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19th ALL INDIA LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES' MEET



The 19th All India Legal Services Authorities' Meet organised by NALSA at Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir from 30.06.23-01.07.23, was inaugurated by Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Chief Justice of India & Patron-in-Chief, NALSA, in the august presence of Justice Sanjay K. Kaul, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, NALSA; Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Chairman, Supreme Court Legal Services Committee; other Supreme Court Judges; Shri Arjun R. Meghwal, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Law & Justice, Union of India; Shri Manoj Sinha, Lt. Governor, UT of Jammu & Kashmir; Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.), Lt. Governor, UT of Ladakh; Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal Services Authority; Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh & Executive Chairman, JKLSA; and Justice Atul Sreedharan, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh & Executive Chairman, Ladakh LSA. Chief Justices and Judges of High Courts; legal experts, senior government officials were also present.

19th ALL INDIA LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES' MEET

Justice Dr. Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud, Chief Justice of India, delivered the inaugural address. He congratulated NALSA and J&K Legal Services Authority for organizing the meet and bringing together the wealth of learning and experience of Indian Judiciary. The CJJ expressed gratitude to NALSA, all its office bearers, members of State Legal Services Authorities, Legal Aid Counsels, Para-Legal Volunteers for striving to make the constitutional goal of social justice a veritable reality. He also complimented NALSA for organizing the event in Srinagar, as it went beyond pure symbolism and truly reflected the mainstreaming of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in the discourse on development in India. He also appreciated the Manual as a document which shall promote consistency in decision-making and ensure uniformity in the functioning of all DLSAs.



HMJ Dr. D.Y. CHANDRACHUD, CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA AND PATRON-IN-CHIEF, NALSA (CENTRE); HMJ SANJAY KISHAN KAUL, JUDGE, SUPREME COURT OF INDIA AND EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, NALSA (RIGHT); AND HMJ SANJIV KHANNA, JUDGE, SUPREME COURT OF INDIA AND CHAIRMAN, SUPREME COURT LEGAL SERVICES COMMITTEE (LEFT).

Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman, NALSA, appreciated the work done by the Legal Services Authorities in reaching out to the masses. He also praised the Manual as a comprehensive compendium for DLSAs to harmonize procedures across the country to inculcate a sense of uniformity and consistency.

Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Chairman, Supreme Court Legal Services Committee, also praised the work done by NALSA and the Legal Services Authorities working under it. He stated that the conference shall help focus on our aims and objectives for the future and help us move forward. He also stressed on the importance of having definitive goals and timelines for achieving the same, so as to increase the legitimacy and visibility of work done by the Legal Services Authorities.

19th ALL INDIA LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES' MEET

Shri Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor of J&K, lauded the efforts of Legal Services Authorities to achieve the Constitutional goal under Article 39 (A) to provide free legal aid to weaker sections of society and upholding justice and social equity even in far flung and rural areas of J&K. He also appreciated the Lok Adalat mechanism for expeditious disposal of cases and the efforts for extended outreach to public.

Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.), Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, showered encomiums on NALSA for its dedicated efforts in ensuring access to Justice and promoting Legal Awareness among the citizenry.



RELEASE OF THE MANUAL FOR DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES IN THE CONFERENCE HALL

Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Law and Justice, Union of India, while lauding the initiatives of NALSA also highlighted the steps taken to overhaul the functioning of Indian Justice Delivery System and he also laid emphasis on strengthening the Legal Aid Defense Counsel System.



RENDITION OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM IN THE INAUGURAL SESSION

RESOLUTIONS AT THE 19th ALL INDIA LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES' MEET

01

TECHNOLOGY IN LEGAL SERVICES

- NALSA's Legal Aid Helpline No. 15100, to be the National Legal Aid Helpline Number.
- SLSAs to ensure that information is regularly updated on NALSA portal. Pending information to be updated on or before 31st July 2023.

