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THREE DAYS TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR STUDENTS AS PARA-LEGAL VOLUNTEERS

Under the directions of Hon’ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, a three days training programme for students as Para-Legal Volunteers was organized by Sikkim SLSA for the students of Sikkim Government Law College and ICFAI University from 30th May, 2024 to 1st June, 2024 at the Moot Court Hall of Sikkim Government Law College, Burtuk.

The Resource Persons and the topics that were delved on were as follows:

DAY – I (30TH MAY, 2024)	
RESOURCE PERSON	SUBJECT
Mr. S.S. Hamal, Designated Senior Advocate, High Court of Sikkim.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction & Ice Breaking Session. • Purpose & Role of Para Legal Volunteers. • Do’s & Don’t of Para Legal Volunteers.
Dr. Dilip Pandey, Associate Professor and Dean (Student Affairs), Sikkim Government Law College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution-Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy & Fundamental Duties.
Ms. Zola Megi, Panel Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 39A and Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 and NALSA Regulations.
Mr. Bhushan Nepal, Panel Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005. • Sexual Harassment at workplace
Mr. Tashi Raptan Barfungpa, Panel Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laws relating to Children - Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, The Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, Missing Children and Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006.

DAY – II (31ST MAY, 2024)	
RESOURCE PERSON	SUBJECT
<p>Officers from Women & Child Development Department, Government of Sikkim:</p> <p>(i) Ms. Yamini Pradhan, District Programme Officer</p> <p>(ii) Mr. Pradeep Subba, Social Welfare Officer</p> <p>(iii) Mr. Lagyal Pintso Bhutia, Sr. Prosthetic & Orthotic Engineer</p> <p>(iv) Ms. Laxana Subedi, Programme Manager, SARA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State/Central Schemes promoting social welfare, Social Security Schemes (pensions, insurance, disability, etc.).
<p>Mr. N. Rai, Designated Senior Advocate, High Court of Sikkim.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminal Laws (I.P.C. & Cr. P.C. (minimum required knowledge, especially bail, arrest, etc.), and Plea Bargaining.
<p>Mr. R.C. Sharma, Panel Advocate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012
<p>Mr. Megnath Dhungel, Panel Advocate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 357 Cr. P.C., (Sikkim Compensation to Victims or his Dependents Scheme, 2021).
<p>Mr. Thupden Youngda, Panel Advocate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property Laws (Inheritance, Transfers of immovable property, Registration, Revenue Laws)

DAY – III (1ST JUNE, 2024)	
RESOURCE PERSON	SUBJECT
<p>Mr. J.K.P. Jaiswal, Panel Advocate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laws relating to Family-Marriage Laws, Adoption, Maintenance, Custody and Guardianship Judicial Separation and Divorce.
<p>Mr. Rajendra Upreti, Panel Advocate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007.

Mr. Safal Sharma, Panel Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lok Adalats, A.D.R. System, Free Legal Services under Legal Services Authorities Act.
Mr. Tsewang Namgyal Bhutia, Panel Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour Laws (Minimum Wages Act, 1948, Workmen’s Compensation Act, 1923, Unorganized Workers Welfare and Social Security Act, 2008, the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979, the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 (briefly), Legal assistance under the NALSA Scheme (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganized Sector) Scheme, 2010.

A total of 107 students were trained as Para-Legal Volunteers.

The welcome address was delivered by Mr. Praveen Pradhan, Deputy Secretary, Sikkim SLSA while the vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Matilda Isaacs, Consultant, Sikkim SLSA.



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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 31st May, 2024 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 SLSA, 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 6th December, 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 06/12/2023 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 Ill 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 at State Central Prison, Rongyek, Gangtok District on 15th June, 2024.

Similar camp was organized jointly by District Legal Services Authority, Namchi and Taluk Legal Services Committees, Namchi, Jorethang and Yangang in co-ordination with the Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim at District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi District on 15th June, 2024.

