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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM NATH

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Dear Readers,

The first quarter of 2026 reflects an important evolution in how access to justice must be understood and delivered in contemporary India. Justice cannot remain confined to institutions waiting to be approached, it must continuously evolve to meet people where they are, respond to emerging challenges and remain accessible to those who need it most.

This vision was reflected in NALSA's continued engagement with young citizens and future legal stakeholders. In collaboration with IIT Delhi, NALSA observed **National Youth Day** on 12th January, 2026, and launched the **NALSA Student Awareness Resource on Ragging, 2026**, reinforcing the importance of dignity, inclusion and safe educational spaces. The observance of **National Girl Child Day** on 24th January, 2026, across the country under the **NALSA (ASHA – Awareness, Support, Help and Action) SOP, 2025**, further reflected the continuing emphasis on preventive legal awareness and community engagement, particularly on issues relating to child marriage, gender justice and the protection of the girl child. This commitment to legal awareness was further strengthened through the launch of **National Youth Reel & Short Film Competition** titled **"Frames of Justice"** on 13th February 2026, on the occasion of **National Women's Day / Birth Anniversary of Sarojini Naidu** encouraging young minds to creatively engage with issues of access to justice.

The focus on empowerment was equally visible in efforts to strengthen mechanisms for early and amicable dispute resolution. The launch of NALSA's pilot project on **"Community Mediation: Towards a Litigation-Free Rural India"** in Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh, reflected an effort to resolve disputes through dialogue at the community level. This was further reinforced through the inauguration of the upgraded **Model Mediation and Conciliation Centre** at the **High Court of Judicature at Allahabad**, signalling growing institutional confidence in mediation as an effective tool for reducing adversarial litigation.

During the quarter, State Legal Services Authorities across the country continued procuring Multi-Utility Vehicles on a need-based basis to move towards ensuring at least one dedicated outreach vehicle in every district. Significant progress in this regard was reflected through the launch of **"Nyaya Rath"** Multi-Utility Vehicles for all District Legal Services Authorities in **Uttar Pradesh** and **Mobile Lok Adalat Vans in Telangana**, strengthening last-mile delivery of legal services.

The quarter witnessed important strides in strengthening legal infrastructure in remote regions. In Ladakh, the inauguration of the new premises of the Ladakh Legal Services Authority and the new District Court Complex at Melongthang, Leh, in the august presence of **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Chief Justice of India & Patron-in-Chief, NALSA**, marked a significant step towards improving access to justice in the Union Territory. The occasion also featured a Mega Legal Services Camp and Awareness Programme.

The true strength of legal aid lies not merely in institutional expansion, but in public trust. Every outreach effort, mediation initiative and intervention must reinforce citizens' confidence that justice is accessible, humane and responsive to their needs. As we move ahead, our commitment remains unwavering—to build a justice delivery framework that is closer, faster, more compassionate and truly people-centric.

Warm Regards,
Vikram Nath



Message from the Member Secretary, NALSA

Dear Readers,

I am pleased to present the January–March 2026 edition of NALSA's Quarterly Newsletter, which reflects a period of sustained institutional activity focused on expanding outreach, strengthening service delivery mechanisms and improving operational responsiveness across Legal Services Institutions.

A significant priority during this quarter was the development of newer outreach models to engage diverse sections of society more effectively. NALSA's collaboration with IIT Delhi on **National Youth Day** on 12th January, 2026, which saw the launch of the **NALSA Student Awareness Resource on Ragging, 2026**, reflected efforts to promote safer educational spaces through targeted legal awareness initiatives. The quarter also witnessed nationwide observance of **National Girl Child Day** on 24th January, 2026, through awareness campaigns undertaken across States under the framework of the **NALSA (ASHA – Awareness, Support, Help and Action) SOP, 2025**. This was further complemented by the launch of **"Frames of Justice" – NALSA's National Reel Making and Short Film Competition for Law Students** on 13th February, 2026, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu/ National Women's Day, encouraging youth participation through creative and contemporary mediums.

The quarter also saw continued investment in strengthening dispute resolution infrastructure and capacity. The launch of the pilot initiative **"Community Mediation: Towards a Litigation-Free Rural India"** in Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh required coordination with local institutions, community stakeholders and implementation agencies. Similarly, the upgraded **Model Mediation and Conciliation Centre** at the **High Court of Judicature at Allahabad** represents sustained institutional efforts to strengthen mediation infrastructure and improve access to alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

During the quarter, State Legal Services Authorities continued procuring Multi-Utility Vehicles on a need-based basis to progressively ensure dedicated outreach vehicles across districts. Significant milestones in this effort included the rollout of **"Nyaya Rath" Multi-Utility Vehicles across Uttar Pradesh** and the launch of **Mobile Lok Adalat Vans/Multi-Utility Vehicles in Telangana**, strengthening last-mile delivery of legal services in remote and underserved regions.

The quarter also witnessed important institutional developments in Ladakh with the inauguration of the new premises of the Ladakh Legal Services Authority and the new District Court Complex at Melongthang, Leh, in the august presence of **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Chief Justice of India & Patron-in-Chief, NALSA**. The occasion was accompanied by a Mega Legal Services Camp and Awareness Programme, reinforcing efforts to strengthen access to justice in remote regions.

Alongside these national initiatives, Legal Services Authorities across the country continued to undertake legal awareness programmes, prison outreach activities, welfare camps, training programmes and direct assistance for vulnerable communities. These sustained field-level interventions remain central to the effective functioning of the legal aid framework.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Patron-in-chief and Hon'ble Executive Chairman for their guidance. I also extend my sincere appreciation to the Hon'ble Executive Chairpersons of SLSAs and HCLSCs, Member Secretaries of State Legal Services Authorities, judicial officers, panel lawyers, mediators, Legal Aid Defence Counsels, Para Legal Volunteers and administrative staff whose continued commitment ensures that legal services remain accessible, efficient and responsive to the needs of citizens.

Sanjiv Pandey

INAUGURATION OF NEW LADAKH LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY PREMISES AND DISTRICT COURT COMPLEX AT LEH, LADAKH



On 28th March, the Ladakh Legal Services Authority (LLSA), in collaboration with the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, organized the **inauguration** of new premises of the Ladakh State Legal Services Authority along with the inauguration of the New District Court Complex at Melongthang, Leh, followed by a **Mega Legal Services Camp and Awareness Programme** at Rinchen Auditorium Hall, Leh.

The programme was graced by the august presence of **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Chief Justice of India and Patron-in-Chief, National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)**, along with **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arun Palli, Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh & Patron-in-Chief, LLSA**, **Hon'ble Ms. Justice Sindhu Sharma, Administrative Judge for District Leh and Executive Chairperson, LLSA** and other **Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh**. The event was also attended by the **Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh, Sh. Vinai Kumar Saxena**, senior military officers, judicial officers and representatives of various departments.

The inauguration of the new District Court Complex marked a significant step towards strengthening judicial infrastructure and improving access to justice in the Union Territory. The newly inaugurated premises of the Ladakh Legal Services Authority will further strengthen delivery of free and competent legal services to eligible beneficiaries in remote and geographically challenging regions.



