



कानूनी साक्षरता, हटायें दुर्बलता  
From Ignorance to Legal Empowerment

## SIKKIM STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

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**Plan of Action of the Activities to be carried out by Sikkim State Legal Services Authority under the aegis of National Legal Services Authority w.e.f. 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2021 to 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**

### State Level

#### **1. Awareness Drive:**

- The Sikkim State Legal Services Authority shall set a stall in the main market, the purpose of which would be to make people aware about their entitlements, various enactments, welfare schemes and strengthening their access to the same and apprise them about the availability of free legal services and to address the legal needs of the people and legal problems by giving appropriate advice and taking necessary steps.
- The stall shall be manned by a team comprising of Retainer Lawyers, Para-Legal Volunteers, Officials of Sikkim SLSA, Social Justice and Welfare Department and Health Department, Government of Sikkim for assisting people who are in need of free legal aid, counseling and any assistance required under the welfare schemes of the State and Central Governments, distribution of pamphlets and also filling up of forms for getting people connected to the Schemes with registration of beneficiaries.

#### **2. Display of Messages on Free Legal Services on Virtual Message Display Sign Board and Smart Pole Screen:**

- Criteria for free legal services available to a person as entitled u/s 12 of the Legal Services Authorities Act will be displayed in the Variable Message Display Sign Board and in Smart Pole Screens maintained by the Gangtok Municipal Corporation installed in and around various places in Gangtok, East District.

#### **3. Setting up Temporary Legal Aid Clinics ( from Monday to Friday) w.e.f. 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2021 to 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2021:**

- There are 32 Legal Aid Clinics in Sikkim, however due to COVID-19 Pandemic, for the purpose of NALSA-Bharat ka Amrit Mahotsav, temporary legal aid clinics will be set up in the Office of 04 District Collectorate and the 16 Sub-Divisions of Sikkim to be manned by Panel Advocates and Para-Legal Volunteers of the respective Districts and Sub- Divisions on rotation basis.
- These Clinics shall provide advice to the seekers of legal services, help such people especially the illiterate in drafting petitions, representations or notices and filling up the application forms for various benefits available under the Government Schemes. Such Legal Aid Clinics shall be set up in the following places:

#### **• District Level:**

- a) Office of the District Collectorate, East Sikkim at Gangtok.



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- b) Office of the District Collectorate, North Sikkim at Mangan.
- c) Office of the District Collectorate, South Sikkim at Namchi.
- d) Office of the District Collectorate, West Sikkim at Gyalshing

### • Sub-Division Level:

- a) West Gyalshing, Soreng, Dentam and Yuksom
- b) East Gangtok, Pakyong, Rongli and Rangpo
- c) South Namchi, Ravangla, Yangang and Jorethang
- d) North Mangan, Chungthang, Kabi and Dzongu

- The monitoring of the Clinics shall be entrusted to the Secretaries of the respective District Legal Services Authorities and Ex-Officio Chairpersons of Taluk Legal Services Committees.

### 4. Training Programme through Virtual Mode:

#### ➤ Panel Lawyers of Sikkim SLSA:

Sl. No.	Resource Person	Date	Subject
1.	Shri S.S. Hamal, Sr. Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA	09.10.2021	(i)Gangtok Rent Control and Eviction Act, 1956. (ii)Notification Nos. 6326-600-H&W-B, Government of Sikkim, 1949.
2.	Shri S.S. Hamal, Sr. Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA	23.10.2021	Sikkim State Registration of Documents Rules, 1930.
3.	Shri B. Sharma, Sr. Advocate, High Court of Sikkim	13.11.2021	Pleadings Generally Order VI Rule- 1 to 18 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.



