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## News Impact

Legal aid clinics opened at Sub-Jail, police station

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The legal system is expected to provide adequate legal aid to the poor and be transparent and accountable to the society, which would benefit the innocent and to cases related to harassing children and of violence against children.

### Legal aid clinics...

Of course, P. 1761/25, SA Member Secretary Vongke Asoh suggested the clinic, in the presence of Changning HU, SA Secretary Mary Nnamo, SP Milton Gumbo, and EAC Gender Desk. Asoh explained the aims and objectives of the legal aid clinics to the officials and members of the police station and the sub-jail. The member secretary dwelt also on the long-term and objective of legal aid clinics and free legal aid, free and competent legal services under the Legal Services Authority Act, 1987; the Ammachael Friedrich Victim Compensation Scheme, 2011; the role of paralegal volunteers; and the assistance rendered by legal services authorities to implement early access to justice at pre-arrest, arrest, and remand stages.

He also stressed on the importance of coordination between legal aid institutions and welfare systems.

Also inspected the sub-jail, and reviewed the list of prisoners, comprising 19 individual prisoners and nine inmates.

The publisher also informed that the legal aid services that the legal services institution provides under the NALSA's free and competent legal services schemes and 'regulation under Section 12 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, by which any person is entitled to free legal services and other facilities in order to ensure that every plaintiff is provided with *ex-ante*, free legal aid.

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## APWWS celebrates International Women's Day

ITANAGAR, 8 Mar: The Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society (APWWS) and its affiliated bodies on Friday celebrated the International Women's Day (IWD) "with a multitude of events across the state," it informed in a release.

This year, the society teamed up with the Arunachal State Rural Livelihoods Mission and the women & child development (WCD) department to celebrate the day.

"The IWD was celebrated grandly in Ziro (L/ Subansiri), where more than



Hage Tado Nanya

WCD ambassador  
Millo Sunkha

Khyang Shanti with the Guardian  
of Compassion Award

1,000 people gathered to celebrate the day," it said.

Attending the programme, Agriculture Minister Tage Taki acknowledged the role of women in creating a just

society, and expressed hope for "increased women's representation in the Parliament and legislative assemblies in the coming years."

Lower Subansiri DC

Vivek HP said that "every household has a woman achiever," and paid tribute to the sacrifices mothers make for their families, the release stated.

Ziro APWWS unit presi-

dent Padi Kunya said that "women's struggle for a just, equitable society requires courage, confidence and patience."

APWWS president Kani Nada Maling said that "the APWWS will not remain silent until there are equal rights for all," and added that, "our effort and struggle for our rights will continue."

Achukuru Welfare Society and Grace Rehabilitation Centre were felicitated by the Ziro unit of the APWWS "for their compassionate efforts," it said. (Contd. on P-5)

## APWWS celebrates...

(From P-3) The event also featured awareness talks on cervical cancer by Dr Subu Kampu, and on HIV/AIDS prevention by APSACS Joint Director (IEC) Tassor Pali.

Actor Millo Sunkha, who is also the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao brand ambassador for the Lower Subansiri WCD department, delivered a speech "emphasising how knowledge inspires and the importance of addressing issues like physical and mental health, advocating for asking relevant questions instead of remaining silent," the release said.

A marathon, an essay writing competition on child marriage, and a drawing competition were also organised.

Among others, Ziro APWWS unit general secretary Hibu Usha, and the WCD department's Dani Yami also spoke.

The District Legal Services Authority conducted a legal camp, providing marriage registration, awareness on women-related laws, and various schemes under the National Legal Services.

Certificates of appreciation were given to the members of the Ziro unit of the APWWS by the society's central executive committee for their excellent performance, it said.

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## Legal Aid Clinic opened...

The SP emphasized on the purpose of Legal Aid Clinic and the need to work in coordination with legal services institutions to provide easy and early access to justice to the needy legal aid seekers.

The Legal Aid Clinic in Namsai PS is the 6th Legal Aid Clinic opened this year by the APSLSA ensuring that access to justice is easier and reached to all the marginalized sections of the society under the NALSA's Free and Competent Legal Services schemes and regulation under section 12 of Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

Pamphlets and other IEC materials related to NALSA mandated schemes and other Govt welfare schemes were also distributed to all the attendees during the inaugural programme.



