

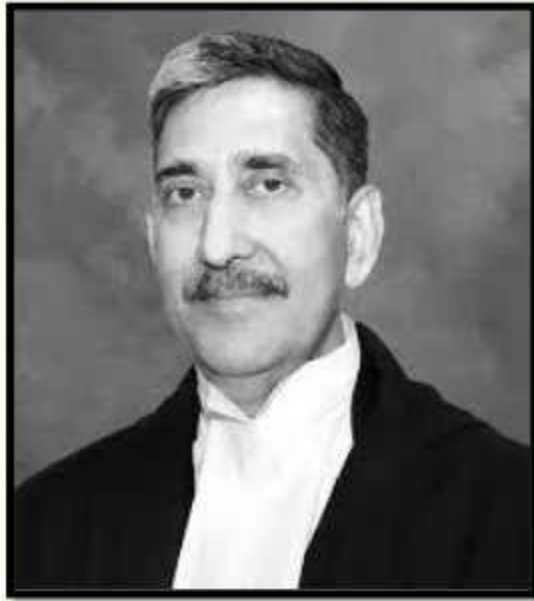
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It gives us great pleasure to present the **Annual Report of the Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority (MSLSA)** for the year 2025. This report encapsulates the sustained efforts and achievements of MSLSA in advancing the constitutional mandate of **equal justice and free legal aid** and in strengthening access to justice for the marginalized, vulnerable, and underprivileged sections of society across the State of Maharashtra.

The functioning of MSLSA is firmly rooted in the principles enshrined under **Article 39A of the Constitution of India**, which obligates the State to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by reason of economic or other disabilities. In furtherance of this constitutional vision, MSLSA, in coordination with the District Legal Services Authorities, Taluka Legal Services Committees and other legal services institutions, has undertaken a wide array of initiatives including Legal Awareness Programmes, Legal Services Camps, Lok Adalats, Legal Literacy initiatives, mediation and conciliation efforts, and welfare-oriented outreach programmes.

This Annual Report presents a comprehensive account of the activities, programmes, and initiatives undertaken during the year. It highlights the collective efforts of judicial officers, legal service functionaries, Para Legal Volunteers, panel advocates, and other stakeholders who continue to work diligently at the grassroots level to ensure that the benefits of legal services reach those most in need. Special emphasis has been placed on outreach programmes for women, children, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, victims of trafficking, defence personnel, and other vulnerable groups, reaffirming MSLSA's commitment to inclusive justice delivery.

We take this opportunity to place on record my sincere appreciation to the Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Judicature at Bombay, the Chairpersons and Secretaries of the District Legal Services Authorities, judicial officers, members of the legal fraternity, and all associated partners for their unwavering support, guidance, and dedication in furthering the objectives of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

With best wishes for continued success in our collective mission of **justice for all**.

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Introduction

The Constitutional vision provides for promotion of justice on an equal basis, and that no person shall be deprived of justice because of economic or other disabilities.

Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority, Mumbai was constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 for providing free and competent legal services to the weaker sections of the society to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by reason of economic or other disabilities.

It is the matter of immense pleasure to present the Annual Report of Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority of the year 2025 under the able guidance of the Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Bombay High Court & Patron-in- Chief, Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority, Mumbai & the Hon'ble Executive Chairperson, Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority, Mumbai.

(M.Salman Azmi)
Member Secretary,
Maharashtra State Legal Services
Authority, Mumbai

Information at a glance

➤ Number of Judicial Districts	:	34	-
➤ Number of District Legal Services Authorities	:	34	-
➤ Number of Legal Aid Defence Counsel Centers	:	33	- (Mumbai Sub-urban is dealing only with civil cases)
➤ Number of Retainer Lawyers	:	866	-
➤ Number of Panel Lawyers	:	4,287	-
➤ Number of Para Legal Volunteers	:	6,846	-
➤ Number of Manodhairya Application finally disposed of in the year 2025	:	29,036	-
➤ Legal aid given to the needy in the year 2025	:	4,877	-
➤ Number of Legal Awareness Programmes conducted in the year 2025	:	27,861	-
➤ Number of Persons benefitted	:	2,25,695	-

Successful Organization of National Lok Adalats

The Maharashtra State Legal Services Authorities across the State, under the aegis of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and under the able guidance of Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Bombay High Court, Mumbai and Patron-in-Chief, MSLSA, Mumbai organized 4 National Lok Adalats in year of 2025 and the disposal of cases in State of Maharashtra. The statistical data for the same is as follows :-

