

**NORTH-EAST DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY****Karkardooma Court, Delhi.****State Plan of Action for the month of MAY 2020**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Legal Aid Wing</b>	
1.	Weekly Visits by Secretaries/Panel Lawyers to jails to ascertain Legal aid needs of jail inmates and identification of probable Juveniles besides monitoring of the work of the Jail Visiting Advocates. On visit to Jail ensure functioning of e-kiosk. Meeting with Jail Superintendents and other officials to improve legal aid services in jails.	This Authority is co-ordinating with Superintendents Central Jail No. 11 and 12, Mandoli, on regular basis, however due to lockdown the visits are limited to the designated LACs only.
2.	Coordinate with Jail Superintendents for receipt of prescribed lists of jail inmates and thereafter, update the details of Legal Aid Counsels assigned to the inmates or assign Legal Aid Counsels, if not earlier provided.	This Authority is co-ordinating with Superintendents Central Jail No. 11 and 12, Mandoli. They have been asked to prepare and send a list of identified inmates to this Authority quarterly.
3.	It should be ensured that the data of UTRCs is regularly received from the jails and the meetings of the UTRCs are conducted as per the directions given by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.	This Authority is co-ordinating with Superintendents Central Jail No. 11 and 12, Mandoli. They have been asked to prepare and send a list of identified inmates to this Authority quarterly.
4.	In all District Court Complexes Legal Service Clinic is working. In order to make it effective regular visits be made to the Legal Services Clinics to ensure that the facilities are being utilized. Co-ordinate with In-charge of lock-ups to ensure smooth functioning of the said clinics, make it mandatory for the Legal services Lawyers to use these Legal Services Clinics to interact with clients who are in custody.	The Legal Services Clinic in the Lock-up is being on suspension due to lockdown.
5.	Make efforts for optimum use of video - conferencing facility, particularly for an interaction between jail inmate and Legal Aid Counsel assigned to him.	It is clarified that all the panel advocates particularly on the criminal panel have been repeatedly informed about the facility of video conferencing at the office of DLSA. However, no request was received this Month. Due to lockdown the video conference facility is being regularly used in the office.
6.	Legal Services Clinics have been set up in Maintenance Tribunals/Appellate Tribunals constituted under Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 in most of the Districts, however, where they	Clinic already set up in October, 2017 and working satisfactorily. It is clarified that the said clinic is catering to the needs of litigants visiting the Senior Citizens Tribunal as well as District Consumer Forum, which are situated within the same premises.

	have not been set up, the same will be set up by the end of October, 2019. Legal Services Clinics wherever not set up be set up in the Consumer Forum as well as in the District Labour Offices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal services clinic has also been set up in District Labour Office.</li> <li>• Similarly, legal aid clinic is also working at Sakhi Centre, Jag Parvesh Chandra Hospital.</li> </ul>
7.	Regular Meeting with Jail Visiting Advocates, Civil Side Advocates, Criminal Side Advocates, Sessions Advocates, Remand Advocates to take their feedback, proper monitoring of work being done, orientation, motivation and sensitization.	<p>Meetings are regularly held with the various Panel Advocates in small groups or even individually (through video conferencing) to take their feedback and monitor the work being done by them.</p> <p>They are kept informed about various directions / instructions of this Authority through regular e-mails, SMS etc.</p>
8.	Visits by Secretaries/ Panel Lawyers to Aganwadi to ascertain Legal aid needs of women regular visits shall be made to Aganwadi.	NIL
9.	Visits by Secretaries/ Panel Lawyers to Children and Observation Homes to ascertain Legal aid needs CCL (Children in conflict with Law) and identification of their problems besides monitoring of the work of the visiting Advocates regular visits shall be made to Children and Observation Homes.	No Observation Home has been assigned to this District.
10.	Monthly Orientation and Training programe for empaneled advocates of various panels shall be undertaken. Ld. Secretary shall identify topics on which specialized training for lawyers may be conducted.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>An Online Capacity Building Programme (Webinar)</b> organised by DLSA North East jointly with DLSA East and Shahdara for <u>Legal Aid Counsels of Civil and ADJ Panel of North East, East and Shahdara District on 08.05.2020 at 11:30 AM</u> on the topic <b><u>“Execution of Civil Decrees”</u></b>. The programme was conducted by means of Video-conferencing through <b><u>“CISCO WEBEX”</u></b> Application. <b>Sh. Ashish Gupta, Ld. MM posted at Saket Courts Complex</b> was the keynote speaker of the said programme.</li> <li>2. DLSA East along with DLSA Shahdra and North East conducted <b>online Capacity Building Session For The Panel Advocates On The Civil Side (Both Civil And ADJ Panel)</b>. It was agreed that the session on topic <b>'LITIGATION REGARDING SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE OF CONTRACT'</b> be conducted on 14.05.2020. <b>Sh. Amitabh Rawat, Ld.</b></li> </ol>