RESOLUTIONS

05

LEGAL AID TO UNDER TRIAL PRISONERS (UTPs) AND CONVICTS

- SLSAs to develop specific outreach strategies for strengthening Legal Services at pre-arrest and arrest stage.
- DLSAs to do a follow-up regarding UTPs released on bail to explore possibilities for their rehabilitation.
- SLSAs to collaborate with Civil Society Organizations and Corporates (under CSR) for starting skill development programs for UTPs and convicts.

02

LEGAL EMPOWERMENT THROUGH OUTREACH PROGRAMS

- SLSAs to strengthen outreach strategies for remote and rural areas and exploring possibilities of opening beneficiary-specific legal aid clinics in such areas.
- SLSAs to ensure implementation of NALSA Schemes by having tailored programs according to different classes of beneficiaries.

03

COURT-BASED LEGAL AID AND OPEN PRISONS

- SLSAs to take services of retired judicial officers or prosecutors, if suitable candidates are not found from amongst lawyers, for engagement in the Legal Aid Defence Counsel System.
- SLSAs to engage with concerned governments for establishing Open Prisons, in case there are none so far and also engage with them in framing and implementing rules pertaining to Open Prisons.
- DLSAs to provide legal assistance to prisoners for moving applications for their transfer to Open Prisons.

04

OPTIMUM USE OF GRANTS

- SLSAs/ DLSAs to optimally utilize funds granted by NALSA and submit quarterly reports.
- Administrative expenses of SLSAs/DLSAs to be met from the funds granted by the concerned State.

NALSA AT HARVARD LAW SCHOOL



- From 21.06.2023 till 23.06.2023, Ld. Member Secretary NALSA attended the Conference on the Challenges of Access to Justice organised by International Legal Aid Group at Harvard Law School, USA and shared the best practices of the Legal Services Institutions working in India, while presenting the country report.
- The Conference saw participation of representatives from scores of Countries including Australia, Canada, USA, Brazil, Belgium, Botswana, Chile, England and Wales, Finland, Hungary, Israel, Japan etc.
- The conference provided the representatives from different countries to intermingle and opened a vista of opportunities for cross-fertilization of ideas to extend the impact and outreach of Legal Aid Institutions.

LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED IN CRIMINAL CASES

At Pre-Arrest, Arrest and Remand Stage*

Suspects provided legal assistance at the pre-arrest stage at Police Stations	Suspects not arrested by the Police	Arrestees provided legal assistance at the Police Stations before producing them before the Courts	Persons provided legal assistance at remand stage	Bail applications filed at remand stage	Cases in which bail granted
12,661	4,735	10,415	88,045	31,278	18,278

**The aforesaid data is from January- June, 2023*

To Undertrial Prisoners*

UTPs represented before the Courts	Convicts whose appeals filed in the Sessions Courts	Convicts whose papers/ applications sent to respective High Courts by DLSAs for filing appeals
91,593	1,789	2,150

**The aforesaid data is from January- June, 2023*

Under the Legal Aid Defense Counsel System

Sessions Triable Cases with the Legal Aid Defence Counsel Office (as on 30.06.2023)	Advice given (if any)	Other cases handled (if any)	Bail applications filed	Cases handled by Office of Legal Aid Defence Counsel System from January, 2023 to June, 2023	
				Cases received	Cases disposed of in courts
8,098	20,035	9,486	10,582	21,694	4,113

