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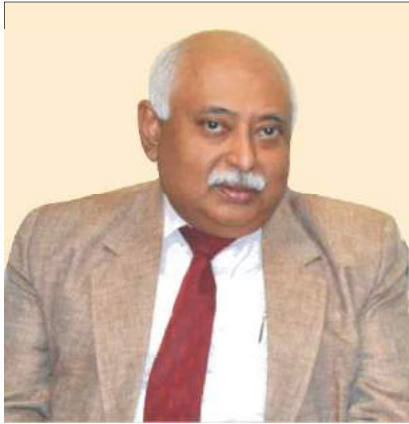
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*From the desk of the
Hon'ble Executive Chairman.....*

It is my pleasure to present this newsletter of the State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal, after formally taking over charge as its Executive Chairman. The paramount function which I expect this Authority to perform is to effectively serve the impecunious and under-privileged section of the society and to reach out to the remotest and most inaccessible parts of the State in order to render access to justice at the citizen's doorstep.

Legal services authorities have traversed a long way since its inception with an ever increasing spectrum of services and a wide compass of modes and means to cater to those who need the services of this Authority in the form of legal aid. Its mission now is to cater to the needs of those members of our society who are less privileged ranging from labourers working in unorganized sectors to those who are mentally challenged and especially those who are marginalized and socially ostracized.

I am aware that no amount of compensation can erase the trauma inflicted upon the victims of acid attack and sexual abuse, but in spite of that, Legal Services Authority, West Bengal, has stretched out its arms to such victims and provided economic assistance to them to the tune of Rupees four crores in order to help them survive and thrive. This is the year which marks the beginning of conceptualizing the One Stop Support Centre of SLSA, WB, namely, "BHORSHA", to cater to the legal necessities, rehabilitation and most importantly psychological requirements of victims of crime.

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All the officers and other members of the team of the State Legal Services Authority comprising of nineteen (19) Districts Legal Services Authorities, spread over whole of the State of West Bengal must keep in mind that the mission of this Authority is to provide a comprehensive support system to victims of crimes culminating to reaffirmation of their faith in the idea of justice and social security as enshrined in our Constitution.

Bear in mind that the assignment is too crucial to leave any scope for rest. None whatsoever, of complacency.

To conclude I would like to quote from the Katha Upanishad (the 1.3.14 chapter),
“Uttisthata Jagrata Prapyavarannibidhata
Kshurasanna Dhara Nishita Duratayadurgama Pathah tat kavayo Vadanti”

The english translation of which is :

Arise! Awake! Approach the great and learn.
Like the sharp edge of a razor is that path,
So the wise say hard to tread and difficult to cross.

The State Legal Services Authority must remember that every single service rendered to the society implants the seeds of expectation in every individual of the society and impregnates the Authority with the burden of a million hopes which ought to be taken care of by us.

It is my firm belief that the State Legal Services Authority will succeed in catering to the needs of the society.



**“Until the great mass of the people shall be filled
with the sense of responsibility for each other’s
welfare, social justice can never be attained”**

- Helen Keller



ANNUAL COMMENDATION CEREMONY, 2018

State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal

The State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal had organised the Annual Commendation Ceremony, 2018 on 02nd November, 2018 at West Bengal Judicial Academy for commendation of best District Legal Services Authority, best Legal Services Panel Lawyer and best Para Legal Volunteer of the State. The Hon'ble Justice Debasish Kar Gupta, the Chief Justice, High Court, Calcutta and Patron-in-Chief, State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal, the Hon'ble Justice Biswanath Somadder, Judge, High Court, Calcutta and Executive Chairman, SLSA, WB graced the programme. The DLSA, Burdwan was declared to be the best DLSA for the year 2018. Shri Jayanta Narayan Chatterjee, Advocate and Shri Nirmalendu Juin, PLV attached to DLSA, Burdwan were awarded as the best Legal Services Advocate and best PLV respectively.



Hon'ble Justice Biswanath Somadder, Judge, High Court, Calcutta, Chairman, Mediation and Conciliation Committee, High Court, Calcutta and Executive Chairman, State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal felicitating the Hon'ble Justice Debasish Kar Gupta, the Chief Justice, High Court, Calcutta and Patron-in-Chief, State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal, by presenting a rose plant;



The Hon'ble Justice Debasish Kar Gupta, the Chief Justice, High Court, Calcutta and Patron-in-Chief, State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal, deliberating on the significance and working of SLSA



Hon'ble Justice Biswanath Somadder, Judge, High Court, Calcutta, Chairman, Mediation and Conciliation Committee, High Court, Calcutta and Executive Chairman, State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal delivering the welcome address;



The Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal felicitating Hon'ble Justice Biswanath Somadder, Judge, High Court, Calcutta, Chairman, Mediation and Conciliation Committee, High Court, Calcutta and Executive Chairman, State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal by presenting a rose plant



Member Secretary delivering the Vote of Thanks.



The Hon'ble Chief Justice, High Court, Calcutta felicitating the Best DLSA and Best PLV
The programme was anchored by the Registrar cum Deputy Secretary Sri Arindam Datta.



Member Secretary and Deputy Secretary interacting with Shri Jayanta Narayan Chatterjee, the Best Legal Services Advocate of the State

DLSA Secretaries from all over the State with the Member Secretary and the Deputy Secretary during the programme



Experience sharing session of Legal Services Panel Lawyers And Para Legal Volunteers;

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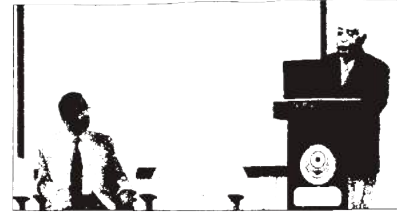
CJ raps govt for delay in legal services appt

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Kolkata: It's been nearly three months now, but the state is yet to issue a notification announcing the name of the executive chairman of the State Legal Services Authority (SLSA), West Bengal, Justice Debashish Kar Gupta, chief justice of the Calcutta High Court said on Friday. He said this while addressing at the SLSAs annual commendation ceremony. The chief justice is also the patron-in-chief of SLSA.

"The name of Justice Biswanath Somadder was recommended on August 16. As per law, the name is to be finalized by the governor after consultations with the chief justice of the Calcutta High Court. This happened on August 16 and Justice Somadder's name was finalised, but no notification has been issued yet. I hope and trust that the government will understand the importance of this post and issue the notification," Justice Kar Gupta said.

Highlighting the importance of the SLSA and district legal services associations, the chief justice said:



Calcutta High Court Chief Justice Debashish Kar Gupta looks on as Justice Biswanath Somadder addresses the annual commendation ceremony organised by the State Legal Services Association, West Bengal on Friday

"All citizens of India are not equal, for several reasons. Article 39A was included in our Constitution for this reason and to provide justice to all, irrespective of the person's social or economic status."

Justice Somadder, who is now officiating as chairman of SLSA, West Bengal, insisted that justice must reach the poorest man in the remotest part of the state. "This is what I told SLSA, WB member secretary Durga Khaitan. Those not privileged enough have to be given the opportunity. Things should not only be symbolic and figurative like the number of Lok Ad-

alts held. It has to be ensured that people from the marginalized society get complete justice. This was the dream of the framers of our Constitution," he said.

In 2018-19 (till October) SLSA, WB, has awarded and disbursed compensation of Rs 2.46 crore to victims. Of this, Rs 1.08 crore was awarded and disbursed to acid attack victims and Rs 1.28 crore to minors under the PoCSO Act. During the day, advocate Jayanta Narayan Chatterjee was felicitated as the best panel lawyer of SLSA, WB. Nirmalendu Jain of Burdwan was declared the best para-legal volunteer.

বাড়ছে শিশু নিগ্রহে ক্ষতিপূরণের সংখ্যা



শুক্রবার নিউ টাইমের অনুষ্ঠানে হাইকোর্টের প্রধান বিচারপতি দেবশিস করগুপ্ত ও বিচারপতি বিশ্বনাথ সমাদর — এই সময়

এই সময়: দীর্ঘ টানাশোভনের পর রাজ্যে অ্যাসিড আক্রমণের সহায়তার পানশাশি শিশু নিগ্রহে ক্ষতিপূরণের সংখ্যাও বাড়ছে। রাজ্য লিগ্যাল সার্ভিসেস অথরিটির তরফে এ বছর অক্টোবর পর্যন্ত প্রায় আড়াই কোটি টাকা ক্ষতিপূরণ বাবদ নিষ্পত্তির দেওয়া হয়েছে। যার মধ্যে এক কোটি ২৫ লক্ষ টাকা দেওয়া হয়েছে শিশু নিষ্পত্তিরদের।

শুক্রবার রাজ্য লিগ্যাল সার্ভিসেস অথরিটির তরফে চলতি বছর রাজ্যে সবচেয়ে ভালো আইনি পরিষেবা কাজের জন্য পুরস্কার দেওয়া হয়। নিউ টাইমে জুডিশিয়াল আকাদেমিতে সেই অনুষ্ঠানে আইনি পরিষেবা আরও কৃণমূল জুড়ে পৌঁছে দিতে এই ব্যবস্থায় দু'তরফের ভূমিকা নিয়ে আলোচনা হয়।

