

## **QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**

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### **PAN INDIA AWARENESS AND OUTREACH CAMPAIGN**

The 45 days long “Pan India Awareness and Outreach Campaign” from 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2021 to 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and Legal Services Week from 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 was concluded on 14<sup>th</sup> of November, 2021 with a Valedictory Ceremony in the Plenary Hall of Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi with Hon’ble Justice N.V, Ramanna, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of India.

The valedictory function was attended by Hon’ble Justice Biswanath Somadder, Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim & Patron-in-Chief, Sikkim SLSA and Hon’ble Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA. The ceremony was also screened live by all the District Legal Services Authorities at their respective Districts and was also forwarded to the District Administrative Centres and Police Stations for screening the same.

During the 45 days, Sikkim SLSA and 04 District Legal Services Authorities covered 705 number of villages in Sikkim. Wherein, outreach programmes such as door to door campaigns were conducted along with 269 legal awareness programmes on topics viz; Free Legal Aid and Assistance, Alternate Dispute Resolutions such as Mediation, Lok Adalat, etc., Labour Act, Importance of Mental Health and necessity of seeking rehabilitation, substance abuse and importance of rehabilitation, Cyber & Legal issues, Role of Para-Legal Volunteers in the villages, the difference between the Criminal and Non-Compoundable Offences, the importance of First Information Report, physical, economic, social and mental abuse under the Protection of Women from

Domestic Violence Act, 2005, avoidance of gender discrimination and efforts towards and egalitarian society from all aspects, Sikkim Anti Drugs Act, 2006 (as amended), Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO), 2012, the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, Motor Vehicle Act, 1988, Environmental Issues, etc.

In view of direction of Hon'ble Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLISA and as desired by NALSA, the Sikkim SLISA directed the DLSAs to cover every village in the State of Sikkim. Out of 1040 nos. of villages in Sikkim, a total of 705 nos. of villages were covered in the first phase of the campaign while the remaining 335 nos. of villages were covered by the end of December, 2021.

### **MEGA LEGAL SERVICES CAMP AT KUPUP**

The National Legal Services Authority had instructed all the State Legal Services Authorities to conduct Legal Services Camp (Mega Camps) on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 for distribution of Government welfare schemes to the entitled beneficiaries along with the concerned Departments on the occasion of Pan India Awareness and Outreach Campaign as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

In view of the instruction of NALSA and direction of Hon'ble Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLISA, the Sikkim SLISA in co-ordination with District Legal Services Authority, East Sikkim at Gangtok conducted a Mega Legal Services Camp on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 at Kupup, East Sikkim involving the local Panchayats, Para-Legal Volunteers, Non-Governmental Organizations and public of Zuluk and surrounding villages to make the public aware of their legal rights under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 and other Schemes of State/Central Government by involving the Social Justice & Welfare Department, Agriculture Department, Education Department and Health & Family Welfare Department.

Mr. Sonam Palden Bhutia, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLISA, Mr. Prajwal Khatiwada, District & Sessions Judge (East) & Chairman, DLISA (East) at Gangtok, Mr. Sonam Zangpo Bhutia, Welfare Officer from the Social Justice & Welfare Department, Mr. Bilal Prabhakar, Joint Director (Scholarship Section) from the Education Department and Mr. Palden Dorjee Lama, Additional Director from the Agriculture Department.

During the mega camp, the participants comprising of Panchayats, Para-Legal Volunteers, Non-Governmental Organizations and public of Zuluk, Yakla, Kupup, Gnathang, Tsomgo and Sherathang were informed about free legal aid, various State/Central Government sponsored Scholarship Schemes and Agricultural Schemes of the State/Central Government.

A free medical camp was also organized by a Medical Team deputed by the Health & Family Welfare Department.

Similar Mega Legal Services Camps were conducted by the District Legal Services Authorities of South, North and West Sikkim in their respective Districts involving State Government Departments dealing with various Schemes of the State/Central Government.

