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COMMEMORATION OF NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES DAY ON 9TH NOVEMBER, 2023

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Hon'ble Mr. Justice Biswanath Somadder, Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim and Patron-in Chief, Sikkim State Legal Services Authority
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Chairman, High Court Legal Services Committee.*

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OBSERVANCE OF SWACHH BHARAT DIWAS

Under the directions of Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLISA on the occasion of Swachh Bharat Diwas to celebrate the Jan Andolan for Swachhata, as a tribute to Mahatman Gandhi on the day of his Jayanti, a cleanliness drive was organized by Sikkim State Legal Services Authority on 2nd October, 2023 as per the direction issued by Minister of State (I/C) for Law & Justice and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Culture, Government of India, New Delhi received via communique from Hon'ble High Court of Sikkim.

Ms. Subarna Rai, Ld. District & Sessions Judge, Mangan (the then Member Secretary, Sikkim SLISA), Mrs. Matilda Isaacs, Consultant, Sikkim SLISA, Mr. Praveen Pradhan, Deputy Secretary, Sikkim SLISA, other officers and staff had actively participated in the cleanliness drive and the office and its premises were thoroughly cleaned.



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VISIT TO THE RELIEF CAMPS SET UP FOR THE VICTIMS AFFECTED BY GLACIAL LAKE OUTBURST

In the wake of disaster caused by the glacial lake (Lhonak Lake) outburst in the early hours of 4th October, 2023 affecting the districts namely Gangtok District, Pakyong District and Mangan District, the Sikkim SLSA under the NALSA (Legal Services to Disaster Victims through Legal Services Authorities) Scheme, 2010 played an effective role by coordinating the activities of the State Government in the disaster management by way of strategic intervention in an integrated and sustainable manner reducing the gravity of the crisis and to build a platform for early recovery and development. The following activities were undertaken:

- On 6th October, 2023, a team comprising of Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai. Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA, Ms. Subarna Rai, Ld. District & Sessions Judge, Mangan (the then Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA), Ld. Senior Advocates and Panel Advocates, officers and staff of Sikkim SLSA visited the relief camps set up by the State Government for the displaced and affected at Majhitar Government Secondary School and Chanatar Community Hall at Rangpo.

Visit of Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai. Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA at the relief camp set up by the State Government for the displaced and affected



Majhitar Government Secondary School, Rangpo



Chanatar Community Hall, Rangpo

Visit of Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA at the Legal Aid Clinic set up at Singtam Bazaar



- On 9th October, 2023, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Biswanath Somadder, Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim and Patron-in-Chief, Sikkim SLSA visited the relief camps set up by the State Government for the people displaced and affected at Singtam and Rangpo. During the visit, Hon'ble the Chief Justice also distributed essentials at the relief camps.

Visit of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Biswanath Somadder, Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim and Patron-in-Chief, Sikkim SLSA at the relief camps set up by the State Government for the people displaced and affected at Singtam and Rangpo



- On 5th October, 2023, Ms. Subarna Rai, Ld. District & Sessions Judge, Mangan (the then Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA) along with officers and staff of Sikkim SLSA made a visit to all the relief camps set up at Singtam and Chungthang on 11th October, 2023. During the visits, pamphlets with information of helpline numbers of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority and District Legal Services Authorities were distributed.



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- Further, under the directions of Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai. Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA, Legal Aid Clinics were set up at Singtam Bazaar and Rangpo Bazaar where interactions between the persons affected by the flood and the team of Panel Advocates and staff of Sikkim SLSA took place. The Clinics functioned w.e.f. 4th of October, 2023 to 14th October, 2023.



Legal Aid Clinic set up at Singtam Bazaar



Legal Aid Clinic set up at Rangpo Bazaar

- A Committee was also formed comprising of Mrs. Matilda Isaacs, Consultant, Sikkim SLSA with officials of Sikkim SLSA to assist the victims of disaster for procuring their documents and in obtaining the reliefs that are to be disbursed by the Government.

**MR. JAGAT B. RAI, LD. DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE
APPOINTED AS THE NEW MEMBER SECRETARY, SIKKIM SLSA**

In pursuance to Office Order No. 330/HCS dated 11/10/2023 issued by the Hon'ble High Court of Sikkim, Mr. Jagat B. Rai, Ld. District & Sessions Judge assumed the charge of Member Secretary of Sikkim SLSA on 1st of November, 2023.