কলকাতা হাইকোর্টের প্রধান বিচারপতি দেবশিস করগুপ্ত জানান, গত ১৬ অক্টোবর হাইকোর্টের তরফে রাজ্য লিগ্যাল সার্ভিসেস অথরিটির চেয়ারম্যান হিসেবে বিচারপতি বিশ্বনাথ সমাদরের নাম রাজ্যপালের কাছে পাঠানো হয়েছে। কিন্তু এত দিনেও চেয়ারম্যান হিসেবে বিচারপতি সমাদরের নামে রাজ্যের তরফে বিজ্ঞপ্তি জারি না হওয়ায় প্রশ্ন রয়েছে আইনজীবীদের মধ্যে। যদিও বিচারপতি অনিরুদ্ধ বসু প্রধান বিচারপতি হয়ে বাড়তে চলে যাওয়ার পরই হাইকোর্ট বিচারপতি সমাদরকে লিগ্যাল সার্ভিসেস অথরিটির দায়িত্ব দেয়। তিনি বিকল্প আইনি সহায়তা ব্যবস্থা মিডিয়েন বা মধ্যস্থতা বিভাগেরও চেয়ারম্যান।

আর্থিক ভাবে পিছিয়ে পড়া, মামলা লড়ার জন্য যাঁদের আইনজীবী রাখার ক্ষমতা নেই — এত দিন মূলত তাঁদের

মামলা লড়ার জন্য যাঁদের আইনজীবী রাখার ক্ষমতা নেই — এত দিন মূলত তাঁদের জন্য আইনজীবী নিয়োগেই বেশি জোর দিত লিগ্যাল সার্ভিসেস অথরিটি। এখন নিষ্পত্তিরদের ক্ষতিপূরণেও বাড়তি নজর দেওয়া হচ্ছে।

জন্য আইনজীবী নিয়োগেই বেশি জোর দিত লিগ্যাল সার্ভিসেস অথরিটি। এখন তার সঙ্গেই নিষ্পত্তিরদের ক্ষতিপূরণেও বাড়তি নজর দেওয়া হচ্ছে।

মধ্যস্থতার মাধ্যমে বিকল্প আইনি পরিষেবা ব্যবস্থায় আগ্রহ বাড়ায় তার ইতিবাচক প্রভাব পড়ছে বিচার ব্যবস্থায়। রাজ্য লিগ্যাল সার্ভিসেস অথরিটির সদস্য-সম্পাদক দুর্গা খৈতান বলেন, সময় ও বরচ বাড়িয়ে দীর্ঘ দিনের পুরোনো বিবাদ মিডিয়েনের মাধ্যমে মিটে যাওয়ার সাধারণেরও আগ্রহ বাড়ছে। সারা বছরের কাজের নিরিখে আইনি পরিষেবা দানে ক্ষতিপূরণের জন্য কলকাতা হাইকোর্টের আইনজীবী জয়ন্তনারায়ণ চট্টোপাধ্যায়কে এ বিন পুরস্কৃত করা হয়। স্বেচ্ছাসেবী আইনি সহায়ক হিসেবে সেরার পুরস্কার গান বর্মানের নির্মলেন্দু গুহন। আইনি সহায়তায় সেরা জেলা বর্মানের হয়ে পুরস্কার নেন বিচারক জয়প্রকাশ সিং।

অনুপস্থাপিত পত্রিকা

সেরার সম্মান

নিজস্ব সংবাদদাতা

চলতি বছরের জেলা ভিত্তিক কাজের 'সেরা'-র সম্মান পেল বর্মান লিগ্যাল এড সার্ভিসেস অথরিটি। নিউ টাইমের জুডিশিয়াল আকাদেমিতে শুক্রবার এক অনুষ্ঠানে কলকাতা হাইকোর্টের প্রধান বিচারপতি দেবশিস করগুপ্ত বর্মান লিগ্যাল এড সার্ভিসেস অথরিটির সেক্রেটারি জয়প্রকাশ সিংহকে ওই সম্মান জানান। হাজির ছিলেন রাজ্য লিগ্যাল এড সার্ভিসেস অথরিটির চেয়ারম্যান তথা কলকাতা হাইকোর্টের প্রবীণ বিচারপতি বিশ্বনাথ সমাদর ও রাজ্য লিগ্যাল এড সার্ভিসেস অথরিটির সদস্য সচিব দুর্গা খৈতান জানান, এই বছর 'সেরা' আইনজীবীর সম্মান পেয়েছেন জয়ন্তনারায়ণ চট্টোপাধ্যায়। 'প্যারা লিগ্যাল সার্ভিস'-এর কর্মী নির্মলেন্দু গুহ পেয়েছেন 'সেরা' সহায়কের সম্মান।

REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR HIGHLIGHTING THE EFFICACY OF THE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISM



The Hon'ble Justice Debasish Kar Gupta, The Chief Justice, High Court, Calcutta (Centre), The Hon'ble Justice Biswanath Somaddar, Judge, High Court, Calcutta, Executive Chairman, SLSA, WB and Chairman, Mediation & Conciliation Committee (Left) and The Hon'ble Justice Arindam Sinha, Judge, High Court, Calcutta (Right).

The Regional Conference for highlighting the efficacy of the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) was held on 09.12.2018 at Hotel Ramada, Darjeeling. The Hon'ble Justice Debasish Kar Gupta, the Chief Justice, High Court, Calcutta and Patron-in-Chief, State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal, the Hon'ble Justice Biswanath Somaddar, Judge, High Court, Calcutta, Chairman, Mediation Conciliation Committee and Executive Chairman, State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal, the Hon'ble



The Hon'ble Justice Debasish Kar Gupta, the Chief Justice, High Court, Calcutta addressing the Regional Conference at Darjeeling



The Hon'ble Justice Biswanath Somaddar, Judge, High Court, Calcutta, Chairman, Mediation & Conciliation Committee and Executive Chairman, SLSA, WB deliberating at the Regional Conference held at Darjeeling.

Justice Arindam Sinha, Judge, High Court, Calcutta and Judge-in-Charge of the district of Darjeeling graced the occasion. The Judicial Officers, Administrative Officers, representatives of NGOs, Child Care Institutions, school children of the districts of Darjeeling and Kalimpong participated in the programme. The efficacy of the ADR mechanism was highlighted in the programme by Their Lordships.



Ms. Durga Khaitan, the Member Secretary, SLISA addressing the Regional Conference.



The Judicial, Administrative and Police Officers at the Regional Conference



Their Lordships and the Participants at Regional Conference, Darjeeling



COLLOQUIUM ON MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND POCSO CASES



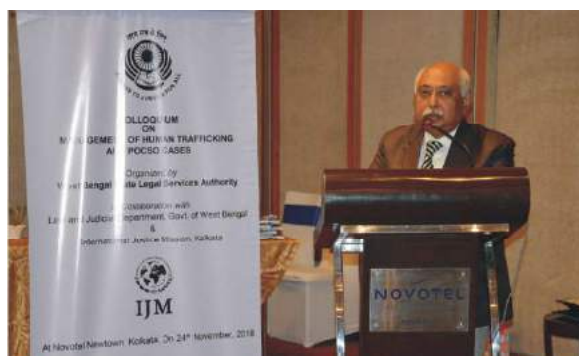
On 24.11.2018 the State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal had organised a colloquium on management of human trafficking and POCSO Cases at Novotel, New Town, Kolkata in collaboration with the Law and Judicial Department, Government of West Bengal and the International Justice Mission.

Her Ladyship The Hon'ble Justice Indira Banerjee, Judge, Supreme Court of India, His Lordship The Hon'ble Justice Debasish Kar Gupta, the Chief Justice, High Court, Calcutta & Patron-in-Chief,



State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal, His Lordship The Hon'ble Justice Biswanath Somadder, Judge, High Court, Calcutta, Chairman, Mediation & Conciliation Committee and Executive Chairman, State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal,

Her Ladyship The Hon'ble Justice Shampa Sarkar, Judge, High Court, Calcutta, His Lordship The Hon'ble Justice Arindam Mukherjee, Judge, High Court, Calcutta and His Lordship The Hon'ble Justice Jay Sengupta, Judge, High Court, Calcutta graced the occasion.



Hon'ble Justice Indira Banerjee stressed that SLSA must undertake the responsibility of training Advocates for improving the quality of legal services. Hon'ble Justice Debasish Kar Gupta highlighted as to how the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India had framed guidelines to curb trafficking in the guise of adoption. Hon'ble Justice Biswanath Somadder enlightened the participants about the gross violation of human rights by way of human trafficking and how the SLSA can help in combating the menace.



Their Lordships and the Participants.

OBSERVANCE OF LEGAL SERVICES DAY

The National Legal Services Day was celebrated on 09.11.2018 by The State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal at “The Refuge”, an orphanage and old age home at Sealdah, Kolkata. The inmates were made aware of their legal and fundamental rights. The inmates shared their idea of rights, law and Constitution. The Member Secretary, Smt. Durga Khaitan read out the message of the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, Justice Biswanath Somadder on this occasion. Robin Mondal, an inmate who lost his parents when he was a toddler, speaking on the occasion said, "Laws exist to ensure that no child is left abandoned on street, as I have food and shelter I ought to bring it for others too". If we are all equal how come some children never get the chance to go to school asked another inmate Purnima, who was left at Orphanage at a very young age by her father after her mother died. The level of social responsibility and awareness of some of the inmates despite their hard life was amazing and inspiring'.



A Child inmate speaking on the occasion

MEDIATION AWARENESS PROGRAMME

The Hon'ble Mediation and Conciliation Committee, High Court, Calcutta in collaboration with "Mediators India" conducted an one day Mediation awareness programme at the West Bengal Judicial Academy on 28.04.2018.

Mr. Sriram Panchu, Senior Advocate and the pioneer of Mediation movement in India, was pleased to grace the occasion with his full team of resource persons from Tamil Nadu. Mr. A J Jawad, Advocate, Ms. Pushya Sitaraman, Senior Advocate, Ms. Chitra Nrayan, Advocate and Ms. R. Vijayakrishnan, Advocate came as resource persons.