### **LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES IN THE NORTH DISTRICT**

The Sikkim SLISA in co-ordination with the District Legal Services Authority (North) at Mangan conducted 03 (three) legal awareness programmes under NALSA's Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav commemorating 75 Years of India's Independence under the Campaign "Pan India Awareness and Outreach Campaign" at:

### **1. Community Centre, Lingchom (altitude of 4410 ft.), Kabi:**

- Hon'ble Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA, Mr. Sonam Palden Bhutia, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA and Mr. N.G. Sherpa, District & Sessions Judge (North) & Chairman, DLSA (North) addressed the participants comprising of Officers of the District and Police Administration of North Sikkim and the local gentry.

### **2. Thangu Army Transit Camp (altitude of 14,400 ft.):**

- For the first time in the history of Sikkim SLSA, a legal awareness programme was held at Thangu Army Transit Camp at an altitude of 14,400 ft. The participants comprising of Members of Lachen Dzumsa, Army, Indo-Tibetan Border Police Officers/Jawans and local Sikkim Police officials were informed of the provisions of free legal aid, Domestic Violence Act, 2005, the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, POCSO, Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 and the issues on Mental Health. It was suggested that the Army personnel could consider counseling sessions for the persons posted at that area. An interaction between Hon'ble Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA, Mr. Sonam Palden Bhutia, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA and Mr. N.G. Sherpa, District & Sessions Judge (North) & Chairman, DLSA (North) and the participants took place after the address.

### **3. Block Administrative Centre, Passingdang:**

- Hon'ble Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA, Mr. Sonam Palden Bhutia, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA and Mr. N.G. Sherpa, District & Sessions Judge (North) & Chairman, DLSA (North) addressed the Officers of the District and Police Administration of North Sikkim along with the public of Passingdang at the Block Administrative Centre, Passingdang, Dzongu Constituency.

- Emphasis was given on the importance of achieving an egalitarian society towards which steps should be taken at the family level by discouraging discrimination between male and female children.
- The Fora of Alternate Dispute Resolution viz; Lok Adalat and Mediation as methods of quick and inexpensive disposal of cases was also mentioned. Alcoholism and substance abuse should be treated as illness and that the fear of stigmatization should not hinder the family of affected persons seeking treatment with a Psychologist or Psychiatrist.
- Enroute from Lachen to Passingdang on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2021, a visit to the ongoing construction site of Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate at Chungthang was also made by Hon'ble Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA.

### **SKIT ON POCSO ACT, 2012**

The Sikkim SLSA working under the aegis of NALSA and directions of Hon'ble Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA also organized a skit on the topic "Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 by the students of Sikkim Government Law College, Burtuk, East Sikkim in front of Tourism Information Centre, M.G. Marg, Gangtok, East Sikkim on 14.10.2021. The skit was performed to generate awareness amongst people on important subjects such as child sexual abuse, good touch and bad touch and other pertinent issues. It also dealt with various provisions of POCSO Act, 2012 especially mandatory reporting of POCSO cases.

- Other programmes conducted by Sikkim SLSA are indicated hereunder:

Sl. No.	Date	Venue	Name of the Programme	Resource Person
1.	02.10.2021	Conference Hall, Office of Sikkim SLSA	Quiz Competition on the "Life of Mahatma Gandhi"	Mr. Prajwal Khatiwada, Ld. District & Sessions Judge (East) & Chairman, DLSA (East) at Gangtok and Ms. Zamyang Choden Bhutia, Ld. Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate (East) & Secretary, DLSA (East) at Gangtok as 'Quiz Masters'
2.	06.10.2021	Through Webinar	Sensitization Programme for PLVs under the Scheme of PLV (Revised) & Module for the Orientation-Induction-Refreshers Course of PLV Training	Mr. Sonam Palden Bhutia, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA.
3.	07.10.2021	SICUN Training Hall, Assam Lingzey, East Sikkim	Capacity Building Programme for Panchayats of all the Districts on: (i)Sensitization of Free Legal Aid and Services under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 (ii)Downloading of Free Legal Aid Application Forms and how to fill the same and forward to the concerned SLSA/DLSA. (iii)Training on downloading of Legal Aid Application Forms via links provided by NALSA and from the website of Sikkim SLSA at sikkimslsa.nic.in	Mr. Deven Sharma Luitel, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
4.	08.10.2021	Through Webinar	Capacity Building Programme for Retainer Lawyers/Remand Advocates on Rights of Arrested Person, Pre-Arrest, Custody, Remand and Duties of Remand Lawyers.	Mr. Sonam Palden Bhutia, Ld. Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA.
5.	10.10.2021	Through Webinar	Interactive Session with Psychiatrist on importance of Mental Health with students of Legal Literacy Clubs from Class IX to XII in co-ordination with DLSAs of four Districts on the occasion of World Mental Health Day	Ms. Sonam Ongmu Lassopa, Sr. Clinical Psychologist, STNM Hospital
6.	11.10.2021	Through webinar	Counseling Session on Cyber & Legal Issues for the Classes VII and XII students of Paljor Namgyal Girls Senior Secondary School by CID Branch of Sikkim Police under the aegis of Sikkim SLSA.	Mr. Tenzing Loden Lepcha, Superintendent of Police (C.I.D.)

