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# **"INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY"**

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## LEGAL AID STALLS AT MAGHEY MELA

Legal aid stalls were set up during Maghe Mela from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 in Singtam, East District and Jorethang, South District to disseminate information about free legal aid and services provided by Sikkim SLSA. Pamphlets containing various messages about legal services, published by Sikkim SLSA were distributed to the public.



In the South District, Panel Advocates Ms. Prasunna Sharma and Mr. Bhim Shankar Pradhan; Para-Legal Volunteers Mrs. Phul Maya Pradhan and Mr. Passang Tshering Bhutia along with the staff of District Legal Service Authority (South) manned the legal aid stall at Jorethang.



In the East District, Para-Legal Volunteers Mrs. Indira Maya Nepal and Mrs. Nirmala Dhakal along with the staff of Sikkim SLSA manned the legal aid stall at Singtam.

## REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

Sikkim SLSA celebrated 66<sup>th</sup> Republic Day in the office premises at Sichey, Gangtok on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2015. The National Flag was hoisted by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLSA/Member, Central Authority, NALSA. It was followed by National Anthem.

The programme was attended by Madam T.T. Wangdi, Judicial Officers, Panel Advocates, staff of Sikkim SLSA and other dignitaries.

## LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON MAINTENANCE AND WELFARE OF SENIOR CITIZENS ACT, 2007

Legal awareness programme on Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 was organized by DLSA, Mangan, North Sikkim in coordination with Sikkim SLSA on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 at ADR Centre, Pentok, Mangan, North Sikkim. An interactive meet with the PLVs of North District was held at Passingdang, Dzongu, North Sikkim on the same day.



The programme was attended by Mr. Jagat Rai, District and Sessions Judge and Chairperson, DLSA (North) at Mangan, Sub-Divisional Magistrate and Gram Vikas Adhikari (B.D.O.), Social Welfare Officer, Additional Secretary of Sikkim SLSA and Panel Advocates.

During the programme, the senior citizens were apprised about the Notification issued by Social Justice, Empowerment & Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim regarding Old Age Pension and Other Government Welfare Schemes for Senior Citizens. The provisions of Senior Citizens Act, 2007 was also explained.



During the interactive meet with the PLVs, they were requested to maintain a diary of their day-to-day activities and also assist and sensitize the general public. The PLVs were requested to assist the Senior Citizens to obtain old age pensions and other Government benefits.

Mrs. Matilda Isaacs, Additional Secretary, Sikkim SLISA and Mr. Sonam Gyamtso Bhutia, Panel Advocate were the Resource Persons.

### VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH REGARD TO NATIONAL LOK ADALAT

On 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLISA/Member, Central Authority, NALSA attended the Video Conference with NALSA regarding National Lok Adalat scheduled for Bank matters on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2015.

### OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

As per the Calendar of Activities, the District Legal Services Authorities and Taluk Legal Services Committees under the aegis of Sikkim SLISA observed International Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 and a week thereafter as Legal Services Week.

Legal awareness programmes were organized by DLSAs and TLSCs throughout the State in the following order:

#### (i) DLSA & TLSC, Gyalshing, West Sikkim

1. **Venue:** Civil Court Premises, Gyalshing, West Sikkim on 09.03.2015.  
**Resource Persons:** Panel Advocates Mr. Bhupendra Giri and Mr. Anjan Sharma.
2. **Venue:** Gyalshing Girls Senior Secondary School, Gyalshing, West Sikkim on 11.03.2015.  
**Resource Persons:** Panel Advocates Ms. Puja Lamichaney and Mr. Bikash Gurung.



Civil Court premises, Gyalshing, West Sikkim



Gyalshing Girls Sr. Sec. School, West Sikkim

(ii) DLSA & TLSC, Namchi, South Sikkim

1. **Venue:** Melli Paiyong on 08.03.2015.

**Resource Persons:** Mr. Prajwal Khatiwada, Chairman, DLSA (South), Panel Advocates Mr. Bhupendra Giri and Ms. Geeta Subba and Mr. Bhim Pradhan, Office Superintendent.

2. **Venue:** Samseybong, Nandugaon on 11.3.2015.

**Resource Persons:** Panel Advocates Mr. Kumar Sharma and Ms. Geeta Subba.

3. **Venue:** Mamring, South Sikkim on 13.03.2015.

**Resource Persons:** Panel Advocates Mr. Bhupendra Giri, Ms. Yangzee Pinasha, Mr. Bhim Pradhan, Office Superintendent.



*Mamring, South Sikkim*



*Nandugaon, South Sikkim*

(iii) DLSA & TLSC, Mangan, North Sikkim

1. **Venue:** Chungthang Secondary School, Chungthang on 08.03.2015.