Date	Disposal of Pre-Litigation	Disposal of Pending	Total Amount Settlement
22/03/2025	1030404	192978	29151595424
10/05/2025	600586	1,30,159	16454828169
13/09/2025	721798	2,08,337	29280169996
13/12/2025	277600	1,74,129	16965639692.72
Total	57,84,531	12,22,243	2,20,16,37,09,940

NATIONAL LOK ADALAT

22nd March, 2025



NATIONAL LOK ADALAT

10th May 2025



NATIONAL LOK ADALAT 13th September, 2025





NATIONAL LOK-ADALAT

13th December, 2025





Success Stories

On **17.11.2019**, a **13 year old boy from Zarap** tragically lost his life in a road accident. His **parents and grandmother** filed an application before the **District Court, Sindhudurg** on **23.08.2021**, seeking compensation of **₹5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh only)**. During the proceedings, a settlement was arrived at with **ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company**, and the matter was amicably resolved for a total amount of **Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh only)**, inclusive of interest.

Compensation of Rs. 1.05 Crore Awarded in Lok Adalat
On 20.12.2023, **Mr. Mahesh Tukaram Kathmore (34)** of Pathardi, Shirpur Taluka, District Ahilyanagar died in a fatal accident on the Ahilyanagar-Kalyan Highway. His legal heirs, wife, minor children, and aged parents, filed a compensation claim before the **Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, Ahmednagar** through Advocate Savita Kathane against Shriram Insurance Company, represented by Advocate Ashok Bang.

During the **National Lok Adalat** held on **13.12.2025** at the **Ahmednagar District Court**, the matter was amicably settled, and the insurance company agreed to pay **₹1,05,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Five Lakh only)** to the legal heirs. The settlement cheque was handed over in the presence of District Judge Smt. Anju Shende, District Judge Shri M. S. Lone, Panel Member Advocate Shri Suresh Lagad, and Chief of Legal Aid Shri Paithankar.

Data of Legal Aid Defence Counsel Centers (LADC)

- Total No. of Legal Aid Defence Counsels :- 229
- Sessions Cases allotted to LADCS :- 4,751
- Sessions Cases Disposed of :- 1,602
- Magistrate Courts Cases allotted to LADCS :- 8,556
- Magistrate Courts Cases Disposed of :- 4,184
- Bail Applications assigned to LADCS (Sessions + Magistrate Court) :- 13,234
- Bail Applications Disposed of :- 7,749
- Number of LSUC and LSUM established in the State :- 34
- Number of Districts in which training have given to Panel Members of LSUC & LSUM :- 34

**MCPC Mediation Training Programmes for
Advocates conducted in 2025**

Sr. No.	Place of Training	Date of Programme	No. of Participants
1	Yavatmal	24.02.2025 to 28.02.2025	25
2	Lonavala	15.03.2025 to 19.03.2025	21
3	Baramati, Pune	23.03.2025 to 27.03.2025	23
4	Lonavala	01.08.2025 to 05.08.2025	25
5	Goa	13.08.2025 to 18.08.2025	25
6	Ahmednagar	11.08.2025 to 16.08.2025	25
7	Jalna	22.08.2025 to 26.08.2025	17
8	Sangli	15.09.2025 to 19.09.2025	25
9	JOTI Nagpur	22.09.2025 to 26.09.2025	40
10	Sindhudurg	26.09.2025 to 30.09.2025	25
11	Wardha	06.10.2025 to 10.10.2025	25
12	JOTI Nagpur	13.10.2025 to 17.10.2025	40
13	Latur	13.10.2025 to 17.10.2025	25
14	Raigad	04.11.2025 to 08.11.2025	37
15	Pune	05.11.2025 to 09.11.2025	47
16	Dhule	08.11.2025 to 12.11.2025	40
17	Akola	15.11.2025 to 19.11.2025	28
18	Yavatmal	17.11.2025 to 21.11.2025	44
Total			537

Mediation for the year 2025

Month	Pending	Referred Cases	Settled Cases	Not Settled cases	Total Disposal
January	18306	8457	2079	5467	7546
February	19191	7754	1910	4890	6800
March	18518	7720	1933	5983	7916
April	17824	7399	1870	6090	7960
May	15293	3985	909	5290	6199
June	16452	6291	1125	3961	5086
July	156514	150735	4441	6114	10555
August	196378	57614	3695	13961	17656
September	117671	17576	6026	85279	91305
October	117945	7750	1893	25459	27352
November	79896	8036	1968	20770	22738
December	49777	7193	1717	28427	30144
Total	823765	290510	29566	211691	241257

Regional Conference on Mediation held on 11th January, 2025 at Nagpur

The Regional Conference on Mediation held on 11th January, 2025 at Nagpur was graced by the presence of the then Hon'ble Chief Justice Shri.Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya, High Court of Bombay, Hon'ble Shri. Justice A. S. Chandurkar, Executive Chairman, MSLSA, Mumbai, Hon'ble Smt. Justice Revati Mohite Dere, Member, Main Mediation Monitoring Committee, High Court of Bombay. MSLSA restored its awareness video of **“Upay Amcha Nirnay Tumcha”**, originally released in 2007 and successfully re-launched it during the Regional Conference.