The Hon'ble Justice Biswanath Somadder
deliberating on Mediation at Andaman & Nicobar Islands



The Hon'ble Chairperson The Hon'ble Justice Biswanath Somadder, The Hon'ble Justice I.P. Mukherjee, The Hon'ble Justice Soumen Sen and The Hon'ble Justice Sahidullah Munshi graced the occasion. Besides, other Hon'ble Judges, Senior Advocates, Advocates and Judicial Officers from all over the State of West Bengal attended the programme.

The day long programme was a grand success which ended with a very lively interactive session. Hon'ble Judges and resource persons spontaneously participated in role play. The programme created huge response and interest amongst the stakeholders.

**REGIONAL MEET
OF STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES OF EASTERN REGION
HELD ON 13TH JANUARY, 2018 AT KOLKATA**

The Regional Meet of the State Legal Services Authorities of Eastern Region (Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh and Andaman & Nicobar Islands) was held on 13th January, 2018 at Kolkata. The broad objectives of the meet were to discuss the measures to be undertaken in providing and ensuring quality legal services, effective holding of Lok Adalats through pre-lok adalat sittings and identification of cases for National Lok Adalats, conducting focussed awareness programmes under the various schemes of NALSA, involving government departments for redressal of local issues and spreading awareness through print and electronic media.

The Regional Meet was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjan Gogoi, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman, National Legal Services Authority (as His Lordship then was) in presence of Hon'ble Chief Justices and Hon'ble Judges of Calcutta High Court and High Courts of participating States.

The Chief Secretaries and the Law Secretaries, the Member Secretaries of SLSAs of the participating States including Secretaries of High Court Legal Services Committees attended the said Regional Meet.



Hon'ble Justice Ranjan Gogoi, Judge Supreme Court of India
and Executive Chairman, National Legal Services Authority (as His Lordship then was)
addressing the Regional Meet on 13.01.2018.



Hon'ble Justice Debasish Kar Gupta, Chairman of Calcutta High Court Legal Services Committee (as His Lordship then was) addressing the Regional Meet.



The Participants in the Regional Meet on 13.01.2018



Hon'ble Justice Ranjan Gogoi, Hon'ble Justice Aniruddha Bose, Hon'ble Justice Debasish Kar Gupta, Hon'ble Justice Biswanath Somadder and other Hon'ble Judges of the High Courts of Participating States during the Regional Meet on 13.01.2018.

STATE CONSULTATION ON CHILD PROTECTION

The State Consultation on Child Protection was organised on 25th August 2018 at West Bengal Judicial Academy, Kolkata by State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal in association with the BACHPAN BACHAO ANDOLAN (BBA). The Judges of all the POCSO Courts of West Bengal, all the Secretaries of the District Legal Services Authorities, representatives of Labour Department, Department of Women and Child Welfare, Police Department, Public Prosecutors and several NGOs had actively participated.



Hon'ble Justice Biswanath Somadder, Executive Chairman, State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal and Chairman, Mediation Conciliation Committee addressing at the State Consultation on Child Protection



Hon'ble Justice Biswanath Somadder, Hon'ble Justice Soumen Sen, Hon'ble Justice Nadira Patherya (From left to right) and the participants in the State Consultation on Child Protection on 25.08.2018.

International Day for Older Persons



The Member Secretary Durga Khaitan addressing the Senior Citizens

'International Day for Older Persons' was celebrated on 1st Day of October at 'Swapnaneer', Rajarhat, Kolkata, attended by inmates of old age homes. The Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority, Durga Khaitan deliberated on the provisions of Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 and briefed the gathering about how the seniors can avail the benefits of this legislation. People were also made aware of NALSA (Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016 and steps taken by District Legal Service Authorities in this sphere.

The Member Secretary
felicitating the Senior citizens
in presence of other dignitaries



The Member Secretary greeting the senior citizens.

DARJEELING

A SPECIAL DRIVE: AWARENESS CAMP WITH THE TEA GARDEN WORKERS OF DARJEELING.

DLSA, Darjeeling has been conducting Legal Awareness Camps for the Tea Garden Workers.

On 13.06.2018 two legal awareness camps were organised by DLSA, Darjeeling with the Tea Garden workers at the following venue :

- i) Nahore Hall, Balasoon Tea Garden, Sonada
- ii) Nawa Srijansil Sanstha, Dhotrey Tea Garden, Darjeeling

The tea garden workers were made aware their rights and the welfare schemes during the camp.

Legal Awareness Camp was also organized on 14.06.2018 at Rungbee Division, Cincona, Mungpoo with the workers of Cincona Plantation, Mungpoo, Darjeeling.

Another Legal Awareness Camp for the Tea Garden Workers was organized on 28.07.2018 at Aloobari Community Hall, Aloobari Tea Garden, Darjeeling



Smt. Jayati Saha, Secretary, DLSA,
Darjeeling in a legal awareness camp.

OBSERVATION OF WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR ON 12th JUNE 2018 IN THE HOLY ANGEL'S SCHOOL, DARJEELING

Darjeeling DLSA conducted one Legal Awareness Programme on 12th June, 2018 i.e. WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR in Holy Angels school with the student as well as their parents. During the aforesaid Awareness Programme, DLSA, Darjeeling tried to make the parents aware about the meaning of Child Labour as well as the menace of Child Labour. The aforesaid programme was widely reported in local Newspapers.



Secretary, DLSA, Darjeeling Smt. Jayati Saha on the occasion of World Day against Child Labour.

SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME OF THE PANEL ADVOCATES



Two days Advocate Training Programme was held at the ADR Centre, Darjeeling in the month of August, 2018 with the Panel Lawyers of the Darjeeling District and Kalimpong Judgship under the aegis of State Legal Services Authority West Bengal.

The training was conducted by the then Ld. Member Secretary, West Bengal State Legal Services Authority Sri Ajay Kumar Gupta and the Master trainer of State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal Sri Kaushik Gupta, Advocate, the Trainee Advocates from the district of Darjeeling and Kalimpong actively participated in the training session and were extremely responsive during the entire session and all of them were of the opinion that they had learnt a lot from the said Two Days Training Programme.

KOLKATA

OBSERVANCE OF LEGAL SERVICES DAY WITH SEX WORKERS

The District Legal Services Authority, Kolkata on 15.11.2018 observed the 'LEGAL SERVICES DAY - 9TH NOVEMBER' at 'Durbar Mahila Samanwaya Committee' a community of sex workers at red-light area, Sonagachi, 44, Balaram Dey Street, Kolkata - 700006 by holding AWARENESS CAMP highlighting Legal Services Authority Act, 1987 and its background and the NALSA (Victim of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2016 and also by distributing 'sarees' & leaflet amongst around 60 participants. The Secretary of the DLSA, Kolkata Shri Uttam Bhattacharya and panel advocates were present on the occasion.



Glimpses of the programme organised by the DLSA, Kolkata on 15.11.2018

OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY WITH THE CHILDREN OF WOMEN PRISONERS

The District Legal Services Authority, Kolkata observed the 'International Children's Day on 20th November' with 25 children, and their mothers who are inmates of Alipore Women's Correctional Home, Kolkata.

Colour books, drawing books, pastel colours, pencils, story books, chocolates & winter garments (for infants) were distributed amongst the children. The Secretary, DLSA, Kolkata Shri Uttam Bhattacharya deliberated on *Child Rights Day & NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015*.

Sri Soumyojit Bhattacharya, Registrar, Presidency Small Causes Court, Calcutta, Smt Baisakhi Sengupta, Panel lawyer, the Superintendent of Correctional Home, the Welfare Officer & PLVs were also present in the programme.



Programme organised by the DLSA, Kolkata on 20.11.2018

KOLKATA

The DLSA, Kolkata held 'legal awareness camp' on CHILD LAWS on 13/4/2018 with teachers, students & members of NGO Sankalp on the occasion of opening of 'Legal Literacy Club' at Shree Balkrishna Vithalnath Vidyalaya of 26, P.K. Tagore Street, Kolkata-700060



OBSERVING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



On 18th March, 2018, the DLSA, Kolkata observed 'International Women's Day' by holding 'Workshop' with the students, teachers of Schools from Marwari Balika Vidyalaya & Arya Kanya Mahavidyalaya, members of NGO, at ADR Centre, DLSA, Kolkata. Laws relating to women & role of Legal Services Authority Act, 1987 were highlighted

On 31st July, 2018 - In furtherance of NALSA (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganized Sector) Scheme, 2015 DLSA, Kolkata held a 'legal awareness programme' and opened a LEGAL AID CLINIC at 135A, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007 (opposite BSNL office). Sri Shyamal Sengupta, Former Addl. District Judge was also present



BURDWAN

The DLSA, Burdwan has provided free legal services to the undefended, downtrodden and oppressed people by deputing Para Legal Volunteers in all the Police Stations in the District of Burdwan to help the victims and to provide legal aid to the undefended persons. DLSA, Burdwan has deputed PLVs in Legal Aid Clinics in all 5 Correctional Homes in the district of Burdwan and two panel lawyers visit Correctional Homes in every week for providing legal services to the under trial prisoners and convicts. Many pending cases and pre litigation cases have been disposed of due to the effort of DLSA, Burdwan through the process of Mediation, Lok Adalat and Conciliation. DLSA, Burdwan has succeeded in preventing many child marriages. Para Legal Volunteers have been deputed at all vital places i.e. BDO Offices, Panchayat Offices, Municipalities, JJB, CWC, Indian Red Cross Society etc for providing legal services to the needy people. DLSA, Burdwan has launched special drive for helping helpless widows, disabled persons, senior citizens with the assistance of law college students to fill in senior citizen/widow/Handicapped pension form and to submit the same with the office of the competent authority. DLSA, Burdwan has organized door to door campaign by using *Chetana Sathi Vehicle* to spread awareness amongst people and have opened stalls in *melas/fairs* for spreading awareness in respect of Legal Aid Services. Retainer Lawyer, Secretary, DLSA and Para Legal Volunteers regularly visit correctional Homes, Child care institution, old age homes and others homes. DLSA, Burdwan had organized legal awareness programmes regularly for the tribal people/unorganized sector/Children/women and provide them legal aid services. Republic Day, International Women's Day, International Yoga Day, Independence Day, Human Rights Day, HIV/Aids Day, Children's Day etc. were observed and DLSA, Burdwan has helped some students to get them admitted in the schools and has also helped poor people to get financial help from district administration.