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### 5. Capacity Building Programme for Para-Legal Volunteers:

Sl. No.	Date	Subject
1.	06.10.2021	Sensitization Programme for PLVs under the Scheme of PLV (Revised) & Module for the Orientation-Induction-Refreshers Course of PLV Training

### 6. Capacity Building Programme for Panchayats of all the Districts:

Sl. No.	Date	Place	Subject
1.	07.10.2021	Karfector Training Centre, Jorethang for the Panchayats of South and West Districts	(i)Sensitization of Free Legal Aid and Services under the provisions of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. (ii)Downloading of Free Aid Application Forms and how to fill the same and forward to the concerned SLSA/DLSA.
2.	-do-	Assam Linzey, Training Centre for the Panchayats of the East District	(iii)Training on downloading of Legal Aid Application Forms via links provided by NALSA:
3.	-do-	Zilla Panchayat Bhawan, North for the Panchayats of the North District	i)Link for "Legal services Mobile App": <a href="https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.nalsa.lsmsapp">https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.nalsa.lsmsapp</a> ii)Link for "Legal Aid online":- <a href="https://nalsa.gov.in/lams/nologin/applicationFiling.action?requestLocale=en">https://nalsa.gov.in/lams/nologin/applicationFiling.action?requestLocale=en</a>  and from the website of Sikkim SLSA at <a href="http://sikkimslsa.nic.in">sikkimslsa.nic.in</a>

### 7. Capacity Building Programme for Retainer Lawyers/Remand Advocates:

Sl. No.	Date	Subject
1.	08.10.2021	Rights of Arrested Person, Pre-Arrest, Custody, Remand and Duties of Remand Lawyers.





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### 8. Talks in Radio and Doordarshan on the days specified by NALSA as Special Days:

#### • Radio:

Sl. No.	Resource Person	Date	Special Day	Subject
1.	Mr. Sonam Palden Bhutia, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA	02.10.2021	Gandhi Jayanti	Important Provisions of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.
2.	(i) Mr. S.S. Hamal, Sr. Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA (ii) Ms. Nima Doma Lassopa, Sr. Clinical Psychologist, New STNM Hospital, Gangtok	10.10.2021	World Mental Health Day	Salient Features of Mental Health Care Act, 2017 Suicide/Drugs/COVID-19 Pandemic/Mental Health Issues
3.	Ms. Kamala Giri, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA	11.10.2021	International Day of the Girl Child	Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015
4.	Ms. Prarthna Ghatani, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA	15.10.2021	World Students Day	What every student should know about Constitution of India
5.	Mr. S.S. Hamal, Sr. Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA.	24.10.2021	United Nations Day	Importance of United Nations Day

#### • Doordarshan (once in a month):

Sl. No.	Resource Person	Date	Special Day	Subject
1.	Mr. Sonam Palden Bhutia, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA	09.11.2021	National Legal Services Day/Week	Important Provisions of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987
2.	Mr. T.R. Barfungpa, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA	14.11.2021	Childrens Day	Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015

### 9. Celebration of 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 as "Legal Services Day" and the week thereafter as "Legal Services Week".



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**Plan of Action of the Activities to be carried out by 04 District Legal Services Authorities and 09 Taluk Legal Services Committees w.e.f. 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2021 to 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**

### District & Taluka Level

#### **1. Formation of Teams:**

- Team comprising of Chairpersons of DLSAs, Panel Advocates including Members of the Bar, Para-Legal Volunteers and concerned NGO to be constituted at the District and Taluka Level for awareness programmes in the villages and haat days. Such teams shall start field visits at least 15 days prior to holding of the camp and identify the targeted people especially for rural areas and have interactions with them so that the welfare schemes of the State/Central Government and importance/objective of legal aid services may be brought to their notice. The panchayat members of the identified villages may be involved for making necessary arrangements.

#### **2. Awareness Drive:**

- **Front Desk:** Setting up of front desks in all the Court premises at the conspicuous place of the 04 Districts and 09 Sub-Divisions to be manned by Para-Legal Volunteers for assisting those who require free legal aid, make such applications and guide such applicants to the nearest DLSA/SLSA.
- Legal awareness message to be disseminated through public announcements during the 'haat'/market days (while maintaining social distancing) in the four Districts of Sikkim as follows:
  - a) East at Gangtok on Sundays
  - b) West at Gyalshing on Sundays & Thursdays
  - c) South at Namchi on Sundays
  - d) North at Mangan on Sundays
- Awareness drive shall also be conducted on the haat days in the 09 Talukas of Sikkim by the Ex-Officio Chairperson at:
  - a) East District Pakyong on Wednesdays and Rangpo and Rongli on Sundays
  - b) West District: Soreng on Thursdays
  - c) South District Yangang and Jorethang on Sundays