**Resource Person:** Mr. Benoy Sharma, Secretary, DLSA (North).

2. **Venue:** ADR Centre, Mangan.

**Resource Person:** Mr. Benoy Sharma, Secretary, DLSA (North).



*Chungthang Sec. School, North Sikkim*



*ADR Centre, Mangan, North Sikkim*

(iv) **DLSA & TLSC, Gangtok, East Sikkim:**

1. **Venue:** ICFAI College, Sichey on 12.03.2015.  
**Resource Person:** Ms. Ranjita Pradhan, Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate.
2. **Venue:** Sikkim Government Law College, Burtuk, East Sikkim on 14.03.2015.  
**Resource Person:** Mr. Ashok Pradhan, Panel Advocate.



*ICFAI College, Sichey, East Sikkim*



*Sikkim Govt. Law College, Burtuk, East Sikkim*

**MEETING FOR ORGANIZING REGIONAL MEET OF STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES FOR THE NORTH-EASTERN STATES SIKKIM CHAPTER, 2015**

A meeting was held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 at the Conference Hall, High Court of Sikkim to discuss the ways and means of organizing the Regional Meet of State Legal Services Authorities for the North-Eastern States, Sikkim Chapter, 2015 at Gangtok. The meeting was chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLSA/Member, Central Authority, NALSA.

Various committees were formed with regard to the logistics/transport, accomodation etc. required for the programme scheduled on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2015 at Gangtok and on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2015 at Gnathang. Judicial Officers, Panel Advocates and other dignitaries attended the meeting.

Another meeting was also held on 31.03.2015 in the Conference Hall, High Court of Sikkim, Gangtok. The following agendas were discussed during the meeting (i) Logo for the North-Eastern Meet (ii) Finalization of the programme for the meet, and (iii) distribution of duties to the members of various committees.

**MEETING FOR THE CONSTITUTION OF HIGH COURT OF SIKKIM (MIDDLE INCOME GROUP) LEGAL AID SOCIETY**

A meeting for the constitution of High Court of Sikkim (Middle Income Group) Legal Aid Society was held on 12.03.2015 in the Conference Hall, High Court of Sikkim. The meeting was presided by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLSA/Member, Central Authority, NALSA. Senior Advocates of the High Court of Sikkim and Advocates of the Bar Association of Sikkim attended the meeting.

Draft memorandum and Rules were circulated to all the Advocates present, inviting their suggestions.

## **STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATION ON ENHANCING ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR THE MARGINALIZED IN NORTH-EAST**

Mr. Bikash Sharma, Under-Secretary, Sikkim SLSA accompanied by Mr. Anup Tamang, Project Assistant (Access to Justice Project) attended the “Stakeholders Consultation on Enhancing Access to Justice for the Marginalized in North-East” on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 at Guwahati, Assam organized by the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India.

## **13<sup>TH</sup> ALL INDIA MEET OF THE HON’BLE CHAIRPERSONS AND MEMBER SECRETARIES OF STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES**

Hon’ble Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLSA and Mr. K.W. Bhutia, District & Sessions Judge, Special Division-II and Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA attended the 13<sup>th</sup> All India Meet of the State Legal Services Authorities on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2015 at Ranchi, Jharkand.

During the said Meet, Hon’ble Executive Chairman, Sikkim SLSA who is also a Member of Central Authority, NALSA attended the meeting of the Central Authority.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

### **NATIONAL LOK ADALAT :**

As per the calendar of National Lok Adalat for 2015, Bank recovery suits and cases under section 138 of NI Act was taken up in the various Lok Adalat Benches on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

Details of cases disposed of by various Benches during the said National Lok Adalat, are as follows:

- 1. Principal District & Sessions Judge, East at Gangtok:**

No. of cases taken up	: 21 Nos.
No. of cases disposed of	: 09 Nos.
Amount Awarded	: Rs. 27,07,499/-
  
- 2. District & Sessions Judge, Special Division-II, Gangtok:**

No. of cases taken up	: 83 Nos.
No. of cases disposed of	: 19 Nos.
Amount Awarded	: Rs. 71,73,607/-