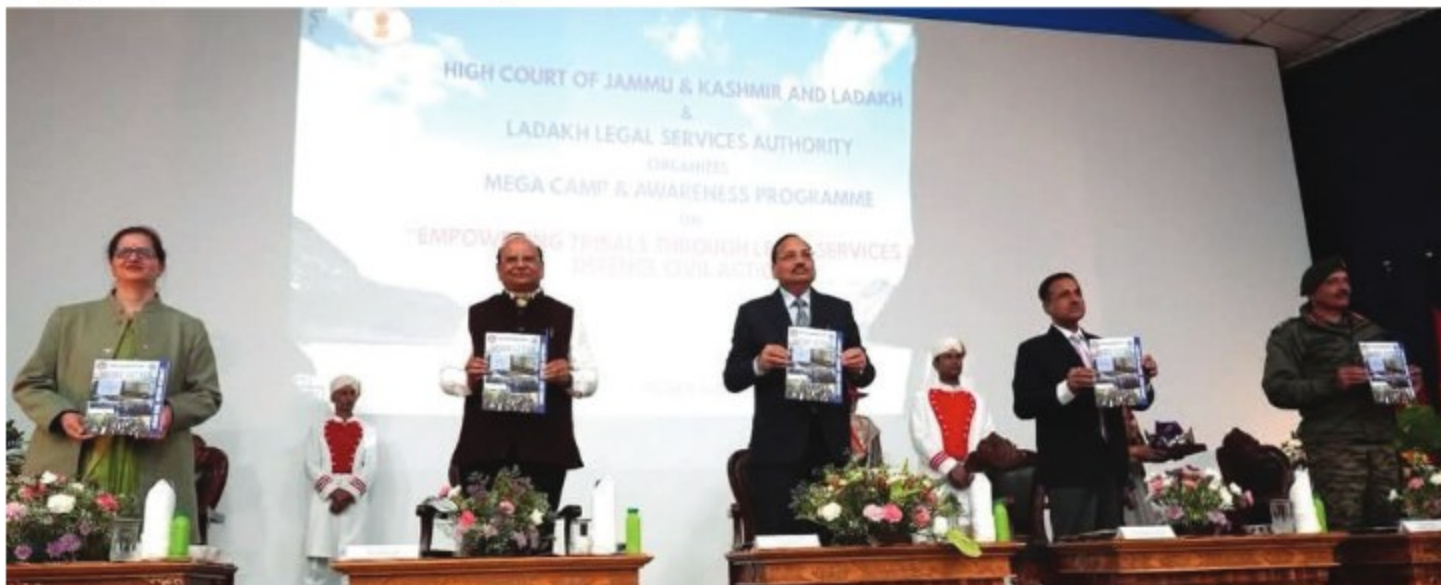
INAUGURATION OF NEW LADAKH LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT COURT COMPLEX PREMISES AT LEH, LADAKH



The Mega Legal Services Camp and Awareness Programme, themed “**Empowering Tribals through Legal Services and Defence Civil Action**”, brought together multiple stakeholders to provide legal counselling and facilitate essential public services, including assistance relating to Scheduled Tribe certificates, Resident Certificates and Domicile Certificates. Career counselling for students and cultural exhibitions showcasing local handicrafts, handloom products and traditional heritage were also organized.

Addressing the gathering, **Hon’ble the Chief Justice of India** observed that courts are not merely physical structures, but institutions where citizens must experience fairness, trust and support. His Lordship emphasized that justice must remain accessible to poor and marginalized communities and encouraged greater use of mediation for peaceful resolution of disputes. His Lordship also appreciated the cultural heritage of Ladakh and acknowledged the contribution of the Indian Army towards development and welfare activities in the region.

During the programme, the **Annual Newsletter 2025** of the **Ladakh Legal Services Authority** was also formally unveiled. The event concluded underscoring the continued commitment of the judiciary and Legal Services Institutions towards strengthening access to justice, institutional outreach and public confidence in the justice delivery system, particularly in geographically remote and underserved regions.



LAUNCH OF “E-SAMADHAN” DIGITAL MEDIATION AND LOK ADALAT PLATFORMS IN RAJASTHAN



The Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority (RSLSA) launched the “e-Samadhan” Digital Mediation Platform and Digital Lok Adalat Platform during the Conference on “Cyber Security – Awareness, Protection and Inclusive Access to Justice” held at Jaipur from 20th to 22nd February 2026. The platforms were inaugurated by Hon’ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Chief Justice of India & Patron-in-Chief, NALSA, the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan Mr. Bhajan Lal Sharma, Hon’ble Mr. Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Hon’ble Mr. Justice Sanjeev Prakash Sharma, Chairman, Rajasthan SLISA, Hon’ble Mr. Justice Pushpendra Singh Bhati, Judge, Rajasthan High Court, and other Hon’ble Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts and other dignitaries.

During the programme, a **Handbook on Mediation** was also formally released, reflecting continued efforts towards strengthening awareness and institutional understanding of mediation and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

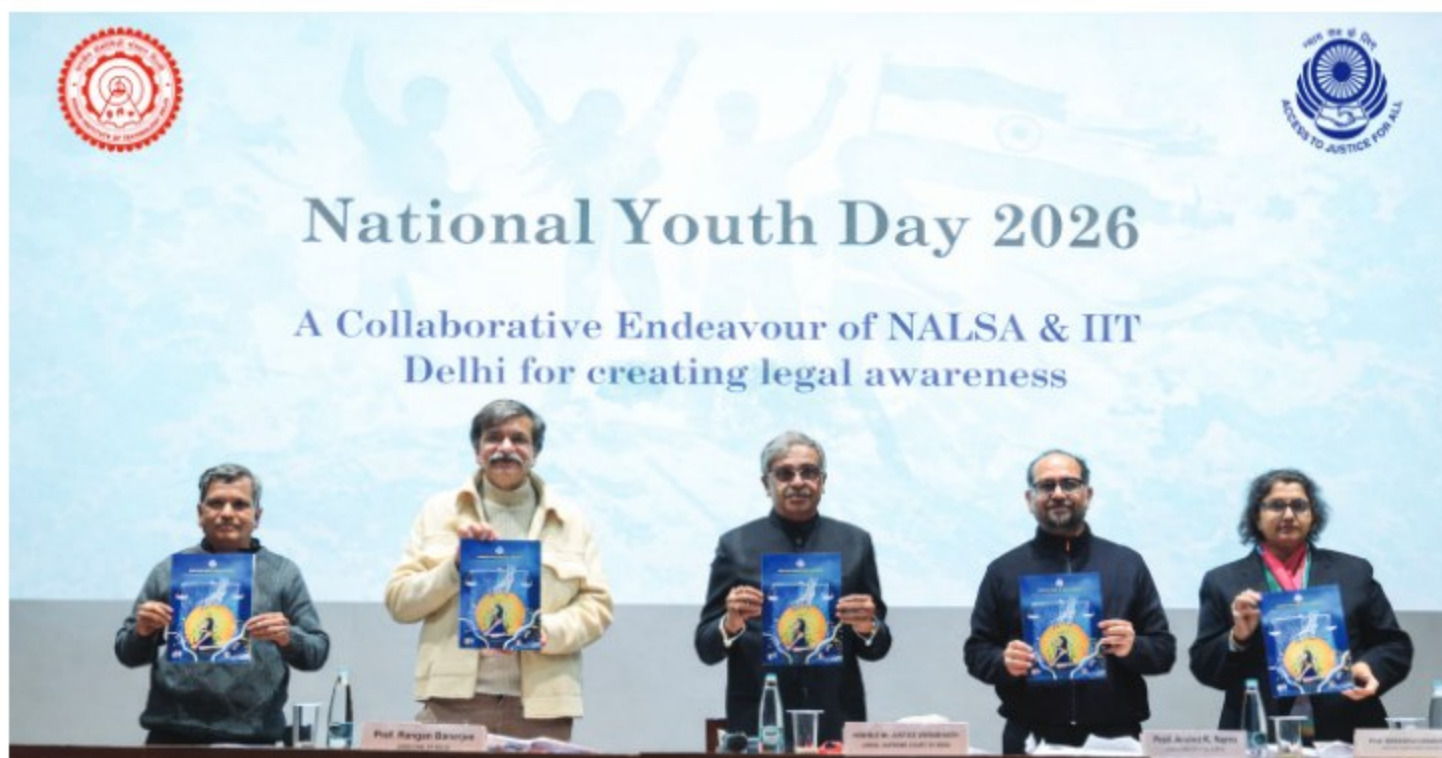
The launch of “e-Samadhan” marks an important step towards integrating technology-enabled dispute resolution mechanisms within the legal services framework, particularly in the areas of mediation and Lok Adalats involving large numbers of litigants across different locations. The Digital Mediation Platform has been designed to facilitate end-to-end online dispute resolution processes including case initiation, notice issuance, scheduling, virtual hearings, document exchange and recording of settlements. Similarly, the Digital Lok Adalat Platform seeks to support structured digital settlement drives, improve participation and enhance efficiency in disposal of mass matters through technology-assisted processes.

