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INAUGURATION OF VILLAGE LEGAL CARE & SUPPORT CENTRE AT THEGU & GNATHANG

Village Legal Care and Support Centre (Legal Aid Clinic) was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLSA/Member, Central Authority, NALSA in the presence of Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi M. Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim at Thegu and Gnathang, East Sikkim on 2nd October, 2015.

At an altitude of approx. 13,500 feet, it may be the highest legal aid clinic in the nation.

INAUGURATION OF THE MULTI-UTILITY VEHICLE

The Multi-Utility Vehicle of the Sikkim SLSA was flagged off on 10.10.2015 by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K. Sinha, Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim and Patron-in-Chief, Sikkim SLSA and Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLSA from the office premises of Sikkim SLSA at Development Area, Gangtok.

Equipped with microphones, speakers, desk and chairs, the vehicle is ideal of holding mobile Lok Adalats and legal awareness camps.

As a part of the inaugural programme, a mobile Lok Adalat was conducted at Rumtek, East Sikkim. Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, Executive Chairman and Mr. G.P. Pradhan, Other Person presided over the Lok Adalat.



*Inauguration of the Multi-Utility Vehicle by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K. Sinha and
Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi*



Mobile Lok Adalat in progress



Flagged off of the Multi-Utility Vehicle

NATIONAL MEET OF PARA-LEGAL VOLUNTEERS & PLENARY MEETING OF THE MEMBER SECRETARIES OF STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

Mr. K.W. Bhutia, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA, Ms. Jyoti Kharga, Chairperson and Ms. Subarna Rai, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority (West) attended the National Meet of Para-Legal Volunteers & best performing DLSAs along with Mrs. Mingma Doma Bhutia, Para-Legal Volunteer of North Sikkim at New Delhi w.e.f. 7th to 9th November, 2015.

OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES DAY

National Legal Services Day falling on 9th November and the week thereafter was observed as the National Legal Aid Week from 9th November to 15th November, 2015 by the DLSAs and TLSCs in coordination with State Legal Services Authority. The participants were apprised about the various provisions of the Constitution and other laws as well as various judgments of the Hon'ble Supreme Court providing for special guarantees/rights/protection to women, children, socially and economically backward classes, transgenders, rights of acid attack victims, etc. Provisions regarding maintenance, property inheritance rights, domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual exploitation, menace of pornography, various gender issues, rights of differently abled, etc. were brought to their notice. The Redressal mechanisms at place were also highlighted. The location and contact numbers of the Sikkim SLSA, DLSAs, TLSCs and PLVs as well as the pamphlets containing information were distributed amongst the participants.

LOW BUDGET REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MEDIATION

A low budget Regional Conference on Mediation was organized by Tripura State Legal Services Authority in association with Mediation & Conciliation Project Committee, Supreme Court of India for Zone-3 comprising of the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura from 28th to 29th November, 2015 at Agartala, Tripura.

Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Chairperson, High Court Legal Services Committee, Mr. K.W. Bhutia, District & Sessions Judge, East at Gangtok & Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA, Mr. Suraj Chettri, Chief Judicial Magistrate, (East & North) at Gangtok and Advocate Mediators, Ms. Yangchen D. Gyatso, Mr. Kumar Sharma and Ms. Puja Lamichaney attended the programme.

On 28.11.2015, Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Chairperson, High Court Legal Services Committee gave a presentation on the following topics with reference to the State of Sikkim:

- (i) Challenges in the implementation and management of Mediation activities;
- (ii) Solutions to overcome the challenges faced in the implementation of the mediation programmes and;
- (iii) Implementation plan for the year 2016.

Ms. Yangchen D. Gyatso, Advocate-Mediator made a power-point presentation for the State of Sikkim.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON, HIGH COURT LEGAL SERVICES COMMITTEE & EXECUTIVE CHAIRPERSON, SIKKIM STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim was nominated as Chairperson, High Court Legal Services Committee w.e.f. 06.11.2015 vide Notification No. 26/HCS dated 06.11.2015 and also taken charge as the Executive Chairperson of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority w.e.f. 11.12.2015 vide Notification No. 124/LD/15 dated 11.12.2015.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

HIGH COURT LOK ADALAT:

High Court Lok Adalat was held on 14.10.2015 in the office of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Development Area, Gangtok, East Sikkim which was presided by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, Judge, High Court of Sikkim/Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLISA along with Mr. G.P. Pradhan and Mr. Tempo Bhutia as the "Other Person" wherein 11 cases were taken up and 09 cases were disposed of.