The initiative ensured preservation of an important public legal awareness resource and improved its technical quality for contemporary dissemination. This effort strengthened MSLSA's ongoing commitment to effective legal literacy and public outreach through improved audio-visual communication.



Conclave for Pre and Post Litigation Counsellors held on 18th and 19th January 2025 at Family Court, Pune

The Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority organized a **one and a half-day** conclave for DLSA Secretaries and Counsellors to ensure uniform functioning of Pre-Litigation and Post-Litigation Counselling Centres and to deliberate upon operational challenges along with possible solutions.



The objective of the Conclave on Mediation was to strengthen and promote mediation as an effective, accessible and people-centric mode of dispute resolution. It aimed to provide a common platform for Judges, judicial officers, mediation practitioners and legal services institutions to deliberate on best practices, address practical challenges, and enhance institutional coordination. The conclave also sought to build capacity, encourage uniform implementation of mediation frameworks, and advance the goal of timely and amicable resolution of disputes, thereby reducing pendency and improving access to justice.





Mega Legal Services Camp

Mega Legal Services Camps are large-scale, delivery-focused legal initiatives aimed at converting legal awareness into real access to justice. Unlike traditional legal awareness camps, they provide direct, practical assistance by connecting marginalized and weaker sections with legal remedies, welfare schemes and grievance redressal mechanisms. Grounded in the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, and NALSA's mandate, these services operate as single-window platforms with the involvement of Legal Services Authorities and government departments. By offering legal advice, documentation support, welfare facilitation, dispute resolution, and follow-up, Mega Legal Services Camps bridge the gap between rights and benefits, strengthen public trust, and promote justice and social welfare at the grassroots level. The main objectives are as follows :-

1. To spread awareness about welfare legislations and schemes and strengthen the community's access to the schemes being implemented by the Legal Services Authority and other departments of Government.
2. Identifying and connecting persons to welfare schemes to ensure that fruits of welfare schemes are passed to eligible persons.
3. To understand legal needs of person and address their legal problems by giving appropriate legal advise and taking other necessary steps.

Mega Legal Services Camp

Sr No.	Date	District	Number of Person attended Mega Camp	Number of beneficiaries
1	08/02/2025	Ahmednagar	5000	1247
	13/03/2025		400	70
	28/03/2025		320	50
2	19/01/2025	Akola	1600	620
3	09/02/2025	Amravati	10,000	2368
4	09/03/2025	Aurangabad	1284	47
5	11/01/2026	Bhandara	2300	245
6	23/03/2025	Buldana	1500	60
7	19/01/2025	Jalgaon	2600	45
8	05/01/2025	Latur	1500	95
9	16/03/2025	Nagpur	2750	252
10	08/02/2025	Nanded	3000	1280
11	25/03/2025	Nashik	750	13
12	19/01/2025	Parbhani	2000	936
13	16/03/2025	Pune	17406	13163
14	19/01/2025	Raigad	1800	60
15	11/01/2025	Sangli	9186	295
16	19/01/2025	Wardha	1750	190
17	22/02/2025	Washim	2500	504
18	02/03/2025	Yavatmal	4400	2863
19	25/01/2025	Mumbai DLSA	2405	56
20	25/01/2025	Mumbai Suburban	2405	56

MEGA LEGAL SERVICES CAMP
at Dharani, Dist. Amravati
Dated :- 09th February, 2025





MEGA LEGAL SERVICES CAMP
at Watane Lawn, Washim
Dated :- 22nd February, 2025



State Level Conference on Mediation at Uttan, MJA held on 08th March, 2025

A State Level Conference on Mediation was held at Uttan, Maharashtra Judicial Academy (MJA) on 08th March, 2025, with the objective of strengthening and streamlining mediation practices across the State. The Conference was attended by Principal District Judges from all districts of Maharashtra, Secretaries of all District Legal Services Authorities, Judicial Officers and trained Mediators.