Addressing the inaugural session of the conference, **Hon’ble the Chief Justice of India** emphasized that cybersecurity is not only about protecting financial systems or digital infrastructure, but also about safeguarding institutional trust and public confidence. His Lordship observed that ensuring long-term cybersecurity requires continuous citizen education and collective institutional commitment involving the judiciary, government and society.

The conference also focused on emerging challenges relating to cybercrime, digital justice systems and inclusive access to justice in the evolving technological landscape. The launch of the digital platforms reflects the growing emphasis on online dispute resolution mechanisms as an effective means of improving accessibility, minimizing logistical barriers and strengthening pre-litigation settlement frameworks.

The initiative represents a significant advancement towards building a more accessible, efficient, transparent and technology-driven justice delivery system while reinforcing the commitment of Legal Services Institutions towards innovative and people-centric dispute resolution mechanisms.

NALSA OBSERVES NATIONAL YOUTH DAY AT IIT DELHI; LAUNCHES STUDENT AWARENESS RESOURCE ON RAGGING, 2026



The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, observed *National Youth Day* on 12th January 2026 at the IIT Delhi campus, commemorating the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda and reaffirming the role of youth in nation-building through values, discipline and social responsibility. The programme was graced by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vikram Nath, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, NALSA**, as the Chief Guest.

During the programme, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vikram Nath** formally released the “**NALSA Student Awareness Resource on Ragging, 2026**,” an initiative aimed at enhancing legal awareness among students regarding prevention of ragging, protection of dignity and access to support mechanisms within educational institutions. The event brought together students, faculty members and officials from NALSA and IIT Delhi to deliberate upon student well-being, mental health and the importance of safe and inclusive educational spaces.

Addressing the gathering, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vikram Nath** reflected upon the ideals of Swami Vivekananda and emphasized that true education must integrate knowledge with character, intellect with empathy and innovation with responsibility. Drawing from his own life experiences, His Lordship encouraged students to embrace uncertainty, remain resilient in the face of setbacks and approach life as a continuous process of learning and refinement. His Lordship also highlighted the constitutional values of scientific temper, humanism and spirit of inquiry as guiding principles for the youth of the nation.

Speaking on the issue of ragging, His Lordship observed that ragging represents a misuse of power that undermines dignity and creates fear and exclusion. Stressing that **mentorship, guidance and inclusion leave a far deeper impact than intimidation**, His Lordship underscored the need to build campuses that are safe, respectful and conducive to holistic growth. The Student Awareness Resource was described as an important step towards ensuring that students are informed about their rights, available safeguards and avenues for seeking timely assistance.

The programme reflected NALSA's continuing commitment towards promoting legal awareness among youth, strengthening student welfare initiatives and fostering educational environments rooted in dignity, equality and constitutional values. The collaboration with IIT Delhi also reflected NALSA's growing focus on engaging academic institutions as partners in preventive legal awareness and youth outreach. By equipping students with knowledge of their rights and responsibilities, the initiative sought to nurture informed, empathetic and socially conscious future citizens.

NALSA LAUNCHES PILOT PROJECT ON COMMUNITY MEDIATION IN BAGHPAT



On 16th February 2026, the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), in collaboration with the Uttar Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (UPSLSA) and the District Legal Services Authority, Baghpat, launched a pilot project titled “**Community Mediation: Towards a Litigation-Free Rural India**”. The project was inaugurated by **Hon’ble Mr. Justice Vikram Nath, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman, NALSA**, in the presence of officials from NALSA, Uttar Pradesh SLSA and other stakeholders.

The initiative aims to strengthen grassroots dispute resolution mechanisms by promoting dialogue-based, community-led mediation, with a long-term objective of building socially resilient rural communities capable of resolving disputes at an early stage. As part of the pilot phase, six villages in Baghpat district have been identified for implementation.

In his address, **Justice Vikram Nath** highlighted that many local disputes such as family disagreements, neighbourhood conflicts and land-related issues can be more effectively resolved through structured community dialogue rather than prolonged adversarial litigation. Emphasising the statutory recognition of mediation, he noted that the initiative seeks

to revive India’s traditional systems of dispute resolution while ensuring confidentiality, neutrality and fairness under modern legal safeguards.



Under the project, NALSA and DLSA Baghpat will identify and train members of the local community, including retired teachers, elders, social workers and other public-spirited individuals, in essential mediation skills such as negotiation, active listening and impartial facilitation. These trained mediators will act as a vital bridge between the formal legal system and community relationships.

Aligned with the objectives of the Mediation Act, 2023, the initiative represents a significant step towards reducing litigation, promoting social harmony and strengthening access to justice at the grassroots level, advancing NALSA’s vision of a more inclusive and participatory justice delivery system.

INAUGURATION OF UPGRADED MODEL MEDIATION CENTRE AT ALLAHABAD HIGH COURT



On 27th February 2026, the upgraded Model Mediation & Conciliation Centre at the Administrative Annexe Building of the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad was inaugurated by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vikram Nath**, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Executive Chairman, NALSA and Chairman, Mediation & Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC), in the presence of **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arun Bhansali**, Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad, along with other Hon'ble Judges of the Court.

Originally operating from a single room, the Centre has expanded significantly to meet rising case referrals. The upgraded facility now spans 2,420 square metres across two floors and houses 44 mediation cubicles, including video conferencing facilities. It also features automated administrative systems, digital payment facilities and a crèche, strengthening mediation infrastructure.

As of 26th February 2026, the Centre had registered 59,339 references, of which 58,026 cases had been concluded, including 12,784 successful settlements where both parties participated in mediation. At present, 258 trained mediators are actively serving at the Centre. Addressing the gathering, **Justice Vikram Nath** encouraged greater referral of eligible matters to mediation and emphasised the need for timely disposal of cases settled through mediation. Referring to the ongoing "*Mediation for the Nation 2.0*" initiative, he urged wider adoption of mediation across diverse categories of disputes. **Justice Arun Bhansali** highlighted the Centre's role in facilitating efficient and amicable settlements. The upgraded Centre reflects the judiciary's continued commitment to strengthening mediation infrastructure and promoting timely, harmonious dispute resolution.