High Court Lok Adalat was held on 19.10.2015 in the office of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Development Area, Gangtok, East Sikkim which was presided by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, Judge, High Court of Sikkim/Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLISA along with Mr. G.P. Pradhan and Mr. Tempo Bhutia as the "Other Person" wherein 01 case was taken up and the same was disposed of.

High Court Lok Adalat was held on 07.11.2015 in the office of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Development Area, Gangtok, East Sikkim which was presided by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim/Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLISA along with Mr. D.K. Gazmer and Mr. Tempo Bhutia as the "Other Person" wherein 02 cases were taken up.

High Court Lok Adalat was held on 05.12.2015 in the office of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Development Area, Gangtok, East Sikkim which was presided by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim/Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLISA along with Mr. G.P. Pradhan and Mr. Norden Tshering Bhutia as the "Other Person" wherein 08 cases were taken up.

High Court Lok Adalat was held on 12.12.2015 in the office of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Development Area, Gangtok, East Sikkim which was presided by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim/Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLISA along with Mr. G.P. Pradhan and Mr. Tempo Bhutia as the "Other Person" wherein 09 cases were taken up and 06 cases were disposed of.



*Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi presiding High Court Lok Adalat
with "Other Persons"*



*Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai presiding over High Court Lok Adalat
with "Other Persons"*

NATIONAL LOK ADALAT :

As directed by NALSA, National Lok Adalat was observed on 21st December, 2015 at the High Court as well as District level. 347 cases were taken up wherein 138 cases were disposed of. Total amount awarded was ₹2,34,89,301/-.

Statistics of cases disposed of during the National Lok Adalat are as follows:

- (i) High Court Lok Adalat, Gangtok:

No. of cases taken up	: 09
No. of cases disposed of	: 05
Amount Awarded	: ₹6,12,268/-
- (ii) Court of District & Sessions Judge, East at Gangtok:

No. of cases taken up	: 23
No. of cases disposed of	: 08
Amount Awarded	: Nil
- (iii) Court of District and Sessions Judge, Special Division-II, Sikkim at Gangtok:

No. of cases taken up	: 89
No. of cases disposed of	: 22
Amount Awarded	: ₹52,45,678/-

- (iii) Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, East & North at Gangtok:
 No. of cases taken up : 25
 No. of cases disposed of : 04
 Amount Awarded : ₹80,27,000/-
- (v) Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, North at Mangan:
 No. of cases taken up : 04
 No. of cases disposed of : 03
 Amount Awarded : ₹8,000/-
- (vi) Court of District & Sessions Judge, South at Namchi:
 No. of cases taken up : 130
 No. of cases disposed of : 57
 Amount Awarded : ₹59,07,200/-
- (vii) Court of Civil Judge -cum- Judicial Magistrate, South at Namchi:
 No. of cases taken up : 40
 No. of cases disposed of : 18
 Amount Awarded : ₹15,85,112/-
- (viii) Court of District & Sessions Judge, West at Gyalshing:
 No. of cases taken up : 22
 No. of cases disposed of : 12
 Amount Awarded : ₹12,47,770/-
- (ix) Court of Civil Judge -cum- Judicial Magistrate, West at Gyalshing:
 No. of cases taken up : 22
 No. of cases disposed of : 16
 Amount Awarded : ₹2,44,005/-

LOK ADALATS AT THE DISTRICT AND TALUK LEVELS FROM OCTOBER, 2015 TO DECEMBER, 2015

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
21	28	101	129	104	17	08

DISTRICT 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
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

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
05	01	130	131	128	03	Nil

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
11	07	22	29	14	11	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
03	Nil	04	04	03	01	Nil

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
17	02	58	60	35	23	02

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
12	06	05	11	10	Nil	01

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
09	01	10	11	11	Nil	Nil

LEGAL AID UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES ACT, 1987

Legal aid was provided to 211 beneficiaries by the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority during the months October to December, 2015 under section 12 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

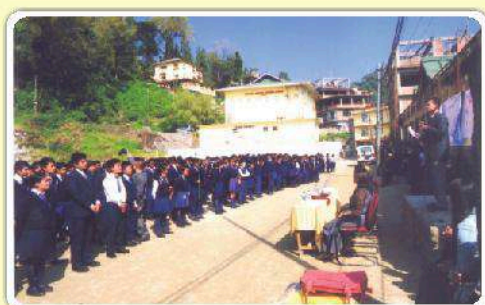
Month	S.C.	S.T.	Women	Child	Under Trial/ detained by custody	General	Disabled	Others	Total
Oct. to Dec., 2015	02	16	82	04	71	35	01	Nil	211