COMMEMORATION OF NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES DAY

As per the directions of National Legal Services Authority, the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority commemorated the National Legal Services Day on 9th November, 2023 in its office by felicitating one best Panel Lawyer from each district, one best Para Legal Volunteer from each district, the two Convict Para Legal Volunteers from the State Central Prison, Rongyek, the best College/ University Legal Aid Clinic in the State and best Legal Literacy Club from each district in recognition of their exemplary services and to celebrate their achievements.

The programme was graced by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Biswanath Somadder, Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim & Patron-in Chief, Sikkim SLSA, Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA and Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Chairperson, High Court Legal Services Committee.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Biswanath Somadder, Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim & Patron-in-Chief, Sikkim SLSA in his address apprised the meeting of the importance of the day and emphasized that Access to Justice in terms of the logo of NALSA and Sikkim SLSA has to be strictly adhered to in order to uplift the marginalized and underprivileged sections of society. His Lordship congratulated the Sikkim SLSA and the legal services institutions for the commendable work done by the Authority.

Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLISA in Her Ladyship's address informed that 9th of November every year marks the day when the Legal Services Authorities Act was passed. The Panel Advocates and PLVs were commended in their contribution to the cause of free legal aid and for generating legal awareness in all sections of society, more especially the marginalized sections.

The active performance of the PLVs who act as intermediaries bridging the gap between the common people and the Legal Services Institutions to remove the impediments to access to justice was also highlighted as also their contribution in monitoring cases of mission children in Police Stations, assisting the Senior Citizens and persons below poverty line to avail various welfare schemes of State/Central Government and acting as Support Persons for assisting the child victims of sexual assault under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Rules, 2016 were also highlighted by Her Ladyship. The activities undertaken by two educated Convict PLVs lodged at the State Central Prison, Rongyek received special mention.

A mention was also made with regard to 42 Legal Literacy Clubs established by Sikkim SLISA in various schools across the State and Legal Aid Clinics established at Sikkim Government Law College, ICFAI University and Sikkim University, to generate legal awareness. Further, inmates lodged at the State Central Prison, Rongyek and District Prison, Boomtar, the Sikkim SLISA is providing Psychiatrists and Psychologists from the Health & Family Welfare Department to deal with mental health issues which arise on account of them being in custody or those who are recovering from drug addiction and Counsellors from rehabilitation centres are visiting on regular basis for providing counselling to such inmates.

Thereafter, Certificate of Commendation and Mementoes were distributed by the Hon'ble dignitaries to the best Panel Lawyers, PLVs, Legal Literacy Clubs from each district, two Convict PLVs from the State Central Prison, Rongyek (represented by the Jailor, State Central Prison) and the best Legal Aid Clinic in College/Universities.

The programme was also attended by Ld. Judicial Officers from the High Court Registry, Ld. Panel Advocates, PLVs, Teacher-in-Charge, students of the Legal Aid Clinics and Legal Literacy Clubs (the Legal Literacy Clubs from South, West and North Districts and the two Convict PLVs from the State Central Prison attended the programme in virtual mode), officers and staff of the High Court Registry, Sikkim SLSA and IPR Department.

The welcome address was delivered by Mr. Jagat B. Rai, Ld. Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA while the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Praveen Pradhan, Deputy Secretary, Sikkim SLSA.

National Legal Services Day was also observed by District Legal Services Authorities and Taluk Legal Services Committees all over the State on 9th November, 2023. Legal awareness camps were conducted by the DLSAs and TLSCs all over the State a week thereafter as Legal Services Week from 5th to 10th November, 2023.

Pamphlets on various subjects published by Sikkim SLSA were distributed by District Legal Services Authorities and Taluk legal Services Committees during the legal awareness programmes held in their respective jurisdiction.

Commemoration of National Legal Services Day on 9th November, 2023 at Conference Hall of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority



*Felicitation of the best Panel Lawyers from each district by
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Biswanath Somadder, Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim
and Patron-in Chief, Sikkim State Legal Services Authority*



Gangtok District



Mangan District



Namchi District



Gyalshing District

*Felicitation of the best Para Legal Volunteers from each district by
Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and
Executive Chairperson, Sikkim State Legal Services Authority*



Gangtok District



Mangan District



Namchi District



Gyalshing District

Felicitation of the best Legal Literacy Clubs from each district and best Legal Aid Clinic by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Chairman, High Court Legal Services Committee.



