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LEGAL SERVICES STALLS SET-UP DURING MAGHEY MELA

Legal services stalls were set up during Maghey Mela from 15th to 17th January, 2019 at Singtam in East District and at Jorethang in South District. Information about free legal aid, Lok Adalat, Mediation etc. and pamphlets containing various information about legal services published by Sikkim SLSA were disseminated to the public.

The legal aid stall was manned by Ms. Navtara Sarda, Panel Advocate and PLVs Mrs. Indra Maya Nepal and Mrs. Passang Kipu Lepcha along with staff of Sikkim SLSA in the East District at Singtam while the legal aid stall in the South District at Jorethang was manned by Panel Advocates Ms. Mukun D. Tamang, Mr. Bhim S. Pradhan, Mrs. Prasunna Sharma, PLVs Mrs. Sanu Rai and Mrs. Sabina Rai along with staff of Sikkim SLSA and DLSA (South).



Singtam, East Sikkim



Jorethang, South Sikkim

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

Sikkim State Legal Services Authority celebrated 70th Republic Day in its office premises at Development Area, Gangtok on 26th January, 2019. The National Flag was hoisted by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA followed by National Anthem.



Hoisting of the National Flag by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA

FIRST PHASE OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR THE NEWLY RECRUITED JUDICIAL OFFICERS

Under the directions of Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA, the first phase of the training programme for the newly recruited 03 Judicial Officers on the various aspects of Legal Services provided through Legal Services Institutions was held on 23rd & 24th of March, 2019 in the Conference Hall of Sikkim SLSA.

Mr. Suraj Chettri, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA and Mr. N. Rai, Senior Advocate, High Court of Sikkim/Senior Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA were the Resource Persons.

Ld. Judicial Magistrates Ms. Zamyang Choden Bhutia, Ms. Urvashi Pradhan and Mr. Jabyang Dorjee Sherpa were trained during the programme.

The topics that were delved on during the 1st phase of the training programme are as follows:-

Name of the Resource Person	Name of the Topic
Mr. Suraj Chettri, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA	(i) Budgetary Allocations – NALSA Fund, State Fund Utilization & Management. (ii) NALSA (Legal Services to Disaster Victims through Legal Services Authorities) Scheme, 2010. (iii) NALSA (Legal Services to Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015. (iv) NALSA (Legal Services to Workers in the Unorganized Sector) Scheme, 2015.
Mr. N. Rai, Senior Advocate, High Court of Sikkim/ Senior Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA	(i) PLVs – Training Module for PLVs – Roles and Responsibilities. (ii) Providing Legal Services at Remand Stage- Roles and Responsibilities of Remand Lawyers. (iii) NALSA (Legal Aid Clinic) Regulation, 2010.



L-R: Mr. Jabyang Dorjee Sherpa, Mr. Suraj Chettri, Ms. Zamyang Choden Bhutia, Ms. Urvashi Pradhan



L-R: Ms. Tamanna Chettri, Mr. Jabyang Dorjee Sherpa, Mr. N. Rai, Ms. Zamyang Choden Bhutia, Ms. Urvashi Pradhan

SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME ON MENTAL HEALTH

Under the directions of Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA, a sensitization programme on Mental Health under NALSA (Legal Services to the Mentally Ill and Mentally Disabled Persons) Scheme, 2015 was organized by Sikkim SLSA on 29th March, 2019 at Chintan Bhawan, Gangtok, East Sikkim.



*Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai,
Judge, High Court of Sikkim &
Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA
lighting the inaugural lamp*

The programme was attended by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vijai Kumar Bist, Chief Justice, High Court of



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Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim &
Patron-in-Chief, Sikkim SLSA lighting the inaugural lamp*

Sikkim & Patron-in-Chief, Sikkim SLSA as the Chief Guest while Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan, Judge, High Court of Sikkim were the Guest of Honor.

The programme was also attended by Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim, Ld. Judicial Officers of all the Districts, Senior Advocates, Panel Advocates, Psychiatrists and Clinical Psychologists, Officers and Officials from Health Care, Human Services & Welfare Department, Police Department and Social Justice, Empowerment & Welfare Department, Faculty members and students of Sikkim Government Law College, Burtuk, Nar Bahadur Bhandari Degree College, Tadong and Harka Maya College of Education, Tadong and Teachers-in-Charge and students of Legal Literacy Clubs in Schools of East District.