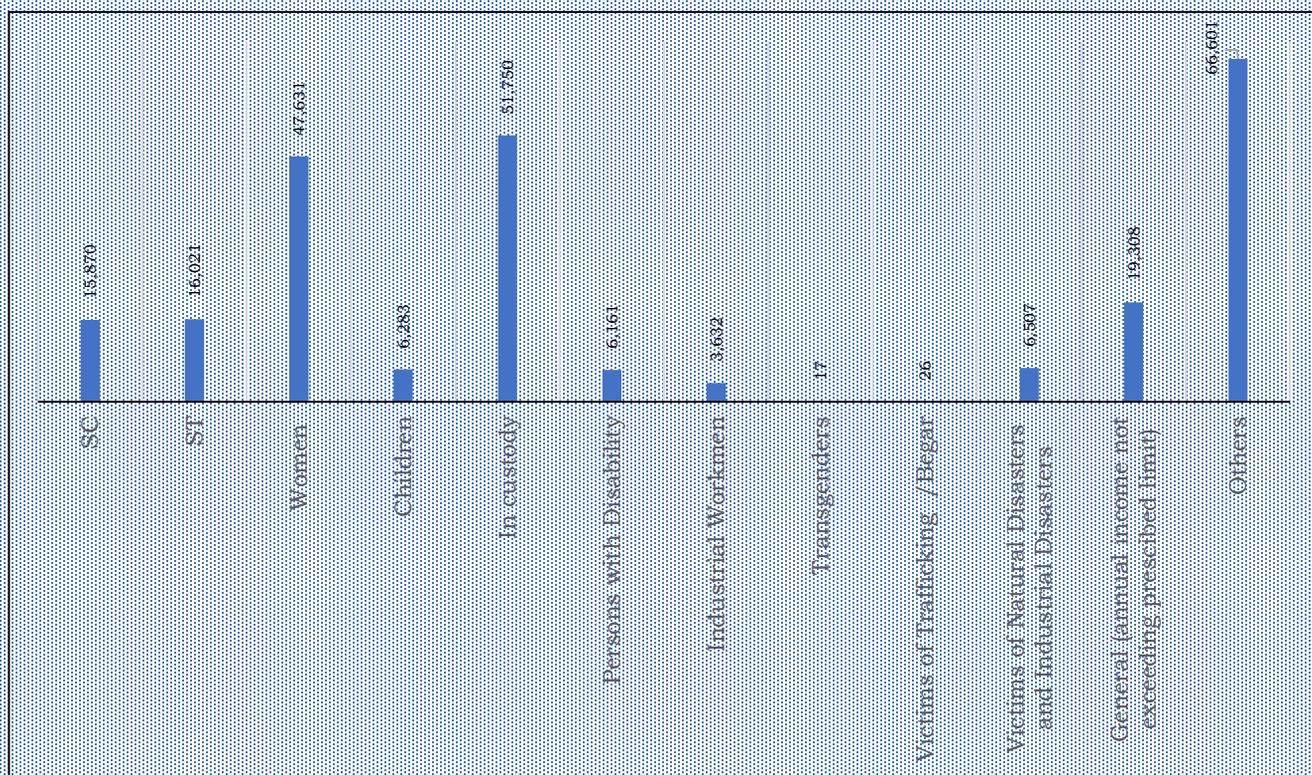
**The aforesaid data is from January- June, 2023*

UTRC Meetings, Recommendations and Outcome

No. of Meetings	UTPs / Convicts recommended for bail/ release	Inmates released pursuant to UTRCs' recommendations
1,745	13,008	5,275

**The aforesaid data is from April- June, 2023*

PEOPLE BENEFITED THROUGH LEGAL SERVICES



LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

	Community Level	At School & Colleges/Universities
Programmes	70,303	16,197
Participants	41,30,704	8,87,641

OUTREACH INITIATIVES THROUGH

	Community Level	At School & Colleges/Universities
Legal Service Clinics	797	1,033
People Visited	18,758	8,255
People provided Legal Assistance	13,160	3,643

At Community Level: Empowering Communities through Knowledge

- On 18.05.2023, DLSA, Ri-Bhoi District, Meghalaya, organized a Legal Awareness Program on the topics: “Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015” and the “Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986”, at Sumer Umbang Village, Ri-Bhoi District. Programme was attended by approximately 68 participants. These participants included officials from the District Child Protection Committee, teachers, students, parents, and Para-Legal Volunteers.