UTTAR PRADESH SLSA FLAGS OFF 'NYAYA RATH' AND LAUNCHES STATE MEDIATION HELPLINE



On 14th February 2026, the Uttar Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (UPSLSA) achieved a significant milestone in strengthening access to justice with the flag-off ceremony of Multi-Utility Vehicles for all 74 District Legal Services Authorities of Uttar Pradesh, along with the launch of the State Mediation Helpline. The programme was inaugurated by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vikram Nath, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman, NALSA.**

The event was graced by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pankaj Mithal, Judge, Supreme Court of India; Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arun Bhansali, Chief Justice, High Court of Judicature at Allahabad and Patron-in-Chief, UPSLSA; Hon'ble Mr. Justice D.K. Upadhyaya, Chief Justice, High Court of Delhi; Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shree Chandrashekhar, Chief Justice, High Court of Bombay and Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.C. Tripathi, Judge, High Court of Judicature at Allahabad and Executive Chairman, UPSLSA, along with other Hon'ble Judges of the Allahabad High Court and officers of the State Legal Services Authority.

Flagged off from the portico of the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad, Lucknow Bench, these vehicles titled "**Nyaya Rath**" will function as Mobile Legal Aid Clinics and Mobile Mediation Centres, taking legal awareness, assistance and dispute resolution services directly to communities, particularly in rural and underserved areas. On this occasion, the **UPSLSA Mediation Helpline (1800-180-1212)** was also launched to enable citizens to obtain free guidance and information regarding the resolution of disputes through mediation. Through these initiatives, UPSLSA continues to advance the vision of ensuring "Access to Justice for All" by taking legal services closer to the people.

INAUGURATION OF MOBILE LOK ADALAT VANS TO STRENGTHEN LEGAL OUTREACH (TELANGANA)



On 14th March, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vikram Nath, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman, NALSA,** inaugurated two Mobile Lok Adalat Vans / Multi-Utility Vehicles of the Telangana State Legal Services Authority (TSLSA) at Hyderabad. The initiative aims to expand legal services outreach to remote and underserved areas across the State. Equipped with modern facilities including video conferencing, digital access and mobile Lok Adalat infrastructure, these vehicles will function as mobile legal aid units, enabling legal awareness, dispute resolution and consultation services at the grassroots level. The initiative strengthens access to justice by bringing legal services closer to communities and promoting timely, affordable and inclusive justice delivery.

HON'BLE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, NALSA AT VARIOUS EVENTS OF SLSAs



Visit to Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Allahabad for Launch of Upgraded Model Mediation Centre



Visit to Baghpat for Inauguration of Constitution Park at District Court Campus

PROGRAMMES ATTENDED BY EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF SLSAs

On 10th January, the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA), Bengaluru, in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority, Chitradurga, organized a Workshop for Chairpersons and Member Secretaries of DLSAs at the Zilla Panchayat Auditorium, Chitradurga. The programme was inaugurated by Hon'ble Smt. Justice Anu Sivaraman, Judge, High Court of Karnataka and Executive Chairperson, KSLSA, in the presence of other Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Karnataka. The workshop focused on strengthening institutional functioning, improving coordination and enhancing the effective implementation of legal services programmes across districts. Various sessions were conducted by resource persons to address practical challenges and best practices. The programme witnessed participation of various stakeholders, contributing to capacity building and improved service delivery.



Workshop for Chairpersons and Member Secretaries of DLSAs (Karnataka)



Legal Literacy Camp on Drug Awareness at Valsad (Gujarat)

On 28th February, the Assam State Legal Services Authority (ASLSA) established the first Legal Services Clinic for Senior Citizens in Assam at the DC Office premises, Sribhumi. The programme was attended by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Micheal Zothankhuma, Judge, Gauhati High Court and Executive Chairman, ASLSA, along with other dignitaries and stakeholders. The initiative was undertaken in line with the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, relevant State Rules and the NALSA Scheme for Senior Citizens, with the objective of strengthening legal support mechanisms for the elderly. The clinic is aimed at providing accessible legal assistance, awareness and support services to senior citizens. On the occasion, financial assistance was also distributed to beneficiaries under the Victim Compensation Scheme, reinforcing the commitment to welfare and access to justice.

On 17th January, a Mega Legal Literacy Camp was organized at Valsad, Gujarat under the guidance of the Gujarat State Legal Services Authority in alignment with the NALSA (DAWN - Drug Awareness and Wellness Navigation) Scheme, 2025, in the presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Alpesh Y. Kogje, Judge, High Court of Gujarat and Executive Chairman, Gujarat SLSA. The programme sensitized students and community members about the harmful effects of drug abuse, preventive measures and legal consequences of substance abuse. It also addressed child marriage prevention under the "Bal Vivah Mukta Bharat" campaign and awareness on cyber offences. Interactive sessions, awareness activities, participation from local stakeholders, and a pledge of "Say Yes to Life, No to Drugs" reinforced the message of social responsibility and healthy living.



Inauguration of Legal Services Clinic for Senior Citizens (Assam)

PROGRAMMES ATTENDED BY EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF SLSAs



State-Level Workshop on Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 (Andhra Pradesh)

On 2nd February, the Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (APSLSA) organized a formal event at the Gauhati High Court, Itanagar Permanent Bench, Naharlagun, for the launch and screening of its official Theme Song. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ashutosh Kumar, Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court & Patron-in-Chief of Arunachal Pradesh SLA launched the official Theme Song in the presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Kumar Medhi, Judge, Gauhati High Court & Executive Chairman, Arunachal Pradesh SLA, along with other Hon'ble Judges and dignitaries. The theme song has been conceptualized as an innovative outreach initiative to promote awareness about legal services and the objective of "Access to Justice for All". The event highlighted the importance of creative communication in strengthening public engagement with the justice delivery system.

On 10th February, the Andhra Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (APSLSA) organized a State-level workshop in collaboration with an NGO at VIT-AP University to mark the 50th anniversary of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976. The programme was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Sri Justice Cheekati Manavendra Nath Roy, Executive Chairman, APSLSA. The workshop focused on creating awareness about the issue of bonded labour, strengthening understanding of the legal framework and devising effective strategies for its eradication. Various stakeholders from departments including labour, social welfare, police, child welfare and revenue participated in the programme. The initiative aimed to enhance institutional coordination and reinforce efforts towards elimination of bonded labour through legal awareness and policy-driven interventions.



Launch of APSLSA Theme Song for Legal Awareness (Arunachal Pradesh)



Participation in Surajkund International Crafts Mela (Meghalaya)

In February 2026, Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.S. Thangkhiew, Judge, High Court of Meghalaya & Executive Chairman, Meghalaya SLA attended the 39th Surajkund International Crafts Mela at Surajkund, Faridabad, upon invitation from the Haryana SLA. The visit provided an opportunity for inter-state engagement and exchange, highlighting the role of cultural platforms in promoting awareness and outreach initiatives among diverse communities and stakeholders. It also reflected collaborative efforts among Legal Services Authorities to strengthen institutional coordination and share best practices in enhancing access to justice. Interactions during the event also facilitated exchange of ideas on community outreach and innovative awareness strategies. The participation underscored the importance of community engagement and innovative approaches in furthering the objectives of legal services and public awareness.

PROGRAMMES ATTENDED BY EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF SLSAs

On 28th February, a Mega Medical Camp was organized at Central Jail, Kot Bhalwal, Jammu, by the District Legal Services Authority, Jammu, under the aegis of the Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority, in collaboration with the jail administration. The programme was attended by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh & Executive Chairman, J&K LSA as the Chief Guest. The initiative aimed to provide comprehensive medical check-ups and healthcare services to inmates, ensuring their well-being and access to essential medical support. It also highlighted the importance of health rights within custodial settings and the role of Legal Services Institutions in safeguarding the dignity of inmates. The programme reinforced efforts towards promoting welfare, rehabilitation and humane conditions within prisons.