Shri J.P. Singh, Secretary, DLSA, Burdwan and other Judicial Officers
at the stall of DLSA, Burdwan at Mati Utsav in January, 2018



OPENING OF LEGAL LITERACY CLUB AT MACHKHANDA HIGH SCHOOL ON 21.02.2018



TABLEAU REPRESENTATION OF DLSA, BURDWAN ON REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION ON 26TH JANUARY, 2018



DENGUE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN BY DLSA, BURDWAN



Awareness Programme with the Police Officers and others on POCSO Act, JJ Act, Cr. P.C. and other laws :- The Chairman of SDLSC, Durgapur, the Secretary, DLSA, Burdwan, Police Officers of Asansol-Durgapur Police Commissionerate were present in the said programme

Success Story of DLSA, Burdwan

A mentally ill woman, Godabori Devi of Bihar was rescued by Police of Burdwan Sadar P.S. She was produced before the Ld. CJM, Burdwan. As per order of Ld. CJM she was sent to Kalanabagram Nivedita Bhawan (Home for Women) Burdwan. She was pregnant and gave birth to a male child namely Kamal. She was not mentally fit as such as per order of CWC, Burdwan, her male child was kept at a home ABSK-SAA, Burdwan. Subsequently the said lady recovered from her mental illness as such she took the custody of her child. Family members of the said lady came from Bihar and contacted with PLV Sonali Roy and Secretary, DLSA, Burdwan. Thereafter DLSA, Burdwan moved an application before the Ld. CJM, Burdwan and after hearing Ld. CJM, Burdwan was pleased to pass an order allowing the said lady to go with her family members.

NALSA (Legal Services to the Mentally Ill and Mentally Disabled Persons) Scheme, 2015



Shri J. P. Singh, Secretary, DLSA, Burdwan with Smt. Godabori Devi.

**Events on Human rights
in the week subsequent to World
Human Rights Day, 2018**

DLSA, Hooghly conducted an awareness programme on the concept of Human Rights and right to life as guaranteed under the constitution of India at Jyotirindranath Sabhagriha, Chandernagore, Hooghly. On the occasion of the said day a short drama on the topic of POCSO Act was played by an NGO in which the actors were all selected from the slum area of Chandernagar.



**LEGAL AWARENESS CAMP AT
MAHESH RATHAJATRA:-**

In collaboration with Hooghly Police administration of DLSA, Hooghly we put up a legal literacy stall at Mahesh during Rath Jatra festival on and from 14.07.2018 to 22.07.2018. The stall of DLSA, Hooghly was strategically located just in front of the Chariot.



INAUGURATION OF PROJECT SAMSODHAN



The DLSA, Hooghly flagged off the project 'Samsodhan'. The project 'Samsodhan' for bringing about moral rectification of the inmates of the correctional home in true spirit of the reformatory theory of punishment. The DLSA, Hooghly under the aegis of State Legal Services Authority, W.B introduced the system of psychiatric counseling of the inmates of the correctional home on regular basis which is a kind of pilot project in collaboration with the Health Dept. and District Correctional Home Authority, Hooghly. The project was flagged off on 21.02.2018 at the conference hall of CMOH, Hooghly by Sri Ajay Kr. Gupta, the then Learned Member Secretary, SLSA, W.B. in the august presence of the District Judge, Hooghly, several judicial officers of Hooghly, Sri Sounak Mukherjee, the then Secretary, DLSA, Hooghly, the Superintendent of Hooghly Dist. Correctional Home, learned Public Prosecutor of Hooghly and several lawyers & PLVs. The programme was followed by a convergence meet on PCPNDT Act which was conducted by the Judicial Officers Hooghly in the same hall. After the inauguration the dignitaries went to the correctional home where the project was started at the Legal aid clinic of DLSA, Hooghly in the hospital ward of the correctional home.

OBSERVATION OF WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR ON 12.06.2018:-

DLSA, Hooghly observed this day in a different way in collaboration with CHILDLINE, Hooghly and Labour Dept. Hooghly. For celebrating this day the DLSA, Hooghly chose the children living on railway platform, Bandel and spent the whole day with the children and played different games with them. The health dept. gifted toiletries to the children.

Observation of World Environment Day, 2018

DLSA, Hooghly observed this very important day with the inmates of Uttarapara Destitute Home by organizing Essay Competition and Tree Plantation programme. The children were made aware of reasons to ban plastic and not to cut off the trees etc. The 1st, 2nd & 3rd ranking participants of essay completion were awarded with exciting prizes. About 20 inmates participated in the tree plantation programme



BIRBHUM

On 28.09.2018 a Legal Awareness and Literacy Camp on Human Trafficking and commercial Sexual Exploitation Scheme, Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection & other legal aid matters was held by DLSA, Birbhum by Labpur B.Ed. College, Labpur, Birbhum



Legal Awareness Programme at Labpur B. Ed College
Addressed by Smt. Barnali Dasgupta, Secretary, DLSA, Birbhum

Legal Literacy Clubs as per NALSA Module:



5 Legal Literacy Clubs were opened in five schools in this district. As per the guidelines of NALSA a computer set, some books related to law, an almirah, one table and three chairs were given each of the five schools.

Inauguration of Legal Literacy Club at Chinpai High School, Birbhum

BIRBHUM

Opening of Legal Aid Clinics in two Hospitals in this district :

Two legal aid clinics were opened in Suri Sadar Hospital, Birbhum and Vivekananda Homoeopathy Medical College and Hospital, Sainthia, Birbhum for implementation of Acid Attack Victim Scheme as well as to provide free legal aid to the persons who will come to those hospitals for medical assistance but suffering from legal problem also.

With the aim to provide legal aid under the same roof where they can get medical assistance, these two legal aid clinics were inaugurated by the Ld. Chairman, DLSA, Birbhum cum District and Sessions Judge, Sri Partha Sarathi Sen and in both programmes CMOH and other Medical Officers of the district were present. Both the clinics are running successfully with the help of PLVs under the supervision of Secretary, DLSA, Birbhum. One Sensitization Programme was also held in the clinic of Suri Sadar Hospital to sensitize medical officers, nurses and others related with medical service regarding Acid Attack Scheme of NALSA.



Chairman, DLSA, Birbhum, Shri Partha Sarathi Sen and Secretary, DLSA, Birbhum Smt. Barnali Dasgupta during the inauguration of legal services clinic at Vivekananda Homoeopathy Medical College and Hospital on 28.08.2018

Chairman, DLSA, Birbhum, Shri Partha Sarathi Sen in the Sensitization Programme of Medical Officers and Staff Nurses on 28.05.2018



BIRBHUM

Success of DLSA, Birbhum in the Mediation Week

The Mediation Week was observed by DLSA, Birbhum from 12.03.2018 to 17.03.2018. Total 595 pending cases were received from several referral courts out of which 162 cases were settled. The matter was reported in news paper also.



A photograph of an ongoing process of Mediation Case settled successfully through mediation:

A case being C.Case no. 27/14 is a case u/s 138 N.I. Act was pending between Birbhum District Central Co-operative Bank Ltd. vs. Yudhupati Ghosh in the court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate, Dubrajpur. After prolonged discussion made between the parties it was settled that accused will pay Rs. 10,000/- as settled amount and complainant gave his consent to that effect and he agreed to issue no due certificate as and when he will get the settled amount.

On being asked both the complainant and the accused said that they are satisfied and happy as the case was pending since 2014 but did not arrive any settlement. Through mediation this long pending case has been settled and complainant has shown his willingness to withdraw the case on the very next date after getting payment of settled amount.

One Tele-film was casted on success story of Birbhum DLSA by Doordarshan Kendra, Kolkata as per direction of NALSA.



One day one lady namely Manoara Bibi of Nanoor, Birbhum with a baby on her lap was brought before DLSA, Birbhum by a social worker of that locality. She was crying a lot. It came to know from her that her husband was living with her at her father's house. One baby was born from their said wedlock.

Thereafter her husband started quarreling with her in each and every matter. One day her husband left the house. She became

helpless and rushed to her matrimonial home but got no shelter there. Thereafter she tried to commit suicide but ultimately rescued by that social worker who brought her before this authority. Getting the information DLSA, Birbhum, sent notice to her husband with the help of Police and ultimately her husband appeared before the ADR Centre. Secretary, DLSA, Birbhum made several counselling and at last Manoara's husband agreed to take her back and promised to live with her as husband and wife. Doordarshan Kendra, Kolkata contacted with DLSA, Birbhum and relying on this success story of Birbhum DLSA, they made a beautiful film under the name of 'AKELE NAHI HAI AAP' as per direction of NALSA and the same was telecasted on DD National on 11th March 2018 at 8.00 p.m.

