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TRAINING PROGRAMME ON eCOURT SERVICES

In compliance to the directions received from Hon'ble Chairperson, eCommittee, Supreme Court of India and in order to ensure that access to Information and Communication Technology (ICT) enabled services is available to the Ld. Advocates at all levels, a training programme on eCourt Services was conducted for the Panel Advocates and Lawyers of all the districts of Sikkim on 10th October, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. through webinar.

Shri Suraj Chettri, District & Sessions Judge (Special Division-I) Sikkim at Gangtok & Judge, Family Court, East Sikkim at Gangtok was the Resource Person.

The participants were trained on the facilities available to the Advocates in eCourt Services procedure for eFiling of cases and the mode of payment of Court Fees through eFiling process.

TRAINING PROGRAMME ON PRE-ARREST/CUSTODY/REMAND AND THE DUTIES OF REMAND ADVOCATE

In compliance to the direction of Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA, a training programme on Pre-Arrest/Custody/Remand and the Duties of Remand was conducted by Sikkim State Legal Services Authority on 17th October, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. through webinar. The training programme was attended by the Remand Advocates and Retainer Lawyers.

Shri Sonam Palden Bhutia, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA was the Resource Person for the said programme.

The Resource Person emphasized on the fact that right to free legal aid under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 and assistance is an essential ingredient of reasonable, fair and just procedure for a person accused of any offence and is essential that Access to Justice is available at all stages of the criminal process including pre-arrest stage.

The details about the history and importance of all stages of criminal investigation with Case Laws were explained and he also asserted that providing legal aid to the arrested at the pre-arrest stage ensures protection of the rights of people when they are most vulnerable, and also strengthens the criminal justice system.

Further, the participants were also apprised about the NALSA's Scheme of engaging Retainer Lawyers and Remand Advocates and their roles and responsibilities. A power point presentation to highlight some of the important case laws and legal provisions regarding the topics was also presented during the training programme.

OBSERVANCE OF CONSTITUTION DAY

Constitution Day was observed by Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, District Legal Services Authorities and Taluk Legal Services Committees on 26th November, 2020.

The Day was observed by Sikkim SLSA with the reading of Preamble to the Constitution of India lead by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA along with Mr. Sonam Palden Bhutia, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA and the staff. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Hon'ble Executive Chairperson got connected with the office bearers and staff of Sikkim SLSA through virtual mode.

Similarly, the Constitution Day was observed

OTHER ACTIVITIES

HIGH COURT LOK ADALAT:

S.No.	Date	Presided over by	Cases taken up	Cases Disposed of
1.		Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Mr. G.P. Pradhan and Mr. D.K. Gazmer as "Other Persons"		
2.		Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim T. along with Mr. Kiran Kr. Rasaily and Mrs. Yangchen Ladingpa as "Other Persons"		
3.		Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Mr. G.P. Pradhan and Mr. D.K. Gazmer as "Other Persons"		
4.		Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Mr. Wangyal Tshering Bhutia and Mr. Kiran Kumar Rasaily as "Other Persons"		

NATIONAL LOK ADALAT :

National Lok Adalat was held on Out of **cases** that were taken up, **cases** have been settled and a total amount of **Rs.only** was awarded.

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

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

No. of cases taken up :
No. of cases settled :
Amount Awarded :

(ii) **Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, East at Gangtok:**

No. of cases taken up :
No. of cases settled :
Amount Awarded :

(iii) **Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, East at Gangtok:**

No. of cases taken up :
No. of cases settled :
Amount Awarded :

REGULAR LOK ADALAT AT THE DISTRICT AND TALUK LEVEL DURING THE QUARTER OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 2020

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

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

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

**CASES BEFORE THE MEDIATION CENTRES, EAST DISTRICT AT GANGTOK,
SOUTH DISTRICT AT NAMCHI, WEST DISTRICT AT GYALSHING AND NORTH
DISTRICT AT MANGAN FROM OCTOBER TO DECEMBER, 2020**

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	16	08	01	07	NIL
Mediation Centre (South) at District Court Complex, Namchi, South Sikkim	10	14	06	05	03
Mediation Centre (West) at Civil Court Complex, Gyalshing, West Sikkim	07	16	09	NIL	07
Mediation Centre (North) at Pentok, Mangan, North Sikkim	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