Mega Medical Camp at Central Jail Kot Bhalwal (Jammu & Kashmir)

In March 2026, the Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority (JHALSA) organized a Legal Services-cum-Empowerment Camp at Jamshedpur, attended by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sujit Narayan Prasad, Judge, High Court of Jharkhand & Executive Chairman, JHALSA, along with Hon'ble Judges, judicial officers and senior officials. During the programme, benefits and assets under various government welfare schemes were distributed to over 1,000 beneficiaries, reinforcing inclusive welfare delivery and social empowerment. Addressing the gathering, the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, JHALSA emphasized effective implementation of welfare schemes and greater awareness on issues such as human trafficking, witch-hunting, child abuse and drug abuse. The programme reflected the continued commitment of Legal Services Institutions to strengthening legal awareness, welfare outreach and access to justice for vulnerable communities.



Legal Services-cum-Empowerment Camp at Jamshedpur (Jharkhand)

On 10th March 2026, the Telangana State Legal Services Authority (TSLSA), Hyderabad released a special monograph on "International Parental Child Abduction" under the guidance of the Hon'ble Sri Justice P. Sam Koshy, Judge, High Court of Telangana & Executive Chairman, TSLSA. The monograph aims to create awareness regarding issues arising from international parental child abduction, particularly in situations involving family disputes, separation and divorce, where a child is taken to another country without the consent of one parent. It also highlights the legal complexities, rights of parties and available legal remedies in such cases among legal professionals, parents and stakeholders. The initiative reflects the commitment of Legal Services Institutions towards promoting legal awareness on emerging family law issues and ensuring informed access to legal remedies and support mechanisms.



Release of Monograph on International Parental Child Abduction (Telangana)

OBSERVANCE AND CELEBRATION OF SIGNIFICANT DAYS AND EVENTS

NATIONAL YOUTH DAY (12.01.2026)



OBSERVANCE AND CELEBRATION OF SIGNIFICANT DAYS AND EVENTS

NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY (24.01.2026)



OBSERVANCE AND CELEBRATION OF SIGNIFICANT DAYS AND EVENTS

CONCLUSION OF BAL VIVAH MUKT BHARAT CAMPAIGN (08.03.2026)



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LEGAL AWARENESS & OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

At Community Level : Empowering Communities through Knowledge



*Drawing Workshop on the theme Save the Girl Child
(Gujarat)*

On 4th January, with the Surat District Employees Association, organized a drawing workshop titled “Expression 2026” for children of District Court employees. The programme was conducted under the guidance of Shri Rahul A. Trivedi, Chairperson, DLSA Surat (Gujarat), and centered on the theme “Save the Girl Child”. The workshop provided a creative platform for children to express their thoughts and understanding of gender equality, dignity and the importance of protecting the rights of the girl child. Through art, participants reflected on social issues such as discrimination, education and empowerment, fostering awareness at an early age. The initiative effectively combined creativity with legal awareness, encouraging young minds to internalize values of equality and respect, while reinforcing the importance of safeguarding the rights and future of girls in society.

On 31st January, the District Legal Services Authority, Leh (Ladakh) organized an awareness programme on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH Act) at the District Court Complex, Leh. The session sensitized participants on the provisions of the POSH Act and the importance of ensuring a safe workplace for women. Key aspects discussed included the definition of sexual harassment, the role of Internal Complaints Committees and Local Committees and the procedure for filing complaints. The programme also emphasized institutional responsibility in preventing workplace harassment and ensuring timely redressal of grievances. The initiative strengthened awareness of legal safeguards available to women and reinforced the commitment towards creating safe and dignified workplaces.



Awareness Programme on the POSH Act, 2013 (Ladakh)



*Awareness Campaign on Managing the Digital World
(Haryana)*

In January, the District Legal Services Authority, Fatehabad (Haryana) undertook a bimonthly awareness campaign titled “Managing the Digital World” in coordination with the District Education Department, District Development and Panchayat Office (DDPO) and the Women and Child Development Department. The initiative focused on sensitizing participants about responsible use of digital platforms, online safety and cyber-related risks. The programme emphasized the importance of digital literacy, safe internet practices and the legal consequences of cyber offences. Participants were also informed about legal remedies and support mechanisms in cases of cyber harassment, fraud or misuse of digital platforms. The campaign aimed to promote responsible digital behaviour and strengthen community awareness regarding legal safeguards in the evolving digital environment.

LEGAL AWARENESS & OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

At Community Level : Empowering Communities through Knowledge

In January, the District Legal Services Authority, Ahmedabad (Rural) organised a legal awareness programme at a brick kiln site in Bavla, Ahmedabad (Gujarat) under the NALSA (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganised Sector) Scheme, 2015. The programme aimed to sensitize workers about their legal rights, labour protections and the availability of free legal aid services for the unorganised workforce. Participants were also informed about various welfare schemes and legal remedies available in cases of exploitation or workplace disputes. Informational pamphlets on legal assistance and relevant government schemes were distributed to enhance awareness and accessibility. The initiative sought to empower workers through legal literacy and strengthen their access to justice by ensuring that vulnerable labourers are aware of the legal support mechanisms available to them.



Legal Awareness Programme for Unorganised Sector Workers (Gujarat)



Legal Awareness Programme on Veer Parivar Sahayata Yojana (Rajasthan)

On 30th January, the District Legal Services Authority, Barmer (Rajasthan), in collaboration with Army Cantonment, Jalpa, organized a legal awareness programme on the NALSA Veer Parivar Sahayata Yojana, 2025. The programme aimed to sensitize families of martyrs and the general public about the benefits, entitlements and support mechanisms available under the scheme. Participants were guided on the procedure for availing benefits and the role of Legal Services Institutions in facilitating access to welfare measures. The initiative contributed to strengthening awareness among eligible beneficiaries through direct interaction with families and local stakeholders and ensured better outreach of the scheme, thereby promoting social security and support for families of defence personnel.

From 25th to 31st March, the District Legal Services Authority, Chirang (Assam), conducted a week-long door-to-door awareness campaign at Bilashpur and Hatipota under the "Reach Out and Respond" Programme, in pursuance of the Activity Calendar of the Assam State Legal Services Authority. The campaign focused on sensitizing the community about issues such as child marriage, child labour and provisions under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, with an emphasis on prevention and legal safeguards. Through direct interaction at the household level, awareness was created regarding the rights of children and the role of Legal Services Institutions in providing protection and support. The initiative aimed to strengthen grassroots legal literacy, promote community participation and ensure timely intervention in cases involving vulnerable sections.



Door-to-Door Awareness Campaign on Child Protection Issues (Assam)

LEGAL AWARENESS & OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

At Colleges & Schools : Empowering the Future Leaders through Knowledge



Skit and Role Play Activity on Cyber Crime and Cyber Bullying (Chandigarh)

On 22nd January, a Skit and Role Play Activity was conducted at Chitkara International School, Sector 25, Chandigarh under the Legal Literacy Club to create awareness among students about cybercrime and cyber bullying. The activity involved students presenting skits depicting online risks such as cyber bullying, impersonation, misuse of social media platforms and online harassment. Through relatable scenarios, the performances highlighted the emotional and social consequences of such offences and emphasized responsible digital behaviour. Students were also sensitized about preventive measures and reporting mechanisms for cyber offences. The initiative promoted legal literacy among young learners and strengthened awareness on cyber safety, and legal implications associated with digital misconduct.