CASES BEFORE THE MEDIATION CENTRES, EAST DISTRICT AT GANGTOK AND SOUTH DISTRICT AT NAMCHI FROM OCTOBER TO DECEMBER, 2015

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 Sikkim SLISA Office, Sichey, Gangtok	06	07	01	01	05
Mediation Centre (South) at District Courts Complex, Namchi, South Sikkim	14	10	04	04	02
Mediation Centre (West) at Civil Court Complex, Gyalshing, West Sikkim	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

MICRO LEGAL LITERACY CAMPS

CONDUCTED BY	DATES	VENUES
Jointly by DLSA/TLSC, East at Gangtok	16.10.2015	Paljor Namgyal Girls Sr. Sec. School, Gangtok, East Sikkim
	09.11.2015	West Point Sr. Sec. School, Gangtok, East Sikkim
	15.11.2015	Village Legal Care & Support Centre, Lingtam-Rongli, East Sikkim



*West Point Sr. Sec. School, Gangtok,
East Sikkim*



VLC&SC, Lingtam-Rongli, East Sikkim

CONDUCTED BY	DATES	VENUES
Jointly by DLSA/TLSC, North at Mangan	08.11.2015	Naday, North Sikkim
	26.12.2015	Bey, Dzongu, North Sikkim



Naday, North Sikkim

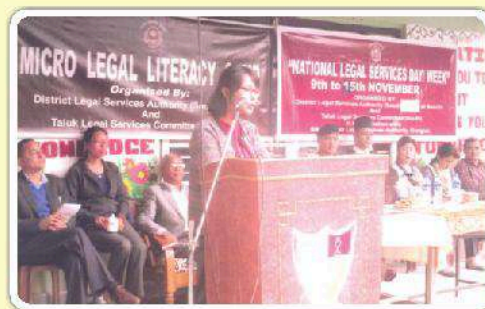


Bey, Dzongu, North Sikkim

CONDUCTED BY	DATES	VENUES
Jointly by DLSA/TLSC, South at Namchi	01.10.2015	Upper Gom, South Sikkim
	09.11.2015	Bikmat, South Sikkim
	18.11.2015	Jorethang, South Sikkim



Bikmat, South Sikkim



Jorethang, South Sikkim

CONDUCTED BY	DATES	VENUES
Jointly by DLSA/TLSC, West at Gyalshing	28.10.2015	Kaluk Sr. Sec. School, West Sikkim
	28.10.2015	Martam, GPU, West Sikkim
	25.11.2015	Gyalshing, Community Hall, West Sikkim
	25.11.2015	Yangtey, Gyalshing, West Sikkim
	24.12.2015	Sanku Radhu Khandu, West Sikkim
	24.12.2015	Upper Sapung, West Sikkim



Kaluk Sr. Sec. School, West Sikkim



Community Hall, Gyalshing, West Sikkim

MGNREGA CAMPS

CONDUCTED BY	DATES	VENUES
Jointly by DLSA/TLSC, East at Gangtok	16.10.2015	Paljor Namgyal Girls Sr. Sec. School, Gangtok, East Sikkim
	09.11.2015	West Point Sr. Sec. School, Gangtok, East Sikkim
	15.11.2015	Village Legal Care & Support Centre, Lingtam-Rongli, East Sikkim



*Paljor Namgyal Girls Sr. Sec. School,
Gangtok, East Sikkim*



*V.L.C.&S. Centre,
Lingtam-Rongli, East Sikkim*

CONDUCTED BY	DATES	VENUES
Jointly by DLSA/TLSC, North at Mangan	08.11.2015	Naday, North Sikkim
	26.12.2015	Bey, Dzongu, North Sikkim

CONDUCTED BY	DATES	VENUES
Jointly by DLSA/TLSC, South at Namchi	01.10.2015	Upper Gom, South Sikkim
	08.11.2015	Yangang, South Sikkim



Yangang, South Sikkim



CONDUCTED BY	DATES	VENUES
Jointly by DLSA/TLSC, West at Gyalshing	28.10.2015	Kaluk Sr. Sec. School, West Sikkim
	28.10.2015	Martam, GPU, West Sikkim
	25.11.2015	Gyalshing, Community Hall, West Sikkim
	25.11.2015	Yangtey, Gyalshing, West Sikkim
	24.12.2015	Sanku Radhu Khandu, West Sikkim
	24.12.2015	Upper Sapung, West Sikkim