Sikkim Government Law College, Gangtok



Tashi Namgyal Academy, Gangtok

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 SLISA/Chairman, High Powered Committee was held on 6th December, 2023 via virtual mode.

The meeting was attended by Mr. R. Telang, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Government of Sikkim/Member, High Powered Committee, Mr. Jagat B. Rai, Ld. Member Secretary, Sikkim SLISA, Mr. Sharab Tonyot, Deputy Inspector General of Police (Prison)/Member, High Powered Committee, Mrs. Tshewang Doma, Additional Secretary (Confidential) /Member, High Powered Committee, and Mr. Sonam Wangdi Bhutia, Additional Superintendent of Police, District Prison, Boomtar, South Sikkim/Member, High Powered Committee.

The following Agenda Items were deliberated during the meeting:

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of the High Powered Committee which was held on 18th August, 2023.

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 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 18/08/2023 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).

MENTAL HEALTH CAMP

In compliance to the resolution taken during the 19th All India Meet of State Legal Services Authorities held on 30th June to 1st July, 2023 at Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir and under the NALSA (Legal Services to the Mentally III and Mentally Disabled Persons) Scheme, 2015, the Sikkim SLSA under the aegis of NALSA and in co-ordination with the Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim organized Mental Health Camps on 28th December, 2023 at State Central Prison, Rongyek, Gangtok District and District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi District on 22nd December, 2023.

During these camps, the Convicts and Under Trial Prisoners who were undergoing medical treatment for mental health issues were examined and the other Convicts and Under Trial Prisoners suffering from various mental issues were provided counselling by the Psychiatrists and Clinical Psychologists and medicines were also prescribed to them.

The Resource Persons for the mental camps were:-

Prison	Resource Persons	Convicts/UTPs examined and provided counselling
<p>State Central Prison, Rongyek, Gangtok</p>	<p>1. Dr. Netra Thapa, Psychiatrist, Multispecialty Hospital, Sochakgang.</p> <p>2. Dr. Bishnu Sharma, Psychiatrist, Multispecialty Hospital, Sochakgang.</p> <p>3. Ms. Archana Chettri, Clinical Psychologist, STNM Multispecialty Hospital, Sochakgang.</p> <p>4. Ms. Kiden Lama, Counsellor.</p> <p>5. Ms. Tsepel Denzongpa, Counsellor.</p>	<p>231 inmates (132 Convicts and 99 UTPs) were examined and provided counselling.</p>
<p>District Prison Boomtar, Namchi District</p>	<p>1. Dr. Upashna Gurung, Psychiatrist, Multispecialty Hospital, Sochakgang.</p>	<p>69 UTPs were examined and provided counselling.</p>

The camp organized at State Central Prison, Rongyek was attended by Mr. Jagat B. Rai, Ld. Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA, Mrs. Matilda Isaacs, Consultant, Sikkim SLSA, Mr. Praveen Pradhan, Deputy Secretary, Sikkim SLSA and Mr. Kunga Nima Barphungpa, Under Secretary, Sikkim SLSA along with the staff of Sikkim SLSA.



Mental Health Camp on 28th December, 2023 at State Central Prison, Rongyek, Gangtok District



Mental Health Camp on 22nd December, 2023 at District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi District

OTHER ACTIVITIES

HIGH COURT LOK ADALAT:

S.No.	Date	Presided over by	Cases taken up	Cases Disposed of
1.	09/10/2023	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Other Persons Mrs. Yangchen Ladingpa and Mr. K.K. Rasaily	04	01
2.	03/11/2023	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Other Persons Mrs. Basanti Rai and Mrs. Yangchen Ladingpa	04	Nil
3.	17/11/2023	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Other Persons Mrs. Geeta Gurung and Mr. G.P. Pradhan	03	03
4.	04/12/2023	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Other Persons Mrs. Basanti Rai and Mrs. Yangchen Ladingpa	03	Nil

NATIONAL LOK ADALAT :

National Lok Adalat was held on **9th December, 2023** wherein out of **46 cases** that were taken up, **31 cases** have been settled and a total amount of **Rs. 17,71,432/- 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	:	17
No. of cases settled	:	09
Amount Awarded	:	Rs. 4,76,073/-