On 29th January, a legal awareness camp was organised at Swami Atmanand English Medium School, Semra (Chhattisgarh), in observance of National Girl Child Day, focusing on issues relating to prevention of sex-selective practices and child marriage. The programme aimed to sensitize students about legal protections for girls and the importance of promoting gender equality and safeguarding the rights of children. Participants were informed about key legislations including the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 provisions relating to child rights and The Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act, 1994 (prohibition of sex selection and witness protection mechanisms). The session also emphasized the importance of education, legal awareness and community participation in protecting the dignity and rights of the girl child. The initiative contributed to strengthening awareness among students and encouraged responsible attitudes towards gender justice and the protection of children's rights.



Legal Awareness Programme on National Girl Child Day (Chhattisgarh)



Legal Awareness Programme on Child Protection and Digital Safety (Assam)

In February, a Legal Awareness Programme was organized at Little Flower Higher Secondary School, Dibrugarh (Assam), by the District Legal Services Authority, Dibrugarh, in collaboration with a social organisation. The programme focused on sensitizing students about child-related laws, cyber-crime prevention and digital safety, with emphasis on responsible online behaviour and protection from cyber threats. Participants were also informed about the availability of free legal aid services, reporting mechanisms and the role of Legal Services Institutions in addressing legal issues faced by children and youth. Interactive discussions also highlighted precautionary measures against online fraud and cyber bullying. The initiative aimed to promote legal awareness among students, encourage safe digital practices and strengthen access to justice through early sensitization and educational engagement.

LEGAL AWARENESS & OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

At Colleges & Schools : Empowering the Future Leaders through Knowledge

On 4th February, a Legal Awareness Programme was conducted at Government Model High School, Kaimbala, Chandigarh, focusing on issues relating to child protection and safety. The session covered important topics including child labour, child marriage, offences under The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, begging and organ trafficking, with emphasis on legal safeguards available to protect children from exploitation and abuse. Participants were sensitized about the increasing incidents of crimes against women and children, the importance of vigilance and timely reporting, and the role of communities in ensuring child safety and preventing exploitation at an early stage. Special emphasis was placed on the use of emergency support systems, including the Helpline Number – 112, for immediate assistance. The initiative aimed to promote awareness, encourage responsible action and strengthen the protection of children within the community.



Legal Awareness Programme on Child Protection and Safety (Chandigarh)



Awareness Session on Child Protection Laws (Delhi)

On 11th March, the District Legal Services Authority, Bandipora (Jammu & Kashmir), organized an awareness programme on digital frauds and online scams at Government Polytechnic College, Bandipora. The programme sensitized students about the growing prevalence of cyber frauds, including phishing, identity theft and financial scams, and equipped them with practical knowledge to safeguard themselves in the digital space. Resource persons highlighted common methods adopted by cybercriminals and emphasized vigilance while sharing personal and financial information online and while using digital payment platforms. Students were also apprised of legal remedies and complaint mechanisms in case of cyber fraud. The programme fostered awareness and promoted responsible digital practices among young users in an evolving digital environment.

On 4th February, the North West District Legal Services Authority (Delhi) conducted an awareness session at Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya, Mangolpuri, Delhi, focusing on key aspects of child protection laws. The programme covered important topics including The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, child trafficking, the Child Helpline – 1098, The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act (PCMA), 2006, and the rights of children with disabilities. Participants were sensitized about legal safeguards, reporting mechanisms and the importance of protecting children from exploitation and abuse. Students were also encouraged to report unsafe situations and seek timely institutional support when required. The initiative aimed to enhance legal awareness among students, promote child rights and encourage timely use of legal and institutional support systems for safeguarding vulnerable children within schools, families and local communities.



Awareness Programme on Digital Frauds and Online Scams (Jammu & Kashmir)

Orientation, Capacity Building & Training Programmes



Advanced Mediation Training Programme for Trained Mediators (Jharkhand)

From 29th to 31st January, the Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority organised a three-day Advanced Course (Capsule Course) for trained mediators at VISWA, Ranchi (Jharkhand) under the aegis of the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC), Supreme Court of India. The programme was conducted in two batches to strengthen the practical skills and professional capacity of mediators engaged in dispute resolution. The sessions included technical discussions, role-play exercises and interactive activities focusing on communication techniques, negotiation strategies and effective management of mediation proceedings. Participants were also sensitized on handling impasse situations and ethical standards during mediation. The training programme enhanced the professional competence of mediators and strengthened mediation as an effective mechanism for amicable dispute resolution.



Workshop on Electronic Detailed Accident Report (Karnataka)

On 28th & 29th January, the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority, Bengaluru, in collaboration with the Karnataka Judicial Academy and various departments including Transport, Police, Education, Health and Public Works, organised a workshop on the Electronic Detailed Accident Report (e-DAR) at the Karnataka Judicial Academy, Bengaluru. The programme brought together representatives from government departments, insurance companies, legal professionals and civil society organisations to deliberate on the implementation and significance of the e-DAR system in road accident cases. The sessions focused on improving coordination among stakeholders, streamlining accident reporting and ensuring timely compensation for victims. The workshop highlighted the role of digital systems in enhancing transparency, accountability and prompt resolution of motor accident claims. The initiative contributed to strengthening institutional collaboration and promoting mechanisms for ensuring justice and relief for accident victims.

On 3rd January, a one-day sensitization programme on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms for Referral Judges was conducted at the Telangana State Judicial Academy. The programme aimed to strengthen the understanding regarding the effective use of ADR processes such as mediation, conciliation and negotiated settlement in appropriate cases. The sessions highlighted the significance of ADR in reducing pendency of cases, promoting amicable settlement of disputes and ensuring timely and cost-effective justice for litigants. Participants were also sensitized on the role of referral judges in identifying suitable matters for mediation and encouraging parties to explore consensual dispute resolution mechanisms at an early stage. The programme emphasized the need for a proactive judicial approach in promoting ADR within the justice delivery system. The initiative contributed to strengthening institutional capacity and reinforcing mediation and other ADR processes as effective tools for accessible and efficient justice delivery.



Sensitization Programme on ADR Mechanisms for Referral Judges (Telangana)

LEGAL AWARENESS & OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

Orientation, Capacity Building & Training Programmes

On 4th February, a specialized orientation programme was conducted for Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) to strengthen the grassroots legal aid network and enhance service delivery mechanisms. The session focused on the statutory framework of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, providing participants with an in-depth understanding of free and competent legal services. Emphasis was laid on the role of PLVs as a vital link between Legal Services Institutions and marginalized communities, including identification of beneficiaries and facilitation of access to justice. The programme also covered effective implementation and outreach of key NALSA schemes, such as ASHA, DAWN and JAGRITI, enabling volunteers to better navigate and promote these initiatives for the benefit of intended stakeholders at the grassroots level across diverse communities.



*Orientation Programme for Para Legal Volunteers
(West Bengal)*



*Capacity Building under Community Mediation
Programme (Haryana)*

On 21st February, the District Legal Services Authority, Chittoor (Andhra Pradesh), conducted a training programme for Special Juvenile Police Units, Child Welfare Officers, members of the Child Welfare Committee and other stakeholders associated with the Juvenile Justice system. The programme focused on sensitizing participants about child-related laws, including legal provisions for protection, care and rehabilitation of children. Discussions also covered child-friendly procedures, timely intervention in cases involving vulnerable children and the importance of coordinated institutional response among police, welfare authorities and legal services institutions. Emphasis was laid on strengthening coordination among stakeholders and ensuring effective implementation of child protection mechanisms. The initiative witnessed participation of over 120 personnel, contributing to capacity building and reinforcing efforts towards safeguarding child rights and welfare.