Vignettes from programme at Ri Bhoi Dist., Meghalaya

- On 01.05.2023, South-West DLSA, Delhi, in collaboration with the Jan Sahas Foundation, to celebrate International Labor Day, established Helpdesks for Laborers to facilitate the issuance of their *E-Shram Cards/ Labor Cards*, so that the construction workers may easily avail the benefits provided by the Delhi Construction Board under the Building and Other Construction Workers’ Fund.



Vignettes from help desks established by DLSA, South-West Delhi

At Community Level: Empowering Communities through Knowledge

- On 22.05.2023, Odisha State Legal Services Authority flagged off a campaign for Persons with Disabilities throughout Odisha. The campaign continued till 29.05.2023. The Campaign's primary focus was on conducting door-to-door visits to register the grievances of Persons with Disabilities. Secretaries of all the DLSAs led this campaign and they were ably assisted by the Legal Aid Counsels, Para Legal Volunteers, Officials from the District Administration, and Government Officers. Recognizing the unique needs of Persons with Disabilities and aiming to effectively cater to those needs, OSLSA also launched a new and exclusive Toll-free Helpline Number for such persons i.e. 18003457571. OSLSA also published a brochure providing information on various beneficial schemes of the Central and State Governments, which pertained to such persons. Further, OSLSA also released a short video featuring eminent actors from Doordarshan, providing information on Central and State Government schemes for Persons with Disabilities.



Vignettes from the campaign launched by Odisha State Legal Services Authority

At Community Level: Empowering Communities through Knowledge

- On 03.05.2023, DLSA, Chandigarh in collaboration with SLSA, Chandigarh, organized an Awareness Programme regarding the “Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Abhiyan” at Bapu Dham Colony, to raise awareness about the objectives of the said mission. Around 20 persons attended the same.



Vignettes from the Programme organised by Chandigarh DLSA

- In May, 2023, Haryana State Legal Services Authority (HSLSA) launched mobile vans (equipped with Public Address Systems/ Speakers etc.) as a part of its outreach activities so that Legal Aid Counsels and Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) can go to far- flung areas to spread awareness about various laws, beneficial schemes launched by the government etc. Through these Mobile Vans, both pre-recorded and live messages shall be relayed to people to educate them on various issues of socio- legal significance for the common man. In May, 2023, HSLSA organized 27 camps in which the services of these mobile vans were utilized. Around 2,894 persons were reached out to through these camps.



Vignette from the programme of Haryana State Legal Services Authority



Vignette from the programme of Khatlsi TLSC

- On 26.05.2023, the TLSC, Khatlsi, Ladakh, organized a Legal Literacy Camp for laborers at the Munsif Court Complex and the same was chaired by Chairman, TLSC Khatlsi. The camp was attended by laborers working/ living nearby, PLVs, and the Court Staff. During the session, the participants were made aware about their fundamental and legal rights and duties and they were also apprised about the various grievance redressal forums available.

- DLSA, Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh, organised a Legal Awareness Programme on 05.05.2023 at Community Hall, Old Market, Tawang wherein the public was informed about the provisions of the Arunachal Pradesh Victims’ Compensation Scheme, 2011; Consumer Protection Act, 2019; and the availability of Legal Services at Legal Aid Clinics established by the State Legal Services Authority. The Ld. Secretary, DLSA, Tawang, addressed the participants and answered their queries.



Vignette from the programme of DLSA, Tawang

At Community Level: Empowering Communities through Knowledge

- On 26.06.2023, to celebrate the International Day Against Drug and Illicit Trafficking, DLSA, East Siang District, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh in collaboration with Arunachal Bullet Club, Royal Siang Riders and Running Wolves, organised a Motorbike Rally, which was flagged off from District Court Complex, Pasighat, to spread awareness about the ill-effects of drug consumption and laws prohibiting the same. The Chairman and Secretary, DLSA, East Siang District flagged off the rally. An Awareness programme was then organised at the Drug De-addiction Centre, Pasighat. The participants were told about the laws prohibiting sale and consumption of drugs and the legal services provided by the Legal Services Authority.