7.	24.10.2021	Tashi View Point, Gangtok	Plantation Drive on the occasion of United Nations Day by Sikkim SLSA in co-ordination with DLSA (East) and Forest, Environment & Wildlife Department.	----
8.	07.11.2021 (instead of 09.11.2021 being a working day)	M.G. Marg to White Hall	Walkathon on the occasion of National Legal Services Day conducted by Sikkim SLSA with the students of Sikkim Government Law College, ICFAI University, Sikkim University, Members of the BAR and students from Legal Literacy Clubs in Schools .	----
9.	09.11.2021	Through Webinar	Awareness talks on legal services with Police Stations in the East District.	Mr. Prajwal Khatiwada, Ld. District & Sessions Judge (East) & Chairman, DLSA (East) at Gangtok.
10.	10.11.2021	Doordarshan	Talk in Doordarshan on Free Legal Aid and Services	Mr. Sonam Palden Bhutia, Ld. Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA.
11.	12.11.2021	Doordarshan	Talk in Doordarshan on POCSO Act, 2012 was given in order to commemorate the Children's Day falling on 14.11.2021	Mr. Jorgay Namka, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
12.	15.11.2021 & 16.11.2021	High Court Museum, Old Chief Justice's Bungalow, Forest Colony, Balwakhani, Gangtok	Exhibition along with High Court of Sikkim showcasing (a) Exhibiting 75 years history of Judicial Administration, (b) Exhibiting process of justice delivery, (c) Achievements of Justice System in last 75 years and (d) Exhibiting legal aid system and various functions.	----

- **Programmes conducted by District Legal Services Authorities under NALSA-National Commission for Women (NCW) Collaborative Project "Empowerment of Women through Legal Awareness" :**

**District Legal Services Authority, East Sikkim at Gangtok:**

Date	Venue	Resource Person	No. of Participants
11.11.2021	ADR Centre, District Courts Complex, Sichey	1. Mrs. Yousa Lachenpa, Member Secretary, Sikkim State Women Commission. 2. Mrs. Zola Megi, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA. 3. Ms. Kamala Giri, Retainer Lawyer, DLSA (East).	48

01.12.2021	Conference Hall, Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom, Zero Point, Gangtok, East Sikkim	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Prajwal Khatiwada, Ld. District &amp; Sessions Judge (East) &amp; Chairman, DLSA (East).</li> <li>2. Ms. Zamyang Choden Bhutia, Ld. Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate (East) &amp; Secretary, DLSA (East).</li> <li>3. Mrs. Yousa Lachenpa, Member Secretary, Sikkim State Commission for Women.</li> <li>4. Ms. Kamala Giri, Retainer Lawyer, DLSA (East).</li> </ol>	55
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**District Legal Services Authority, North Sikkim at Mangan:**

Date	Venue	Resource Person	No. of Participants
25.10.2021	Conference Hall, District Administrative Centre, Mangan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. N.G. Sherpa, Ld. District &amp; Sessions Judge (North) &amp; Chairman, DLSA (North).</li> <li>2. Ms. Chenga Doma Bhutia, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA.</li> <li>3. Mrs. Yousa Lachenpa, Member Secretary, Sikkim State Commission for Women.</li> </ol>	91
10.11.2021	Conference Hall, District Administrative Centre, Mangan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. N.G. Sherpa, Ld. District &amp; Sessions Judge (North) &amp; Chairman, DLSA (North).</li> <li>2. Ms. Doma Lepcha, Assistant Public Prosecutor, Court of Ld. Chief Judicial Magistrate (North).</li> <li>3. Ms. Chungkipu Lepcha, Chairman, Sikkim State Commission for Women.</li> </ol>	61