The programme comprised 4 technical and interactive sessions, focusing on policy, best practices and effective implementation of mediation. The Conference was graced by eminent dignitaries including -:

1. Hon'ble Shri Justice Abhay S. Oka, Judge, Supreme Court of India,
2. Hon'ble Shri Justice Alok Aradhe, Chief Justice, Bombay High Court and Patron-in-Chief, MSLSA,
3. Hon'ble Shri Justice A.S. Chandurkar, Executive Chairman, MSLSA and Chairman, Main Mediation Monitoring Committee, Bombay High Court,
4. Hon'ble Smt. Justice Mohite Revati Dere, Member, Main Mediation Monitoring Committee,
5. Hon'ble Shri Justice M.S. Sonak, Chairman, Mediation Monitoring Sub-Committee, Goa,
6. Hon'ble Shri Justice Ravindra V. Ghuge, Chairman, Mediation Monitoring Sub-Committee, Aurangabad, and
7. Hon'ble Shri Justice A.G. Gharote, Member, Mediation Monitoring Sub-Committee, Nagpur.







‘Let’s Talk’

There are Pre -litigation Counselling Centres.

It is conceptualized by the Bombay High Court for facilitating effective ‘pre-litigation’ counselling in matrimonial disputes and matters relating to senior citizens. These centers are manned by the trained Counsellors.

- **Let’s Talk** is established at Mumbai, Pune, Aurangabad, Nagpur, Nashik, Thane, Ahmednagar, Yavatmal and Amravati.

‘Sukoon’

There are post litigation counselling Centres.

This Centre is also conceptualized by the Bombay High Court to facilitate post-litigation counselling in matrimonial disputes and matters relating to senior citizens coupled with mediation facility as per need.

- **Sukoon** is established at Mumbai, Mumbai Suburban, Aurangabad, CMM Court, Esplanade, Yavatmal, Ahmednagar, Amravati, Pune.

Sr. No.	Particulars	No.
1	Let's Talk (Pre-Litigation Counseling)	
	Referred from January to December 2025	765
	Settled from January to December 2025	188
2	Sukoon (Post-Litigation)	
	Referred from January to December 2025	85
	Settled from January to December 2025	26

Inauguration of “Lets Talk” & “Sukoon” at Mazgaon, Mumbai held on 19th March, 2025



NALSA (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganized Sector) Scheme, 2015 on 06th April, 2025

NALSA's scheme for the unorganized sector provides free legal aid and services to workers, helping them access government welfare programs, understand their rights, and address issues like exploitation and poor working conditions. Key activities include conducting legal awareness campaigns, assisting workers with registration for government schemes, providing legal representation, and coordinating with government agencies to bridge gaps in legislation and implementation.

In Maharashtra the NALSA Scheme for Unorganised Sector has shown a positive impact. Many Bonded Labours especially from Tribal and Rural Areas such as Beed have been rescued and rehabilitated. The SLSA & DLSA have shown true dedication in implementing the said scheme.

No. of Program	No. of Persons attended		No. of beneficiaries in each programme	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
206	9902	7225	446	492

MSLSA had organized One Day State Level Conference on NALSA (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganized Sector) Scheme, 2015, in Collaboration with International Justice Mission at Y. B. Chavan, Mumbai Held on 06th April, 2025.





NALSA, New Delhi - SAATHI Campaign

In Maharashtra a Special Camp was organised as Pilot basis at Pune for providing **AADHAR Cards to Destitute Children**. The camp was extremely successful and resulted in a positive outcome. Later on, the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) launched the SAATHI campaign with a aim to identify and assist destitute children across the country in obtaining Aadhaar and other essential identity documents.

The campaign was launched in the presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.R. Gavai, Chief Justice of India Designate and Executive Chairman of NALSA; Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Judge, Supreme Court of India.

During implementation of campaign from **15 May to 15 August 2025** in the State of Maharashtra we achieved the substantial result. The same is as follows :-

Total children identified	Number of Adhar Registered	School admission	Health screening	Legal Aid given	Scheme linked	Outcome / total beneficiaries
4546	1222	256	1425	52	12	2863

Honorarium of Para Legal Volunteers

The **MSLSA**, as a **progressive and pioneering initiative**, enhanced the honorarium payable to **Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs)** in the State of Maharashtra from **₹500 to ₹750 per day**. This initiative was undertaken as a **pilot measure**, marking a **first-of-its-kind step in the country** towards recognizing and strengthening the role of PLVs in the legal services delivery system.

The proposal received due consideration and was **approved by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)** vide letter dated **09th May, 2025**. Subsequently, NALSA further approved the payment of enhanced honorarium of **₹750 per day** to Para Legal Volunteers with effect from **08th August, 2025**.