Vignettes from the programme organised by Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority

- On 16.06.2023, Mizoram State Legal Services Authority organised an Awareness Program on NDPS Act at Aijal Club, Aizawl to discuss the problem of Drug Abuse in Mizoram and the ways to tackle the problem and rehabilitate the victims of drug abuse. The programme was chaired by Ld. Member Secretary, MSLSA. Ld. District & Session Judge, District Court, Aizawl also graced the occasion. The program also witnessed the release of a Handbook on Rights of Persons with Disabilities under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017.



Vignettes from the programme organised by Mizoram State Legal Services Authority

- From 14.05.2023 till 14.06.2023, Jharkhand Legal Services Authority organised an intensive campaign on Mediation titled “Man Ka Milan Pakhwara”. Under this Campaign, special Awareness Programmes on Mediation were organized by all DLSAs through their Legal Aid Clinics, Front Offices and Mediation Centres. Audio-Visual presentations on Mediation, showcasing the success stories were also played during these Awareness Programs. During the campaign, many pending cases were settled through Mediation.



Vignettes from the “Man ka Milan Pakhwara” campaign of Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority

LEGAL AWARENESS & OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

At Colleges, Schools etc: Empowering the Future Leaders through Knowledge

- On 01.05.2023, the Legal Literacy Club of Government Model Senior Secondary School, Sector 56, Chandigarh, in collaboration with Chandigarh Police and the Anti-Drug Awareness Team from the Crime Branch of Chandigarh Police, organized an Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign to inform the young children about the potentially devastating impact of drugs on their life. The session was attended by around 500 students as well as teachers and staff. At the beginning of the session, the participants took a pledge to SAY NO TO DRUGS! Thereafter, officials from Chandigarh Police and the Chandigarh Crime Branch, interacted with the participants and told them how to stay away from the vicious cycle of drug abuse and identify persons who are victims of drug abuse. They were also informed about whom to approach if they come across instances of Drug Abuse or Drug Peddling. The Chief Guests for the Event were Ms. Samaira Sandhu, Brand Ambassador for Nasha Mukta Chandigarh and Inspector (Mrs.) Iram Rizvi, SHO of the Police Station in Sector-39, Chandigarh.



Vignettes from the programme organised by Chandigarh DLSA

- On 09.05.2023, Andhra Pradesh State Legal Services Authority in collaboration with National Commission for Women and Andhra Pradesh Police, organized a Seminar at Dr. H.H. Diechmann & Dr. S. John David Auditorium, Acharya Nagarjuna University Campus, Guntur, on Socio-Legal Empowerment of Women, wherein the topic “Matrimonial Rights of Women with special focus on NRI Women and the matrimonial issues faced by them” were discussed. The Ld. Member Secretary, APLSA addressed the participants.



Vignettes from the programme of Andhra Pradesh State Legal Services Authority

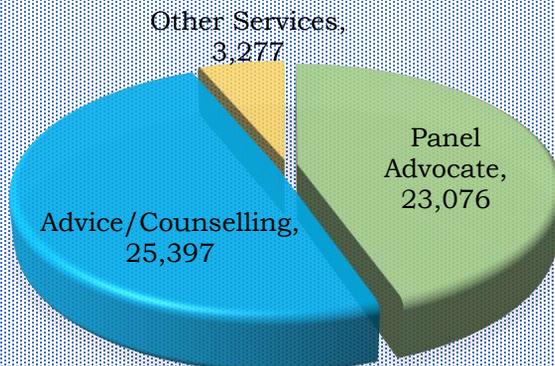


Vignette from the programme of DLSA, Baksa, Assam

- DLSA, Baksa, Assam organised an Awareness Program on “The Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003” on 31.05.2023 at Legal Literacy Club, Barama Higher Secondary School, Baksa. The students were informed about the harmful effects of consuming tobacco and the legal provisions regarding tobacco advertising and consumption.