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FRIDAY, 15 MARCH, 2024

## Legal aid clinic set up in Namsai

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The clinic will provide free legal services related to missing children and offences against minors, besides ensuring access to justice during the pre-arrest, arrest, and remand stages.

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MONDAY, 25 MARCH, 2024

## Legal awareness prog organised



**TAWANG, 24 Mar:** The Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority organised a 'mega legal awareness programme' here on Sunday, in collaboration with the Tawang district legal services authority and the district administration.

Addressing the participants, Justice Surya Kant from the Supreme Court of India emphasised the importance of legal awareness, highlighting that, "despite the numerous rights granted to citizens, lack of

awareness often deprives them of these benefits."

He commended the efforts of organisations like the NLSA, the SLSA, and the DLSA at the national, state, and district levels "for their initiatives in spreading awareness and assisting citizens in accessing their entitled benefits."

Gauhati High Court Chief Justice Vijay Bishnoi apprised the participants of the welfare schemes for farmers, women, and victims, while Justice Suman

Shyam from Gauhati High court elaborated Article 21 of the Constitution, focusing on "the right to life with dignity and relief measures for trafficked victims, along with the women's helpline initiative."

Justice Kardak Ete enumerated the achievements of all the judges present at the programme.

Tawang DC Kanki Darang, SP DW Thongon, GBs, and members of the public also attended the programme. (DIPRO)



### Legal Aid Clinic Opens at Aalo WPS **03.04.2024**

Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (APLSA), in compliance with the direction from National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) has set up a Legal Aid Clinic at Aalo Women Police Station which intended to provide free legal services and offences against children, Women and also for early access to justice at pre-arrest and remand stages.

The Legal Aid Clinic was officially opened by APSLSA Member Secretary Yomge Ado, Dy SP Moge Bole, PS and WPS officer-in-charge, Chief Legal Defense Counsel Murphy Ete, Dy. Chief Legal Defense Counsel Jummin Lollen, Retainer Lawyer Limin Karcho, Staffs and PLVs.

The Member Secretary emphasized the significance of the Legal Clinic and Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) in bridging the gap between legal service institutions and the general public. PLVs serve as grassroots workers, ensuring that individuals seeking legal assistance have access to free legal aid through the nearest legal services institution.

Pamphlets and materials about the NALSA-mandated scheme were also distributed to all attendees of the opening ceremony.

# Legal Aid Clinic opened at WPS, Pasighat

ITANAGAR, Apr 15: The Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (APSLSA) has set up a Legal Aid Clinic at Pasighat Women Police Station to facilitate easy access to justice to the marginalized sections of the society, women, missing children and other offences against children.

This has been set up in compliance with the Supreme Court of India order dated 19/09/2022 passed in WP/6(Tv-III) No 427 of 2022 titled Bachpan Bachao Andolan Vs Union of India & Ors. and National Legal Services Authority's framework to provide early access to justice at pre-arrest, arrest and removal stages.

The Clinic was inaugurated on Sunday by District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman of East Siang District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Tageng Padoh in presence of



SP Sachin Singhal, Chief Judicial Magistrate Tenzin Metho, Pasighat PS OC Ige Lollen, and WPS, Pasighat OC Ojum Riba, among others.

The DLSA Chairman emphasized the significance and functions of the Legal Aid Clinic and Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) in bridging the

gap between legal service institutions and general public as PLVs serve as grassroots workers, ensuring that individuals seeking legal assistance have access to free legal aid through the nearest legal service institutions.

The newly set up Clinic will cater to the legal needs of the people and shall be manned by a dedicated PLV who shall assist the legal aid seekers, who approach the Clinic. IEC materials like pamphlets on NALSA mandated Schemes, programme and Govt welfare schemes were also distributed on the occasion.



a local hospital.

and educational institutions posed on traffic in the case of an emergency. (PTI)

## Mega legal awareness program held at Namsai

**ITANAGAR, May 28:** Gaon Burahs/Burhis, Self Help Groups, NGOs, and other stakeholders. The initiative aimed to impart valuable legal knowledge, ensuring citizens are well-informed about legal rights, entitlements and availability of free legal services.