(ii) Court of District & Sessions Judge, Gyalshing:

No. of cases taken up	:	06
No. of cases settled	:	05
Amount Awarded	:	Rs. 93,450/-

(iii) Court of District & Sessions Judge, Namchi:

No. of cases taken up	:	04
No. of cases settled	:	04
Amount Awarded	:	Rs. 1,27,330/-

(iv) Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Gangtok (I/C):

No. of cases taken up	:	01
No. of cases settled	:	01
Amount Awarded	:	Rs. 1,80,000/-

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

No. of cases taken up	:	18
No. of cases settled	:	12
Amount Awarded	:	Rs. 8,94,579/-

**REGULAR LOK ADALAT AT THE DISTRICT AND TALUK LEVEL DURING
THE QUARTER OCTOBER TO DECEMBER, 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
04	11	124	135	117	18

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
04	05	07	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
05	25	11	36	12	24

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
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	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
03	05	02	07	02	05

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
05	09	Nil	09	08	01

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
05	05	25	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
05	02	02	04	02	02

LEGAL AID

During the quarter, October to December, 2023, free legal aid as per Section 12 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 was provided to **205** beneficiaries by the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority under various categories:

Categories of beneficiaries are as under:

QUARTER	S.C.	S.T.	WOMEN	CHILD	UNDER TRIAL/DETAINED BY CUSTODY	GENERAL	DISABLED	SENIOR CITIZEN	TOTAL
October to December, 2023	03	16	112	10	40	23	NIL	01	205

STATISTICS OF MEDIATION

OCTOBER TO DECEMBER, 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	38	32	04	06	22
Mangan	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Namchi	21	16	09	05	02

Gyalshing	57	29	19	02	08
Total	116	77	32	13	32

STATISTICS OF PRE-LITIGATION MEDIATION AS PER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 12 A OF THE COMMERCIAL COURTS, COMMERCIAL DIVISION AND COMMERCIAL APPELLATE DIVISION OF HIGH COURTS ACT, 2018 READ WITH COMMERCIAL COURTS (PRE-INSTITUTION MEDIATION AND SETTLEMENT RULES), 2018

OCTOBER TO DECEMBER, 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	10	01	05	02	03	01
Mangan	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Namchi	NIL	02	02	NIL	NIL	NIL
Gyalshing	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Total	10	03	07	02	03	01

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).

A training programme was conducted via virtual mode during the quarter October to December, 2023 which are as follows:

Sl. No.	Date	Topic	Resource Person
1.	18/11/2023	Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 with special emphasis on Section 30	Ms. Puja Lamichaney, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLISA

LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES THROUGH DOORDARSHAN AND ALL INDIA RADIO

As a publicity and 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 October to December, 2023 are as follows:

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

Sl. No.	Month	Topic	Resource Person
1.	October, 2023	Human Trafficking	Mr. Tashi Raptan Barfungpa, Panel Advocate.
2.	November, 2023	Mental Health Care Act, 2017	Mr. Ramesh Sharma, Panel Advocate.
3.	December, 2023	Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016	Mr. Safal Sharma, Panel Advocate.

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

Sl. No.	Date	Topic	Resource Person
1.	07/10/2023	Alternative Dispute Redressal Fora	Mr. Bhushan Nepal, Panel Advocate.
2.	14/10/2023	Rights of an Arrested Person and Plea Bargaining	Mr. Sushant Subba, Panel Advocate.
3.	21/10/2023	Free & Competent Legal Aid & Services	Ms. Samita Gurung, Panel Advocate.
4.	28/10/2023	Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016	Mr. Passang Tshering Bhutia, Panel Advocate.
5.	04/11/2023	Relief under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 and procedure.	Ms. Gita Bista, Panel Advocate.