At Jails: Rekindling Hope behind Bars

- **Around 68,901** persons visited the **1,177** Legal Services Clinics set up in different Jails across the country.
- Out of these persons, **49,112** received free legal advise and assistance.
- Around **51,750** prisoners availed the benefit of legal aid services (**25,397** individuals received advice and counseling; **23,076** were provided with Legal Aid Counsels to represent them in legal proceedings and **3,277** received other forms of legal aid and assistance).



Glimpses from Programmes in Jails: Rekindling Hope behind Bars

- On 31.05.2023, the Mizoram SLSA organised a Legal Awareness program on the NDPS Act at Mamit District jail for the jail inmates. The Ld. Member Secretary, Mizoram SLSA addressed the jail inmates. Even the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Mamit addressed the inmates on the provisions of NDPS Act and availability of free legal services.



Vignettes from the programme at Mamit District Jail, Mizoram

- DLSA, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong in collaboration with the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority, organized a Legal Awareness Programme on the 28.05.2023 at District Prison and Correctional Home, Shillong for the female jail inmates. Apart from telling them about the availability of free legal services provided by the Legal Services Authorities, the inmates were also told about the importance of menstrual hygiene and ways to maintain the same. After the session, sanitary pads were also distributed to the inmates by the Ld. District & Sessions Judge cum Chairperson, DLSA, Shillong and the Chief Judicial Magistrate cum Secretary, DLSA, Shillong.



Vignettes from the programme at District Prison and Correctional Home, Shillong, Meghalaya

LEGAL SERVICES THROUGH ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

NATIONAL LOK ADALATS

- On 13th May, 2023, SLSAs of 26 States and Union Territories, organized the 2nd National Lok Adalat (as per the schedule provided by NALSA).
- On 30th April 30, 2023, the SLSAs of Goa and Maharashtra and the SLSAs of Union Territories of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, organized 2nd National Lok Adalat.
- On 21st May, 2023, SLSA of Uttar Pradesh organized the 2nd National Lok Adalat.
- On 10th June, 2023, SLSAs of Telangana, Kerala and Puducherry organized the 2nd National Lok Adalat.
- On 17th June, 2023, SLSA of the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands organized the 2nd National Lok Adalat.
- On 08th July, 2023, SLSA of Karnataka, organized the 2nd National Lok Adalat.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Cases pending in Courts, which were taken up	Cases pending in Courts which were disposed off	Settlement Amount in successfully disposed off Court cases (in Rupees)	Pre-Litigation Cases taken up	Pre-Litigation Cases disposed off	Settlement Amount in Pre-Litigation cases successfully disposed off
59,81,543	33,81,576	116,63,10,49,862	2,44,47,578	1,56,32,501	30,73,39,33,185

Total number of cases (pre-litigative as well as pending Court cases) taken up	Total Number of cases (pre-litigative as well as pending Court cases) disposed off	Settlement amount in cases which were successfully disposed off
3,04,29,121	1,90,14,077	147,36,49,83,047