**District Legal Services Authority, South Sikkim at Namchi:**

Date	Venue	Resource Person	No. of Participants
25.10.2021	Conference Hall, District Administrative Centre, Namchi	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mrs. Prasunna Sharma, Panel Advocate.</li> <li>2. Ms. Sushila Thapa, Panel Advocate.</li> </ol>	65



		3. Ms. Naomt Lepcha, Member, Sikkim State Commission for Women	
10.11.2021	60	1. Ms. Geeta Subba, Panel Advocate. 2. Ms. Sushila Thapa, Panel Advocate. 3. Ms. Pabitra Diyali, Member, Woman Commission.	60

**District Legal Services Authority, West Sikkim at Gyalshing:**

Date	Venue	Resource Person	No. of Participants
08.10.2021	Reshi	1. Mr. Benoy Sharma, Ld. Chief Judicial Magistrate (West). 2. Mr. Jabyang Dorjee Sherpa, Ld. Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate (West) & Secretary, DLSA (West). 3. Ms. Purni Maya Rai, Member, Sikkim State Commission for Women. 4. Ms. Norkit Lepcha, Assistant Public Prosecutor. 5. Mr. Mahadeo Sharma, Panel Advocate.	80
11.11.2021	ADR Centre, West at Gyalshing	1. Mr. Benoy Sharma, Ld. Chief Judicial Magistrate (West). 2. Mr. Jabyang Dorjee Sherpa, Ld. Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate (West) & Secretary, DLSA (West). 3. Ms. Purni Maya Rai, Member, Sikkim State Commission for Women. 4. Ms. Norkit Lepcha, Assistant Public Prosecutor. 5. Mrs. Puja Lamichaney, Panel Advocate.	65

Also as concluding ceremony and as per the direction of NALSA, the District Legal Services Authorities conducted Prabhat Pheris in their respective Districts. A painting competition was also conducted by DLSA (East) at Child Care Institution at

Bojhoghari, East Sikkim, DLSA (South) at Mayalang Children, Manjusha Short Stay Home, Juvenile Observation Home at Upper Ghurpisey, Kapinzal Children Home at Ravangla, Turuk Children Home and Suraksha Shelter Home and DLSA (North) conducted a Sensitization programme on Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 for the Para-Legal Volunteers and students at the Alternate Dispute Resolution Centre at Pentok, North Sikkim.

### **OBSERVANCE OF CONSTITUTION DAY**

Under the guidance of Hon'ble Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA and in compliance to the direction of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India received through NALSA, the Constitution Day was observed by Sikkim State Legal Services Authority on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 in the Conference Hall of Sikkim SLSA, Development Area, Gangtok virtually through live streaming of the entire function held at Central Hall of Parliament, New Delhi.

Mr. Sonam Palden Bhutia, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA, Mrs. Matilda Isaacs, Project Consultant, Sikkim SLSA, Officers/Officials of Sikkim SLSA Teachers-in-Charge and students of Legal Literacy Clubs in Schools of East District viz; Paljor Namgyal Girls Senior Secondary School, Deorali Girls Senior Secondary School, Modern Senior Secondary School, Enchey Senior Secondary School, West Point Senior Secondary School and Tashi Namgyal Senior Secondary School read the Preamble to the Constitution of India along with the Hon'ble President of India.

After the Preamble was read, the Member Secretary apprised the participants on duties of citizens including Fundamental Duties that are enshrined in Chapter IV-A (Article 51A) of the Constitution of India,.