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
State Central Prison, Rongyek, Gangtok	1. Dr. Bibhushan Dahal, Psychiatrist.	30 inmates (15 Convicts and 15 UTPs including 01 female) were

	<p>2. Dr. Upashna Gurung, Psychiatrist.</p> <p>3. Dr. Archana Chettri, Clinical Psychologist.</p>	examined and provided counselling.
District Prison Boomtar, Namchi District	<p>1. Dr. Bishnu Sharma, Senior Psychiatrist, STNM Multispecialty Hospital, Sochakgang</p> <p>2. Ms. Simran Rai, Clinical Psychologist, District Hospital, Namchi</p>	81 UTPs were examined and provided counselling.

The camp organized at State Central Prison, Rongyek was attended by 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 at State Central Prison, Rongyek, Gangtok District on 15th June, 2024



Mental Health Camp at District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi District on 15th June, 2024

OBSERVANCE OF YOGA DAY

International Day for Yoga was observed on 21st June, 2024 promoting the theme “Yoga for Self and Society” in the office of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Development Area, Gangtok.

The office of the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority had the participation of the officers and staff with Dr. Manorath Dahal, Assistant Professor, State Council of Educational Research and Training, Gangtok, East Sikkim as the Yoga Instructor. He informed that yoga is an ancient form of practice and meditation that provides a retreat from the chaotic and busy lives and stressed on the benefits of yoga. Simple and effective asanas for improving posture and spine mobility were demonstrated.

The International Yoga Day was also observed by all the District Legal Services Authorities and Taluk Legal Services Committees.



At the office of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Development Area, Gangtok.



At the office of DLSA, East at Gangtok

At the office of DLSA, West at Gyalshing



POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMME

The Sikkim State Legal Services Authority under the directions of Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLISA and NALSA (Legal Services to the Mentally ILL and Mentally Disabled Persons) Scheme, 2015 organized a Positive Mental Health Programme for the employees of Labour Department, Government of Sikkim on 30th June, 2024 at Sikkim Judicial Academy, Sokethang, Gangtok.

Resource Persons Dr. Netra Thapa, Principal Chief Consultant & Head of Department and Ms. Nancy Palmu Chankapa, Senior Clinical Psychologist from the Department of Psychiatry, New Multispecialty Hospital, Sochakgang spoke on mental health issues, stress management and coping mechanisms.

63 officers and staff of Labour Department attended the programme.

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



SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF WOMEN AT WORKPLACE (PREVENTION, PROHIBITION AND REDRESSAL) ACT, 2013

In pursuance to the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its Order dated 12th May, 2023 passed in Civil Appeal No. 2482 of 2014 titled Aureliano Fernandes v. State of Goa and Ors. and under the directions of Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA, the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority organized a Sensitization Programme on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Act, 2013 for female employees and Members of Internal Complaints Committee of Excise Department, Government of Sikkim on 29th June, 2024 at the Conference Hall of Sikkim SLSA, Development Area, Gangtok.

Trained Panel Advocates Mr. Sushant Subba, Mr. Hem Lall Manger, Mr. Passang Tshering Bhutia and Mr. Sishir Mothay were the Resource Persons.

The topics that were delved on were Background and Role of Internal Committee - Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal, Definition of Sexual Harassment, Procedures and Process for Redressal and Case Study Analysis.

During the course of the programme, a short movie titled “Ab Khamosh Kyun” produced by Human Rights Law Network, New Delhi was also screened.

59 officers and staff of Excise Department attended the programme.

The welcome address as well as the vote of thanks was delivered by Mrs. Matilda Isaacs, Consultant, Sikkim SLSA.