BANKURA

On 10-12-18 a conference/workshop was held by the DLSA on the occasion of World Human Rights Day in collaboration with the Department of Political Science of Bankura Christian College, Bankura at the college premises. Ld. Chairman & Secretary, DLSA, Bankura presided over the conference. The topic of the conference was the Protection of Human Rights of workers in unorganized sector of Bankura District with special emphasis on the artisans involved in teracota, dokra & stone sculpture.



The Chairman, DLSA,
Bankura Shri Apurba Sinha
Roy and the Secretary, DLSA,
Bankura Shri Aniruddha Saha
during the workshop on
10.12.2018



BANKURA

Again on 10.12.2018 a rally was also organized with the active participation of the students of NCC, Christian college & eminent professors of Bankura Christian College, Bankura on the occasion of Human Rights Day. Ld.Chairman & Secretary participated in the “*Patha Rally*” which was started from the Bankura Christian College and concluded at the DLSA office.



The Chairman, DLSA, Bankura Shri Apurba Sinha Roy and the Secretary, DLSA, Bankura Shri Aniruddha Saha in the rally organised on 10.12.2018

An awareness programme was organized at Raipur Block Mahavidyalay, Raipur, Bankura on the eve of Women's Day. The Judicial Officer Sri Sumon Ghosh, Advocate Sri Asim Kr. Roy & Advocate Alope Barik attended the programme and delivered their valuable speech in respect of Legal Services to the Women. More than 300 students and teachers were made aware about Women's Rights and legislation enacted for the protection of rights of Women. Para Legal Volunteers of Raipur Block made necessary arrangements to organize the camp.



Celebration of Women's Day by DLSA, Bankura



Distribution of books by DLSA, Bakura

Books were distributed amongst the children of Chamtagora Adibasi Mahila Samity Home, Kamalpur, Bankura in the presence of Ld. Chairman, DLSA, Bankura & the Secretary, DLSA, Bankura as study materials of the school going children were damaged due to storm & heavy rain fall.

Legal Services to Disaster Victims :-

On 06-08-2018 five blocks of Bankura District namely Bankura -1, Bankura-2, Mejia, Chhatna and G.Ghati were hit by flash flood. The Secretary of DLSA, Bankura visited the flood affected areas of five Blocks and held meeting with the District Disaster Management Officer of Bankura District. Necessary communications were made to the concerned BDOs and SDO, Bankura with a request to provide adequate Relief materials to the flood affected victims and to take necessary Measures for their rehabilitation in the face of calamity and post calamity action as a part of disaster management.

Some PLVs of DLSA, Bankura were also deployed in various blocks of Flood affected areas for conducting the Survey and to collect the necessary data in respect of flood affected victims.

A comprehensive report was prepared DLSA Bankura on the basis of the personal visit to the flood affected areas and the field note made by the PLVs while making survey of the flood affected areas. Finally, the report prepared by DLSA, Birbhum along with the report of the BDO was forwarded to DM Bankura with a request for taking necessary measures for the rehabilitation of the flood affected victims in accordance with the damaged sustained by them



Secretary, DLSA, Bankura,
Shri Aniruddha Saha visiting
flood affected areas.

DAKSHIN DINAJPUR



Secretary, DLSA, Coochbehar Shri Soumendra Nath Roy during the commendation programme on 26.11.2018

Commendation of the Brave Girls of the District

On 26.11.2018 five girls who have shown their courage against child marriage were honoured in presence of The Chairman DLSA, Dakshin Dinajpur, the Secretary, DLSA, Dakshin Dinajpur, Public Prosecutor Dakshin Dinajpur. This program was organised by DLSA, Dakshin Dinajpur in collaboration with Child Line, Dakshin Dinajpur.

Legal Services Camp

The first Legal Services Camp as per New Module of NALSA in West Bengal was organised by the DLSA, Dakshin Dinajpur under the aegis of the State Legal Services Authority on 31st January, 2018 at the open play ground of the R.N. High School (opposite of Hili P.S.). DLSA, Dakshin Dinajpur and different Administrative departments set up stalls in the Law Fair (19 numbers of stalls). 1021 numbers of people got their names registered in the Registration desk. (Approx 1200/1300 people gathered in the Fair) and 387 numbers of complaints were received in Help Desk.



UTTAR DINAJPUR

A Legal Awareness Camp cum Sensitization Programme was organised by the District Legal Services Authority, Uttar Dinajpur at Purgram High School on 22.11.2018. Ld Secretary, D.L.S.A., Uttar Dinajpur and the senior teachers of the school were present in the camp. About 60 nos. of students of higher classes were present in the camp as audience. Various topics like domestic violence, human trafficking, anti ragging laws, functions of D.L.S.A. and procedure to avail legal assistance through it were discussed in the camp.



Secretary DLSA, Uttar Dinajpur
Karim-ur-Reza during during
the legal awareness camp on 22.11.2018

COOCH BEHAR

On 18.12.2018, an awareness camp under NALSA (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015 was held at Durgabari, Ward No. 6, Cooch Behar, a red light area of the city in collaboration with the Officer-in-Charge of Women Police Station Cooch Behar and District Project Officer, ICDS. About 70 sex workers attended the said camp and their problems were discussed.



Secretary, DLSA, Coochbehar Shri
Arindam Chattopadhyay during the
programme on 18.12.2018 with the
sex workers of red light area

COOCH BEHAR

A legal awareness camp was organized at Bramhakumari Raj Jog Centre, Gunjabari, Cooch Behar on 19.07.2018 at the evening along with other Judicial Officers. General awareness about legal matters and functions of DLSA, Cooch Behar, was discussed. About one hundred people participated in the said camp. As majority of participants were senior citizens, special emphasis was given to NALSA (Legal Services to Senior Citizens) scheme-2016.

A legal awareness camp was organized at the Auditorium of the office of the Superintendent of Police, Cooch Behar, on 01.09.2018 along with the Ld. District Judge & Ex- Officio Chairman, DLSA, Cooch Behar, and other Judicial Officers. Matters relating to Juvenile Justice Act, POCSO Act and NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme-2015 was discussed. The camp was attended by the Superintendent of Police, Cooch Behar, the Additional Superintendent of Police, Cooch Behar and other Police Officers of the District. The CMOH, Superintendent of MJN Hospital, ADM (G) and other Medical Officers also attended the said camp.



Shri Arindam Chattopadhyay, Secretary, DLSA, Cooch Behar addressing the audience on 19.07.2018



Shri Arindam Chattopadhyay, Secretary, DLSA, Cooch Behar addressing police officers on 01.09.2018

A legal awareness camp was held on 11.10.2018 at Cooch Behar College with the Ld. District Judge & Ex- Officio Chairman, DLSA, Cooch Behar, on the occasion of International Girl Child Day. About three hundred students participated in the said camp. General awareness about legal matters and functions of DLSA, Cooch Behar, was discussed with special emphasis on Prevention of Child Marriage and NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse and the Eradication of the Drug Menace) Scheme-2015, NALSA (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme-2015 and NALSA (Legal Services to Victims of Acid Attack) Scheme-2016.



Ld. District Judge & Ex-officio Chairman, DLSA, Cooch Behar Smt. Firoza Khattoon and Secretary, DLSA, Cooch Behar Sri Arindam Chattopadhyay addressing the gathering on 11.10.2018

Training programme of legal services panel lawyers of DLSA, Jalpaiguri and Cooch Behar, held on 28.07.2018 and 29.07.2018 at ADR Centre Cooch Behar conducted by SLSA, West Bengal as per NALSA Module of Training. Sri Kaushik Gupta, Advocate attended the said training programme as the Master Trainer along with Sri Arindam Datta, Registrar-cum-Deputy Secretary, SLSA, West Bengal. Twenty two panel lawyers of both the districts attended the said programme.



Lawyers' Training Programme as per NALSA Module at ADR Centre, Cooch Behar

PASCHIM MEDINIPUR

On 03-12-18 the DLSA, Paschim Medinipur had organized a rally for spreading awareness amongst the masses regarding NALSA (Legal Services to the Mentally Ill and Mentally Disabled Persons) Scheme, 2015 in which members of the staff of DLSA, Para legal volunteer, members of the bar association, and officials from District Health Department, participated. During the rally pamphlets were distributed amongst the masses for informing the people at large about the scheme and legal services available to such disabled persons and the availability of the medical help in the district.



Secretary, DLSA, Paschim Medinipur Smt. Atreyee Manna Chowdhury and others during the rally on 03. 12. 2018

LEGAL SERVICES CAMP AS PER NEW MODULE

On 30-03-2018 a legal services camp as per new module of NALSA was held at the Zilla Parisad Auditorium Hall Campus.

In the aforesaid camp the following issues/themes were covered

- a) Government Welfare Schemes relating to women, children and senior citizens,
- b) Children and women related issues,
- c) Child Trafficking and
- d) PCPNDT Act.

In the aforesaid camp different stalls from the concerned authorities/ departments were installed and officers/co-ordinators of the respective departments were present at the camp. Nominated officers of the respective departments gave brief presentation about the welfare schemes to people on the day of camp in vernacular language.

The officers from the following departments were present at the camp with their team:-

- a) The DLSA, Paschim Medinipur,
- b) The District Police,
- c) ICDS,
- d) The Health Department,
- e) The Anti Human Trafficking Unit,
- h) The Department of Social Welfare,
- i) Self Help Groups,
- j) The Press

About 920 numbers of persons attended the aforesaid camp and about 515 beneficiaries were registered.



The participants in the Legal Services Camp on 30.03.2018

During the camp different beneficial schemes were presented to the beneficiaries and problems/ representation from the visitors were addressed by the authorities present during the camp. Adequate pamphlets, booklets etc. were distributed relating to welfare schemes/projects. Pamphlets/materials regarding different schemes/projects of the departments, who took part in the camp were available at their respective stalls.

