interacted with and addressed the concerns of Inmates of Jail No. 13 & 14.

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DLSA, West Siang, Arunachal Pradesh conducted the **"Two Days Legal Awareness Program"** at Kamba Circle during the 7th edition of the Yomgo River Festival (YRF) celebration, 2023, on 15.04.23 and 16.04.23. The YRF is celebrated annually and aims to promote tourism in the region and to highlight the rich cultural heritage of Arunachal Pradesh.



Secretary, DLSA, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh, conducted a "Training/Sensitization Programme for the Para Legal Volunteers" at Nyaya Seva Sadan on 01.04.23. They were explained the purpose and role of PLVs, Do's and Don'ts for PLVs, Dress Code and Standards of Behaviour and Ethics expected from the PLVs. The PLVs were sensitized about the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, NALSA Regulations, the Basic structure of the Constitution, and the Preamble of the Indian Constitution.





DLSA, Central, Rouse Avenue Courts, Delhi organized "Awareness Programmes & Door-to-Door Campaign" at various places falling under the Central District in January 2023. The "Awareness Programmes & Door-to-Door Campaign" aimed to spread legal awareness among citizens about their legal rights, availability of free legal aid and advice, and criteria for free legal aid and benefits of labour card registration for labourers. Pamphlets containing the said information were also distributed among the residents of Labour Colony, Malkaganj, and New Delhi residents. The PLVs also apprised the residents of Labour Colony, Malkaganj, New Delhi, about the upcoming 'Lok Adalat' to be held on 11.02.2023 and the toll-free helpline number 1516.

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DLSA, South-West, Delhi, as part of "Project Sparsh- Give Care & Not Scars- Ending Vitriolage- An effort through legal awareness" to raise awareness, organized Legal Awareness Programmes against Acid Violence in February 2023. The DLSA also organized Awareness Sessions and Nukkad Nataks in various schools and Colleges. Legal Aid Counsels made the students aware of this heinous crime. Acid attacks on women belonging to the age group of 11-30 years of age have seen a sharp rise. The participants were made aware of the most common types of acids used in such attacks, the impact of the acid attack on innocent women, and the problems or hindrances suffered by the victims.





DLSA, Kamrup (Metro), Assam, in collaboration with Assam State Commission for Women, conducted a "Consultation Programme on Cyber-Enabled Human Trafficking" at Mahapurush Srimanta Sankaradeva University on 10.04.23.





DLSA, East Khasi Hills District, in collaboration with the Meghalaya SLSA and District Child Protection Unit, East Khasi Hills District, observed National Girl Child Day on 24.01.23 at the Children's Home (Girls), Mawkasiang, where more than 70 participants attended the programme. Smt. N.I. Dkhar, CJM-cum-Secretary, DLSA, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong, welcomed the participant to the programme by briefing about the "National Day for Girl Child", which is celebrated as a mark to promote awareness about the rights of a Girl Child and the importance of their health. The Resource Persons, Smt. N. Laso, Legal Aid Counsel and Smt. Daisily Thangkhiew, Legal Aid Counsel and Member, CWC, discussed "Child Rights and the Role of the Child Welfare Committee in Assisting a Child in Need or Conflict with Law, POCSO Act and Child Marriage Act".

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Karnataka SLSA received 53 postcards from Students of Government Women's College, Chikkaballapura; the postcards highlighted the lack of basic facilities and poor infrastructure at their temporary Campus, which was functioning as a Recreation Club. The "NALSA's Standard Operating Procedure for Redressal of Complaints/Public Grievances" mandates that any complaint/public grievance' received at any level must be attended to at the earliest, and the approach should be towards solving the problem. On 07.01.2023 at around 11:30 am, the Hon'ble Sri Justice B Veerappa, Judge High Court of Karnataka, Executive Chairman KSLSA, along with Member Secretary, KSLSA and other Officials of KSLSA conducted an inspection of the College wherein it was found that the said building was in dilapidated condition and that there was only one toilet for 539 female students. A detailed report was prepared and shared with the concerned departments. As a result, the State Government took steps, and the College started functioning at the Government Co-Education College building, Chikkaballapura.



DLSA, Kurung Kumey, Arunachal Pradesh, conducted a "One-Day Legal Awareness Camp" at Sarli on 16.02.23. Subjects covered included provisions of the PWDV Act, Rights during an Arrest, Lok Adalat, Legal Aid Services and 'Arunachal Pradesh Victim Compensation Scheme, 2011'. Secretary, DLSA, Kurung Kumey District along with panel legal advocate and para legal volunteer were the Resource Persons.





Karnataka SLSA, Bengaluru, in coordination with DLSA, Kolar, District Administration, Zilla Panchayath and Police Department, Kolar, organized the "Legal Services Mega Camp" at D.C Office, Auditorium, Kolar on 08.01.2023. The camp was inaugurated by Hon'ble Sri Justice Prasanna B. Varale, Chief Justice, High Court of Karnataka and Patron-in-Chief, KSLSA, who highlighted the role of women in nation-building. Hon'ble Sri Justice B. Veerappa, Judge, High Court of Karnataka and Executive Chairman, KSLSA, highlighted that even though many laws and government schemes exist, people are unaware of them. His Lordship also addressed various issues such as Rape, Acid attacks, Compensation under the Victim Compensation Scheme and the importance of educating children.



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