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OTHER ACTIVITIES

HIGH COURT LOK ADALAT:

S.No.	Date	Presided over by	Cases taken up	Cases Disposed of
1.	26/04/2024	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Other Persons Mrs. Basanti Rai and Mrs. Yangchen Ladingpa	09	Nil
2.	10/05/2024	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Other Persons Mrs. Basanti Rai and Mrs. Geeta Gurung	04	Nil
3.	17/05/2024	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Other Persons Mrs. Yangchen Ladingpa and Mr. Wangyal T. Bhutia	05	01
4.	14/06/2024	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Other Persons Mrs. Geeta Gurung, Mr. G.P. Pradhan and Mrs. Yangchen Ladingpa	03	Nil
5.	21/06/2024	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Other Persons Mrs. Basanti Rai and Mrs. Yangchen Ladingpa	05	Nil

NATIONAL LOK ADALAT :

National Lok Adalat was held on **11th May, 2024** wherein out of **34 cases** that were taken up, **10 cases** have been settled and a total amount of **Rs. 5,69,960/- 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	:	05
No. of cases settled	:	Nil
Amount Awarded (in Rs.)	:	Nil

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

No. of cases taken up	:	04
No. of cases settled	:	03
Amount Awarded (in Rs.)	:	27,480/-

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

No. of cases taken up	:	04
No. of cases settled	:	02
Amount Awarded (in Rs.)	:	3,200/-

(iv) Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Rangpo:

No. of cases taken up	:	19
No. of cases settled	:	03
Amount Awarded (in Rs.)	:	4,70,480/-

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

No. of cases taken up	:	01
No. of cases settled	:	01
Amount Awarded (in Rs.)	:	40,000/-

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

No. of cases taken up	:	01
No. of cases settled	:	01
Amount Awarded (in Rs.)	:	Nil

REGULAR LOK ADALAT AT THE DISTRICT AND TALUK LEVEL
DURING THE QUARTER APRIL TO JUNE, 2024

DISTRICT LOK ADALAT, GANGTOK

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases disposed	No. of cases pending
07	08	42	50	41	09

DISTRICT LOK ADALAT, GYALSHING

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases disposed	No. of cases pending
04	06	NIL	06	06	NIL

DISTRICT LOK ADALAT, NAMCHI

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases disposed	No. of cases pending
05	27	02	29	12	17

TALUK LOK ADALAT, RANGPO

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases disposed	No. of cases pending
04	NIL	20	20	20	NIL

TALUK LOK ADALAT, NAMCHI

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases disposed	No. of cases pending
08	05	11	16	09	07

TALUK LOK ADALAT, JORETHANG

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases disposed	No. of cases pending
06	04	15	19	05	14

TALUK LOK ADALAT, GYALSHING

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases disposed	No. of cases pending
03	07	33	40	31	09

TALUK LOK ADALAT, SORENG

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

TALUK LOK ADALAT, MANGAN

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

LEGAL AID

Legal aid was provided to **211** beneficiaries by the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority during the quarter, April to June, 2024.

Categories of beneficiaries are as under:

QUARTER	S.C.	S.T.	WOMEN	CHILD	UNDER TRIAL/DETAINED BY CUSTODY	GENERAL	DISABLED	SENIOR CITIZEN	TOTAL
April to June 2024	04	26	123	03	28	26	NIL	01	211

STATISTICS OF MEDIATION

APRIL - JUNE, 2024					
MEDIATION CENTRE	NO. OF MEDIATIONS HELD	NO. OF CASES TAKEN UP	NO. OF CASES SETTLED	NO. OF CASES RETURNED	NO. OF CASES PENDING
Gangtok	125	54	07	23	24
Mangan	01	01	NIL	NIL	01
Namchi	40	30	07	05	18
Gyalshing	42	25	13	05	07
Total	208	110	27	33	50

STATISTICS OF PRE-LITIGATION MEDIATION


APRIL - JUNE, 2024						
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	03	03	04	NIL	NIL	02
Mangan	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Namchi	NIL	01	01	NIL	NIL	NIL
Gyalshing	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Total	03	04	05	NIL	NIL	02

TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR PANEL ADVOCATES

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

03 training programme was conducted via virtual mode during the quarter April to June, 2024 which are as follows:

Sl. No.	Date	Topic	Resource Person
1.	06/04/2024	Section 9,10,13B, 14,15,16,17,19 and 20 of Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, Marriage Laws in Sikkim, Family Courts Act, 1984 and Case Laws	Mr. Jorgay Namka, Sr. Advocate, High Court of Sikkim & Sr. Panel Advocate
2.	04/05/2024	Gangtok Rent Control and Eviction Act, 1956 and Notification No. 6326-600-H&W-B, Government of Sikkim, 1949	Mr. B. Sharma, Sr. Advocate, High Court of Sikkim
3.	01/06/2024	Sikkim Registration of Documents Rules, 1930	Mr. Umesh Ranpal, Panel Advocate