6.	11/11/2023	Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012	Mr. Yozen Rai, Panel Advocate.
7.	18/11/2023	Mental Health Care Act, 2017	Mrs. Zola Megi, Panel Advocate.
8.	25/11/2023	Maintenance u/s 125 of CrPC and its procedure	Ms. Pritima Sunam, Panel Advocate.
9.	02/12/2023	Offences relating to Elections under Chapter IXA, IPC, 1860	Mr. Jorgay Namka, Senior Advocate, High Court of Sikkim & Senior Panel Advocate.
10.	09/12/2023	Sikkim Anti Drugs Act, 2006 and NDPS Act, 1985	Mr. R.C. Sharma, Panel Advocate.
11.	16/12/2023	Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and filing of claims before the MACT	Mr. Sunil Baraily, Panel Advocate.
12.	23/12/2023	False Evidence and Offences Against Public Justice under Chapter XI, IPC, 1860	Mr. Deven Rai, Panel Advocate.
13.	30/12/2023	Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989	Ms. Prarthana Ghataney, Panel Advocate.

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

Under NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse and Eradication of the Drug Menace) Scheme, 2015, 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.

15 counselling programmes were conducted physically/virtually during the quarter October to December, 2023 as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Date	Resource Persons	No. of Participants (UTPs)
1.	04/10/2023	Mr. Aditya Sharma, Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	10 <i>(physically at State Central Prison, Rongyek)</i>
2.	13/10/2023	Mr. Tenzing Bhutia, Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	21
3.	16/10/2023	Mr. Promit Chettri, Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	10
4.	18/10/2023	Mr. Tenzing Bhutia, Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	13 <i>(physically at State Central Prison, Rongyek)</i>
5.	20/10/2023	Mr. Aditya Sharma, Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	18
6.	03/11/2023	Mr. Ruben Gurung and Mr. Tenzing Bhutia, Counselors, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	19
7.	06/11/2023	Mr. Aditya Sharma, Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	15
8.	17/11/2023	Mr. Promit Chettri and Mr. Bijay Gurung, Counselors, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	17

9.	20/11/2023	Mr. Aditya Sharma, Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	10
10.	22/11/2023	Mr. Tenzing Bhutia, Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	12 <i>(physically at State Central Prison, Rongyek)</i>
11.	24/11/2023	Mr. Bijay Gurung, Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	14
12.	29/11/2023	Mr. Tenzing Bhutia, Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	10 <i>(physically at State Central Prison, Rongyek)</i>
13.	04/12/2023	Mr. Promit Chettri, Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	10
14.	06/12/2023	Mr. Tenzing Bhutia, Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	10 <i>(physically at State Central Prison, Rongyek)</i>
15.	08/12/2023	Mr. Aditya Sharma, Counselor, Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok	19

**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 October to December, 2023 are as under:-

Month	No. of Days visited by the recovering substance abusers/rehabilitated drug abusers	No. of visitors
October, 2023	15	08
November, 2023	17	13
December, 2023	12	09

OTHER LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	Name of the Programme	VENUE
DLSA & TLSC East at Gangtok, Rangpo & Pakyong	01/10/2023	Senior Citizen Day	Old Age Home, Ranipool
	07/10/2023	Legal Awareness Programme on NALSA (Legal Services to Disaster Victims through Legal Services Authorities) Scheme, 2010	Dikchu Bazaar, Gangtok
			Community Centre, Bihari Bhawan, Pakyong
	10/10/2023	World Mental Health Day	State Central Prison, Rongyek
	14/11/2023	Childrens' Day	Rainbow Children Home, Lingdok
	16/11/2023	Legal Awareness Programme on NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015 and NALSA (Legal Services for Differently Abled Children) Scheme, 2021	Rainbow Children Home, Lingdok
	26/11/2023	Constitution Day	ADR Centre, Sichey
	03/12/2023	World Disability Day	Directorate of Handloom and Handicraft, Zero Point, Gangtok
	10/12/2023	Human Rights Day	Virtually

	24/12/2023	Consumer Day	Virtually
	29/12/2023	Legal Awareness Programme under NALSA (Protection & Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme, 2015	Panchayat Bhawan, Rongyek
DLSA & TLSC North at Mangan	01/10/2023	Senior Citizen Day	Blu Tungbook Ward under Singhik Sentam GPU
	10/10/2023	World Mental Health Day	Relief Camp, Government Secondary School, Naga
		Childrens' Day	St. John's International School, Naga.
	26/11/2023	Constitution Day	ADR Centre, Pentok.
	03/12/2023	Disability Day	Government Junior High School, Rangrang.
	10/12/2023	Human Rights Day	Ringhim Nampatam GPU
	21/12/2023	Legal Awareness Programme on NALSA (Protection & Enforcement of Tribal Rights)	Village Administrative Centre, Lingdong Barfok GPU.
	24/12/2023	Consumer Day	Zero Point Tingchim Chandey GPU.
DLSA & TLSC South at Namchi	01/10/2023	Senior Citizen Day	Mazitar Compound
	10/10/2023	World Mental Health Day	Tingrithang, Namchi.

