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74th REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

Sikkim State Legal Services Authority celebrated 74th Republic Day in its office premises at Development Area, Gangtok on 26th January, 2023. The National Flag was unfurled by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA followed by National Anthem.

The programme was attended by Mr. Roger R. Rai, former Manager Director of SIDICO, Judicial Officers, Panel Advocates, Officers and staff of Sikkim SLSA.



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

31ST FOUNDATION DAY OF SASHAKT NARI, SASHAKT BHARAT

Ms. Subarna Rai, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLISA attended the 31st Foundation Day of Sashakt Nari, Sashakt Bharat organized by National Commission for Women on January 31st, 2023 at Plenary Hall, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

The programme was presided over by Mrs. Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble President of India in the presence of Mrs. Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Women & Child Development and Dr. Mahendrabhai Kalubhai Munjpara, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Women & Child Development.



31st Foundation Day of Sashakt Nari, Sashakt Bharat organized by National Commission for Women on January 31st, 2023 at the Plenary Hall, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME FOR PARA-LEGAL VOLUNTEERS AS SUPPORT PERSONS

Under the directions of Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLISA, a Sensitization Programme was conducted for Para-Legal Volunteers of Sikkim who have been appointed as Support Persons in terms of Rule 54 sub-clause 14 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Rules, 2016 on February 18th, 2023 at Sikkim Judicial Academy, Sokeythang.

Hon'ble Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA in her inaugural address gave an insight in the history behind enactment of the POCSO Act, 2012 and the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. Her Ladyship stressed on the trauma faced by the child victims and the importance of their mental health and sought the intervention of the Support Persons to mitigate the survivors from being re-traumatized.

The Para-Legal Volunteers were informed that separate rooms have been designated in the STNM Hospital, Gangtok and all the District Hospitals upon the initiation of Sikkim SLSA for medical examination of POCSO survivors. They were urged to ensure that POCSO survivors are examined only in such rooms to avoid unnecessary delay and stigmatization. They were also requested to work with the POCSO survivors with compassion and in the best interest of the child as per Section 2(9) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

Resource Person, Ms. Subarna Rai, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA enumerated on the various provisions contained in the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Rules, 2016. She stressed on the role and responsibility of the Support Persons during investigation and trial of the case. They were informed about the set-up of the Vulnerable Deposition Centres in all the District Courts. They were further urged to ensure that as per Section 24(1) of the POCSO Act, 2012, the statement of a child is recorded by the police at the residence of the child or at a place of his/her choice.

Resource Person, Dr. Sonam O. Lassopa, Senior Clinical Psychologist, Psychiatric Wing, New STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, Gangtok explained in depth on how to deal with the trauma faced by POCSO survivors and elaborated the different ways in which the survivors are likely to respond. She also discussed the secondary trauma faced by the family members and explained the modes in which one can communicate with child

victims and help them cope with the trauma. She further requested the PLVs to refer the survivors for clinical and psychological counseling.

Thirty Para-Legal Volunteers (*Gangtok: 16, Mangan: 06, Namchi: 07 & West: 01*) attended the said programme.



Sensitization Programme for Para-Legal Volunteers of Sikkim who have been appointed as Support Persons in terms of Rule 54 sub-clause 14 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Rules, 2016

MEETING OF THE HIGH - POWERED COMMITTEE

A meeting of the High Powered Committee under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA/Chairman, High Powered Committee was held on 23rd February, 2023 by circulation to consider the following agenda items:

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of the High Powered Committee held via Video Conference on 17th August, 2022.

Agenda Item No. 2: DECONGESTION OF JAILS.

- (a) **To consider Convicts who have undergone their sentence or are entitled to remission/suspension/commutation of sentence under Sections 432 and 432A of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short, “Cr.P.C.”) and Furlough in terms of the Sikkim Prison Manual;**
- (b) **To consider UTPs released on Bail by the Court, but unable to furnish sureties;**
- (c) **To consider release of UTPs booked under compoundable offences;**
- (d) **To consider release of UTPs covered under Sections 436 and 436A of the Cr.P.C.;**
- (e) **To consider release of UTPs who may be covered under Section 3 of the Probation of Offenders Act, 1958, namely accused of offence under Sections 379, 380,381,404,420 of the Indian Penal Code or alleged to be an offence not more than 2 years imprisonment;**
- (f) **To consider UTPs eligible to be released on bail under Section 167 of the Cr.P.C. and under Section 167(2)(a)(i) and (ii) of the Cr.P.C. read with Section 36A of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (where persons accused of Section 19 of Section 24 or Section 27A or for offences involving commercial quantity) where investigation is not completed in 60/90/180 days;**
- (g) **To consider release of UTPs who are imprisoned for offences which carry a maximum punishment of 2 years;**
- (h) **To consider release of vulnerable UTPs who are sick or infirm and require specialized medical treatment;**
- (i) **To consider release of UTPs who are women;**
- (j) **To consider the release of UTPs who are first time offenders between the ages 19 and 21 and in custody for offences punishable with less than 7 years of imprisonment and have suffered at least 1/4th of the maximum sentence prescribed;**
- (k) **To consider release of UTPs who are of unsound mind;**
- (l) **To consider UTPs eligible for release under Section 437(6) of the Cr.P.C., wherein in a case triable by a Magistrate, the trial of a person accused of any non-bailable offence has not been concluded within a period of 60 days from the first date fixed for taking evidence in the case;**
- (m) **To consider release of UTPs detained under Sections 107, 108, 109, 151 of the Cr.P.C.**

Agenda Item No. 3: UTPs and Convicts with COVID-19 in the State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim and District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim and availability of medical facilities and treatment.