The inaugural address was delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vijai Kumar Bist, Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim & Patron-in-Chief, Sikkim SLSA while the keynote address was delivered by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA.

Dr. Siddhartha Sinha, MBBS, DPM, Psychiatrist, Ranchi and Dr. C.S. Sharma, Head of the Department of Psychiatry, S.T.N.M. Hospital, Gangtok were the Resource Persons.



*L-R: Dr. Siddhartha Sinha,
Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai,
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vijai Kumar Bist,
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan and
Dr. C.S. Sharma*

The topics for the Sensitization Programme were as follows:

Name of the Resource Person	Name of the Topic
Dr. Siddhartha Sinha, Psychiatrist, Ranchi	Stigma & Mental Disorders, Its related myths and facts and Drug Abuse in the Youth
Dr. C.S. Sharma, Head of the Department of Psychiatry, S.T.N.M. Hospital	Common Mental Illness

There was also an active interactive session wherein many queries/doubts put forth by the participants were answered by the Resource Persons in an explicit manner. A free counseling session was also held after the end of the programme.

The welcome address was delivered by Mr. Suraj Chettri, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLISA while the vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Matilda Isaacs, Special Secretary, Sikkim SLISA.

Glimpses of the programme



OTHER ACTIVITIES:

HIGH COURT LOK ADALAT:

S. No.	Date	Presided over by	Cases taken up	Cases Disposed of
1.	11.02.2019	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Mr. Kiran Kumar Rasaily and Mr. Wangyal T. Bhutia as "Other Persons"	03	01
2.	02.03.2019	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Mr. Wangyal T. Bhutia and Mrs. Yangchen Ladingpa as "Other Persons"	02	Nil
3.	16.03.2019	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Mr. G.P. Pradhan and Mrs. Geeta Gurung as "Other Persons"	05	01
4.	23.03.2019	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Mr. G.P. Pradhan and Mrs. Geeta Gurung as "Other Persons"	02	01
5.	30.03.2019	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Mr. G.P. Pradhan and Mrs. Geeta Gurung as "Other Persons"	01	01



High Court Lok Adalat in progress

NATIONAL LOK ADALAT :

National Lok Adalat was held on 09.03.2019. Out of 34 cases that were taken up, 22 cases have been settled and a total amount of ₹24,66,376/- only was awarded.

Details of cases taken up and disposed of are as follows:

(I) Court of District & Sessions Judge, Special Division-II, East at Gangtok:

No. of cases taken up	:	22
No. of cases settled	:	11
Amount Awarded	:	₹23,56,800/-

(ii) Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate (I/C), East at Gangtok:

No. of cases taken up	:	03
No. of cases settled	:	02
Amount Awarded	:	Nil

(iii) Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, East at Gangtok:

No. of cases taken up	:	01
No. of cases settled	:	01
Amount Awarded	:	₹15,000/-

(iv) Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, South at Namchi:

No. of cases taken up	:	04
No. of cases settled	:	04
Amount Awarded	:	₹93,576/-

(v) Court of Civil Judge -cum- Judicial Magistrate, West at Soreng:

No. of cases taken up	:	04
No. of cases settled	:	04
Amount Awarded	:	₹1,000/-



National Lok Adalat in progress

REGULAR LOK ADALAT AT THE DISTRICT AND TALUK LEVEL DURING THE QUARTER JANUARY TO MARCH, 2019

DISTRICT LOK ADALAT, EAST AT GANGTOK

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases settled	No. of cases returned	No. of cases pending
11	09	88	97	71	05	21

DISTRICT LOK ADALAT, SOUTH AT NAMCHI

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases settled	No. of cases returned	No. of cases pending
02	13	09	22	18	02	02

DISTRICT LOK ADALAT, WEST AT GYALSHING

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases settled	No. of cases returned	No. of cases pending
05	01	14	15	01	01	13

TALUK LOK ADALAT, SOUTH AT RAVANGLA

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases settled	No. of cases returned	No. of cases pending
08	07	10	17	12	Nil	05