Similarly, the Constitution Day was also observed by the following District Legal Services Authorities by reading the Preamble to the Constitution of India to Panel Lawyers, Members of the Bar, PLVs and staff members present during the occasion and they were also informed about the significance of Constitution Day and Fundamental Duties, the details of which are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the DLSA	Venue
1.	East Sikkim at Gangtok	ADR Centre, Sichey
2.	North Sikkim at Mangan	ADR Centre, Pentok
3.	South Sikkim at Namchi	District Court premises, Namchi
4.	West Sikkim at Gyalshing	ADR Centre, Gyalshing

### **SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME ON POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH**

The Sikkim State Legal Services Authority under the guidance of Hon'ble Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson and under NALSA (Legal Services to the Mentally ILL and Mentally Disabled Persons) Scheme, 2015 organized a Sensitization Programme on Positive Mental Health for the Employees of Social Justice & Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim in collaboration with the Department of Psychiatry, New Multispecialty Hospital, Sochakgang on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2021 in the Auditorium of Sikkim Judicial Academy, Sokeythang, East Sikkim.

Dr. C.L. Pradhan, Psychiatrist and Mrs. Nancy Palmu Chankapa, Clinical Psychologist, Department of Psychiatry, New Multispecialty Hospital, Sochakgang were the Resource Persons.

The topics that were delved by the Resource Persons were (i) Mental Health Issues and (ii) Stress Management.

The training programme was attended by the officers/officials of Social Justice & Welfare Department comprising of Welfare Officers and Inspectors, District Child Protection Officers, In-charge of Child Care Institutions,

Counsellors, In-charge of Rehabilitation Centres and Officials from Women Helpline and One Stop Centres.

The welcome address was delivered by Mr. Sonam Palden Bhutia, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA while the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Praveen Pradhan, Under Secretary, Sikkim SLSA.

### **MEETING WITH THE GENERAL MANAGERS/BRANCH MANAGERS OF BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

Under the direction of Hon'ble Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA, a meeting chaired by Mr. Sonam Palden Bhutia, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> of December, 2021 in the Conference Hall of Sikkim SLSA, Gangtok to work out the modalities for the National Lok Adalat scheduled to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> of March, 2022.

The meeting was attended by the officers of Sikkim SLSA and the General Managers/Branch Managers of all the Banks and Financial Institutions in and around Gangtok, East Sikkim.

The following Agenda Items were discussed:

#### **AGENDA**

- Agenda Item No. 1:** To work out the strategy for ensuring filing of maximum number of bank cases at pre-litigative stage for amicable settlement between the parties thereby ensuring maximum disposal of bank cases during the National Lok Adalat scheduled to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> of March, 2022.
- Agenda Item No. 2:** Any other item(s)

## **TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR PANEL ADVOCATES**

Under the direction 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 fortnightly through webinar for the Panel Lawyers (upto 12 years of practice).

Four (04) training programmes were conducted via virtual mode during the quarter October-December, 2021 are as follows:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Resource Person</b>
1.	09.10.2021	Gangtok Rent Control and Eviction Act, 1956 and Notification Nos. 6326-600-H&W-B, Government of Sikkim, 1949	Mr. S.S. Hamal, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
2.	23.10.2021	Sikkim State Registration of Documents Rules, 1930	Mr. S.S. Hamal, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA
3.	13.11.2021	Pleadings Generally Order VI Rule-1 to 18 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908	Mr. B. Sharma, Sr. Advocate, High Court of Sikkim
4.	27.11.2021	Law of Injunction (Order XXXIX) of COPC, 1908	Mr. B. Sharma, Sr. Advocate, High Court of Sikkim

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### HIGH COURT LOK ADALAT:

S.No.	Date	Presided over by	Cases taken up	Cases Disposed of
1.	01.10.2021	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Ms. Basanti Rai and Ms. Yangchen Ladingpa as "Other Persons"	04	NIL
2.	08.10.2021	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Mr. G.P. Pradhan and Mr. Wangyal Tshering Bhutia as "Other Persons"	03	01
3.	22.10.2021	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Mr. G.P. Pradhan and Ms. Basanti Rai as "Other Persons"	01	Nil
4.	11.11.2021	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Mr. G.P. Pradhan and Ms. Wangyal Tshering Bhutia as "Other Persons"	04	NIL
5.	22.11.2021	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Mr. G.P. Pradhan and Ms. Basanti Rai as "Other Persons"	02	NIL
6.	07.12.2021	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Mr. G.P. Pradhan and Ms. Basanti Rai as "Other Persons"	05	NIL
7.	28.12.2021	Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim along with Ms. Yangchen Ladingpa and Mr. Wangyal Tshering Bhutia as "Other Persons"	03	01