- Agenda Item No. 4:** Continuation of sanitization and maintenance of hygiene and cleanliness in the State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim and District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi South Sikkim.
- Agenda Item No. 5:** Number of new UTPs since 17/08/2022 and the latest vaccination position of UTPs, Convicts, Officers and staff at the State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim and District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim.
- Agenda Item No. 6:** Present mode of production of UTPs before Courts and continuation of Video Conference for remand.
- Agenda Item No. 7:** Steps taken for progress of counseling of UTPs and Convicts by Psychologists and Psychiatrists at the State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim and District Prison, Namchi, Boomtar, South Sikkim. (UTPs, Convicts under SADA and UTPs, convicts with mental illness, other UTPs and convicts in need of counseling).

OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY

As per the State Plan of Action, the District Legal Services Authorities and Taluk Legal Services Committees under the aegis of Sikkim SLSA observed International Women’s Day on 8th March, 2023 and the week thereafter, as Legal Services Week. Legal awareness programmes along with Mega Legal Awareness Camps were organized throughout the State. The details are as under:

DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, EAST

08.03.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness on the “Rights of Women” was disseminated through video by Resource Person, Ms. Zola Megi, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA. The awareness video was also uploaded on YouTube channel of District Legal Services Authority (East). • Pamphlets and booklets on “Legal Aid Services, Sexual Harassment, Plea Bargaining, Knowing and Encouraging Mediation, Rights of Arrested Person, Emergency Contact Numbers for Women in Distress, etc. were distributed by Para Legal Volunteers at Duga, South Regu, Middle Khesay, Kopi Bari, Santong, Pangthang and Thasa.
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09.03.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue: Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom, Zero Point, Gangtok. • Type of programme: Legal Awareness Programme • Resource Person: Ms. Kamala Giri, Retainer Lawyer, DLSA (Gangtok). • Topics covered: POCSO Act, 2012, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 and Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, etc.
10.03.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue: Sanskrit College, Samdong. • Type of programme: Legal Awareness Programme • Resource Person: Mr. Pema Ongchu Bhutia, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA. • Topics covered: Free Legal Aid Services, Rights of Women, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 and POCSO Act, 2012.
11.03.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type of programme: Awareness through Mobile Van. • Resource Person: Mr. Pema Ongchu Bhutia, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA. • Areas covered: Dhajey Dara, Sangtong, Lingdum, Luing and Rey. • Topics covered: Free Legal Aid Services and rights of women. • A documentary on “Justice for Women” was screened during the entire week in the Front Office of the District Court Complex. • Pamphlets published by Sikkim SLSA were distributed by the Para Legal Volunteers. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MEGA AWARENESS PROGRAMME</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: 13.03.2023. • Venue: Pakyong District, Sikkim. • Resource Persons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chairman, DLSA, Gangtok District, 2. Secretary, DLSA, Gangtok District, 3. Panel Advocates, Sikkim SLSA. • During the Mega Awareness Programme, stalls were set up by the following departments: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Women & Child Development Department, Government of Sikkim,

2. Food & Civil Supplies Department, Government of Sikkim,
3. Education Department, Government of Sikkim,
4. State Institute of Capacity Building, Government of Sikkim,
5. Commerce & Industries Department, Government of Sikkim,
6. State Bank of India, Pakyong Branch,
7. District Hospital Singtam & Pakyong,
8. Police, Pakyong Police Station,
9. Information center-cum-help desk manned by the Panel Advocates, PLVS and Police personnel.
10. Legal Aid Clinic.

- LED Screen was placed which was visible to all the participants and the public and using a projector, the National Legal Services Authority theme song was played along with the documentaries made by Sikkim SLISA to generate awareness.
- The participants were informed about the free legal aid and services provided by NALSA, Sikkim SLISA, DLSAs and TLSCs and to make full use of the stalls manned by the various departments by benefitting/availing various State/Central schemes.
- Pamphlets issued by the Sikkim SLISA and other departments were also distributed to the public who attended the programme.
- Applications and petitions were drafted for the public to avail the various schemes of the Government.
- The programme concluded with an interactive session between the public and the Resource Persons.



'MEGA LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME' as per NALSA's 'Legal Services Camp Module' at Pakyong District by District Legal Services Authority, East



Mobile Village Clinic during the 'MEGA LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME' as per NALSA's 'Legal Services Camp Module' at Pakyong District by District Legal Services Authority, East



Pamphlets and booklets on Legal Aid Services, Sexual Harassment, Plea Bargaining, Knowing and Encouraging Mediation (English & Hindi), Rights of Arrested Person (English, Bhutia & Nepali language), Emergency Contact Numbers for Women in Distress, etc were distributed by Para Legal Volunteers at Duga, South Regu, Middle Khesay, Kopi Bari, Santong, Pangthang and Thasa



Legal Awareness Programme conducted at Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom, Zero Point, Gangtok by District Legal Services Authority, East

DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, WEST

03.03.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pre-camp/general meeting was organized by the DLSA, West at the Conference Hall of District & Sessions Court, Gyalshing for working out the modalities for organizing “International Women’s Day” and “National Legal Aid Week for Women” and Mega Awareness Programme.
08.03.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A team comprising of Ld. Counsel, Mr. Pankaj Gautam as a Resource Person along with staff of DLSA, West District conducted awareness through mobile van on the occasion of International Women’s Day. Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, POCSO Act, were disseminated at Tikjek and Lingchok, Gyalshing district.
10.03.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue: Government Sec. School, Timurbong, Soreng • Type of Programme: Awareness Programme. • Resource Persons: Ld. APP, Ms. Norkit Lepcha and Ld. Advocate, Mr. Yogesh Subba. • Topics covered: Free legal aid and services provided by Sikkim SLA, DLSAs & TLSCs, POCSO Act, 2012, Tele-Law and Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, etc.
11.03.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue: Khane Sirbung, Soreng. • Type of Programme: Awareness Programme. • Resource Persons: Ld. Additional Public Prosecutor, Ms. Norkit Lepcha and Ld. Advocate, Mr. Susang Subba. • Topics covered: - POCSO Act, 2012, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, Free Legal Aid, Tele-Law Project, the importance of Women’s Day, E-SewaKendra, etc.