In March 2026, the Haryana State Legal Services Authority continued strengthening its Community Mediation Programme, implemented across the State since December 2024, to promote grassroots dispute resolution. Under this initiative, Community Mediation Centres have been established in districts, with local community members identified and trained to facilitate amicable settlement of disputes. As part of capacity building, selected participants have undergone 40-hour structured mediation training, equipping them with skills in negotiation, communication and conflict resolution. The programme has yielded positive outcomes, with several disputes being referred and resolved through community mediation. Efforts are ongoing to further strengthen mediator panels across districts, ensuring wider outreach and effective implementation of community-based dispute resolution mechanisms.



*Training Programme on Child Protection Laws
(Andhra Pradesh)*

At Jails : Rekindling Hope Behind Bars



*Legal Awareness Programme on Prisoners' Rights
(Meghalaya)*

On 30th January, a Legal Awareness Programme was conducted at the District Prison and Correctional Home, Tura, West Garo Hills (Meghalaya), focusing on prisoners' rights, arrest and bail procedures, and the availability of free legal aid and legal services. The session aimed to sensitize inmates about their legal entitlements, procedures for seeking bail and the role of Legal Services Institutions in providing assistance. Emphasis was laid on ensuring access to justice, safeguarding the rights of persons in custody and promoting awareness of available legal remedies. Participants were also informed about the process of approaching Legal Aid Clinics and accessing support mechanisms within the prison system. The initiative contributed to enhancing legal literacy among inmates and reinforcing the commitment to fair, transparent and accessible justice within custodial settings.

In February 2026, the District Legal Services Authority, Alipurduar (West Bengal), conducted focused orientation and outreach programmes at the District Correctional Home to promote inmate welfare and rehabilitation. The sessions addressed prisoners' rights, including safeguards against discrimination within the correctional system and emphasized access to legal aid and institutional support. A specialized programme held during the period highlighted the psychological aspects of social offences, particularly issues relating to dowry demand and cruelty, while underscoring the importance of rehabilitation and behavioural reform. Interactive sessions also encouraged inmates to discuss concerns relating to legal procedures and post-release reintegration. The initiative facilitated direct access to legal information and assistance, ensuring that inmates are aware of their rights and remedies.



*Orientation and Sensitization Programme for Inmates
(West Bengal)*



*Series of Legal Awareness Programmes on Rights and
Welfare (Assam)*

In February 2026, the District Legal Services Authority, Majuli (Assam) conducted a series of legal awareness programmes in jail premises, focusing on the rights and well-being of inmates. The sessions covered key topics including the rights of undertrial prisoners and convicts, health and hygiene, provisions under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, and fundamental rights guaranteed under the Constitution. The programmes aimed to sensitize inmates about their legal entitlements, available remedies and the procedures for accessing free legal aid services. Emphasis was also laid on maintaining lawful conduct, understanding rehabilitation opportunities and encouraging constructive engagement with legal processes. The initiative strengthened awareness among inmates regarding their rights and promoted dignity, rehabilitation and informed participation in the justice delivery system.

At Jails : Rekindling Hope Behind Bars

On 11th February, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Alpesh Y. Kogje, Executive Chairman, Gujarat State Legal Services Authority (GSLSA) visited the Sub Jail at Modasa, District Arvali, along with officials of the District Legal Services Authority. During the visit, the Legal Aid Clinic at the jail was inspected and interaction was held regarding the provision of legal assistance to inmates. Suggestions were made to maintain records in digital format for improved efficiency and better monitoring of legal aid services. The visit also included interaction with inmates regarding awareness of free legal aid services, as well as inspection of food quality, hygiene and medical facilities. The jail kitchen and overall living conditions were also reviewed. Necessary directions were issued to strengthen service delivery, ensure timely legal assistance and promote the welfare and dignity of inmates.



Jail Visit and Inspection at Sub Jail, Modasa (Gujarat)



Bimonthly Campaign for Women and Old Age Prisoners (Haryana)

In March, a bimonthly campaign titled "Women Prisoners and Old Age Prisoners" was undertaken under the aegis of the Haryana State Legal Services Authority, with the active participation of all District Legal Services Authorities across the State. The campaign was conducted in coordination with relevant stakeholders to address the legal and welfare needs of vulnerable inmate groups. The initiative focused on ensuring access to justice, providing free legal assistance and promoting the protection of rights of women and elderly prisoners. Emphasis was laid on sensitization, identification of eligible beneficiaries and facilitation of legal aid services. Awareness was also created regarding available welfare schemes and institutional support mechanisms. Through this coordinated effort, the campaign strengthened outreach, enhanced legal awareness and contributed towards safeguarding dignity, promoting rehabilitation and improving the overall well-being of inmates.

On 19th March, the Under Trial Review Committee (UTRC), comprising Ms. Spalzes Angmo, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Leh; Shri Romil Singh Donk, District Magistrate, Leh; Shri Ram Ragavan, Senior Superintendent of Police, Leh; Shri Wangial Tsering, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Leh; and Shri Stanzin Dorjey, Superintendent of Police, Leh, visited District Jail, Leh. During the visit, the Committee reviewed the condition of inmates and examined the status of pending cases. The members interacted with the inmates to hear their grievances and assess their legal needs. An inspection of the jail facilities, including the library, kitchen, and barracks was also carried out. Necessary directions were issued on the spot to address identified issues and improve the overall administration and welfare conditions within the jail to ensure timely legal and welfare support.



Visit of Under Trial Review Committee to District Jail, Leh (Ladakh)

NATIONAL LOK ADALATS

Resolving Disputes, Restoring Harmony

GLIMPSE OF 1st NATIONAL LOK ADALAT - 2026

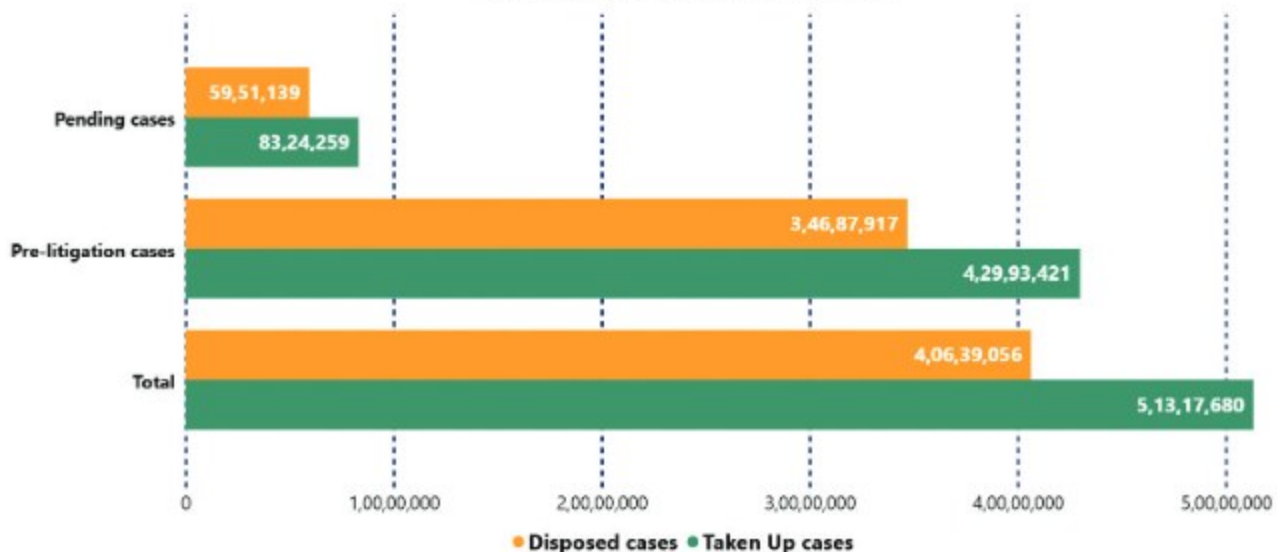


The 1st National Lok Adalat of 2026 was organized across the country on 14th March under the aegis of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), marking another significant step towards ensuring accessible, affordable and expeditious justice for all. Guided by the vision of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Chief Justice of India & Patron-in-Chief, NALSA and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vikram Nath, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, NALSA, the National Lok Adalat reaffirmed the continuing commitment of Legal Services Institutions towards promoting amicable dispute resolution and reducing litigation burden.