The initiative was **highly appreciated by NALSA**, which acknowledged the forward-looking approach of MSLSA in its communication dated **13.02.2025**, recognizing the measure as a significant step towards motivation, capacity building, and effective engagement of Para Legal Volunteers at the grassroots level.

This landmark decision reflects MSLSA's continued commitment to strengthening access to justice by empowering Para Legal Volunteers, who form the backbone of legal awareness and outreach activities across the State.



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To

The Member Secretary,
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Sub.: Acknowledgment of Increase in Honorarium for Para Legal Volunteers

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. MSLSA/2025/173 dated 16th January 2025, regarding the revision of the daily honorarium for Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) from Rs. 500/- to Rs. 750/- per day in the State of Maharashtra, we acknowledge the decision taken by the Hon'ble Chief Justice, Bombay High Court, and Patron-in-Chief, MSLSA.

As per the Para-Legal Volunteers (PLV) Scheme, the determination of honorarium rates for PLVs in metro cities falls within the purview of the respective State Legal Services Authority (SLSA). Accordingly, the decision taken by MSLSA is well within the framework of the scheme, and we appreciate the steps taken to recognize the contributions of PLVs in facilitating access to justice at the grassroots level.

Warm Regards

Yours sincerely,


(S.C. Munghate)

Organisation of Awareness Camps for Identification and Screening of Children with Disabilities (CwDs)

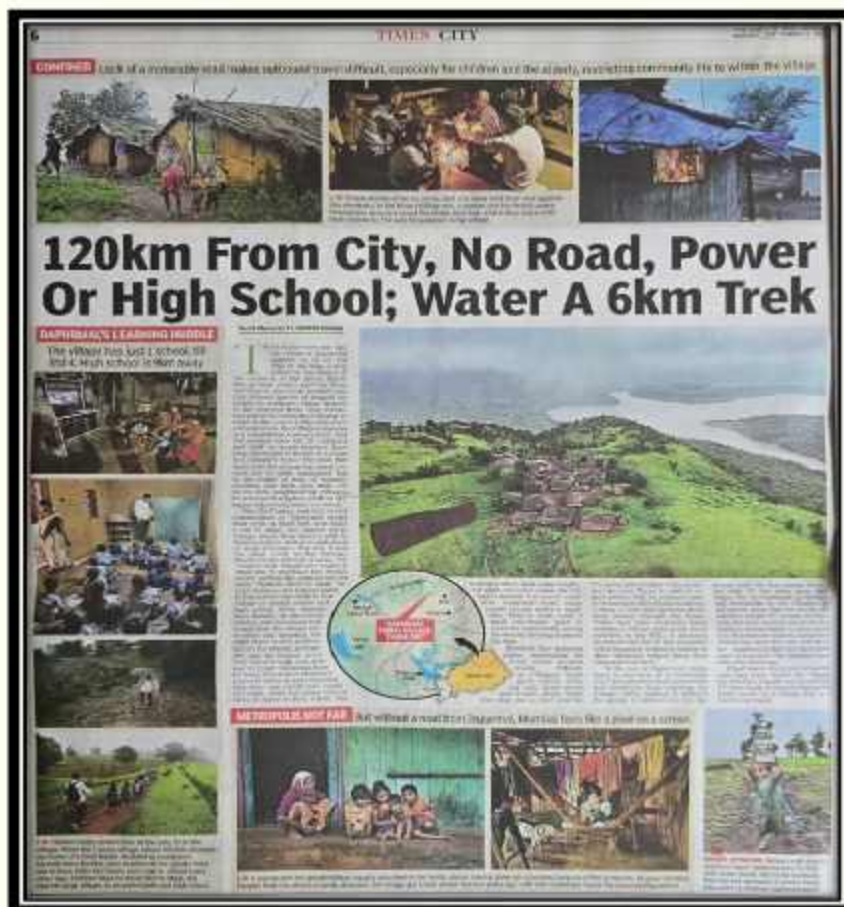
Camps have been organised in the entire State of Maharashtra for Children with Disabilities as per the directives of the Hon'ble Juvenile Justice Committee. The same resulted in identifying children, giving them all the necessary assistance.

In furtherance of these efforts, the MSLSA website has been expanded by updating a dedicated section for persons with disabilities, enabling information to be accessed *at a glance*. The updated section provides contact details of the Social Welfare Department along with relevant judgments and orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Hon'ble High Court, thereby enhancing accessibility to legal and welfare-related information for differently abled persons.

Number of Children identified	Number of Screening of Children with Disabilities
12,651	4,316

Outreach to Dapurmal Village, Thane

In 2025, the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority, **Hon'ble Justice Smt. Revati Mohite Dere**, took suo motu cognisance of the plight of residents of the remote and inaccessible **Dapurmal Village** and directed the **District Legal Services Authority, Thane**, to undertake immediate field-level intervention.