Training programme conducted via virtual mode on the topic ‘Section 9,10,13B,14,15,16,17,19 and 20 of Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, Marriage Laws in Sikkim, Family Courts Act, 1984 and Case Laws’ by Mr. Jorgay Namka, Sr. Advocate, High Court of Sikkim & Sr. Panel Advocate on 6th April,2024.



Training programme conducted via virtual mode on the topic '(i) Gangtok rent control and eviction Act, 1956 and (ii) Notification Nos. 6326-600-H & W-B, Government of Sikkim, 1949 by Mr. B. Sharma, Sr. Advocate, High Court of Sikkim on 4th May,2024.



Training programme conducted via virtual mode on the topic 'Sikkim State Registration of Documents Rules, 1930' by Mr. Umesh Ranpal, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLISA on 1st June,2024.

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 April to June, 2024 are as follows:

- Doordarshan (once a month):**

Sl. No.	Month	Topic	Resource Person
1.	April, 2024	NALSA (Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016	Mr. S.S. Hamal, Senior Advocate, High Court of Sikkim & Senior Panel Advocate
2.	May, 2024	International Labour Day and the rights and entitlements to labourers	Mr. J.K.P. Jaiswal, Panel Advocate
3.	June, 2024	Rights of Widows with reference to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hindu Widows Remarriage Act, 1856 - Hindu Widows Remarriage and Property Act, 1989 - Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme, 2014 (Vldwa Pension Yojna) 	Mrs. Zola Megi, Panel Advocate

- All India Radio (every Saturday):**

Sl. No.	Date	Topic	Resource Person
1.	06/04/2024	Human Rights	Mr. M.N. Dhungel, Panel Advocate
2.	13/04/2024	NALSA (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganized Sector) Scheme, 2015	Ms. Kamala Giri, Panel Advocate

3.	20/04/2024	Alternate Dispute Redressal Fora	Mr. Sunil Baraily, Panel Advocate
4.	27/04/2024	NALSA (Effective Implementation of Poverty Alleviation) Scheme, 2015	Mr. Yozan Rai, Panel Advocate
5.	04/05/2024	International Labour Day and Rights & Entitlements to Labourers	Mr. Ramesh Sharma, Panel Advocate
6.	11/05/2024	Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012	Mr. B.K. Gupta, Panel Advocate
7.	18/05/2024	Free and Competent Legal Aid and Services	Mr. Laxuman Gurung, Panel Advocate
8.	25/05/2024	NALSA (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015	Ms. Pritima Sunam, Panel Advocate
9.	01/06/2024	Fundamental Duties in respect of Environment Protection	Mr. Sushant Subba, Panel Advocate
10.	08/06/2024	NALSA (Legal Services to the Mentally ILL and Disabled Persons) Scheme, 2015	Mr. Kharga Bahadur Chettri, Panel Advocate
11.	15/06/2024	Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016	Mr. Gulshan Lama, Panel Advocate
12.	22/06/2024	NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015	Mr. Safal Sharma, Panel Advocate
13.	29/06/2024	Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Act, 2013	Ms. Kesang D. Bhutia, Panel Advocate

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

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 SLSA.