The National Lok Adalat was held across High Courts, District Courts, Tribunals, Consumer Forums and Permanent Lok Adalats throughout the country (except West Bengal), taking up a wide range of pre-litigation and pending matters including bank recovery cases, cheque dishonour matters, matrimonial disputes, motor accident claims, labour disputes, revenue matters, compoundable criminal cases and other civil disputes.

The Lok Adalat successfully facilitated the resolution of 4,06,39,056 cases, with a total settlement amount exceeding ₹23,779.20 crores. The success of the National Lok Adalat was made possible through the coordinated efforts of State Legal Services Authorities, District Legal Services Authorities, judicial officers, panel lawyers, mediators, Para Legal Volunteers and other stakeholders across the country. The achievement reflects the growing trust of citizens in Lok Adalats as an effective mechanism for consensual dispute resolution and timely justice delivery.

1st National Lok Adalat 2026



Settlement Amount: Rs. 23,779.20 Crores

INTERNS AT NALSA

The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) continues to provide meaningful learning opportunities to law students and young researchers through its internship programme, aimed at fostering greater understanding of legal aid, access to justice and the functioning of Legal Services Institutions in India.



National Legal Services Authority March Internship Batch - 2026



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vikram Nath, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman, NALSA.

ROW - II (Left to Right) : Prapti; Anne Harini Devi; Honey; Sparsh Haldaniya; Sankari Sarkar; Riddhi Rustagi; Vidhi Tyagi; Harshita Khandelwal; Mimansa; Arjun Prajapati.

ROW - III (Left to Right) : Abhishek Kallappa Badiger; Sanjay goswami; Raghav mahsehwari; Shashank Pandey; Akhilesh Kumar; Shahil Singh.

The internship programme serves as an important platform for introducing students to the practical dimensions of legal empowerment, legal awareness and justice delivery mechanisms beyond conventional courtroom practice.



National Legal Services Authority February Internship Batch - 2026



ROW - I (Left to Right) : Ms. Ananddeep Sibia, Officer on Special Duty in NALSA; Mr. Kunal Verma, Director in NALSA; Ms. Richa Upadhyay, Officer on Special Duty in NALSA.
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coordination mechanisms undertaken by Legal Services Authorities across the country. In March 2026, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vikram Nath, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman, NALSA, interacted with the interns and encouraged them to view law not merely as a profession, but as a means of advancing social justice and constitutional values. His Lordship emphasized the importance of empathy, public service and ensuring that legal knowledge is used to strengthen access to justice for the most vulnerable sections of society. The programme continues to encourage interns to appreciate the human and social dimensions of law. Through research, documentation and institutional exposure, interns develop a broader understanding of law as an instrument of social transformation while gaining valuable professional and academic insight into India's legal services framework.



National Legal Services Authority January Internship Batch - 2026



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STORIES OF IMPACT

Success Story 1 : Timely Intervention Saves Life of Elderly Woman – Dhanbad (Jharkhand)

During a door-to-door campaign in Panchmoli village, an elderly woman suffering from a severe heart condition was found in critical condition without access to medical care due to poverty. Immediate intervention was made, and she was shifted to SNMMCH Hospital for treatment. Doctors diagnosed her with acute anemia and she required urgent blood transfusion. As the required blood group was unavailable, timely voluntary support ensured that treatment could be administered without delay. The swift response and coordinated efforts helped save her life, and she is now recovering. The intervention reflects the crucial role of Legal Services Authorities in providing timely assistance to vulnerable individuals.

Success Story 2 : Reuniting a Missing Child with His Family – Chaibasa (Jharkhand)

The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Chaibasa successfully reunited a missing minor boy with his parents after he was found wandering in the Jagannathpur area. The child was promptly provided care and protection by being placed in a child care home to ensure his safety while efforts were undertaken to trace his family and verify his identity. After completing the required legal formalities and coordination with the Child Welfare Committee, the child was safely reunited with his parents. The emotional reunion brought relief and joy to the family, who expressed heartfelt gratitude for the timely assistance and support extended by the legal services authorities.

Success Story 3 : Support Extended to Victim of Severe Injury – East Siang (Arunachal Pradesh)

A team from the District Legal Services Authority, East Siang reached out to a victim who had suffered grievous injuries, resulting in complete disability. The team interacted sensitively with the victim and his family, providing guidance on the procedure for lodging an FIR, accessing remedies under the available legal support mechanisms. Assurance was extended regarding all possible assistance to facilitate access to justice and ensure that the victim receives entitled benefits. The intervention reflects the commitment of Legal Services Authorities towards supporting victims through timely legal awareness, guidance and continued assistance in navigating the justice system.

Success Story 4 : Support Extended to Divorced Woman and Child – Maloya (Chandigarh)

In March 2026, a young divorced woman with a minor child was identified during outreach efforts in Chandigarh, facing severe financial hardship and lacking any form of maintenance support. Upon assessing her situation, immediate steps were taken to facilitate assistance through coordination with a support institution for potential child care and welfare services. Efforts were also initiated to explore avenues for financial aid, including pension and other support mechanisms. Guidance regarding available legal remedies was provided to help secure her rights. The case is being actively followed up to ensure that appropriate relief and long-term support are extended, highlighting the role of Legal Services Authorities in assisting vulnerable individuals.

Success Story 5 : Ensuring Welfare Support for a Person with Disability – Dhanbad (Jharkhand)

In March 2026, during a door-to-door outreach campaign in Dhanbad, a person with severe mental and physical disability was identified living without access to essential support systems. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, coordinated efforts were undertaken to facilitate access to key welfare benefits. A disability certificate was secured to enable eligibility for government schemes, along with provision of a wheelchair to improve mobility and independence. Further assistance included issuance of a ration card to ensure food security and an Ayushman Bharat health card to facilitate access to medical treatment. The intervention significantly improved the individual's quality of life, reflecting a committed effort towards inclusion, dignity and social welfare for vulnerable sections.

NALSA - A STATISTICAL OVERVIEW JANUARY TO MARCH, 2026

LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES IN INDIA: A NATIONWIDE PRESENCE

**At
High Court
Level**

38

**At
District
Level**

715

**At
Taluka
Level**

2,440

VICTIM COMPENSATION SCHEME: IMPLEMENTATION AND IMPACT

**Total
Application
received
from Jan-
Mar, 2026**

3,504

**Total
Applications
decided**

3,457

**Compensation
disbursed in
Jan-Mar, 2026**

₹1,38,95,20,004

LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

**Total
Awareness
Programmes
Organized**

1,61,348

**Total
number of
attendees**

1,51,84,304



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