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REGIONAL CONSULTATION OF STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES (EASTERN ZONE)

Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA along with Shri Sonam Palden Bhutia, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA and Mrs. Matilda Isaacs, Project Consultant of Sikkim SLSA attended the Regional Consultation of State Legal Services Authorities (Eastern Zone) on 17th June, 2021 through virtual mode.

The objective of the Consultation was to identify the areas requiring further strengthening the legal aid and the legal services programmes and activities.

The topics discussed during the consultation were:

- i. Front Offices.
- ii. Panel Lawyers - review, reassess and resize of panel.
- iii. Retainer Lawyers.
- iv. Early Access to Justice at Pre-Arrest, Arrest and Remand Stage.
- v. Legal Aid Defense Counsel System.
- vi. Engagement of senior advocates/Advocates having 10 years of professional experience.
- vii. Pending bills of Panel Lawyers.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

HIGH COURT LOK ADALAT:

S.No.	Date	Presided over by	Cases taken up	Cases Disposed of
1.	16.04.2021	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Mr. G.P. Pradhan and Mrs. Basanti Rai as "Other Persons"	05	02

**REGULAR LOK ADALAT AT THE DISTRICT AND TALUK LEVEL DURING THE
QUARTER APRIL TO JUNE, 2021**

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
10	66	41	107	49	NIL	58

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
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	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	28	NIL	28	22	03	03

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	01	01	02	NIL	01	01

TALUK 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
02	04	01	05	NIL	03	02

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
03	03	03	06	04	01	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
02	03	03	06	01	NIL	05

LEGAL AID

Legal aid was provided to **119** beneficiaries by the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority during the quarter April to June, 2021.

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, 2021	02	17	55	01	33	05	Nil	06	119

NATIONAL LOK ADALAT :

National Lok Adalat was held on **10.04.2021** wherein out of **29 cases** that were taken up, **24 cases** have been settled and a total amount of **Rs. 35,74,853/- only** was awarded.

Details of cases taken up and disposed of are as follows:

(i) Court of District & Sessions Judge, Special Division- I & II, East at Gangtok:

No. of cases taken up : 29
 No. of cases settled : 24
 Amount Awarded : Rs. 35,74,853/-

CASES BEFORE THE MEDIATION CENTRES, EAST DISTRICT AT GANGTOK, SOUTH DISTRICT AT NAMCHI, WEST DISTRICT AT GYALSHING AND NORTH DISTRICT AT MANGAN FROM APRIL TO JUNE, 2021

CENTRE	NO. OF MEDIATIONS HELD	NO. OF CASES TAKEN UP	NO. OF CASES SETTLED	NO. OF CASES RETURNED	NO. OF CASES PENDING
Mediation Centre (East) at District Court Complex, Sichey, East Sikkim	04	18	01	01	16
Mediation Centre (South) at District Court Complex, Namchi, South Sikkim	06	05	01	NIL	04
Mediation Centre (West) at Civil Court Complex, Gyalshing, West Sikkim	06	25	03	NIL	22
Mediation Centre (North) at Pentok, Mangan, North Sikkim	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

OTHER LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	Name of the Programme
DLSA, East at Gangtok	01.05.2021	International Labour Day
	31.05.2021	World Anti-Tobacco Day
	05.06.2021	World Environment Day
	12.06.2021	World Day Against Child Labour
	26.06.2021	International Day Against Drug Abuse
DLSA, North at Mangan	01.05.2021	International Labour Day
	31.05.2021	World Anti-Tobacco Day
	05.06.2021	World Environment Day
	12.06.2021	World Day Against Child Labour
DLSA, West at Gyalshing	01.05.2021	International Labour Day
	01.05.2021	International Labour Day
	05.06.2021	World Environment Day
	12.06.2021	World Day Against Child Labour
<p>Information about the importance of the days mentioned above were disseminated through Whatsapp Group comprising of Panel Advocates and Para-Legal Volunteers created by the respective DLSAs in order to share the messages/infographics to the general public as well as through YouTube channel.</p>		