13.03.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue: Mendogaon, GPU Soreng. • Type of Programme: Awareness Programme. • Resource Persons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secretary, DLSA, Gyalshing. 2. Additional Public Prosecutor, Ms. Norakit Lepcha, 3. Advocate, Mr. Yogesh Subba, 4. Advocate, Ms. Barkha Subba, 5. Advocate, Ms. Kalawati Subba. • Topics covered: - POCSO Act, 2012, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, Alternative Dispute Redressal (Mediation and Lok Adalat), MACT, rights of arrestees.
14.03.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue: 13-Yangang, GPU, Gyalshing District. • Type of Programme: Awareness Programme. • Resource Persons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secretary, DLSA, Gyalshing. 2. Panel Advocate, Ms. Chunkila Bhutia. • Topics covered: NALSA (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) 2015, Child Rights, prohibition of child labour, Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, etc. • Participants: Local public.
09.03.2023 to 14.03.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type of Programme: Door-to-door awareness campaign through mobile van and distribution of pamphlets. • Area covered under Gyalshing and Soreng Districts: Gyalshing Omchung, Samdung, Upper Samdung, Lower Samdung, Dethang, Paranggaon, Sadhugaon, Lungchok Salandang, Daramdin, Lower Timburbong, Tikpur, Upper Bhaluthang and Onglop. • Further, the documentary titled ‘Justice to Women’ and NALSA’s theme song was screened on the LED TV at the Front Office of DLSA, Gyalshing District from 8th March, 2023 to 14th March, 2023, on all working days.

MEGAL LEGAL AWARENESS CAMP

09.03.2023

- The DLSA, West district conducted a Mega Legal Awareness Camp at the Haat Bazar, Gyalshing in coordination with various Departments viz;
 1. Women & Child Development Department, Government of Sikkim,
 2. Social Justice & Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim,
 3. State Institute of Capacity Building, Government of Sikkim,
 4. Education Department, Government of Sikkim,
 5. Commerce & Industries Department, Government of Sikkim,
 6. Police Department, Government of Sikkim,
 7. Food & Civil Supplies Department, Government of Sikkim,
 8. Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim,
 9. Nationalized Banks of Gyalshing.
- The programme was attended by public and students of Girls Secondary School, Kyongsa and D.I.E.T. college.
- During the Mega Legal Awareness Camp, stalls of the various Departments were set up to disseminate awareness and help the participants in availing various schemes of State and Central governments.
- With the help of the Nationalized Banks of West District, a total of 39 bank accounts (zero balance accounts) were opened for the women participants.
- A free health camp was organized by the Health Department of Gyalshing District in which General Medical Consultation was provided to all the participants in addition to screening for NCD, HIV & HBsAg. A total of 91 persons were screened.
- A Legal Aid Clinic stall was manned by Panel Advocates, Ms. Puja Lamichaney, Mr. Pujan Kharka and Ms. Chunkila Bhutia and other Advocates of Gyalshing wherein participants were apprised about NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015, POCSO Act, 2012, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, etc.
- Further, pamphlets on various topics published by Sikkim SLSA were distributed and NALSA's theme song was aired during the camp.



Departmental Stalls and Help Desk setup during 'National Legal Aid Week for Women' observed by District Legal Services Authority, West



Awareness Programme on 'Legal Services Week For Women' at Government Secondary School, Timburbong by District Legal Services Authority, West



Free Medical Health Camp setup during the Mega Legal Awareness Camp at the Haat Bazar, Gyalshing in coordination with various Departments by District Legal Services Authority, West



Door-to-door awareness campaign through mobile van and distribution of pamphlets by District Legal Services Authority, West

DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, NORTH

<p>08.03.2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue: Block Administrative Centre, Kabi, Mangan District. • Type of programme: Legal Awareness Programme in observance of International Women's Day, 2023. • Resource Persons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chairperson, DLSA, Mangan, 2. Ms. Slomita, Tele-Law Retainer Lawyer, 3. Mr. Singhi Dadul Lachungpa, Panel Advocate. • Participants: Local public.
<p>08.03.2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue: District Court Complex, Mangan. • Type of programme: Legal Awareness Programme in observance of International Women's Day, 2023. • Resource Persons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secretary, DLSA, Mangan District, 2. Mr. Singhi Dadul Lachungpa, Panel Advocate.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants: Staff of District & Sessions Court, Mangan and DLSA, North.
09.03.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue: District Court Complex, Mangan to Mangan Bazar. • Type of programme: Walkathon. • Participants: Students of Government Girls Sr. Sec. School, Mangan, staff of District & Sessions Court, Mangan and DLSA, Mangan District.
10.03.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue: District Administrative Centre, Mangan. • Type of programme: Skit by the Panel Advocates of Sikkim SLSA. • Resource Person: Secretary, DLSA, Mangan District. • Participants: Local public.
11.03.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue: Gaikhana, Kabi, Mangan District. • Type of programme: Legal Awareness Programme in observance of International Women's Day and National Legal Aid Week for Women. • Resource Persons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chairperson, DLSA, Mangan District. 2. Ms. Chenga Doma Bhutia, Panel Advocate, 3. Ms. Slomita Rai, Tele-Law Retainer Lawyer, 4. Mr. Singhi Dadul Lachungpa, Panel Advocate. • Participants: Local public.
12.03.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue: Theng, Chungthang GPU, Mangan District. • Type of programme: Legal Awareness Programme in observance of International Women's Day and National Legal Aid Week for Women. • Resource Persons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secretary, DLSA, Mangan District, 2. Ms. Chenga Doma Bhutia, Panel Advocate, 3. Ms. Slomita Rai, Tele-Law Retainer Lawyer, • Participants: Local public.
14.03.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue: Chandey, Mangan District. • Type of programme: Bike Rally by women riders and Legal Awareness Programme in observance of International Women's Day and National Legal Aid Week for Women. • Resource Persons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chairperson, DLSA, Mangan District.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Secretary, DLSA, Mangan, District. 3. Ms. Slomita Rai, Tele-Law Retainer Lawyer, 4. Mr. Singhi Dadul Lachungpa, Panel Advocate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants: Local public
13.03.2023	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MEGA LEGAL AWARENESS CAMP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue: 13 Singhik Sentam GPU, Mangan District. • Type of programme: Mega Legal Awareness Programme on NALSA (Effective Implementation of Poverty Alleviation) Scheme, 2015. • Resource Persons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chairperson, DLSA, Mangan District. 2. Secretary, DLSA, Mangan, District. 3. Additional District Magistrate, Mangan 4. Ms. Slomita Rai, Tele-Law Retainer Lawyer, 5. Mr. Singhi Dadul Lachungpa, Panel Advocate. 6. Ms. Nim Phuti Sherpa, Panel Advocate. • During the Mega Legal Awareness Camp, stalls were set up by the following Departments for providing benefits of various schemes to the public: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food & Civil Supplies Department, Government of Sikkim, 2. Education Department, Government of Sikkim, 3. Social Justice & Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, 4. Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), 5. District Child Protection Unit, 6. Central Bank of India, 7. Health Department, 8. Sakhi One Stop Centre Mangan. • Zero-balance accounts were opened for the audience in the stall of the Central Bank of India. • Forms for availing Sikkim Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana (SASY) which provides one-time financial assistance of Rs.20,000/- to non-working, unmarried, divorced or separated mothers and other Schemes were filled up directly from the departmental stalls set up during the camp. • Legal Aid Clinic and Tele-Law Help Desk were also set up during the Camp for providing free legal aid and advice to women. • A power point presentation pertaining to the installation of the Tele-Law App till the stage of consulting an Advocate through the said app was showcased to the public. • A free health camp for the local gentries was set up in collaboration with the Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim wherein ENT, Optometrist and Dental Surgeon were present. HIV and