The aforesaid Legal Services Camp was organized to connect people with the various beneficial schemes and redressal of their problems. All the queries were duly met by the officials of different departments.

After the camp follow up action was taken by the DLSA as per direction of the NALSA.

The Post Camp Assessment was conducted after holding threadbare discussions with different government functionaries in the presence of Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Paschim Medinipur.

Smt. Atreyee Manna Chowdhury, Secretary, DLSA, Paschim Medinipur and Sri Ajoy Mukherjee, ADJ, Paschim Medinipur with other Judicial Officers during the Legal Services Camp on 30.03.2018



Observation of International Day against Drug Abuse and Immoral Trafficking:-

The DLSA, Paschim Medinipur had organized a legal awareness camp on 26th day of June, 2018, in connection with International Day against Drug Abuse and immoral trafficking as per Legal Services to the Victims of The Drug Abuse and Eradication of Drug Menace Scheme, 2015, as formulated by National Legal Services Authority. Smt. Atreyee Manna Chowdhury, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Paschim Medinipur along with Ld. Additional District & Sessions Judge, 4th Court Sri Ajay Kr. Mukherjee, Judge, Special Court constituted under NDPS Act and some of the members of Bar attended such programme. The programme was organized at Sahid Anathbandhu Adibasi Vidyalay situated at Ganapatinagar, Palbari, Medinipur.

In tandem with the scheme as propounded by NALSA people were made aware about the ill effects of drug abuse and the legislative provisions, Government schemes, policies etc. available for the victims. During such programme the modalities about Govt. and Non-Govt. agencies in order to prevent trafficking and for putting in place effective de-addiction and rehabilitation facility were discussed.

People from all walks of life attended the programme. The Sub-Divisional Officer Medinipur, DCPU, Officials from Narcotics Control Bureau, Kolkata also graced the programme with their august presence and apt deliberations.

The programme ended with the pledge that all concerned shall act in strict co-ordination for ensuring that drug abuse victims shall be treated with propriety and dignity.



The gathering at the programme on 26.06.2018 on the occasion of International Day against Drug Abuse and Immoral Trafficking



Smt. Atrayee Manna Chowdhury, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Paschim Medinipur along with Ld. Additional District & Sessions Judge, Sri Ajay Kr. Mukherjee on 26.06.2018

Observation of World Environment Day

The day was observed within the sprawling campus of District Judges' Court Compound, Midnapore with due participation of all the Judicial Officers, officials from the Department of Forest including the District Forest Officer, members of the Bar Association, Public Prosecutor and Government Pleader and representatives from the District Civil and Police administration. The entire programme was headed by the Chairman of this Authority. One hundred saplings were planted during the programme by the participants. Importance of observation of the day, different threats looming large before the world environment, immediate end to indiscriminate felling of trees and promoting environment friendly factors like afforestation were delt upon by the Chairman of DLSA, D.F.O and other distinguished participants during their deliberations. The meeting ended with the vow to strive together against the factors that are threatening the environment of the world.



Smt. Ananya Bandopadhyay, Chairman, DLSA, Paschim Medinipur and Secretary, DLSA, Paschim Medinipur on the occasion of World Environment Day.
on 05.06.2018

NADIA

Organization of Legal Awareness Camp under new NALSA module:

The District Legal Services Authority, Nadia West Bengal organized a Legal Services and Awareness Camp in terms of the new model of National Legal Services Authority under the aegis of State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal on the subject of “Protection of Child Right and Community Mobilization” at the open ground of Muragachha High School (H.S), Muragachha, P.S. Nakashipara, Nadia on 9th June, 2018. The school ground is situated in remote village under Nakashipara block and the place is situated 35 km. away from Krishnagar town.

The Hon'ble Executive Chairman, SLSA, Mr. Justice Aniruddha Bose, Judge, High Court, Calcutta and the Hon'ble Zonal Judge, Nadia, Justice Samapti Chatterjee, Judge, High Court, Calcutta were present in the programme. The Ld. Judges of all the courts in the district judiciary as well as Executives of the district were also present. Many other dignitaries like Ld. Government Pleader, Ld. Public Prosecutor, other Ld. Advocates of the Bar and about 1000 school students and more than 2500 people were present in the programme. There were 12 stalls which represented various government departments and their respective schemes for general public to enhance their awareness and provide services to the public.

Legal and social awareness on various burning topics were rendered in the camp. Such topics included 1) Cyber crime affecting children, 2) Child marriage, 3) Child Labour, 4) Child Trafficking, 5) Juvenile Justice Act, 6) POCSO Act, etc.



Legal Awareness Camp held under New Module of NALSA held at the ground of Muragacha High School on 09.06.2018



Visit of the then Hon'ble Executive Chairman, SLSA, Mr. Justice Aniruddha Bose, Judge, High Court, Calcutta and Hon'ble Justice Samapti Chatterjee, Judge, High Court, Calcutta at the stalls of the Legal Awareness Camp held under New Module of NALSA held at the ground of Muragacha High School on 09.06.2018

NORTH 24 PARGANAS

WESLEYAN MISSION ASHRAM a drive of DLSA, North 24 Parganas to rescue and rehabilitate our own children:

In the month of May, 2018 a news came into headline that some teenage girls of “Wesleyan Mission Ashram” situated in this district were subjected to brutal sexual torture by its North Korean owner. Secretary, DLSA, North 24 Parganas rushed to the ashram as per direction of Hon’ble High Court, Calcutta and conducted a thorough enquiry over the issue. DLSA, North 24-Parganas depicted clear picture of such kinds of homes and brought it into limelight. DLSA, North 24 Parganas kept vigil on the legal proceedings in the matter and took active participation in the shifting of victims in association with District Administration. After shifting DLSA provided counselling to the victims at Sukanya Home and took active role in the process of handing over of those kids to their parents or near relatives. Subsequently this authority visited “Swadhar Grihas” along with members of Central Women Commission and came to know about vulnerable situation of widows in those homes. Accordingly DLSA, North 24 Parganas formed a team comprising of Panel Lawyer and PLVs and sent them to those homes. The widows living in vulnerable situation need have been identified and the process of providing pin-pointed solution to them is going on.

GO GREEN- an attempt of DLSA, North 24 Parganas To make pollution free environment:

North 24 Parganas is the most populous district in West Bengal. The density of population in this district is also very high. One of the major issues in the industrial and urban belt of this district is pollution. On the eve of “WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY” DLSA, North 24 Parganas brought its new theme “GO-GREEN”. To give a pollution free life to citizens of this District, DLSA, North 24 Parganas in association with Barasat Municipality launched its “GO GREEN” project. In this process DLSA, North 24 Parganas prepared a documentary with unique short films and famous song of “BHUPEN HAJARIKA” “O GANGA BOICHHO KANO”. It was first shown in a seminar organised by DLSA at municipality hall before stake holders. Thereafter several meetings took place for banning plastics at Barasat Municipal area. Now positive feedback are received from all ends regarding plastic free zone within Barasat Municipality.



Opening of Legal Services Clinic at School of Law and Justice, Adamas University in presence of Hon'ble Justice Samapti Chatterjee, Judge, High Court, Calcutta, Shri Ajay Kumar Gupta, the then Member Secretary, SLISA and Shri Ayan Mazumder, Secretary, DLISA, North 24-Parganas.



Inauguration of LED Monitor by Smt. Suvra Ghosh, Chairman, DLISA, North 24 Parganas (as Her Ladyship then was)

PURBA MEDINIPUR

Effort to rescue kidnapped child Jhumpa Roy (name changed) (Kolaghat PS Case No. 476/17, GR 2351/17).

Jhumpa Roy, a minor girl of 14 years was kidnapped. Her father lodged FIR before the Kolaghat Police Station (PS). The allegation of the father of the minor girl was that his minor daughter was kidnapped by the accused with the help of others and she was kept in a secret place under confinement, for evil purpose. The unfortunate father went to the PS on several occasions for relief but in vain. The complaint alleged that the accused, an influential person was evading arrest. Failing to get any remedy from the PS, the complainant approached 'child line', which is being handled by one of the PLVs of the DLSA, Purba Medinipur. Ld. Advocate Palash Pattanayak was engaged by the DLSA, Purba Medinipur in this matter. In the mean time the accused got bail. The Ld. Advocate engaged by the DLSA, Purba Medinipur remained steadfast in his effort to bring the minor daughter into the lap of her father and on 24.07.2018, he filed a petition before the Ld. CJM, Purba Medinipur. Ultimately the minor victim girl was recovered from the Custody of the accused on a subsequent date. This achievement was a big success for the team DLSA, Purba Medinipur.

MURSHIDABAD

PREVENTION OF CHILD MARRIAGES

This District Legal Services Authority, Murshidabad has prevented 86 child marriages with the help of the legal aid clinics in schools and has also prevented about 38 child marriages with the help of information from the local people.

SPECIAL CARE OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE OLD AGE HOMES

Secretary of District Legal Services Authority Shri Mandip Saha Roy visits the senior citizens old age homes along with other Judicial Officers and Doctors. The Secretary has arranged for medical treatment and weekly check up by a doctor Dr. Ravi and has also arranged for first aid treatment in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Physiotherapy, eye check up, blood pressure, blood tests and other medical facilities are now available at the old age homes. A para legal volunteer has also been deputed to look after the Old Age Homes.

WORKING WITH TRANSGENDERS

A transgender namely Arunabha was appointed as a Member Judge in a National LokAdalat. The entire clan of transgender of Murshidabad felicitated DLSA, Murshidabad for making such a significant move which has instilled confidence in them. A legal awareness camp was also conducted with them wherein they were made aware of their legal rights and liabilities.