The initiative led to the **identification and mapping of an otherwise unrecorded habitation**, inter-departmental coordination with the district administration, and the formulation of a structured plan for outreach despite extreme geographical barriers. This judicially guided intervention brought administrative focus to the village, laid the groundwork for delivery of legal aid and welfare schemes, and reaffirmed MSLSA's commitment to ensuring that **no community remains beyond the reach of justice due to remoteness or neglect**.

Article in Newspaper about “Dadar Market’s Brightest Flower”

Pursuant to a news article published in *The Times of India* dated 25 June 2025 titled “Dadar Market’s Brightest Flower”, the District Legal Services Authority, Mumbai took suo motu cognisance of the matter. The PLVs interacted with the child and her family and coordinated with the Department of Women and Child Development and the Child Welfare Committee. As a result of the intervention, the child received a scholarship from **HETU Charitable Trust**, and financial assistance amounting to ₹1,00,000/- was extended to the family with support from NGOs. The child is presently attending school and private tuition near her residence. It was also decided to periodically monitor the child’s educational progress and explore suitable housing assistance for her homeless grandmother. This intervention reflects the proactive role of the Legal Services Institutions in safeguarding the welfare and educational continuity of children from vulnerable backgrounds.



Inauguration of New Offices of Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority, Mumbai, High Court Of Bombay – Mediation Centre, High Court Legal Services Committee, Mumbai

Considering the increased need of space, offices of the Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority, Mumbai, High Court Legal Services Committee, Mumbai and Main Mediation Centre, Bombay High Court are shifted to new office having 7000 Sq.Ft. area. It has five Mediation Rooms, One Arbitration Room with a dedicated room for Counselling. Special Creche is also created with sufficient amenities. This conducive atmosphere will definitely help in optimum use of ADR mechanism.





Zonal Conference on Mediation at Pune on Sunday, 05th October, 2025

The Zonal Conference on Mediation (Zone-1) scheduled on 5th October 2025 at Pune was attended by the Hon'ble Smt. Justice Revati Mohite Dere, Executive Chairperson, MSLSA, Mumbai, Hon'ble Shri Justice M.S. Sonak, Executive Chairperson, Mediation Monitoring Sub-Committee, Goa, Hon'ble Smt. Justice Bharati Dangre, Judge, High Court of Bombay, Shri M.K. Mahajan, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Shri M.S. Azmi, Member Secretary, MSLSA and other Hon'ble Judges.



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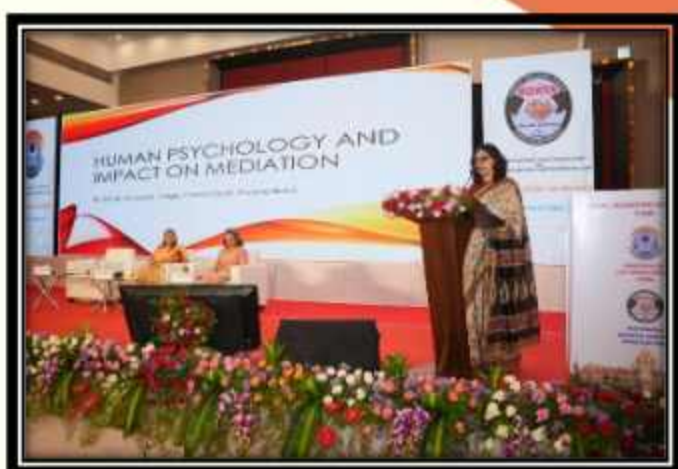
Considering the need of hour for effective Mediation, The Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Bombay High Court, Mumbai and Patron-in-Chief, MSLSA, Mumbai has conceptualised a theme "Meditation and Mediation". A documentary is created by the Main Mediation Centre, Bombay High Court.

The Hon'ble Chairperson, MCPC has directed to disseminate the same though out the Nation. Most of the characteristics are played by the staff of the MSLSA and Main Mediation Centre, Bombay High Court.

The documentary video highlights how the practice of meditation can enhance the effectiveness of mediation, fostering calmness, clarity, and compassion in the process of dispute resolution.

Release of Documentary – “Meditation and Mediation”





State Level Constitution on Sex Workers Rights –29th October 2025

A workshop was organized for educating the sex workers about their rights vis-à-vis the legality of sex work, rights and obligations of the police and what is permitted/prohibited under the law as per judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in **“Budhadev Karmaskar Vs. The State of West Bengal”**.