**ADJ South East, Saket Courts** was kindly consented to be the resource person.

3. **An Online Capacity Building Programme (Webinar)** organised by DLSA North East jointly with DLSA East and Shahdara for Legal Aid Counsels of MM and Session Panel of North East, East and Shahdara District on 16.05.2020 on the topic **“Mediation in Criminal Matters”**. The programme was conducted by means of Video-conferencing through **“CISCO WEBEX”** Application. **Sh. Sudhir Kumar Jain, Ld. District and Sessions Judge, North East District, Karkardooma Courts** was the keynote speaker and **Ms. Gauri Bedi, Advocate** was the **Resource Person** of the said Programme/Webinar.
4. New Delhi DLSA, East DLSA jointly with North- East DLSA organised a capacity building programs for LACs empaneled with DLSA on the topic **“Electronic Evidence- Law & Practice” on 20.05.2020**. Speaker for the session was **Sh. Bharat Prashar, Learned Special Judge (PC ACT/CBI) Rouse Avenue Courts**. The session was very enriching. LACs grabbed this opportunity and so many queries were put that session went for more much longer than the scheduled time.
5. With aim of learning and Capacity Building, the three DLSAs New Delhi, East and North East organized a lecture on 22.05.2020 by **Ld. Sh. AK KUHAR, ASJ / SPECIAL JUDGE CBI.\*** It is commonly known that practitioners including our LACs often face confusion on the questions of Appeals and Revisions. To cater to this concern the topic of the Webinar/ lecture was **Appeal and Revision in Criminal Law: Jurisprudence and Application**.
6. An **“Online Capacity Building Programme (Webinar)”** organised by DLSA North East jointly with DLSA East and New Delhi for Legal Aid Counsels of North East, East and New Delhi District on 25.05.2020 on the topic **“Understanding Impact and Relevance of Pleadings in a Suit”**. The programme was conducted by means of Video-

		<p>conferencing through <b><u>CISCO WEBEX</u></b> Application. <b>Sh. Anubhav Jain, Ld. MM posted at Karkardooma Courts Complex</b> was the keynote speaker of the said programme.</p> <p>7. An <b>“Online Capacity Building Programme (Webinar)”</b> organised by DLSA North East jointly with DLSA East and DLSA North West for <u>Legal Aid Counsels of North East, East and North West District on 27.05.2020</u> on the topic <b><u>“Conducting Effective Defence in a POCSO Trial”</u></b>. The programme was conducted by means of Video-conferencing through <b><u>CISCO WEBEX</u></b> Application. <b>Sh. Praveen Singh, Delhi Higher Judicial Services (DHJS)</b>, was the keynote speaker of the said programme.</p>
11.	Implement various judicial directions of the Hon’ble Higher Courts relating missing children, victim compensation, victims of sexual offences etc. Monitor working of PLVs to be appointed at Police Stations.	All the judicial directions related to missing children, victim compensation, victims of sexual offences etc., are being followed meticulously.
12.	Regular Meetings of Monitoring Committee as per SOP and submission of report to their Chairman.	NIL
13.	Regular Meetings of Ombudsman with the Legal Services Advocates and litigants wherever necessary.	Not Applicable (No Ombudsman)
14.	Legal Services Clinics be setup at major Railway Stations and Bus Terminals	There is no major Railway Station or Bus Terminal within the jurisdiction of this Authority.
15.	Monitor the use of NALSA portal and public grievances should be addressed at the earliest. Monitoring the number of Legal Services cases received every month and to identify bottlenecks in effective legal services to the litigants or identify obstacles in people approaching DLSAs for legal services. Impact assessment of the work of legal services lawyers be got done.	NALSA Portal is being used effectively. No public grievance in respect of this Authority is pending on the portal. Such grievances are addressed immediately by issuing notices and hearing the applicants personally.
16.	Identify areas in Communities areas would be indentified where there is need for establishment of Legal Services Clinics or sending lawyers once a week or twice a week and doing	With the help of an NGO working in North East district, two places have been identified to set up Legal Services Clinic. Information in this regard was also sent to Central Office, Delhi State Legal Services Authority, however, direction has been