National Lok Adalat on 22.04.2018 on at Murshidabad with Transgender Arunabha (extreme left) as a Member of the Bench.

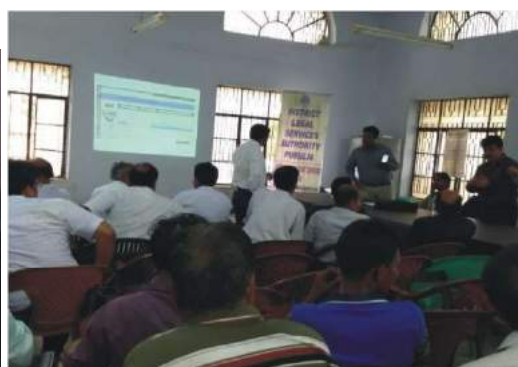
PURULIA

In order to implement the NALSA Schemes which mainly included NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015 and the NALSA (Legal Services to Victims of Acid Attacks) Scheme, 2016 the DLSA, Purulia had conducted several camps in various schools in and around Purulia for sensitisation of the issue of Child Labour, Child Marriage and the acid attacks which is mostly prevalent in these areas. The students in the school were mostly sensitized about their right of education along with various others. Legal Services Camps were also held at various Gram Panchayats over the issue of acid attack, the child friendly schemes of NALSA and in regard to the rights of Senior Citizens.



Shri Argha Banerjee, Secretary, DLSA, Purulia addressing legal awareness camps.

The DLSA, Purulia had put up a stall in the Sramik Mela which was held in the month of January, 2018 wherein the NALSA (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganised Sector), Scheme 2015 was being sensitized amongst the visitors of the aforesaid fair.



Secretary, DLSA, Purulia during the workshop

JALPAIGURI

LEGAL AWARENESS IN TEA GARDEN

On 18-11-2018, a Legal Awareness Camp was held at Meenglass Tea Garden under Jalpaiguri District in collaboration with the NGO namely, Child In Need Institute (CINI). The topic of the camp was NALSA (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015, the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 and child abuse prevention and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. The SDPO, Mal and O.C. Mal P.S., Commandant of BSF 18th Battalion, Upo-pradhan of Rangamati GP were present in the said camp.



Secretary, DLSA, Jalpaiguri
Smt. Asmita Samajdar
addressing the gathering
on 18.11.2018.



JALPAIGURI

SENSITIZATION ON ACID ATTACK SCHEME

On 28-09-2018, a sensitization programme was held at the A.D.R. Centre, District Court, Jalpaiguri on NALSA (Legal Services to the victims of Acid Attack) Scheme, 2015. The Secretary, DLSA, Jalpaiguri Smt. Asmita Samajdar, the DSWO, Jalpaiguri, ACMOH- II, Jalpaiguri District Hospital, DSP, DEB, Jalpaiguri , Principal, Jalpaiguri Law College, were present in the said programme and all of them shared their views and opinions. The procedure of being awarded with compensation under the W.B. Victim Compensation Scheme was discussed at length so that the victims of acid attack may be guided properly.

Glimpses of the
sensitization programme
on 28.09.2018



JALPAIGURI

On 03.12.2018, a Legal Awareness Camp was held to observe the World Disability Day with the active assistance of Jalpaiguri Welfare Organisation, Jalpaiguri at the premises of Jalpaiguri Welfare Organisation. In this programme, the members of Organisations dealing with disability along with the DSWO, DCPO, Representative of Childline Foundation and various Social Workers were present



Observance of
world Disability Day
by DLSA, Jalpaiguri



Legal Awareness Camp at Alipurduar Court on 03.12.2018 in presence of Sri Gopal Karmakar, ADJ, Chairperson SDLSC Alipurduar & other.

Another Legal Awareness Camp was held by SDLSC, Alipurduar at Alipurduar Court, under Jalpaiguri District on the same day to observe the World Disability Day.

JALPAIGURI

Legal Services Camp as per New Module of NALSA

On 17.02.2018 the DLSA, Jalpaiguri organised a Legal Awareness Camp at Banarhat Primary Health Center, Banarhat, Jalpaiguri under the New Module of NALSA on NALSA (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015 and about 700 people had attended the camp and were benefitted therefrom.

Glimpses of Camp under New Module at Jalpaiguri on 17.02.2018



Smt. Asmita Samajdar, Secretary, DLSA, Jalpaiguri addressing a legal awareness camp.

DOOR TO DOOR CAMPAIGN, 2018

NORTH 24-PARGANAS

As per NALSA Guidelines DLSA, North 24 Parganas organised a Door to Door Campaign Programme from 09.11.2018 to 18.11.2018 in different parts of the District, North 24 Parganas. Para Legal Volunteers and Panel Lawyers were divided into 4 groups and each group worked in their respective Sub-Divisions. An innovative idea of taking “Shapath” was adopted by each group before starting their days work for enhancing their commitment to reach more and more weaker and marginalised section of society and aware them about Legal Services Institutions and availability of Free Legal Services. Each group created a database of visiting people, so that their individual problem can be redressed through Legal Services Authorities. During the campaign total 7191 houses of 176 villages of different parts of the district were covered by the above groups.



BURDWAN

Secretary, DLSA, Burdwan
Sri J. P. Singh
and PLVs during the
door to door campaign.



Panel Advocate and PLVs
during the door to door
campaign in a remote
village in Purba Burdwan

BIRBHUM

During the month of November Door to Door to Campaign have been done from 09th November to 18th November in the remotest area/village of this district.

Secretary, DLSA, Birbhum
Smt. Barnali Dasgupta
alongwith panel advocate
and PLV during the
door to door campaign



COOCHBEHAR



Secretary, DLSA, Cooch Behar
Sri Arindam Chattopadhyay
and PLVs during the
door to door campaign.

The **Door to Door Campaign** was organized by DLSA across the district of Cooch Behar, from **9th - 18th November, 2018** to reach out the weaker and marginalised section of the society and as an outcome of such campaign 17,234 numbers of people were informed about the availability of free legal services, 1087 persons were identified who were in need of free legal aid and eligible to get free legal services. 212 villages/urban areas were covered during the said campaign. About 55 Nos. of petitions praying for Legal assistance had been filed by various persons & all such prayers were considered and steps were taken for speedy relief. That apart, two Child Marriages had been stopped by the PLVs of SDLSC Mathabhanga during the said Door to Door campaigning.



DAKSHIN DINAJPUR

60 PLVs were engaged for Door to Door campaign for covering all backward and remotest villages of all blocks of District Dakshin Dinajpur on and from 09-11-2018 to 18-11-2018 to reach out weaker and marginalised section of the society/villages of the District



UTTAR DINAJPUR

In the campaign, a total of 471 households were covered, 2400 persons were interacted with and 111 persons were found expressing the need of legal aid throughout the District. All those persons have been informed to contact the Legal Services Authority for addressing their legal needs and availing legal benefit.



PURULIA

The door to door campaign in the district of Purulia was conducted giving stress to the remote areas. The PLVs deputed in this regard had done their level best to reach the maximum number of persons belonging to the marginalized section of the society.



PURBA MEDINIPUR

The Door to Door Campaign, regarding legal services activities, was undertaken from the 09th November 2018 to 18th November 2018 in order to reach out to the weaker and marginalized section of the society in the district. 893 persons were informed about the legal services activities and 322 persons who were in need of free legal services were identified and 120 villages/ urban areas were covered.



Secretary, DLSA, Purba Medinipur Sri Suman Ghosh and PLVs during the door to door campaign.

PASCHIM MEDINIPUR

During the door to door campaign in the District of Paschim Medinipur 6100 number of persons were informed about the availability of the free legal service and 3998 number of persons were identified eligible and having the need of free legal services.



Students Meet at SLSA



On 09.10.2018 the Member Secretary and the Deputy Secretary of the State Legal Services Authority met the final year law students of Hooghly Mohsin College at the Conference Hall of the State Legal Services Authority and enlightened & informed them on the functioning of the Legal Services Institutions and

various schemes of NALSA. The deliberation of the Member Secretary and the Deputy Secretary was followed by an interactive session. Finally NALSA real life documentaries on victim compensation and senior citizens were screened.

PARTICIPATION IN MELAS AND FAIRS

BURDWAN

Stall at Hastasilpo
Mela, 2018 in Burdwan



JALPAIGURI

On and from 24-09-2018 to 30-09-2018, one Legal Aid Stall at Sabala Mela at Kranti, under Malbazar Sub Division was put up by DLSA, Jalpaiguri to display the work and activities of this Authority. The entire process of providing free legal aid to the marginalized sections of the society was explained to the persons who attended the said stall. Almost 1978 number of people benefited from the said stall.



Stall of DLSA, Jalpaiguri in Sabala Mela, 2018

On and from 04-12-2018 to 10-12-2018, a Legal Aid Stall was set up at Dooars Book Fair, organised by Malbazar Municipality, under Jalpaiguri District to display the work and activities of the Legal Services Authorities. Pamphlets were distributed to spread awareness to the general mass.



Stall of DLSA, Jalpaiguri in Dooars Book Fair, 2018

NORTH 24-PARGANAS

DLSA, North 24 Parganas, organised decorative stalls in different Govt. Fairs of the district with the motto to spread basic legal knowledge and different activities of Legal Services Authorities in a very attractive manner. This initiative became very popular and everyday a very large number of people visited those stalls.