TALUK LOK ADALAT, WEST AT GYALSHING

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases settled	No. of cases returned	No. of cases pending
08	09	35	44	13	Nil	31

TALUK LOK ADALAT, WEST AT SORENG

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases settled	No. of cases returned	No. of cases pending
06	15	04	19	15	Nil	04

TALUK LOK ADALAT, NORTH AT MANGAN

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases settled	No. of cases returned	No. of cases pending
02	0	02	03	01	Nil	02

LEGAL AID

Legal aid was provided to 207 beneficiaries by the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority during the quarter January to March, 2019.

Categories of beneficiaries are as under:

Month	S.C.	S.T.	Women	Child	Under Trial/ detained by custody	General	Disabled	Others	Total
January to March, 2019	02	11	93	11	66	12	Nil	12	207

**CASES BEFORE THE MEDIATION CENTRES, EAST DISTRICT AT GANGTOK,
SOUTH DISTRICT AT NAMCHI, WEST DISTRICT AT GYALSHING AND NORTH
DISTRICT AT MANGAN FROM JANUARY TO MARCH, 2019**

Centre	No. of Mediations held	No. of cases taken up	No. of cases settled	No. of cases returned	No. of cases pending
Mediation Centre (East) at District Court Complex, Sichey, East Sikkim	22	16	01	02	13
Mediation Centre (South) at District Courts Complex, Namchi, South Sikkim	12	06	01	04	01
Mediation Centre (West) at Civil Court Complex, Gyalshing, West Sikkim	04	03	Nil	02	01
Mediation Centre (North) at Pentok, Mangan, North Sikkim	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	38	25	02	08	15

OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

In accordance with the calendar of activities, the District Legal Services Authorities and Taluk Legal Services Committees under the aegis of Sikkim SLSA observed International Women's Day on 8th March, 2019 and the week thereafter, as Legal Services Week.

The programme commemorating the day were organized in the following places:-

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	VENUE
DLSA & TLSC, East at Gangtok	08.03.2019	Directorate of Handicraft & Handloom Department, Zero Point, Gangtok.
	15.03.2019	Mamtalaya Shelter Home, Upper Burtuk.
DLSA, North at Mangan & TLSC, North at Mangan & Chungthang Sub-Division.	08.03.2019	Kabi.
	10.03.2019	Meyong.
	11.03.2019	Tasha Tangay School, Chungthang.
	13.03.2019	Mangshila.
DLSA & TLSC, South at Namchi	08.03.2019	Rayang Busty.
	11.03.2019	Dambudara and Yangyang.
	13.03.2019	Lal Bazar, Namchi.
	15.03.2019	Assangthang.
	16.03.2019	NHPC Compound, Hingdam.
DLSA, West at Gyalshing & TLSC, West at Gyalshing & Soreng Sub-Division.	08.03.2019	District Court Complex, Kyongsa and Court Premises of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Soreng.
	14.03.2019	Uttarey.
	15.03.2019	Soreng Bazar.
	19.03.2019	Darap.

Further, various activities were also under taken by Legal Literacy Clubs in Schools during the occasion of International Women's Day which are as follows:

a) **Tashi Namgyal Academy, Gangtok:**

The Legal Literacy Club of Tashi Namgyal Academy celebrated International Women's Day with a week long programme wherein the following activities were undertaken:

- **Art Competition:** An Art Competition was conducted for the Junior School students on 7th March, 2019 wherein the three sections of Class V participated in the event. The topic for

the competition was: **What is your view on Women's Day?** Illustrate with the help of a picture. The winners of the competition were:

Position	Class	Name of the Student
1st	V 'A'	Master Rudransh Rawat
2nd	V 'A'	Ms. Yangchen Doma Sherpa
3rd	V 'B'	Ms. Sazarla Lepcha



Art competition

- **Special Assembly:** A Special Assembly was conducted on 8th March, 2019 to mark the celebration of International Women's Day. The three members viz; Menlam, Simran and Disha spoke about the importance of the occasion and also on gender equality. Charts relating to the occasion were also prepared to highlight the importance of the day. A short video titled '**PAHAL**' was also shown to the junior students.