The program witnessed active participation of a diverse audience, including

Help Groups, NGOs, and other stakeholders. The initiative aimed to impart valuable legal knowledge, ensuring citizens are well-informed about legal rights, entitlements and availability of free legal services.

The resource persons

covered a wide range of topics, including the role and function of Legal Services

Institutions, the provision of free and competent legal services, and various schemes

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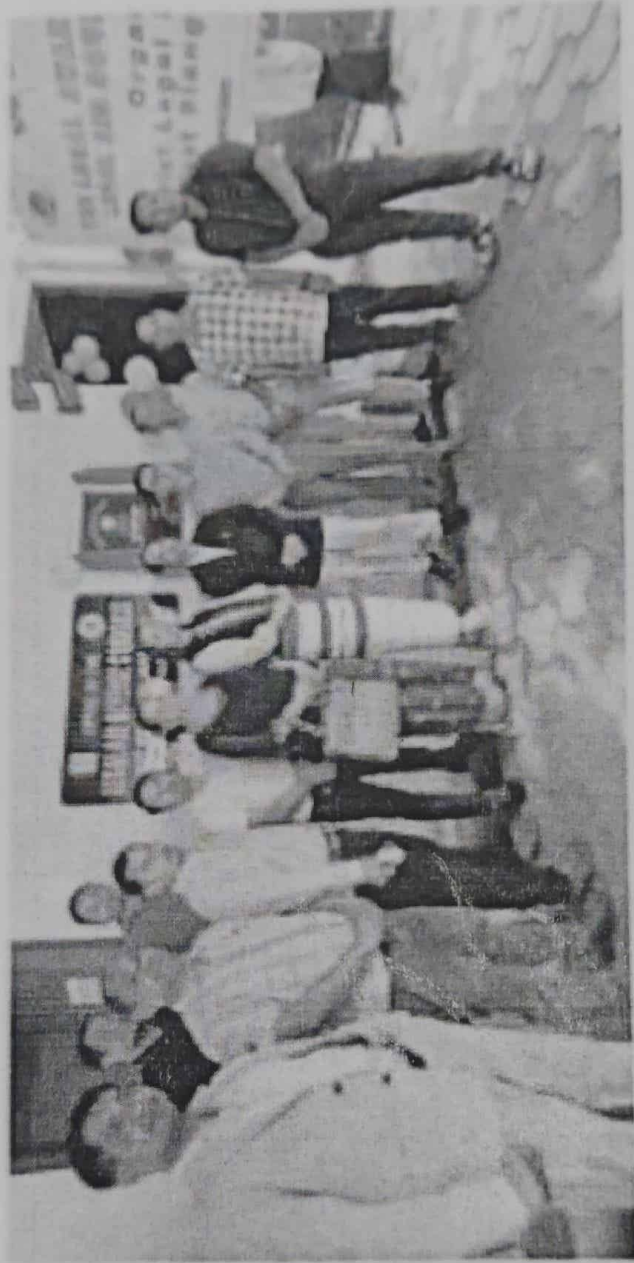
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**14th Career Fair ...**

# Chief defence counsel's office inaugurated

AALO, 17 Jun: West Siang District & Sessions Judge Tageng Padoh inaugurated the chief legal aid defence counsel's office here on Sunday, expanding the free legal services provided by the Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (APSLA).

Among others, West Siang DLSA Chief Judicial Magistrate Tadu Tamang, Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel Murphy Etc, Bar



members, and legal aid functionaries were present at the ceremony.

"So far, legal aid defence counsel system is being implemented in 21 districts of the state, under the aegis of the National Legal Services Authority, to provide effective and efficient free legal services to the weaker and marginalised sections of the society under the constitutional mandate," the APSLSA informed in a release.



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## WPS, Tezu gets Legal Aid Clinic

ITANAGAR, Jun 9: Women Police Station (WPS), Tezu has got a Legal Aid Clinic (LAC), with the Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (APSLSA) setting up the LAC to provide free legal services to the citizens.

This 'development' took place in compliance with the Supreme Court of India order dated 19/09/2022 passed in WP (Civil) No 427 of 2022 titled Bachpan Bachao Andolan Vs Union of India & Ors to facilitate easy access to justice to the marginalized sections of society, women, missing children and other offences against children in the State



of Arunachal Pradesh and National Legal Services Authority's framework to provide early access to justice at pre-arrest, arrest and remand stages.