TB screenings were also done and free medicines on prescription were distributed.

- Health Cards providing health benefits up to Rs.5 lakhs per family under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) were issued.
- Documentary by NALSA titled “Justice to Women” was screened on the projector in the Front Office of District & Sessions Court, Mangan from 08.03.2023 to 14.03.2023.

Participants: Local public.



'MEGA LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME' as per NALSA's 'Legal Services Camp Module' at 13 Singhik Sentam GPU, Mangan District by District Legal Services Authority, North



'MEGA LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME' as per NALSA's 'Legal Services Camp Module' at 13 Singhik Sentam GPU, Mangan District by District Legal Services Authority, North



Free Medical Health Camp during the 'MEGA LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME' as per NALSA's 'Legal Services Camp Module' at 13 Singhik Sentam GPU, Mangan District by District Legal Services Authority, North



DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, SOUTH

<p>08.03.2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue: Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom, Namchi District. • Type of programme: Legal Awareness Programme in observance of International Women’s Day, 2023. • Resource Persons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secretary, DLSA, Namchi, 2. Ex-Officio Chairperson, TLSC, Jorethang, 3. Ms. Pramila Rai, Deputy Director, Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom, Namchi 4. Ms. Aita Rani Subba, Panel Advocate. • Topics covered: Free Legal Aid Services provided by the Sikkim SLSA, DLSAs and TLSC, POCSO Act, 2012, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, theme of International Women’s Day 2023 i.e., “Embrace Equity”, various legal rights of women at the time of arrest, equal pay for equal work. • Participants: Workers and weavers of Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom, Namchi District.
<p>09.03.2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue: Sikkim Institute of Science and Technology, Chisopani, Namchi District. • Type of programme: Legal Awareness Programme in observance of National Legal Aid Week for Women. • Resource Persons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chairperson, DLSA, Namchi, 2. Secretary, DLSA, Namchi, 3. Ms. Kessang Doma Bhutia, Panel Advocate, 4. Ms. Aita Rani Subba, Panel Advocate, 5. Ms. Sikha Chettri, Women’s Welfare Department. • Topics covered: Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Place (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2023, One Stop Centre, Tele-Law mobile app, Lok Adalat, Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, POCSO, Act, 2012, MGNREGA, 2005, National Widow Pension Scheme, etc. • Participants: Students, lecturers and faculty members of Sikkim Institute of Science and Technology, Chisopani, Namchi District.
<p>14.03.2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue: Lamatar, Temi, Namchi District. • Type of programme: Legal Awareness Programme in observance of National Legal Aid Week for Women.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Persons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chairperson, DLSA, Namchi, 2. Secretary, DLSA, Namchi, 3. Ex-Officio Chairperson, TLSC, Jorethang, 4. Ms. Aita Rani, Subba, Panel Advocate, 5. Ms. Kessang Doma Bhutia, Panel Advocate, 6. Ms. Anita Gurung, Social Welfare Inspector, Temi, 7. Mr. Sandip Mukhia, Food Inspector, Temi. • Topics covered: Concept of Lok Adalat and various Alternative Dispute Resolution System and its advantages, Dowry Prohibition Act, SADA 2006, various rights of women, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, Vatsalya Yojana (IVF) Scheme, Bahini Scheme, Aam Yojana, Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), Priority Household (PHH) scheme, etc. • Participants: Local public.
13.03.2023	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MEGAL LEGAL AWARENESS CAMP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue: Central Park, Namchi Bazaar, Namchi District. • Type of programme: Mega Legal Awareness Programme. • Resource Persons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chairperson, DLSA, Namchi District, 2. Secretary, DLSA, Namchi District, 3. Ex-Officio Chairperson, TLSC, Namchi Jorethang & Yangang, 4. Mr. Kumar Sharma, Panel Advocate, 5. Ms. Kessang Doma Bhutia, Panel Advocate, 6. Ms. Aita Rani Subba, Panel Advocate, 7. Ms. Yeshoda Rai, Panel Advocate, 8. Ms. Choki Sherpa, Panel Advocate. • The Mega Awareness Programme was held with the objective of spreading awareness and information among women about their legal rights and to avail benefits from various schemes. • During the Mega Legal Awareness Camp, the following stalls were set up for providing benefits to the public as follows: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legal Aid Clinic – Manned by the Panel Advocates for providing free legal aid and advice. 2. Punjab National Bank & State Bank of India (Namchi Branch) – The nationalized banks addressed the queries raised and helped in opening zero balance accounts and avail various other schemes. 3. Food & Civil Supplies Department, Government of Sikkim, Namchi – Distributed pamphlets of Antyoday Anna Yojana (AAY), Priority House Hold (PHH), Other Priority Household (OPHH) and ration card.