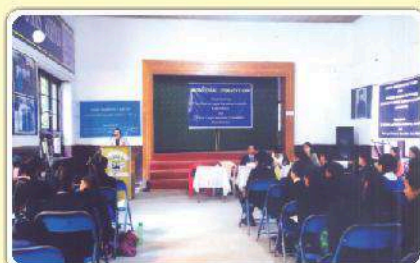
Yangtey, Gyalshing, West Sikkim



Sanku Radhu Khandu, West Sikkim

OTHER LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES:

Organised by	Programme	Dates	Venue
DLSA & TLSC, East at Gangtok	World Mental Health Day	16.10.2015	Paljor Namgyal Girls Sr. Sec. School, Gangtok, East Sikkim
DLSA & TLSC, North at Mangan	World Mental Health Day	10.10.2015	Mangan, District Administrative Centre, North Sikkim
DLSA & TLSC, South at Namchi	World Mental Health Day	10.10.2015	District Hospital, Namchi, South Sikkim



*Paljor Namgyal Girls Sr. Sec.
School, Gangtok, East Sikkim*



Mangan, DAC, North Sikkim



*District Hospital, Namchi,
South Sikkim*

Organised by	Programme	Dates	Venue
DLSA & TLSC, East at Gangtok	World HIV/AIDS Day	06.12.2015	Middle Khesey, Samdong, East Sikkim



Middle Khesey, Samdong, East Sikkim

Organised by	Programme	Dates	Venue
DLSA & TLSC, East at Gangtok	World Disability Day	06.12.2015	Middle Khesey, Samdong, East Sikkim
DLSA & TLSC, South at Namchi	World Disability Day	03.12.2015	Jorethang, South Sikkim



Middle Khesey, Samdong, East Sikkim

Organised by	Programme	Dates	Venue
DLSA & TLSC, North at Mangan	Senior Citizen's Day	01.10.2015	Block Administrative Centre, Mangan, North Sikkim
DLSA & TLSC, South at Namchi	Senior Citizen's Day	01.10.2015	Upper Gom, South Sikkim
DLSA & TLSC, West at Gyalshing	Senior Citizen's Day	01.10.2015	Civil Court Premises, Gyalshing, West Sikkim



BAC, Mangan, North Sikkim

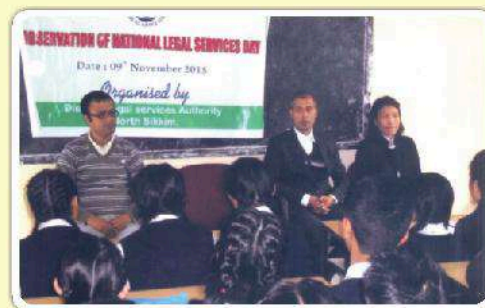


*Civil Court Premises, Gyalshing,
West Sikkim*

Organised by	Programme	Dates	Venue
DLSA & TLSC, East at Gangtok	Legal Services Day	09.11.2015	West Point Sr. Sec. School, Gangtok, East Sikkim
DLSA & TLSC, North at Mangan	Legal Services Day	09.11.2015	Manul Sec. School, North Sikkim



West Point Sr. Sec. School, Gangtok, East Sikkim



Manul Sec. School, North Sikkim

Organised by	Programme	Dates	Venue
DLSA & TLSC, North at Mangan	Children's Day	14.11.2015	Tarcon Lee Shelter Home, North Sikkim
DLSA & TLSC, South at Namchi	Children's Day	21.11.2015 22.11.2015	J.N.M.I. Namchi, South Sikkim Turuk Destitute Home, South Sikkim



Tarcon Lee Shelter Home, North Sikkim



J.N.M.I. Namchi, South Sikkim



Turuk Destitute Home, South Sikkim

Organised by	Programme	Dates	Venue
DLSA & TLSC, North at Mangan	Consumer Day	24.12.2015	Mangan Nagar Panchayat Premises, North Sikkim
DLSA & TLSC, South at Namchi	Consumer Day	24.12.2015	Jorethang, South Sikkim
DLSA & TLSC, West at Gyalshing	Consumer Day	24.12.2015	Upper Sapung, West Sikkim



Upper Sapung, West Sikkim