	the needful. Monitor the working of existing legal services clinics and conduct programs to increase the reach of the clinics.	received from Central Office not to go ahead with establishing such clinics at present. Accordingly, the process has been put on hold.
17.	Regular meetings with PLVs appointed in Jails and take up regular count of new inmates on monthly basis. Assess the requirement of PLVs in the Jails and inform Central Office.	No PLVs are deputed in Jails for legal aid work. However, custody-PLVs (inmates), if any, working in Jail shall be contacted and requirements, if any, shall be informed.
18.	Meeting of LSAs appointed in Tribunals on quarterly basis with Special Secretary to improve the quality of Legal Services.	Not Applicable
19.	Assessing the work of different help desks setup in court complexes and ensuring wide publicity for them especially ensuring maximum utilization of help desks setup in judicial Lock-ups. Make regular visits to courts of SEM to monitor and assess the work of remand advocates appointed there. Ensuring that the cases of Victim Compensation are not unnecessarily delayed.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Help Desks are being regularly monitored for optimum utilization.</li> <li>2. ACP/SEM is regularly contacted for assessing the work of Legal Services Advocates in said court.</li> <li>3. All compensation cases are taken up on priority basis.</li> </ol>
<b>Legal Literacy Wing</b>		
20.	Effectively utilize interns in the activities of the DSLSA and ensure that they get an orientation on the work of Legal Services Authorities.	<p>All the interns who are deputed with DLSA North-East are involved in the work of legal aid and awareness so as to make them understand the nature of work of the Authority.</p> <p>However, no intern visited this Authority in the month of May.</p>
<b>Awareness Programmes in Communities on the topics:-</b>		
21.	Awareness Camps on Protection of Women from <b>Domestic Violence Act, 2005</b> .	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 1<sup>st</sup> May is widely celebrated as the Labour Day. DLSA NORTH EAST, used this opportunity to interact with few female workers from the community. On 01.05.2020, they were addressed by PLV, who talked about <u>Domestic violence and various beneficials schemes for labourers and other skilled and unskilled workers.</u></li> <li>2. DLSA North East set up a <b>Help Desk at</b></li> </ol>

		<p><b>EDMC School, B-Block, Shri Ram Colony, Khajuri Khas</b> (where Govt. is already running a food distribution camp) from 29.04.2020 to 03.05.2020, 04.05.2020 to 17.05.2020 and 18.05.2020 to 23.05.2020 for help the people suffered from socio-legal disputes including Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, Labour problems, Rights of Senior Citizens etc.</p> <p>3. DLSA North East set up a <b>Help Desk at Govt. Boys Sr. Sec. School, C-Block, New Seemapuri, (Govt. is already running a food distribution camp)</b> from 30.04.2020 to 03.05.2020, 04.05.2020 to 17.05.2020 and 18.05.2020 to 23.05.2020 for help the people suffered from socio-legal disputes including Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, Labour problems, Rights of Senior Citizens etc.</p> <p>4. On 11.05.2020, Under the guidance of the DLSA &amp; pursuant to the state authorities mission of helping the victims of domestic violence, <u>DLSA NORTH EAST widely publicized the issue of domestic violence and the state helpline number 1516.</u> To reach out to the maximum people in the area posters were put in the slums, irregular colonies amongst other places.</p>
22.	Awareness Programmes on Benefits to Senior Citizens regarding various schemes for example Pension Scheme and under <b>Senior Citizen Act, 2007.</b>	DLSA North East set up two <b>Help Desk one at Govt. Boys Sr. Sec. School, C-Block, New Seemapuri and another one at EDMC School, B-Block, Shri Ram Colony, Khajuri Khas (Govt. is already running a food distribution camp)</b> from 30.04.2020 to 03.05.2020, 04.05.2020 to 17.05.2020 and 18.05.2020 to 23.05.2020 for help the people suffered from socio-legal disputes including Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, Labour problems, Rights of Senior Citizens etc.
<b>Other Awareness Programmes on the topics:-</b>		
23.	Legal Literacy Classes for various stakeholders such as Police Officers, Teachers, Students, supporting staffs and even cab operating companies etc., on POCSO Act etc.	An “ <b>Online Capacity Building Programme (Webinar)</b> ” organised by DLSA North East jointly with DLSA East and DLSA North West for <u>Legal Aid Counsels of North East, East and North West District on 27.05.2020</u> on the topic “ <b>Conducting Effective Defence in a POCSO Trial</b> ”. The programme was conducted by means of Video-conferencing through “ <b>CISCO WEBEX</b> ” Application. <b>Sh. Praveen Singh, Delhi Higher Judicial Services (DHJS)</b> , was the keynote speaker of