4. **Human Resource Development Department, Government of Sikkim, Namchi** - Disseminated awareness by distributing pamphlets of Chief Minister's Merit Scholarships Scheme, Extension of CMMS Scheme up to Graduation level, Post Matric Scholarship, etc. Further, on query by a female student of a school regarding defective sanitary pad dispenser, Mr. G.P. Sharma, Joint Director, HRDD informed the school authority that a technician would be sent for repairing.
 5. **Commerce & Industries Department, Government of Sikkim, Namchi** - Disseminated awareness by distributing pamphlets of training in carpet weaving, thanka painting, wood carving etc.
 6. **Skill Development Department, Government of Sikkim, Namchi** - Disseminated awareness by distributing pamphlets of various schemes under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) of skill development offered by the State Institute of Capacity Building.
 7. **Social Justice & Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, Namchi** - Disseminated awareness by distributing pamphlets of the Widow Scheme, Unmarried Scheme, Vatsalya Yojana, Menstrual Hygiene Scheme, etc.
 8. **Women & Child Development Department, Government of Sikkim, Namchi** - Disseminated awareness by distributing pamphlets on Medical Assistant, Women Help Line Number, Legal Aid, Rescue Shelter, One Stop Centre, etc.
 9. **Police Department, Government of Sikkim, Namchi** – Disseminated awareness by distributing pamphlets of Human Trafficking, smuggling of migrants, indicators of trafficking in persons, etc.
 10. **Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, Namchi** - A free health check-up for women was set up by the H&FW Department, Government of Sikkim, Namchi which included General Physician, Pediatrician, Psychiatrist and Gynecologist. Blood pressure check-up, physical check-up, medical advices and prescription etc. were the services provided to the public.
- Theme song of National Legal Services Authority and various documentaries made by the NALSA and Sikkim SLSA were displayed through LED screen at Central Park, Namchi Bazar.

Participants: Local public.



Observance of International Women's Day, 2023 at Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom, Namchi District by District Legal Services Authority, South



Observance of National Legal Aid Week for Women at Lamatar, Temi, Namchi District by District Legal Services Authority, South



Departmental Stalls and Help Desk setup during the 'Mega Legal Awareness Programme' conducted at Central Park, Namchi Bazaar, Namchi District by District Legal Services Authority, South



Observance of National Legal Aid Week for Women at Sikkim Institute of Science and Technology, Chisopani, Namchi District by District Legal Services Authority, South

Further, as a publicity drive, Sikkim SLSA published messages in the local newspapers/dailies as well as broadcast awareness of Rights of Women in All India Radio and also disseminated awareness on Rights of Women through local cable network.

EAST-ZONE REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA accompanied by Ms. Subarna Rai, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA attended the East – Zone Regional Conference on Enhancing Access to Justice on March 18th, 2023 at Shillong, Meghalaya. The Hon'ble Executive

Chairperson gave a Power Point Presentation on the activities done by Sikkim SLSA as per the agenda.



Sitting from L to R – Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Mrs. Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya, Mr. Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Mr. Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Mr. Justice Sanjiv Banerjee, Mr. Justice H. S. Thangkhiew, Mrs. Justice Meenakshi M. Rai.

Standing 1st Row – Mrs. Santosh Snehi Mann, Mr. Justice Ahanthem B. Singh, Mr. Justice Sivagnanam, Mr. Justice T. Amarnath Goud, Mr. Justice Lamusungbam Jamir, Mr. Justice A.K.J. Nambias, Mr. Justice Rajiv Shakhder, Mr. Justice Arun Bhansali, Mr. Justice Suman Shyam, Mr. N.A. Khan, Ms. Subarna Rai, Mr. Nayan Shankar Baruah, Mr. Ojesh Mutam,

Standing 2nd Row – Mr. Justice A. Ganeshwar Sharma, Mr. R. Vanlalena, Mr. Jagat Rai, Mr. Justice Michael Zothamkhuma, Mr. Manash R. Puthak, Mr. D.M. Jamatia, Mr. Dev Kumar Sukul, Mr. Justice Arindam Lodh, Mr. Justice Bhaskar Rai, Mr. Justice Nelson Sallo, Mr. Yajuvender Singh, Mr. M. Skhemlon, Mr. Justice Nani Tagia, Mr. Justice Sanjay Kumar Medhi.

Last Row – Mr. T.T.M. Sangma, Mr. Victo Sema, Mr. Yonge Adu, Mr. Debarghya Biswas, Mr. E. Kharumuid, Mr. Amit Kumar.



East – Zone Regional Conference on Enhancing Access to Justice on March 18th, 2023 at Shillong, Meghalaya

CO-ORDINATION MEETING WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS

In order to discuss the implementation of the Standard Operating Procedure on the Process of Premature Release, Parole, Furlough of Prisoners, 2022 issued by National Legal Services Authority, a co-ordination meeting was held on March 29th, 2023 at the Conference Hall of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Gangtok.

The meeting was attended by Mr. K.W. Bhutia, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Gangtok & Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, East, Ms. Subarna Rai, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA, Ms. Zamyang Choden Bhutia, Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Gangtok & Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, East, Mrs. Matilda Isaacs, Consultant, Sikkim SLSA, Superintendent of Police of all the six Districts, Panel Advocates, Retainer Lawyers, Para-Legal Volunteers and Officers of Sikkim SLSA.