Special Assembly

- **Distribution of Pamphlets:** Pamphlets regarding Women's Day which focused on this year's theme "**BALANCE FOR BETTER**" was distributed to all the sections of Middle School and Senior School consisting of 24 classes.
- **Essay Competition:** An Inter-Class Essay Competition on the topic '**Gender Equality; Key to a successful story**' was also conducted for the students of Middle School on 13th March, 2019. The winners of the competition are:

Position	Class	Name of the Student
1st	VI 'B'	Ms. Kritika Agrawal
2nd	VIII 'B'	Master Kunga Palden Bhutia
3rd	VIII 'D'	Ms. Rev Pandi Lepcha



Essay competition

b) Paljor Namgyal Girls Senior Secondary School, Gangtok:

- International Women's Day was observed on 8th March, 2019 by Paljor Namgyal Girls Senior Secondary School under the guidance of the Principal and supervision of Teacher-in-Charge, Legal Literacy Club.
- The event was on the theme '**BALANCE FOR BETTER**'.
- The students spoke on legal rights of women in present scenario.
- The students also presented self composed poems and songs to commemorate the significance of the day.
- An open quiz competition was also conducted.



International Women's Day celebration at Paljor Namgyal Girls Senior Secondary School, Gangtok

c) Modern Senior Secondary School, Gangtok:

- On the occasion of Women's Day, Ms. Roshna Gurung delivered a speech on the topic “The importance of International Women's Day” during the morning assembly.
- Ms. Deena Gurung also spoke about the role of women in society.
- A beautiful poem was recited by Ms. Khusboo Chettri in order to spread awareness about the crucial role played by women as daughters, sisters, mother and her contribution towards nation building.
- The students also presented a group song which was dedicated to all the female teachers and girl students of the school.
- The members of the Legal Literacy Club also prepared vibrant charts, wrote articles and quotations on women empowerment and gender equality which were all displayed on the legal literacy wall board.



International Women's Day celebration at Modern Senior Secondary School, Gangtok

d) Tadong Senior Secondary School, Gangtok:

- The International Women's Day was observed on 8th of March, 2019 by the Legal Literacy Club of Tadong Senior Secondary School.
- A quiz competition on the theme “Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovative Change” was conducted during the occasion.
- A Bulletin Board on the topic “International Women's Day” was also prepared.
- A short interactive session on the topic “Women Empowerment” with the teachers was also organized by the club.
- A cleanliness drive in the school campus was also undertaken.



International Women's Day celebration at Govt. Senior Secondary School, Tadong, Gangtok

LEGAL SERVICES CAMP UNDER NALSA'S NEWLY APPROVED LEGAL SERVICES MODEL

In accordance with the new model of NALSA for conducting legal services camps, the following camps were conducted by District Legal Services Authorities during the quarter January to March, 2019:

DLSA	Date	Venue	Core Theme of the Camp	No. of Participants
East at Gangtok	23.02.2019	Government Junior High School, Dochum	NALSA (Legal Services to the Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016 and NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015	200+
	30.03.2019	Government Junior High School, Nandok	NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015 and NALSA (Legal Services to the Mentally Ill and Mentally Disabled Persons) Scheme, 2015	200+
South at Namchi	23.02.2019	Mazitar Bazar Compound	NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse & Eradication of Drug Menace) Scheme, 2015 and NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Acid Attack) Scheme, 2016	117

	16.03.2019	NHPC Compound Rangit Nagar, Hingdam	NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse & Eradication of Drug Menace) Scheme, 2015, NALSA (Effective Implementation of Poverty Alleviation) Scheme, 2015 and NALSA (Victim of Trafficking & Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015	134
West at Gyalshing	16.02.2019	Office Premises of Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Rimbi	NALSA (Effective Implementation of Poverty Alleviation) Scheme, 2015, NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015 and NALSA (Protection & Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme, 2015	250
	15.03.2019	Upper Bermiok	NALSA (Effective Implementation of Poverty Alleviation) Scheme, 2015 and NALSA (Protection & Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme, 2015	100

MICRO LEGAL LITERACY CAMPS

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	VENUE
DLSA & TLSC, East at Gangtok	23.02.2019	Government Junior High School, Dochum.
	27.02.2019	Child Care Institute, Bojoghari.
	08.03.2019	Directorate of Handicraft and Handloom Department, Zero Point, Gangtok.
	30.03.2019	Government Junior High School, Lower Nandok.