GLIMPSES FROM THE 2nd NATIONAL LOK ADALAT



Vignette from 2nd National Lok Adalat at Nagaon, Assam



Vignette from 2nd National Lok Adalat at Lawngtlai, Mizoram

GLIMPSES FROM THE 2nd NATIONAL LOK ADALAT



Vignette from 2nd National Lok Adalat in Chhattisgarh

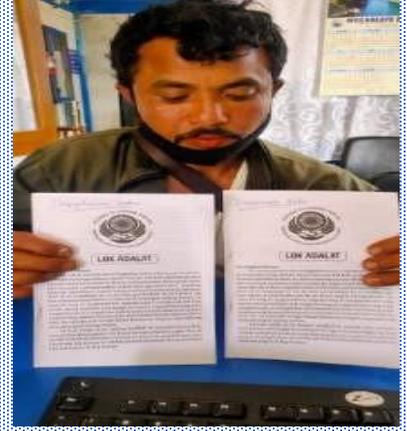
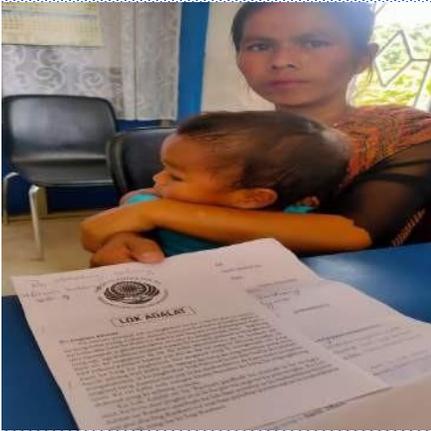


Bank Cases taken up for settlement in 2nd National Lok Adalat at Lohit District, Arunachal Pradesh



Judicial Officer sitting along with Conciliator during 2nd National Lok Adalat at Ri-Bhoi District, Meghalaya

LEGAL SERVICES THROUGH ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION



Awareness and Sensitization campaign in Meghalaya during 2nd National Lok Adalat on 11.05.2023



Vignettes from 2nd National Lok Adalat at East Kameng, Arunachal Pradesh

LEGAL SERVICES THROUGH ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

STATE LEVEL LOK ADALATS

Pre-Litigation Cases		Pending Cases in Courts	
Taken up	Disposed of	Taken up	Disposed of
62,987	20,405	2,88,205	1,30,370

- In the Lok Adalats organized at the State-level, around 3,51,192 cases (Court cases as well as Pre-litigation Cases) were taken up for disposal by 1,597 Benches constituted across the country. Out of these cases, around 1,30,370 Court cases and 20,405 pre-litigation matters were settled.
- Settlement amount of such disposed off cases was Rs. 3927628599/- .

PERMANENT LOK ADALATS

PLAs Functioning	Sittings during the months	Cases pending on 01.05.2023	Cases received during the months of May-June, 2023	Cases settled during the months of May-June, 2023
348	5,637	1,33,248	16,932	45,455

- The Permanent Lok Adalats functioning across States and Union Territories, disposed off 45,455 cases from the pendency of 1,33,248 cases.
- Settlement Amount of such disposed off cases was Rs. 1184675746/-.
- Around 16,932 fresh cases were instituted before the different Permanent Lok Adalats.

MEDIATION

ADR Centres functional	Existing Mediation Centres (other than ADR Centres)	Judicial Officers trained as Mediators	Lawyers trained as Mediators	Other persons trained as Mediators	Judicial Officers deployed as Mediators	Lawyers deployed as Mediators	Any other person deployed as Mediators	Cases settled through Mediation
415	594	5,294	8,665	2,988	2,696	5,552	1,040	14,029

COMPENSATION TO VICTIMS OF CRIME: ACKNOWLEDGING PAIN, PROVIDING SUCCOUR

Applications received directly by Legal Service Institutions (A)	Applications / orders marked / directed by any Court (B)	Applications received including Court Orders (A+B)	Applications Decided	Applications Pending	Compensation Awarded (in Rs.)
2,004	2,317	4,321	3,829	16,149	61,49,91,898

ORIENTATION, CAPACITY BUILDING & TRAINING PROGRAMMES

	Programmes	Participants
Panel Lawyers	293	5,803
Para-Legal Volunteers	267	5,973
Others	255	4,814

Glimpses from the Orientation, Capacity Building and Training Programmes



Vignettes from the Refresher Training Programmes organised by DLSA Golaghat, Assam



Vignette from Training Programmes organised by Punjab SLSA

Vignettes from Mediation Training Programme organized by Rajasthan SLSA

STORIES OF IMPACT



There are people who make things happen, there are people who watch things happen, and there are people who wonder what happened. BE THE PERSON WHO MAKES THINGS HAPPEN.