Co-ordination meeting was held on March 29th, 2023 at the Conference Hall of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Gangtok

OTHER ACTIVITIES

HIGH COURT LOK ADALAT:

S.No.	Date	Presided over by	Cases taken up	Cases Disposed of
1.	24/02/2023	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Other Persons Ms. Basanti Rai and Ms. Yangchen Ladingpa	04	Nil
2.	03/03/2023	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Other Persons Mr. G.P. Pradhan and Mr. Kiran Kumar Rasaily	05	Nil
3.	24/03/2023	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Other Persons Mrs. Yangchen Ladingpa and Mr. Kiran Kumar Rasaily	04	Nil
4.	31/03/2023	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Other Persons Mr. Kiran Kumar Rasaily and Mr. Wangyal Tshering Bhutia	04	01

NATIONAL LOK ADALAT :

National Lok Adalat was held on **11/02/2023** wherein out of **73 cases** that were taken up, **23 cases** have been settled and a total amount of **Rs. 48,56,600/- only** was awarded.

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

(i) **Court of District & Sessions Judge, Special Division- II, Gangtok:**

No. of cases taken up	:	34
No. of cases settled	:	02
Amount Awarded	:	Rs. 15,00,000/-

(ii) **Court of District & Sessions Judge, Namchi:**

No. of cases taken up	:	03
No. of cases settled	:	03
Amount Awarded	:	Rs. 1,30,000/-

(iii) **Court of District & Sessions Judge, Gyalshing:**

No. of cases taken up	:	08
No. of cases settled	:	08
Amount Awarded	:	Rs. 36,600/-

(iv) **Court of District & Sessions Judge, Mangan:**

No. of cases taken up	:	01
No. of cases settled	:	01
Amount Awarded	:	Rs. 1,000/-

(v) **Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Senior Civil Judge, Gangtok:**

No. of cases taken up	:	04
No. of cases settled	:	02
Amount Awarded	:	Rs. 10,000/-

(vi) **Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Gangtok:**

No. of cases taken up	:	05
No. of cases settled	:	Nil
Amount Awarded	:	Nil

(vii) **Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Gyalshing:**

No. of cases taken up	:	18
No. of cases settled	:	07
Amount Awarded	:	Rs. 31,79,000/-

**REGULAR LOK ADALAT AT THE DISTRICT AND TALUK LEVEL DURING
THE QUARTER JANUARY TO MARCH, 2023**

DISTRICT LOK ADALAT (EAST) AT GANGTOK

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases disposed	No. of cases pending
08	21	180	201	149	52

DISTRICT LOK ADALAT (WEST) AT GYALSHING

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases disposed	No. of cases pending
02	11	01	12	12	NIL

DISTRICT LOK ADALAT (SOUTH) AT NAMCHI

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases disposed	No. of cases pending
06	16	09	25	15	10

TALUK LOK ADALAT (NORTH) AT MANGAN

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases disposed	No. of cases pending
04	01	01	02	02	NIL

TALUK LOK ADALAT (SOUTH) AT NAMCHI

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases disposed	No. of cases pending
06	12	25	37	13	24

TALUK LOK ADALAT (SOUTH) AT JORETHANG

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases disposed	No. of cases pending
08	03	10	13	09	04

TALUK LOK ADALAT (WEST) AT GYALSHING

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases disposed	No. of cases pending
04	07	23	30	19	11

TALUK LOK ADALAT (WEST) AT SORENG

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases disposed	No. of cases pending
01	NIL	03	03	01	02

LEGAL AID

Legal aid was provided to **245** beneficiaries by the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority during the quarter, January to March, 2023.

Categories of beneficiaries are as under:

QUARTER	S.C.	S.T.	WOMEN	CHILD	UNDER TRIAL/DETAINED BY CUSTODY	GENERAL	DISABLED	SENIOR CITIZEN	TOTAL
January to March, 2023	03	20	109	03	81	21	01	07	245

STATISTICS OF MEDIATION

JANUARY – MARCH, 2023					
MEDIATION CENTRE	NO. OF MEDIATIONS HELD	NO. OF CASES TAKEN UP	NO. OF CASES SETTLED	NO. OF CASES RETURNED	NO. OF CASES PENDING
Gangtok	14	13	01	05	07
Mangan	01	02	Nil	01	01
Namchi	23	20	02	03	15
Gyalshing	56	32	05	12	15
Total	94	67	08	21	38

STATISTICS OF PRE-LITIGATION MEDIATION

JANUARY – MARCH, 2023						
District Legal Services Authority	No. of ongoing/pending mediation at the beginning of quarter	No. of applications received for mediation	No. of applications where mediation remains non-starter	No. of applications where parties reached to settlement	No. of applications where parties could not reach to settlement	No. of ongoing/pending mediation at the end of quarter
Gangtok	01	02	NIL	NIL	NIL	03
Mangan	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Namchi	NIL	05	05	NIL	NIL	NIL
Gyalshing	01	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	01
Total	02	07	05	NIL	NIL	04

LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR STUDENTS OF SECONDARY AND SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SIKKIM

During the quarter, eleven legal awareness programmes were conducted by the team comprising of officers from the Social Welfare Department and Anti-Human Trafficking Unit, Police Department, Government of Sikkim and Panel Advocates of Sikkim SLSA under NALSA (Legal Services to Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme including Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, Sikkim Anti- Drugs Act (SADA), 2006 and Welfare Schemes of Central Government and State Government at various schools of Sikkim. The details are as under:

Sl. No.	Date	Venue	Resource Person	No. of participants comprising of students, teaching/non-teaching staff
1.	17/02/2023	Government Senior Secondary School, Kitam	Ms. Unisha Pradhan, Panel Advocate, Mr. Aita Hang Subba, Police Inspector (Jorethang) and Ms. Sita Chettri, Welfare Inspector, Social Welfare Department	120
2.	18/02/2023	Government Secondary School, Phademchen	Ms. Priyanka Chettri, Panel Advocate, Mr. Depeen Lamichaney, Welfare Inspector, Social Welfare Department and Mr. Tsheda Dorjee Bhutia, Sub-Inspector, Anti Human Trafficking Unit	50
3.	18/02/2023	Government Secondary School, Pabong Daring	Panel Advocates Mr. Sonam Zigmee Bhutia and Ms. Pabitra Pradhan, Mr. Manish Subba, Assistant Sub-Inspector (Bermoik Out Post) and Ms. Anjel Subba, Welfare Inspector, Social Welfare Department	130