Stalls set up by the DLSA, North 24-Parganas highlighting the NALSA schemes

COOCHBEHAR

The DLSA, Cooch Behar, put up a stall at the **Ras Mela, 2018** which continued for about 15 days. It is the biggest fair of Coochbehar district. Thousands of people visited the said fair and the said stall. DLSA leaflets were distributed to the visitors during the course of Ras Mela, 2018. A street play on dowry prohibition and role of Legal Service Institutes was performed by the PLVs of SDLSC, Tufanganj, in front of the stall. On **05/11/18** a legal awareness programme was conducted from the main dais of the Ras Mela. Thereafter DLSA, Cooch Behar in collaboration with the District Child Protection Unit, Cooch Behar organised a short play on the issue of trafficking with the inmates of the shelter home namely Sahid Bandana Smriti Balika Abash, Cooch Behar.



Secretary, DLSA, Coochbehar with other dignitaries on the main dais of the Ras Mela, 2018

DAKSHIN DINAJPUR



Stall of DLSA, Dakshin Dinajpur at Sabala Mela held from 9th to 15th December, 2018

PURULIA

The DLSA, Purulia had put up a stall in the Sramik Mela which was held in the month of January, 2018 wherein the NALSA (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganised Sector), Scheme 2015 was being sensitized amongst the visitors of the aforesaid fair.



Ld. District Judge, Purulia and Ld. Secretary, DLSA, Purulia.

The DLSA, Purulia had put up a stall at Rash Mela, 2018 from 27.11.2018 and PLVs were deputed to reach the common people who throng the fair



PLVs reaching out to common people at Rash Mela, Purulia



BIRBHUM

The State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal has set up a stall at Pous Mela Prangon, Shantiniketan, Bolpur in the District of Birbhum. The Mela started on 23.12.2018 and continued till 28.12.2018. The Mela is very famous and attracts a large number of visitors.



Inmates from CNCP Home presenting a song during the opening of the Mela

MURSHIDABAD

SABALA MELA 2018 on 08.12.2018.

The fair was held at the premises of the BDO Office at Farakka, Murshidabad. A legal aid stall was put up in the mela by DLSA, Murshidabad.

The local administration felicitated DLSA Murshidabad for good work done in the field of prevention of child marriages.



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PLVs in the stall put up by the DLSA, Murshidabad

Telecasting - Aini Katha

In view of the guidelines of the National Legal Services Authority, the State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal has roped in Doordarshan Kendra, Kolkata for telecasting a live programme namely “Aini Katha” for creating effective legal awareness programme amongst the masses fortnightly on 2nd and 4th Mondays from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Ms. Durga Khaitan, the Member Secretary, SLSA, Shri Arindam Datta, Deputy Secretary, SLSA and Secretaries of the DLSAs of the State participated in the programme. Generally a retired District Judge is selected as the co-speaker in the programme. Phone calls from general public are invited and the programme has been very effective in spreading awareness to the remotest area of the State. The programme is anchored by Shri Jayanta Narayan Chatterjee, Panel Advocate of SLSA who has been selected as the best panel lawyer of the Eastern Region by the NALSA.

Doordarshan



Statistical Information in Respect of Legal Services Beneficiaries in West Bengal

Year	Scheduled Caste	Scheduled Tribe	Women	Children	In-custody	Persons with disability	Industrial Workmen	Transgender	Victims of Trafficking in	Victims of Mass Disaster, Violence, Flood	General Persons whose annual income does not exceed Rs. 10,000/-	Others	Total
January-December, 2018	3555	1868	8172	471	5057	132	113	2	17	0	13993	1415	34795

Statistical Information in Respect of Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Camps / Programmes

Period		School/College/University	Village/Community Centre	Jail/Other custodial home	Slum and labour colonies	Melas/Exhibitions	Radio	Community Radio	TV	Others	Total
January-December, 2018	Legal Literacy Programme Persons benefited.	499	1699	169	46	106	39	-	23	930	3511
		45384	85216	31349	2554	39001	-	-	-	49474	252978

Cases disposed of through LokAdalat (u/s. 19 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987)

period	Benches	Pre-litigation matter disposed of	Post-litigation cases disposed of	Total	
				Disposed of	Settlement Amount
January - December, 2018	1828	511367	35255	546622	90,97,15,178/-

Cases disposed of through National LokAdalat

Period	Benches	Pre-litigation matter disposed of	Post-litigation cases disposed of	Total	
				Disposed of	Settlement Amount
January-December, 2018	992	23626	46897	70523	1,46,57,51,429/-

Cases disposed of through Mediation

Period	Cases referred	Cases settled	Cases not settled
January-December, 2018	11685	4796	5569

Awarded Compensation amount disbursed to the victim / dependent(s) of the victim

year		Acid attack	POCSO	Deceased victim	Trafficked Victim	Rape victim	Total
2018	Victim	51	76	3	2	5	137
	Awarded compensation amount disbursed	1,87,00,000/-	1,77,85,000/-	11,49,806/-	4,00,000/-	15,70,000/-	3,96,04,806/-



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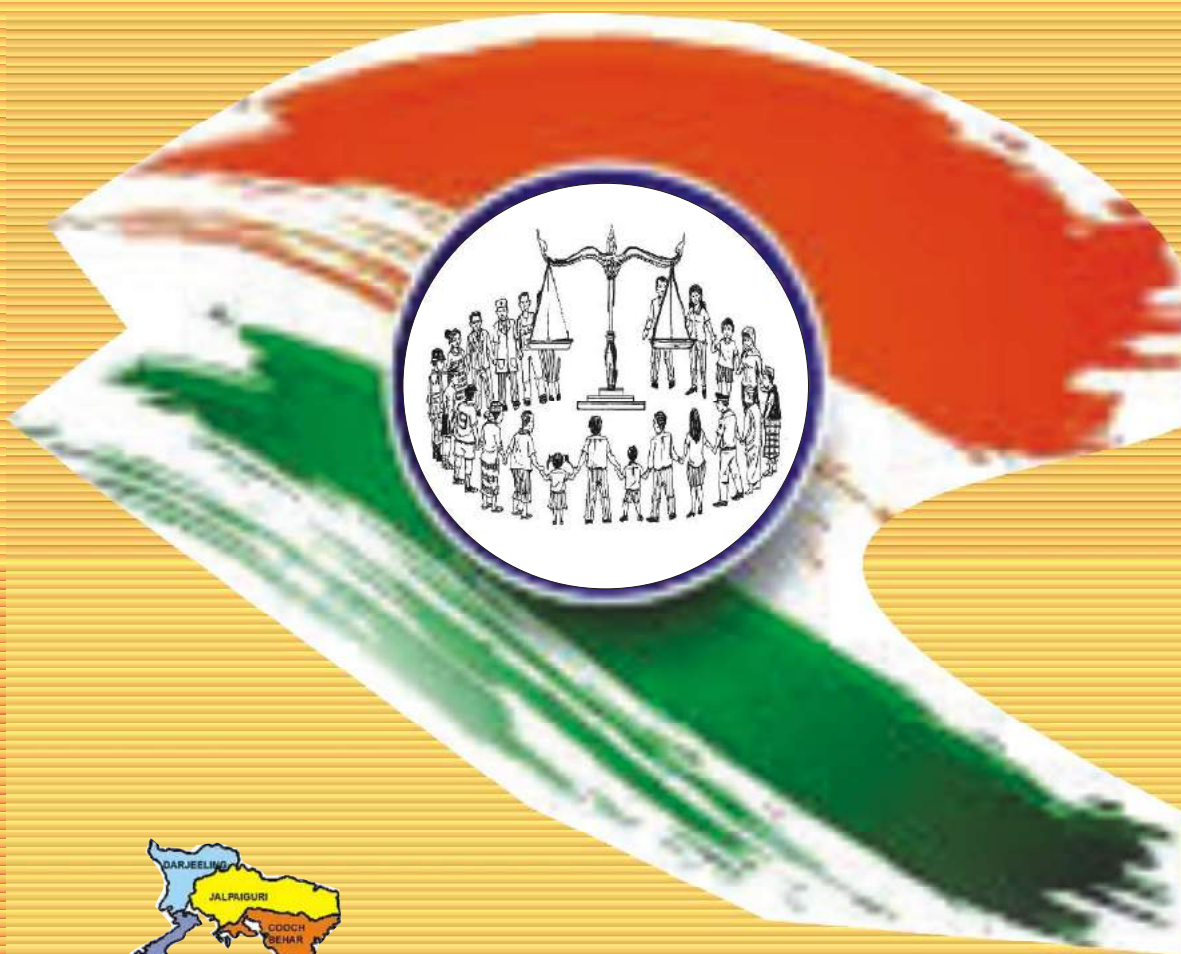
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**Free Legal Aid & Psychological Counselling for women & child
victims of crime and senior citizens**

One Stop Support Centre to facilitate access to justice in West Bengal

In furtherance of the commitment to promote **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)** mechanism and improve access to justice in West Bengal, the West Bengal State Legal Services Authority (WBSLSA) aims to launch 'Bhorsha', which will be first of its kind one-stop support centre for providing free legal services, psychological counselling, rehabilitation related advice and to facilitate pre-litigation conciliation and mediation under one roof in West Bengal.

'**Bhorsha**', intends to cater to the victims of physical abuse, sexual abuse and domestic violence, at the earliest stage when they arrive at the law enforcement agencies like police station to report the crime and are at their most traumatized and vulnerable state of mind. At this stage they need support of trained psychologists, Panel Advocates and Para legal Volunteers to provide them psychological and legal support. Bhorsha aspires to provide support also to the senior citizens and other victims. Bhorsha empathetically stand by them holding their hands, providing legal, psychological and other support as they walk through this difficult road to recovery and justice.



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