

NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES DAY OBSERVED ON

9TH NOVEMBER, 2018

National Legal Services day was observed on 9th November, 2019 and the week thereafter was observed as the National Legal Aid Week from 9th November to 16th November, 2019. All the DLSAs and TLSCs in co-ordination with Sikkim SLSA conducted numerous legal activities on this occasion.

The following activities were undertaken as per NALSA's guidelines:-

(i) **District Legal Services Authority & Taluk Legal Services Committee, West at Gyalshing.**

- On **09.11.2019**, DLSA (West) at Gyalshing in co-ordination with Sikkim SLSA organized a **Walkathon** at around 10 a.m. from **Gyalshing Bazaar to Kyonsa** upholding placards of NALSA Schemes, Anti- Drug Banners, Save Girl Child Banners, Helpline numbers to spread awareness on the availability of free legal aid. The court staff, Panel Advocates, Police Personnel from Gyalshing P.S. had participated in the Walkathon.
- During the occasion of Children's Day, a **legal awareness programme was organized under the Micro Legal Literacy Scheme on 14.11.2019** at **Kyongsa**. The participants were informed about Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015, POCSO, Human Trafficking, Rights of Children, ICPS, Child Care Institutions, Specialized Adoption Agency and availability of free legal aid for the children.
- An awareness programme was conducted at **Lingchom Senior Secondary School**. The teachers and students were apprised about the provisions of free legal aid, ADR Mechanism, SADA 2006, Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015, POCSO Act, 2012 and Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.
- Pamphlets issued by Sikkim SLSA were also distributed.

(ii) **District Legal Services Authority & Taluk Legal Services Committee, South at Namchi.**

- Awareness programmes were conducted by the Chairman, DLSA (S), Secretary, DLSA (S)/Ex-Officio Chairperson, TLSC (S), Panel Advocates, Panchayat Members and PLVs were the Resource Persons for the said programmes. The programmes were conducted on the following dates and venues:

Sl. No.	Date	Venue
1.	09.11.2019	Mayal Lyang Children Home, Singithang
2.	10.11.2019	Namchi Bazaar
3.	11.11.2019	ADR Centre, Namchi
4.	12.11.2019	Legal Aid Clinic/Front Desk in the District Administrative Centre, Namchi
5.	13.11.2019	Government Junior High School, Lower Perbing
6.	14.11.2019	Government Junior High School, Upper Jaubari
7.	15.11.2019	Legal Aid Clinic in the Block Administrative Centre, Namchi
8.	16.11.2019	Legal Aid Clinic at Chardham, Solokhop

- During the programmes mentioned above, the participants were informed about the significance of National Legal Services Day/Week, provisions of free legal aid, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015, SADA, lodging of FIR and the proceeding that follows, various schemes of the bank launched by the Prime Minister of India in 2015 as well as the Scheme for Girl Child called the Sukanya Samridhi Scheme in the Post Office, ADR forums, Lok Adalat, Mediation and Mental Illness.

(iii) **District Legal Services Authority & Taluk Legal Services Committee, East at Gangtok.**

- An **awareness camp** was jointly organized by DLSA & TLSC (East) at Gangtok on **10.11.2019** at **Freedom Facility Rehabilitation & Detoxification Centre, Tathangchen.**
- Secretary, DLSA (E)/Ex-Officio Chairperson, TLSC (E) and Mr. Pema Ongchu Bhutia, Panel Advocate were the Resource Persons.
- The programme was attended by Mr. K.C. Nima, Founder, staff along with the 60 inmates of the Centre.
- The participants were apprised about the various laws pertaining to NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse & Eradication of Drug Menace) Scheme, 2015, aims and objectives of Legal Services Authority, Juvenile Justice Act, laws relating to Section 354, 354 A to D under the Indian Penal Code, Immoral Trafficking and POCSO Act.
- The participants were also explained about the duties of PLVs and the procedure for obtaining free legal aid from the office of Sikkim SLSA.

(iv) **Taluk Legal Services Committee (West) at Soreng**

- On **09.11.2019**, TLSC (West) at Soreng organized a **Walkathon** from the **Court premises to Soreng Bazaar** upholding the banner of National Legal Services Day/Week. Ex-Officio Chairperson, TLSC (Soreng), Panel Advocates, Members of the Bar, PLVs and local public had participated in the said Walkathon.
- An **awareness programme** was conducted on **14.11.2019** and **16.11.2019** at **Chakung** and **Bara Samdung** respectively wherein the participants were apprised about the provisions of free legal aid and various Schemes of NALSA.
- A **door-to-campaign** was conducted by Panel Advocates and PLVs on **11.11.2019** at **Soreng Dara Bazaar** informing about the free legal aid/services. Similar campaign was also conducted on **13.11.2019** at **Pakkigaon** and **15.11.2019** at **Budang.**