SUCCESS STORY NO. 1: PROVIDING 'ASHA' AND 'AASHRAY'

- Smt. Rani Devi, a dedicated PLV, associated with DLSA, Karbi Anglong, received information regarding an orphaned minor girl being in dire straits. Upon learning about the girl's miserable condition, the PLV promptly visited the orphaned girl and interacted with her. During course of interaction, it came to light that the girl had been evicted from her own house by her close relatives and had temporarily found refuge at the house of a compassionate neighbor. Recognizing the urgency of the matter the PLV coordinated with Secretary, DLSA, Karbi Anglong, and got the orphaned child produced before Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Karbi Anglong, which took up the matter in due earnest. With the collaborative efforts of the Secretary, DLSA, Karbi Anglong as well as Chairperson, CWC concerned, the child after being declared a 'Child in Need of Care and Protection' was sent to a Children's Home, located in Dhasiri, Karbi Anglong on 17th May, 2023. The nimble-footed thinking and empathetic response of PLV Smt. Rani Devi saved the orphaned girl from destitution. There was more to this happy story. The villagers, deeply moved by this act of kindness and support, expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Secretary, DLSA, Karbi Anglong.

SUCCESS STORY NO. 2: PROMOTING 'MAITREYI'

- In January 2023, Shri Raju Prasad filed an application at the Legal Aid Clinic in Satbarwa, Palamu, Jharkhand, seeking legal assistance in a 2 decades old land dispute matter pertaining to 66 decimal lands (Khata no. 96, plot no. 1105). The petitioner had a land patta since 1946, while the respondent, Janeshwar Singh, received a forest patta in 1992. Both parties were summoned and with the assistance of a PLV, they agreed to resolve the issue through land measurement by an amin. The costs of engaging the amin were to be shared by the parties jointly. On 2nd May, 2023, in the PLV's presence, the disputed land was measured, confirming Raju Prasad's ownership of the disputed land. Both parties were satisfied with the outcome.

SUCCESS STORY NO. 3: 'EK PRAYAS, SWAVALAMBAN KI OR'

- On coming across a newspaper clipping on 09.05.2023 regarding a mentally challenged person, who had not been receiving pension since August, 2022, on account of non-renewal of his card, the Ld. Secretary, DLSA, Adilabad issued notices to the Director, RIMS, Adilabad; District Rural Development Agency, Adilabad and Municipal Planning and Development Office, Adilabad, asking them to take prompt action for issuance of "Sadaram Certificate" (Permanent Disability Certificate) required for payment of pension to the person. Pursuant to the same, the Director, RIMS, Adilabad issued the Certificate to the person on 20.05.2023.

SUCCESS STORY NO. 4: 'MAATRITVA KO EK MAUKA'

- During a visit to Bankura District Correctional Home, Ld. Secretary, Bankura met an under-trial prisoner Ms. X, who expressed her desire to meet her children aged 4 years and 1 year respectively. Moved by the maternal love of the under-trial prisoner, an application was moved on 16.05.2023 on behalf of the woman inmate seeking permission to meet her children. Finally, on 07.06.2023, the woman inmate met her children at District Correctional Home, Bankura.

No one can whistle a symphony. It takes an orchestra to play it.



Vision

The vision of NALSA is to promote an inclusive legal system in order to ensure fair and meaningful justice to the marginalized and disadvantaged sector.

Mission

To legally empower the marginalized and excluded groups of the society by providing effective legal representation, legal literacy and awareness and bridging the gap between the legally available benefits and the entitled beneficiaries.

To strengthen the system of Lok Adalats and other Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms in order to provide for informal, quick, inexpensive and effective resolution of dispute and minimize the load of adjudication on the overburdened judiciary.



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