DLSA, North at Mangan & TLSC, North at Mangan & Chungthang Sub-Division.	18.02.2019	Rangrang.
	23.02.2019	Upper Rongong.
	25.02.2019	Phidang, Dzongu and Rongpa, Kabi.
	26.02.2019	Bakcha.
	25.03.2019	Rongpa.
DLSA & TLSC, South at Namchi	26.03.2019	Bakcha.
	04.02.2019	Upper Sukrabarey, Sadam.
	23.02.2019	Bazar Compound, Mazitar.
	25.02.2019	District Prison, Boomtar.
	08.03.2019	Rayong Busty.
DLSA, West at Gyalshing & TLSC, West at Gyalshing & Soreng Sub-Division.	15.03.2019	Gram Panchayat Unit, Assangthang.
	11.02.2019	Malbassey.
	12.02.2019	Singyang.
	20.02.2019	Chumbung.
	22.02.2019	Government Secondary School, Omchung.
	02.03.2019	Gangyap.
	08.03.2019	Court Premises of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Soreng.
	14.03.2019	Uttarey.
	20.03.2019	Sherab Odsal Raldeling Academy, Sribadam.



Rangrang, North Sikkim



Upper Rongong, North Sikkim



Rayong Busty, South Sikkim



Sherab Odsal Raldeling Academy, Sribadam, West Sikkim

MGNREGA LEGAL LITERACY CAMPS

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	VENUE
DLSA & TLSC, East at Gangtok	23.02.2019	Government Junior High School, Dochum.
	27.02.2019	Child Care Institute, Booghari.
	08.03.2019	Directorate of Handicraft and Handloom Department, Zero Point, Gangtok.
DLSA, North at Mangan & TLSC, North at Mangan & Chungthang Sub-Division.	30.03.2019	Government Junior High School, Lower Nandok.
	10.02.2019	Rabi.
	23.02.2019	Lingding-Ringdang.
	27.02.2019	Manul.
	28.02.2019	Pakshep.
DLSA & TLSC, South at Namchi	27.03.2019	Manul.
	28.03.2019	Pakshep.
	04.02.2019	Upper Sukrabarey, Sadam.
	23.02.2019	Bazar Compound, Mazitar.
	25.02.2019	District Prison, Boomtar.
DLSA, West at Gyalshing & TLSC, West at Gyalshing & Soreng Sub-Division.	08.03.2019	Rayong Busty.
	15.03.2019	Gram Panchayat Unit, Assangthang.
	11.02.2019	Malbassey.
	12.02.2019	Singyang.
	20.02.2019	Chumbung.
	22.02.2019	Government Secondary School, Omchung.
	02.03.2019	Gangyap.
	08.03.2019	Court Premises of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Soreng.
	14.03.2019	Uttarey.
	20.03.2019	Sherab Odsal Raldeling Academy, Sribadam.



*Government Junior High School,
Dochum, East Sikkim*



Rabi, North Sikkim



Rayong Busty, South Sikkim



*Sherab Odsal Raldeling Academy,
Sribadam, West Sikkim*

OTHER LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

Conducted by	Date	Name of the Programme	Venue
DLSA & TLSC, East at Gangtok	15.03.2019	World Consumer Rights Day	Mamtalaya Shelter Home, Upper Burtuk.
DLSA, North at Mangan & TLSC, North at Mangan & Chungthang Sub-Division.	14.03.2019	Sensitization-cum- Awareness Programme on Sexual Harassment	Mangshila Arts College.
	15.03.2019	World Consumer Rights Day	Tingda.
DLSA & TLSC, South at Namchi	15.03.2019	World Consumer Rights Day	Assangthang.
DLSA, West at Gyalshing & TLSC, West at Gyalshing & Soreng Sub-Division.	15.03.2019	World Consumer Rights Day	Upper Bermiok.