3. **District & Sessions Judge, West at Gyalshing:**  
 No. of cases taken up : 53 Nos.  
 No. of cases disposed of : 36 Nos.  
 Amount Awarded : Rs. 37,28,989/-
4. **Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, West at Gyalshing:**  
 No. of cases taken up : 32 Nos.  
 No. of cases disposed of : 16 Nos.  
 Amount Awarded : Rs. 10,24,111/-
5. **District and Sessions Judge, North at Mangan:**  
 No. of cases taken up : 06 Nos.  
 No. of cases disposed of : 05 Nos.  
 Amount Awarded : Rs. 35,000/-
6. **District and Sessions Judge, South at Namchi:**  
 No. of cases taken up : 46 Nos.  
 No. of cases disposed of : 15 Nos.  
 Amount Awarded : Rs. 34,46,568/-

On 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015, Sikkim SLSA did not receive any case pertaining to Revenue and MG NREGA. One case of land acquisition was taken up by the bench of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate (North) at Mangan. However, the same could not be settled.

### LOK ADALATS AT THE DISTRICT AND TALUK LEVELS

#### 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
20	03	139	142	125	10	07

#### 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	06	63	69	55	01	13

**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
01	NIL	06	06	06	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
03	06	53	59	43	05	11

**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
10	03	26	29	17	09	03

**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
08	NIL	51	51	50	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
07	NIL	58	58	56	NIL	02



### 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
02	Nil	03	03	02	NIL	01

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

Legal aid was provided to **237** beneficiaries by the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority during January to March, 2015.

Period	S.C.	S.T.	Women	Child	Under Trial/ detained by custody	General	Disabled	Others	Total
Jan - March 2015	08	18	106	12	65	17	01	10	237

### CASES BEFORE THE MEDIATION CENTRES, EAST DISTRICT AT GANGTOK AND SOUTH DISTRICT AT NAMCHI FROM JANUARY TO MARCH, 2015

Centre	No. of mediation held	No. of cases taken up	No. of cases settled	No. of cases returned	No. of cases pending
Mediation Centre (East) at Sikkim SLSA Office, Sichey, Gangtok	05	05	01	01	03
Mediation Centre (South) at District Court Complex, Namchi, South Sikkim	08	07	02	01	04
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	12.03.2015	ICFAI College, Gangtok, East Sikkim
	14.03.2015	Sikkim Government Law College, Burtuk, East Sikkim
Jointly by DLSA/TLSC, North at Mangan	19.02.2015	Zingchem, North Sikkim
	22.02.2015	Lingdem, Tatopani, North Sikkim.
	01.03.2015	Rel, Naga, North Sikkim
	22.03.2015	Namprick, North Sikkim
Jointly by DLSA/TLSC, South at Namchi	22.02.2015	Phantam and Borong, South Sikkim.
	27.02.2015	Temi Sr. Sec. School, South Sikkim.
	28.02.2015	Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Institute, Boomtar, South Sikkim.
	08.03.2015	Melli Paiyong, South Sikkim
	11.03.2015	Samseybong, Nandugaon, South Sikkim
	13.03.2015	Mamring, South Sikkim
Jointly by DLSA/TLSC, West at Gyalshing	28.02.2015	Langang and Arigaon, West Sikkim.
	24.03.2015	Meong and Magyong, West Sikkim



ICFAI College, Sichey, East Sikkim



Namprick, North Sikkim



Borong, South Sikkim



Arigaon, West Sikkim

## MGNREGA CAMPS

CONDUCTED BY	DATES	VENUES
Jointly by DLSA/TLSC, East at Gangtok	12.03.2015	ICFAI College, Gangtok, East Sikkim
	14.03.2015	Sikkim Government Law College, Burtuk, East Sikkim
Jointly by DLSA/TLSC, North at Mangan	22.02.2015	Zingchem, North Sikkim
	01.03.2015	Rel, Naga, North Sikkim
	22.03.2015	Namprick, North Sikkim
Jointly by DLSA/TLSC, South at Namchi	22.02.2015	Phantam and Borong, South Sikkim
	08.03.2015	Melli Paiyong, South Sikkim
	11.03.2015	Samseybong, Nandugaon, South Sikkim
	13.03.2015	Mamring, South Sikkim
Jointly by DLSA/TLSC, West at Gyalshing	28.02.2015	Langang and Arigaon, West Sikkim
	24.03.2015	Meong and Magyong, West Sikkim



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*Rel, Naga, North Sikkim*



*Phantam, South Sikkim*



*Meong and Magyong, West Sikkim*

## OTHER LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

Organised by	Name of the Programmes	Dates	Venue
DLSA & TLSC, North at Mangan	International Consumer Day	15.03.2015	Hee-Gyathang, North Sikkim



*Hee-Gyathang, North Sikkim*