MEDIATION FOR THE NATION

Main Mediation Monitoring Committee under the aegis of MCPC and MSLSA has conducted and monitored Mediation for the Nation Campaign. **Total 2,19,571** matters are referred during this Campaign and around **12,402** are settled. The Campaign is continued further as per the directions of the MCPC.

The campaign targeted various cases suitable for mediation, including matrimonial disputes, accident claims, domestic violence, and commercial disputes, among others. Referrals were made for all matters with elements of settlement. Mediators trained in mediation were utilized, with efforts occurring daily and via online options. The campaign emphasized wide publicity through media to ensure community awareness.

Mediation for the Nation	
Matters Referred till 31/12/2025	2,19,571
Matters Settled till 31/12/2025	12,402

Orientation Programme for the Secretaries of the District Legal Services Authorities on 1st and 2nd November 2025

Two days Orientation Programme for the Secretaries of the District Legal Services Authorities was organized at Maharashtra Judicial Academy, Uttan, on 1st & 2nd November 2025 as per the direction of the Hon'ble Executive Chairperson, Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority, Mumbai. In the said orientation Programme total **34 Secretaries** of District Legal Services Authorities have participated.



The Chief Guest of the programme the Hon'ble Smt. Justice Revati Mohite Dere, Executive Chairperson, Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority, Mumbai blessed the participants with her words of wisdom. Hon'ble Chairperson said that the participants are the limbs, eye and ears of SLSA and they should have enthusiasm in discharge of their duties pertaining to Legal Services Institutions. Her Ladyship sensitized the participants on the various issues related to Children, Women, Prisoners, Victim Compensation Scheme, Skill Development.



The Two Day's Orientation Programme included the Sessions related to effective Implementation of various NALSA Schemes, Role of Secretary, DLSA in various committees established under NALSA Schemes, Manodhairya Scheme and duties of Secretary of DLSA, Lok Adalat, Mediation, Funds Management with special focus on NALSA Funds, Account and Audit discipline with special focus on Guidelines issued by NALSA vide Letter No.F.No.G/7/2025-26/ NALSA/ Guidelines/ 1348/J.



Dedicated session for Mediation and Counselling impressing upon the Secretaries the revised Rules, Schemes of MCPC was also conducted. Need to expand the panel of Mediators was emphasised. All the sessions were interactive and based on practical experiences of participants.





Training Programme for Legal Aid Defence Counsels & Legal Aid Panel Lawyers organized by TISS at the TISS Campus on 13th November, 2025

A **one-day Workshop** for Legal Aid Defence Counsels (LADCs) from **Mumbai, Thane and Raigad** was organised in collaboration with the Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority (MSLSA) and Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS). The programme aimed at strengthening effective delivery of legal aid. The workshop was coordinated by Shri Vijay Raghavan, Professor, Centre for Criminology and Justice, TISS. The event provided a platform for capacity building, experience sharing and discussion on challenges faced by LADCs in the criminal justice system. Shri M.S. Azmi, Member Secretary, MSLSA along with Shri Pravin Arunrao Kumbhojkar, Deputy Registrar, Main Mediation Centre, High Court of Bombay, Mumbai, graced the programme with their presence.





Seminar on Mediation for Empanelled Mediator at Ahmednagar on 22nd and 23rd November

A Two-Day Seminar was held on Mediation for Empanelled Mediators at Ahmednagar on 22nd and 23rd November. Around **250 advocates** and **mediators** empanelled from **Ahmednagar and Pune** districts attended the seminar. The programme comprised multiple sessions by various speakers, including interactive open-house discussions, ensuring active participation. The seminar was inaugurated by Shri M. S. Azmi, Member Secretary, MSLSA, along with the Shri A. S. Shende, Principal District Judge, Ahmednagar. Several other sessions were conducted by Shri Pravin Arunrao Kumbhojkar, Deputy Registrar Main Mediation Centre, High Court of Bombay, sitting Judges and other resource persons, contributing to the overall success of the programme.





Training Programme for the DLSA Secretaries organized by TISS on 24th November, 2025

Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority, in collaboration with the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), organized a **One-day Training Programme** for all District Legal Services Authority Secretaries on 24th November 2025 at the TISS Campus, Deonar, Mumbai. The sessions were addressed by eminent dignitaries including Hon'ble Justice Smt. Revati Mohite Dere, Executive Chairperson, MSLSA, Shri M.S. Azmi, Member Secretary, MSLSA, Shri Vijay Raghavan, Professor, Centre for Criminology and Justice, School of Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) and Shri Yogesh Desai, Special IG (Prisons), Maharashtra. The workshop focused on strengthening legal aid delivery, bail facilitation, and effective implementation of schemes for undertrial prisoners.