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### • Physical Mode:

- Setting up of stalls in all the District and Headquarter during the above haat days in the market place with a Para-Legal Volunteer, Retainer Lawyers, panel Advocates, officials from the Social Welfare Department and Health Department and staff of the respective District Legal Services Authority to be present for assisting the public seeking free legal aid, filling up the forms for getting people connected with the Schemes of the State Government and Free Legal Services, State and Welfare Schemes applicable to the senior citizens, women, unmarried, disabled provided by the Social Welfare Department and Department of Health for free medical check-up.
- Public announcement and distribution of pamphlets in the respective districts relating to topics on general legal awareness and information regarding Legal Aid Helpline and mechanism of alternate dispute redressal resolution including E-Lok Adalats and strengthen the access to the schemes implemented by the Legal Services Authorities and other Departments of the Government during Haat Days.
- Conduct awareness programmes in the nearby villages without hampering judicial work involving the officers of the District Administration, Social Welfare Department and Police Department for generating awareness and providing legal assistance to the marginalized and resolving their long standing issues and make them aware of government scheme/programmes.
- Depute Retainer Lawyers, Panel Lawyers and Para-Legal Volunteers to the Legal Aid Clinics to be set up in the Offices of the District Collectorate, SDMs (West: 04, East: 04, North: 04 & South: 04) which remains open from Monday to Friday w.e.f. 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2021 to 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 for assisting those regarding the availability of free legal aid and services including counseling.

### • Virtual Mode:

- For information on general legal awareness, availability of Legal Aid Helpline and functioning of E-Lok Adalat through posts and videos on Facebook, Whatsapp and Instagram.

### 3. Special Days to be Observed:

Date	Special Day	Activities to be undertaken
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Gandhi Jayanti	Hold awareness programme through virtual mode to the Panchayats of the respective blocks falling under the respective jurisdiction for providing information on the Important Provisions of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.



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10 <sup>th</sup> October	Mental Health Day	Visit the Government Hospitals and Psychiatric wards to inform about the Legal Rights under the Mental Health Care Act, 2017 and NALSA (Legal Services to the Mentally ILL and Mentally Disabled Persons) Scheme, 2015 and that mental illness is curable.
11 <sup>th</sup> October	International Day of Girl Child	Awareness programme through virtual mode to the PLVs with regard to POSCO Act, 2012 and NALSA (Victims of Trafficking & Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015.
15 <sup>th</sup> October	World Student Day	Awareness programme through virtual mode to the students of Schools and Colleges/Universities in co-ordination with the Principals of the Schools and Deans of the respective Colleges/Universities informing on What every student should know about the Constitution of India, POCSO Act, 2012, SADA, 2016 and NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse and the Eradication of Drug Menace) 2015.
24 <sup>th</sup> October	UN Day	Awareness programme through virtual mode to the students of Schools and Colleges/Universities in co-ordination with the Principals of the Schools and Deans of the respective Colleges/Universities informing them of the Importance of United Nations Day.
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Legal Services Day and the Week thereafter as Legal Services Week	Observance of Legal Services Day by conducting suitable awareness camps and conducting Lok Adalat, Mediation taking up cases pertaining to weaker sections of the society.
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Childrens Day	(i)Awareness Programmes on NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015 to the DCPOs, Special Juvenile Police Units under the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015.  (ii)Organize Painting Competition in the Child Care Institutions on the occasion of Childrens Day and  (iii)Visit to the Observation and Children Homes, Child Care Institutions and Short Stay Homes by the Chairpersons of DLSAs and teams constituted under Sl. No. (h) of 10.2 of NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015.



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### 4. Other Activities:

- Display of NALSA documentaries and theme song and awareness documentaries of SLSA in the Digital Board installed in all the 04 District Court premises throughout the day.
- Organizing one legal awareness programme in co-ordination with State Commission for Women, Government of Sikkim on 08.10.2021 without hampering judicial work by the 04 DLSAs.
- **Radio Talk:** Talks by Panel Advocates in the Districts to be aired through local cable network and social media platforms on the following subjects and dates to be celebrated as Special Days:

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