4.	18/02/2023	Government Secondary School, Namphing	Panel Advocates Mr. Nirmal Bardewa and Ms. Doma Devi Sharma, Mr. Om Prakash Poudyal, Head Constable (Temi P.S.) and Ms. Arpana Karthak, Welfare Inspector, Social Welfare Department	95
5.	04/03/2023	Government Secondary School, South Regu	Ms. MingmaLhamu Sherpa, Panel Advocate, Ms. Alkamt Tamang, Additional Superintendent of Police and Mr. Depeen Lamichaney, Welfare Inspector, Social Welfare Department	72
6.	04/03/2023	Government Secondary School, Tingley	Mr. Norbu Galchan Bhutia, Panel Advocate, Mr.Dawa Zangpo Bhutia, Sub-Inspector (Bermoik Out Post) and Ms. Pushpa Rai, Welfare Inspector, Social Welfare Department	52
7.	04/03/2023	Government Secondary School, Burul	Ms. Kessang Doma Bhutia, Panel Advocate, Mr. Karma P. Bhutia, LNK (Bermoik Out Post) and Ms. Anjel Subba, Welfare Inspector, Social Welfare Department	52
8.	18/03/2023	Government Secondary School, Amba	Ms. Gita Bista, Panel Advocate, Mr. Tsheda Dorjee Bhutia, Sub-Inspector, Anti-Human Trafficking Unit and Mr. Thinley Hezer Bhutia, Welfare Inspector, Social Welfare Department	98
9.	18/03/2023	Government Secondary School, Sumin Linzey	Ms. Navtara Sarada, Panel Advocate, Mrs. Sudha Basnett, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Human Trafficking Unit and Mr. Pem Rinchen Bhutia, Welfare Inspector, Social Welfare Department	110
10.	18/03/2023	Government Secondary School, Karungthang	Ms. Tulasha Sharma, Panel Advocate, Ms. Laki Tamang, Sub-Inspector (Yangang P.S.) and Ms. Pushpa Rai, Welfare Inspector, Social Welfare Department	76

11.	29/03/2023	Government Secondary School, Gangyap, Soreng	Panel Advocates Ms. Chunkila Bhutia and Mr. Karma Dechen Bhutia, Mr. Chitra Bahadur Chettri, Sub-Inspector (Tashiding Out Post) and Ms. Ching Doma Lepcha, Welfare Inspector, Social Welfare Department	95
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TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR PANEL ADVOCATES

Under the directions of Hon'ble Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLISA, training programmes are being conducted by Sikkim SLISA every month through webinar for the Panel Lawyers (upto 12 years of practice).

Two training programmes were conducted via virtual mode during the quarter January to March, 2023 which are as follows:

Sl. No.	Date	Topic	Resource Person
1.	18/02/2023	Criminal Procedure Court and Practice in Criminal Courts including Filing Appeals and Revision	Mr. N. Rai, Senior Advocate, High Court of Sikkim & Senior Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLISA
2.	18/03/2023	Examination and Cross Examination of Witnesses and Presentment of Evidence	Mr. S.S. Hamal, Senior Advocate, High Court of Sikkim & Senior Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLISA

LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES THROUGH DOORDARSHAN AND ALL INDIA RADIO

As an awareness drive, Sikkim State Legal Services Authority has been disseminating information on various legal topics which is telecast in Doordarshan once a month under “Gramin Kariakram” and All India Radio every Saturday under “Kanuni Kura”. The Resource Persons comprises of Panel Advocates of Sikkim SLSA.

The topics discussed during the quarter January to March, 2023 are as follows:

- **Doordarshan (once a month):**

Sl. No.	Month	Topic	Resource Person
1.	February, 2023	Human Trafficking	Mr. T.R. Barfungpa, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
2.	March, 2023	Free & Competent Legal Aid and Services and Alternative Dispute Redressal Fora	Mr. Umesh Ranpal, Panel Advocate Sikkim SLSA

- **All India Radio (every Saturday):**

Sl. No.	Date	Topic	Resource Person
1.	04/02/2023	Free and Competent Legal Aid and Services	Mr. U.P. Sharma, Senior Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
2.	11/02/2023	Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015	Ms. Puja Lamichaney, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
3.	18/02/2023	Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012	Ms. Zola Megi, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
4.	25/02/2023	The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007	Mr. Sunil Baraily, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
5.	04/03/2023	Mental Health Care Act, 2017	Mr. Sajal Sharma, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA

6.	11/03/2023	Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989	Mr. Sushant Subba, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
7.	18/03/2023	Alternative Dispute Redressal Fora	Mr. Umesh Ranpal, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
8.	25/03/2023	Rights of an arrested person and Plea Bargaining	Mr. Jorgay Namka, Sr. Advocate, High Court of Sikkim & Sr. Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA

ONE-ON-ONE COUNSELLING FOR THE INMATES ARRESTED UNDER SADA, 2006 AND NDPS ACT, 1985

One-on one counseling session is being provided to the inmates involved in cases under Sikkim Anti Drugs Act, 2006 and Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Act, 1985 and lodged in State Central Prison, Rongyek, Gangtok by the Clinical Psychologists/Psychiatrists from the New S.T.N.M. Multi Specialty Hospital on rotation basis.