The programme focused on strengthening institutional capacity, effective implementation of legal aid mechanisms and sharing of best practices. Experts from TISS and MSLSA deliberated on issues concerning legal aid delivery, coordination and contemporary challenges in access to justice. The initiative reinforced MSLSA's continued engagement with academic institutions to enhance the efficiency and quality of legal services across the State.







NALSA, New Delhi - Legal Aid Defence Counsel System (LADCS) Scheme

The Legal Aid Defence Counsel System (LADCS) scheme by NALSA is a program that provides free legal defence in criminal cases for eligible beneficiaries. It was introduced to strengthen criminal court-based legal services by having full-time, dedicated lawyers, full-time engagement of lawyers, a support system, and the establishment of offices in districts across the country to assist with both trial and appellate stages.

Data of Legal Aid Defence Counsel Center	
Total No. of Legal Aid Defence Counsels :-	229
Sessions Cases allotted to LADCS :-	4,751
Sessions Cases Disposed of :-	1,602
Magistrate Courts Cases allotted to LADCS :-	8,556
Magistrate Courts Cases Disposed of :-	4,184
Bail Applications assigned to LADCS :- (Session + Magistrate Court)	13,234
Bail Applications Disposed of :-	7,749

**Training / Refresher course for the Chief
LADCs, Deputy LADCs & Assistant LADCs
held on 29 & 30 November 2025 at Uttan**

A Two-Day Training and Refresher Course for Legal Aid Defence Counsels (LADCs) of Maharashtra was held on 29th and 30th November, 2025 at the Maharashtra Judicial Academy, Uttan. The inaugural session was graced by Hon'ble Shri Justice Shree Chandrashekhar, Chief Justice, High Court of Bombay and Patron-in-Chief, MSLSA, and Hon'ble Smt. Justice Revati Mohite Dere, Executive Chairperson, MSLSA. Hon'ble Shri Justice A. S. Gadkari, Senior Judge, High Court of Bombay, Hon'ble Justice Shri M.S. Sonak, Chairperson, HCLSC, Mumbai and the Judges of the Bombay High Court also remained present along with Shri M. S. Azmi, Member Secretary, MSLSA.



The programme benefited around 300 Chief, Deputy and Assistant LADCs through expert sessions conducted by Hon'ble Judges and eminent resource persons.





Orientation – Training/ Seminar for Empanelled Mediators held on 7th and 8th December, 2025

A **two-day Orientation Training Programme** on Mediation was conducted on **7th and 8th December**, with participation of approximately **400 participants**, including Judicial Officers and empanelled Mediators, **from Mumbai, Raigad, Thane, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Goa, Aurangabad, Nagpur, Sangli and Satara**. The programme was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pamidighantam Sri Narasimha, Judge, Supreme Court of India, and was held in the gracious presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Prasanna Bhalachandra Varale, Judge, Supreme Court of India.



The sessions were conducted by Shri Pravin Arunrao Kumbhojkar, Deputy Registrar, Main Mediation Centre, High Court of Bombay, Dr. Shetty, Psychiatrist, J.P. Sengh, Senior Trainer of MCPC, Smt. Amrita Joshi, Director, TISS, Adv. Parimal Shah, Mediator, among others..



The programme comprised interactive sessions with active participation, aimed at strengthening mediation skills through structured training and discussions over the two days













Interaction between the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mediators Empaneled on Main Mediation Monitoring Committee on 11th December, 2025 at MSLSA Office

An **interactive meeting** aimed at strengthening the mediation process was held on **11th December, 2025** at the **MSLSA Office**, Mumbai, involving **around 250 empanelled Mediators** on the panel of the **Main Mediation Monitoring Committee (MMC)**. The interaction witnessed the presence of eminent members of the judiciary, including Hon'ble Shri Justice R.D. Dhanuka, Former Chief Justice, High Court of Bombay, Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. A. Sayed, Former Chief Justice, High Court of Himachal Pradesh, Hon'ble Ms. Justice Mridula Bhatkar, Former Judge, High Court of Bombay, Hon'ble Smt. Justice Revati Mohite Dere, Executive Chairperson, MSLSA, Hon'ble Shri Justice A.S. Gadkari, Senior Judge, High Court of Bombay and and Hon'ble Shri Justice Ravindra V. Ghuge, Chairman, HCLSC, Aurangabad.

The meeting facilitated a meaningful dialogue between the Hon'ble Judges and empanelled Mediators, focusing on strengthening and streamlining the mediation process.







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