29 counselling programmes were conducted by the Counsellors/Volunteers from Serenity Home Rehabilitation Centre, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok via virtual/physical mode during the quarter April to June, 2024 as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Date	Prison	Name of the Counsellor	No. of Participants (UTPs)
1.	10/04/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr. Amon Boris Lepcha	12 <i>(physical)</i>
2.	12/04/2024	District Prison, Boomtar	Mr. Tenzing Dheden Bhutia	16 <i>(physical)</i>
3.	15/04/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr. Tenzing Dheden Bhutia	11 <i>(virtual)</i>
4.	22/04/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr. Nick Thapa	12 <i>(virtual)</i>
5.	24/04/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr. Amon Boris Lepcha	21 <i>(physical)</i>
6.	26/04/2024	District Prison, Boomtar	Mr. Nick Thapa	17 <i>(virtual)</i>
7.	29/04/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr. Nick Thapa	11 <i>(virtual)</i>
8.	03/05/2024	District Prison, Boomtar	Mr. Nick Thapa	20 <i>(virtual)</i>
9.	06/05/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr. Nick Thapa	11 <i>(virtual)</i>
10.	08/05/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr. Tenzing Bhutia	11 <i>(physical)</i>
11.	10/05/2024	District Prison, Boomtar	Mr. Nick Thapa	20 <i>(virtual)</i>
12.	13/05/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr. Nick Thapa	10 <i>(virtual)</i>
13.	15/05/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr. Aditya Sharma	12 <i>(physical)</i>
14.	17/05/2024	District Prison, Boomtar	Mr. Nick Thapa	21 <i>(virtual)</i>

15.	20/05/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr. Bikash Gurung	08 <i>(virtual)</i>
16.	22/05/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr. Nick Thapa and Mr. Tenzing Bhutia	18 <i>(physical)</i>
17.	24/05/2024	District Prison, Boomtar	Mr. Nick Thapa	24 <i>(virtual)</i>
18.	27/05/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr. Nick Thapa	10 <i>(virtual)</i>
19.	29/05/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr. Nick Thapa	10 <i>(physical)</i>
20.	31/05/2024	District Prison, Boomtar	Mr. Nick Thapa	22 <i>(virtual)</i>
21.	03/06/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr. Nick Thapa	06 <i>(virtual)</i>
22.	05/06/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr. Nick Thapa and Mr. Dinchen Sherpa	12 <i>(physical)</i>
23.	07/06/2024	District Prison, Boomtar	Mr. Nick Thapa	15 <i>(virtual)</i>
24.	10/06/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr. Nick Thapa	07 <i>(virtual)</i>
25.	12/06/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr. Nick Thapa	11 <i>(physical)</i>
26.	14/06/2024	District Prison, Boomtar	Mr. Nick Thapa and Mr. Namsahang Limboo	20 <i>(virtual)</i>
27.	17/06/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr. Bikash and Mr. Dhinchhen Sherpa	09 <i>(virtual)</i>
28.	19/06/2024	State Central Prison, Rongyek	Mr. Nick Thapa	10 <i>(physical)</i>
29.	28/06/2024	District Prison, Boomtar	Mr. Nick Thapa	13 <i>(virtual)</i>

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 April to June, 2024 are as under:

Month	No. of Days visited by the recovering substance abusers/rehabilitated drug abusers	No. of visitors
April, 2024	21	15
May, 2024	24	19
June, 2024	20	16

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

During the quarter, two 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 for the students of Secondary 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.	18/05/2024	Government Senior Secondary School, Dikchu	Mrs. Chezum Lepcha, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Human Trafficking Unit and Mrs. Kabita Subba, Joint Secretary, Scholarship Section, Social Welfare Department	175

2.	01/06/2024	Government Secondary School, Lower Samdong	Ms. Mingma Lhamu Sherpa, Panel Advocate, Ms. Renuka Chettri, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Human Trafficking Unit and Mr. Tshewang Topden, Welfare Inspector, Social Welfare Department	50
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OTHER LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	Name of the Programme	VENUE
DLSA &TLSC East at Gangtok,	23/04/2024	NALSA (Legal Services to Victims of Trafficking & Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015	West Point Senior Secondary School, Tathangchen
	01/05/2024	NALSA (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganized Sector) Scheme, 2015	Medical College, Sichey
		International Labour Day	
	31/05/2024	Anti – Tobacco Day	Biraspati Parsai School, Ranipool
	05/06/2024	World Environment Day	Government Senior Secondary School, Ranka
	12/06/2024	NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Acid Attack) Scheme, 2016 and the Victim Compensation Scheme	Government Senior Secondary School, Bojoghari
		World Day Against Child Labour	
TLSC at Rongli	05/06/2024	World Environment Day	Late Chandralal Sharma Government Senior Secondary School, Chujachen
	10/07/2024	NALSA (Effective Implementation of Poverty Alleviation) Scheme, 2015	Chujachen GPU, Rongli

