



कानूनी साक्षरता, हटायें दुर्बलता
From Ignorance to Legal Empowerment

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRPERSON, DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
EAST SIKKIM AT GANGTOK
DISTRICT COURT, SICHEY, EAST SIKKIM
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Ref. No. 15/DLSA/Gangtok

NOTICE

Date: 2/4/26

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the following posts as per the Legal Aid Defence Scheme, 2022 under the establishment of District Legal Services Authority, Gangtok:

Sl. Nos	Posts	Vacancies
01.	Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel	01
02.	Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel	01
03.	Assistant Legal Aid Defence Counsel	01

1. (a) **Eligibility Criteria for Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel:**

- Practice in Criminal law for at least 10 years.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Excellent understanding of criminal law.
- Thorough understanding of ethical duties of a defense counsel.
- Ability to work effectively and efficiently with others with capability to lead.
- Must have handled at least 30 criminal trials in Sessions Courts, aforesaid condition of handling 30 criminal cases can be relaxed in appropriate circumstances.
- Knowledge of computer system is preferable.
- Quality to lead the team with capacity to manage the office.

(b) **Eligibility Criteria for Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel:**

- Minimum 7 years of practice in criminal law.
- Strong knowledge and understanding of criminal law.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Proficiency in legal research.
- Sound understanding of ethical responsibilities of defense counsel.
- Ability to work effectively in a team.
- Must have conducted at least 20 criminal trials in Sessions Courts (relaxation may be granted in exceptional cases by the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, SLSA).
- Adequate IT skills relevant to the role.

(c) **Eligibility Criteria for Assistant Legal Aid Defence Counsel:**

- Practice in criminal law for 0 to 3 years.
- Good oral and written communication skills.
- Thorough understanding of ethical duties of defense counsel.
- Ability to collaborate and work efficiently with others.
- Strong research and drafting skills.
- IT knowledge with proficiency in work.

- The last date for submission of applications is 13.04.2026. Applications are to be submitted to the Chairperson, DLSA, Gangtok, at the ADR Building, District Court Complex, Sichey, Gangtok.
- Candidates are advised to visit the DLSA office, Gangtok, for any additional details.
- Interviews for the above positions will be held on 18.04.2026 at 10:00 AM at the ADR Building.
- For Honorarium (Retainership fee and salaries) for Class-B towns (Population more than 2 lacs but below 10 lacs), scope of work and other details refer to the Modified Scheme, 2022: Legal Aid Defense Counsel Scheme, 2022
- Any application received through any other mode shall not be accepted after the last date mentioned above.

Date: 02/04/2026

Place: DLSA, Sichey, Gangtok.

Sd/-
Secretary,
District Legal Services Authority,
Gangtok, Sikkim