	20/10/2023	Legal Awareness Programme on NALSA (Legal Services to Disaster Victims through Legal Services Authorities) Scheme, 2010	Melli Bazaar.
	10/11/2023	Childrens' Day	Manjusha Short Stay Home.
	28/11/2023	Constitution Day	ADR Centre, Namchi.
	30/11/2023	Legal Awareness Programme on NALSA (Legal Services for Differently Abled Children) Scheme, 2021 and NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015	Sangmoo GPU, Lower Gangla Ward.
	01/12/2023	World AIDS Day	Poklok GPU.
	03/12/2023	World Disability Day	Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Institute, Boomtar.
	06/12/2023	Legal Awareness Programme on NALSA (Protection & Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme, 2015	Ben Namprick GPU
	07/12/2023	Human Rights Day	Mayal Lyang Children Home, Namchi.

	22/12/2023	World Consumer Rights Day	Office of Food & Civil Supplies Department, Namchi.
DLSA & TLSC Gyalshing and Soreng	01/10/2023	Senior Citizen Day	Village Administrative Centre, Omchung GPU, Gyalshing.
	09/10/2023	Legal Awareness Programme on NALSA (Legal Services to Disaster Victims through Legal Services Authorities) Scheme, 2015	Sopakha, Simphok, Uttarey.
	10/10/2023	World Mental Health Day	Gyalshing Bazaar
	05/11/2023	Legal Awareness Programme on NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015 and NALSA (Legal Services for Differently Abled Children) Scheme, 2021	Atish Dipankar Boys Children Home, Chakung
	14/11/2023	Childrens' Day	Indian Evangelical Crusade Church, Gyalshing.
	29/11/2023	Constitution Day	ADR Centre, Gyalshing.
	01/12/2023	World AIDS Day	District Hospital, Gyalshing and Para Medical Training Centre, Gyalshing.
	04/12/2023	Disability Day	Gelling Samsing GPU, Soreng.

	05/12/2023	Human Rights Day	Government Secondary School, Middle Gyalshing.
	24/12/2023	Consumer Day	Government Senior Secondary School, Pelling.
	28/12/2023	Legal Awareness Programme under NALSA (Protection & Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme, 2015	Gyalshing Haat Bazaar.



ADR Centre, Sichey, Gangtok District



Government Junior High School, Rangrang, Mangan District



Mazitar Compound, Namchi District



Aatish Dipankas Boys Children Home, Chakung, Soreng District

MICRO LEGAL LITERACY CAMPS

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	VENUE
DLSA & TLSC East at Gangtok	01/10/2023	Old Age Home, Ranipool.
	29/12/2023	Panchayat Bhawan, Rongyek.
DLSA, & TLSC North at Mangan.	01/12/2023	Government Arts College, Mangshila.
DLSA & TLSC South at Namchi	09/11/2023	New Secondary School, Temi.
DLSA West at Gyalshing & TLSC (Soreng)	06/11/2023	Government Primary School, Rungdu, Gyalshing.



Old Age Home, Ranipool, Gangtok District



Government Arts College, Mangshila, Mangan District



New Secondary School, Temi, Namchi District



Government Primary School, Rungdu, Gyalshing District

MGNREGA LEGAL LITERACY CAMPS

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	VENUE
DLSA & TLSC East at Gangtok	10/11/2023	Housing Colony, Majhigaon, Rangpo
DLSA North at Mangan & TLSC (Chungthang)	10/11/2023	Ralak, Lower Mangshila.
DLSA South at Namchi & TLSC (Namchi), (Yangang) & (Jorethang)	01/10/2023	Majhitar Compound.
	01/12/2023	Poklok GPU.
DLSA & TLSC West at Gyalshing	04/12/2023	Gelling Samsing GPU, Soreng.



Housing Colony, Majhigaon, Rangpo, Pakyong District



Ralak, Lower Mangshila, Mangan District



Poklok GPU, Namchi District



Gelling Samsing GPU, Soreng District