**REGULAR LOK ADALAT AT THE DISTRICT AND TALUK LEVEL DURING  
THE QUARTER OCTOBER TO DECEMBER, 2021**

**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 returned	No. of cases pending
07	40	92	132	13	48	71

**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 returned	No. of cases pending
06	01	06	07	07	Nil	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 returned	No. of cases pending
06	03	75	78	68	01	09

**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 returned	No. of cases pending
03	Nil	03	03	02	01	Nil

**TALUK LOK ADALAT (NORTH) AT CHUNGTHANG**

No. of Lok Adalat held	Previous Pending	No. of cases received	Total	No. of cases disposed	No. of cases returned	No. of cases pending
01	Nil	01	01	01	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 returned	No. of cases pending
08	05	44	49	17	01	31

**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 returned	No. of cases pending
04	02	68	70	10	Nil	60

**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
01	02	Nil	02	02	Nil	Nil

**LEGAL AID**

Legal aid was provided to **251** beneficiaries by the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority during the quarter October to December, 2021.

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, 2021	04	23	112	07	60	25	Nil	20	251



## **NATIONAL LOK ADALAT :**

National Lok Adalat was held on 11.12.2021 wherein out of **48 cases** that were taken up, **37 cases** have been settled and a total amount of **Rs. 21,97,475/- 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	:	14
No. of cases settled	:	11
Amount Awarded	:	Rs. 16,67,931/-

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

No. of cases taken up	:	16
No. of cases settled	:	11
Amount Awarded	:	Rs. 3,28,000/-

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

No. of cases taken up	:	02
No. of cases settled	:	Nil
Amount Awarded	:	Nil

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

No. of cases taken up	:	02
No. of cases settled	:	01
Amount Awarded	:	Nil

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

No. of cases taken up	:	05
No. of cases settled	:	05
Amount Awarded	:	Rs. 2,200/-

**(vi) Court of District & Sessions Judge, West at Gyalshing:**

No. of cases taken up	:	05
No. of cases settled	:	05
Amount Awarded	:	Rs. 1,800/-

**(vii) Court of Senior Civil Judge-cum- Judicial Magistrate, South at Namchi:**

No. of cases taken up	:	04
No. of cases settled	:	04
Amount Awarded	:	Rs. 1,97,544/-

**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, 2021**

<b>CENTRE</b>	<b>NO. OF MEDIATIONS HELD</b>	<b>NO. OF CASES TAKEN UP</b>	<b>NO. OF CASES SETTLED</b>	<b>NO. OF CASES RETURNED</b>	<b>NO. OF CASES PENDING</b>
<b>Mediation Centre (East) at District Court Complex, Sichey, East Sikkim</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Mediation Centre (South) at District Court Complex, Namchi, South Sikkim</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>01</b>
<b>Mediation Centre (West) at Civil Court Complex, Gyalshing, West Sikkim</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Mediation Centre (North) at Pentok, Mangan, North Sikkim</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>40</b>

## OTHER LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

CONDUCTED BY	DATE	VENUE	Name of the Programme
DLSA, North at Mangan	01.12.2021	Government Senior Secondary School, Mangan	World AIDS Day
	03.12.2021	Pentok, Mangan	Consumer Day
	10.12.2021	National Hydel Power Project, Ringdang	Human Rights Day
DLSA, West at Gyalshing	01.12.2021	Government Secondary School, Karjee	Legal Awareness on POCSO Act, 2012, SADA Act and Free Legal Aid
	01.12.2021	District & Sessions Court premises, Kyongsa	World AIDS Day
	03.12.2021	Lingdong Barfok GPU and District & Sessions Court premises, Kyongsa	World Disability Day
	10.12.2021	District & Sessions Court premises, Kyongsa	Human Rights Day
	24.12.2021	Gyalshing Bazaar	Consumer Day