DLSA & TLSC North at Mangan	30/04/LSC2024	NALSA (Legal Services to Victims of Trafficking & Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015	Government Secondary School, Manul
	01/05/2024	International Labour Day	Government Secondary School, Ringhim
	31/05/2024	NALSA (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganized Sector) Scheme, 2015	Government Senior Secondary School, Mangan
		Anti – Tobacco Day	
	05/06/2024	World Environment Day	District & Sessions Court, Mangan
	12/06/2024	NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Acid Attack) Scheme, 2016	Eklavya Model Residential School, Swayem
		World Day Against Child Labour	
DLSA & TLSC South at Namchi	29/04/2024	NALSA (Legal Services to Victims of Trafficking & Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015	Government Senior Secondary School, Bikmat, Namchi
	01/05/2024	NALSA (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganized Sector) Scheme, 2015	Government Senior Secondary School, Omchu, Namchi
	31/05/2024	Anti – Tobacco Day	Government Secondary School, Tingley, Namchi
	12/06/2024	NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Acid Attack) Scheme, 2016	Ravangla, Namchi
		World Day Against Child Labour	
DLSA & TLSC Gyalshing and Soreng	16/04/2024	NALSA (Legal Services to Victims of Trafficking & Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015	Sanchaman Limboo Government Degree College, Arigaon, Gyalshing
	01/05/2024	International Labour Day	Government Senior Secondary School, Lingchom, Gyalshing

	28/05/2024	NALSA (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganized Sector) Scheme, 2015	Construction Site of Housing Colony, Dzongri Petrol Pump, Gyalshing
	31/05/2024	Anti – Tobacco Day	PM SHRI Government Senior Secondary School, Pelling, Gyalshing
	05/06/2024	World Environment Day	District Court premises, Gyalshing
	12/06/2024	World Day Against Child Labour	Conference Hall of ADR Centre, Gyalshing
	20/06/2024	NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Acid Attack) Scheme, 2016 and the Victim Compensation Scheme	Mangsari Mangerjung GPU



World Environment Day at Government Senior Secondary School, Ranka, Gangtok District



World Environment Day at District Court premises, Gyalshing



World Environment Day at District & Sessions Court, Mangan District



Anti – Tobacco Day at Government Secondary School, Tingley, Namchi District

MGNREGA LEGAL LITERACY CAMPS

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	VENUE
DLSA & TLSC East at Gangtok	23/04/2024	West Point Senior Secondary School, Tathangchen
	05/06/2024	Government Senior Secondary School, Ranka
DLSA& TLSC North at Mangan	26/06/2024	Rangrang
DLSA & TLSC South at Namchi	31/05/2024	Tingley Secondary School, Namchi



West Point Senior Secondary School,
Tathangchen, Gangtok District



Rangrang, Mangan District



Tingley Secondary School, Namchi District

MICRO LEGAL LITERACY CAMPS

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	VENUE
DLSA & TLSC East at Gangtok	17/05/2024	Government Secondary School, Chanatar, Rangpo
	31/05/2024	Biraspati Parsai School, Ranipool
DLSA, & TLSC North at Mangan.	01/05/2024	Government Secondary School, Ringhim
DLSA & TLSC South at Namchi	12/04/2024	Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Namchi
	05/06/2024	PM SHRI Government Senior Secondary School, Bermiok – Tokal, Namchi
DLSA & TLSC West at Gyalshing & Soreng	01/05/2024	Government Senior Secondary School, Lingchom



Government Secondary School, Chanatar,
Rangpo, Pakyong District



Government Senior Secondary School,
Lingchom, Gyalshing District



Government Secondary School, Ringhim,
Mangan District



PM SHRI Government Senior Secondary
School, Bermiok – Tokal, Namchi