Tage Halley, District & Sessions Judge and Chair-

man of District Legal Services Authority, Lohit inaugurated the newly set up LAC, in presence of Kakit Duggong, Dy Supdt of Police, Mary Jonnam, Secretary DLSA, OCs of PS and WPS, Tezu. (Contd. on page-2)

### WPS, Tezu gets Legal..

Chief legal aid defence counsel, president, Bar Association of Tezu, C aid functionaries and police personnel.

The DLSA Chairman, in his speech, emphasized the significance and of Legal Aid Clinic and Para Legal Volunteer (PLV) in bridging the gap service institutions and general public as PLV serves as grassroots work that individual seeking legal assistance have access to free legal aid through legal service institutions.

The newly set up Clinic will cater to the legal needs of the people manned by a dedicated PLV who shall assist the legal aid seekers, within LAC. The DLSA Chairman also inaugurated the offices of Secretary DI CLADC at ADR building, Tezu.

## Awareness campaigns on...

(From P-1) The gathering is serving as a platform for dialogue and action to raise awareness about gender-based violence and promote gender equality.

The event is a collaborative effort between Sankalp: State Hub for Empowerment of Women (SHEW), the women & child development (WCD) department, the government of Arunachal Pradesh, and USAID PRERANA, a project implemented by Jhpiego in the eight northeastern states.

These organisations joined forces to create an informative and engaging session to combat GBV and empower the local community.

"PRERNA programme officer Techhi Tapu presented an overview of the USAID PRERANA's (Promoting Equity & Reproductive Health Access for North East India) project and gender in public health, and the importance of the 16 days of activism," the USAID PRERNA informed in a release.

WCD Sangkalp gender specialist Tame Achum shed light on various programmes under the WCD, such as Mission Shakti: OSC, Women Helpline (181), Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Nai Adalat, Saki Sadhan & Niwas and State Sankalp, designed to support victims of GBV and promote gender equity.

The participants were informed about available resources and support systems for those affected by gender-based violence.

Following the presentation, an interactive discussion session took place, providing a platform for participants to share their views, experiences, and insights on the issue of GBV. The discussion was vibrant and thought-provoking, emphasising the need for community-based solutions to address the root causes of violence and the importance of collective responsibility in ending GBV.

PRERNA ISRN project officer Siddharta Pukan also spoke.

One of the key features of the event was the signature campaign. Participants were invited to take a public pledge to never commit, condone, or remain silent about gender-based violence. This symbolic act reinforced the shared commitment to combating GBV and ensuring a safe, supportive environment for all individuals, regardless of gender, the release stated.

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## Legal awareness prog...

### Legal awareness prog marks Human Rights Day observation

ITANAGAR, 10 Dec: The Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (APSLSA), in collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society (APWWS) and NGO Bodhana, organised a legal awareness programme on elimination of gender-based violence, child-friendly legal services, importance of marriage registration, and various NALSA schemes at the government upper primary school (GUPS) in ESS Sector here on Monday to mark the Human Rights Day.

APSLSA advocate Kamin Danggen conducted a session covering the NALSA's legal services for senior citizens, child-friendly legal services schemes, effective implementation of poverty alleviation schemes, the importance of marriage registration, legal services for disaster victims and the national legal helpline toll-free number 15100. (Contd. on P-3)



(From P-1) APWWS president Kani Nada Maling highlighted the key legal frameworks designed to protect vulnerable groups, including the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, the Protection of Children from Sexual Offence (POCSO) Act, 2012, the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, and the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2015.

A live performance by the Bodhana team creatively illustrated the significance of human rights for all genders, including transgender individuals.

Additionally, a unique exercise encouraged students to reflect on and challenge gender stereotypes through art, fostering critical thinking and dialogue.

Advocates Terji Gamlin and Iken Ado also shared valuable perspectives on relevant legal topics, enriching the discussions.

GUPS head teacher Khema Khamhoo also spoke.

The event was attended by Arunachal Pradesh State Human Rights Commission Undersecretary Keter Bagra, students, teachers, school staff, APWWS members and staff from the One-Stop Centre, Itanagar.

This event marked a significant step in promoting awareness of human rights and empowering young minds to challenge stereotypes and foster equality in society.