Three counselling sessions were provided during the quarter January to March, 2023 as detailed below:

Date	Name of the Clinical Psychologist	Number of inmates who have undergone counselling				
		UTP		Convict		Total
		Male	Female	Male	Female	
06/02/2023	Ms. Sangita Darjee	06	Nil	14	Nil	20
23/02/2023	Dr. Sonam O. Lassopa	09	01	09	Nil	19
21/03/2023	Dr. Sonam O. Lassopa	03	Nil	08	Nil	11

ONLINE COUNSELLING FOR THE INMATES ARRESTED UNDER SADA, 2006 AND NDPS ACT, 1985

Online counseling is being provided to the inmates involved in cases under Sikkim Anti Drugs Act, 2006 and Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Act, 1985 and lodged in State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim and District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim by the Counselors from the Rehabilitation Homes (1) Serenity Home, Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok and (2) Freedom Facility, Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok on rotation basis under NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse and Eradication of the Drug Menace) Scheme, 2015 from the office of Sikkim SLISA.

Thirty counselling programmes were conducted via virtual mode during the quarter January to March, 2023 as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Date	Resource Persons	No. of Participants (UTPs)
1.	03/01/2023	Mr. Karma Jigme Bhutia, Counselor, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	30
2.	09/01/2023	Mr. Karma Jigme Bhutia, Counselor, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	10
3.	11/01/2023	Mr. Kongchen Lepcha and Mr. Noel Lepcha, Counselors, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	14
4.	13/01/2023	Mr. Karma Jigme Bhutia, Counselor, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	30
5.	16/01/2023	Mr. Karma Jigme Bhutia, Counselor, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	15

6.	18/01/2023	Mr. Noel Lepcha, Counselor, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	11
7.	20/01/2023	Mr. Karma Jigme Bhutia, Counselor, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	17
8.	23/01/2023	Mr. Noel Lepcha, Counselor, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	17
9.	25/01/2023	Mr. Karma Jigme Bhutia, Counselor, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	09
10.	27/01/2023	Mr. Karma Jigme Bhutia, Counselor, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	15
11.	30/01/2023	Mr. Karma Jigme Bhutia, Counselor, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	12
12.	01/02/2023	Mr. Kongchen Lepcha and Mr. Noel Lepcha, Counselors, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	10
13.	03/02/2023	Mr. Karma Jigme Bhutia, Counselor, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	23
14.	06/02/2023	Mr. Karma Jigme Bhutia, Counselor, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	11
15.	13/02/2023	Mr. Karma Jigme Bhutia, Counselor, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	07

16.	15/02/2023	Mr. Noel Lepcha, Counselor, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	10
17.	17/02/2023	Mr. Karma Jigme Bhutia, Counselor, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	26
18.	20/02/2023	Mr. Karma Jigme Bhutia, Counselor, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	13
19.	22/02/2023	Mr. Noel Lepcha and Mr. Deeraj Chettri, Counselors, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	10
20.	27/02/2023	Mr. Karma Jigme Bhutia and Mr. Sanjay Chettri, Counselors, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	12
21.	01/03/2023	Mr. Noel Lepcha and Mr. Dawa Tshering Lepcha, Counselors, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	14
22.	03/03/2023	Mr. Karma Jigme Bhutia and Mr. Sanjay Chettri, Counselors, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	19
23.	06/03/2023	Mr. Noel Lepcha and Mr. Dhanu Sherpa, Counselors, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	15
24.	10/03/2023	Mr. Karma Jigme Bhutia, Counselor, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	21

25.	13/03/2023	Mr. Karma Jigme Bhutia, Counselor, Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok	14
26	20/03/2023	Mr. Sambodhit Keshori, Counselor, Serenity Home, Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	14
27	22/03/2023	Mr. Sambodhit Keshori, Counselor, Serenity Home, Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	13
28	24/03/2023	Mr. Sambodhit Keshori, Counselor, Serenity Home, Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	20
29.	29/03/2023	Mr. Amon Boris Lepcha, Mr. Promit Chettri and Mr. Suresh Chettri, Counselors, Serenity Home, Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	27
30	31/03/2023	Mr. Sambodhit Keshori, Counselor, Serenity Home, Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	22

COUNSELLING FOR RECOVERING SUBSTANCE ABUSERS AND REHABILITATED DRUG ABUSERS

On the request of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, a room has been allotted at Old STNM Hospital, Gangtok by the Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim to be used as a “Day Care and Counselling Centre” for recovering substance abusers and rehabilitated drug abusers and is functioning since 20th January, 2022.

The Centre is being run by the Counselors of Serenity Home, Lower Burtuk. The number of persons who have visited the Day Care and Counselling Centre for the quarter January to March, 2023 are as under:

Month	No. of Days visited by the recovering substance abusers/rehabilitated drug abusers	No. of visitors
January, 2023	27	74
February, 2023	24	128
March, 2023	24	112

MGNREGA LEGAL LITERACY CAMPS

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	VENUE
DLSA & TLSC East at Gangtok	10/02/2023	Gram Prashasan Kendra, Rongyek.
DLSA & TLSC North at Mangan	24/02/2023	Gram Vikash Kendra, Singhik Sentam Gram Panchayat Unit.
DLSA & TLSC South at Namchi	11/02/2023	Gram Panchayat Unit, Barfung Jarrong.
TLSC Soreng	24/02/2023	Gram Panchayat Unit, Tharpu.



Gram Prashasan Kendra, Rongyek.



Gram Vikash Kendra, Singhik Sentam Gram Panchayat Unit



Gram Panchayat Unit, Barfung Jarrong.



Gram Panchayat Unit, Tharpu.

MICRO LEGAL LITERACY CAMPS

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	VENUE
DLSA & TLSC East at Gangtok	24/03/2023	Government Secondary School, Penlong.
DLSA, & TLSC North at Mangan.	16/02/2023	Government Secondary School, Gor, Lower Dzongu.
	12/03/2023	Theng-Chungthang Gram Panchayat Unit.
	14/03/2023	ITI, Chandey.
DLSA & TLSC South at Namchi	09/03/2023	Sikkim Institute of Science and Technology, Namchi.
DLSA & TLSC West at Gyalshing	14/03/2023	13 Yangtey Gram Panchayat Unit, Gyalshing.



Government Secondary School, Penlong.



*Government Secondary School,
Gor, Lower Dzongu.*



Sikkim Institute of Science and Technology, Namchi.



13 Yangtey Gram Panchayat Unit, Gyalshing.