		the said programme.
24.	Plantation programmes as a part of the campaign "Clean Earth- Green Earth" initiated by Central Office DSLSA.	NIL
<b>ADR Wing</b>		
25.	National Lok Adalat is likely to be held in the month of May for all Matters.	None Lok Adalat has held in the month of May, 2020.
<b>Establishment Wing</b>		
26.	Convene meeting of District Committee with all the Judges of concerned District inviting suggestion and overall working of the legal services being rendered.	All offices of the district are in continuous interaction and suggestions are regularly invited for overall working of legal services.
27.	Uploading of data in the website.	Updated till date.
28.	Prompt clearance of the bills of the Legal Service Advocates.	All the bills of panel advocates received till 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 2020 have been cleared (Approx. 11 lacs Rs.). Work on bills received in May, 2020 is in progress.
29.	Completion of digitization and bookmarking of records and scanning of files with new anti-virus supplied.	Work in progress.
30.	Uploading of Files on D-Space Server upon establishment of leased line connection.	The work of uploading of files on D-Space Server is complete.
31.	Secretaries shall also take measures to streamline the administration in their office on discipline, attendance by staff, uploading of data, and sensitize their staff in their interaction with the litigants.	Staff is regularly sensitized and various measures have been taken to streamline the administration in the office regarding discipline, attendance and uploading of data.
32.	Meeting of Secretaries DLSAs with the concerned CMM, ACMM and MMs of the entire District for any trouble shooting/queries regarding legal services being rendered.	All offices of the district are in continuous interaction and suggestions are regularly invited for overall working of legal services.

**Others**

<p><b>33.</b> Any other Programme that Secretary desires to hold and/or held keeping in view the specific needs of that District with prior information to the Central Office.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. DLSA North East developed a VIDEO for students of classes 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, on the topic “<b>Child Sexual Abuse and POCSO Act</b>”. The same was shared to the students of <b>DAV Public School, Pocket C, LIG Flats, East of Loni Road, Delhi-93</b> on <b>01.05.2020</b>. Further, this Authority was tagged on the Facebook page of the school.</li><li>2. On 1 may 2020, on occasion of Labour Day, DLSA NORTH EAST, under the aegis and guidance of the DSLSA, started <b>one week long awareness and assistance drive</b> for aid, awareness and sensitization of the skilled and unskilled labourers and migrant labourers in the area, under the campaign called <b>SHRAM BANDHU</b>. Under this week long program, set up various help desks in different parts of north east Delhi to achieve the purpose aforementioned.</li><li>3. In compliance of directions received from Delhi State Legal Services Authority and on the occasion of the Labour Day, such PLVs were deputed by this Authority to deliver pamphlets in whole North East district from 01.05.2020 - 02.05.2020 and 08.05.2020.</li><li>4. DLSA North East was <b>set up two Help Desks</b> for providing necessary assistance &amp; aid to the ‘<b>construction labour</b>’ for getting them issued a ‘Labour Card’ from 27.05.2020 to 31.05.2020 in the areas of North-East District, Delhi. NGO, Yuva Manthan was the co-ordinator of the said help desk. 04 PLVs were deputed for the said purpose (02 PLVs on each help desk).</li><li>5. On 2nd May 2020, DLSA NORTH EAST, through Ld. Secretary, convened the <b>6TH WEEKLY MEETING OF UNDER TRIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE</b>, under the chairmanship of the Ld. District and Sessions Judge, Sh. Sudhir Kumar Jain, as per the directions of the Supreme Court. The meeting was Conducted through a dedicated Whatsapp group, through which prior meetings have also been conducted.</li><li>6. On 02<sup>nd</sup> May, 2020, DSLSA organized a <b>National E-Seminar on, ‘EMERGING DIMENSIONS &amp; CHALLENGES IN</b></li></ol>
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**LEGAL AID-DURING LOCKDOWN & BEYOND'**. The seminar was hosted through video conferencing with the introductory address from Ld. Member Secretary, DSLSA who highlighted the need and importance of organizing such webinars during the time of pandemic to spread awareness amongst the people of the key issues of domestic violence, child abuse and social injustice. He also pointed out the inequal distribution of pain and needs during the lockdown period. **The webinar was hosted and moderated by Sh. Chander Jit Singh, Secretary, New Delhi DLSA and Sh. Harjeet Singh Jaspal, Secretary, North East DLSA.**

7. On 9th May 2020, DLSA NORTH EAST, through Ld. Secretary, convened the **7<sup>th</sup> WEEKLY MEETING OF UNDER TRIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**, under the chairmanship of the Ld. District and Sessions Judge, Sh. Sudhir Kumar Jain, as per the directions of the Supreme Court. The meeting was Conducted through a dedicated WhatsApp group, through which prior meetings have also been conducted.
8. **VIDEO CONFERENCE** facility from 01.05.2020 to 14.05.2020 to the victims of **Domestic Violence and Sexual Harassment** at Sakhi Centre, Jag Pravesh Chandra Hospital.
9. DLSA NORTH EAST, through Ld Secretary, convened the **8TH WEEKLY MEETING OF UNDER TRIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE on 18.05.2020**, under the chairmanship of the Ld District and Sessions Judge Sh Sudhir Kumar Jain, as per the directions of the Supreme Court. The meeting was Conducted through CISCO WEBEX.
10. On 18th May 2020, DSLSA organised a lecture cum sensitisation program for all the staff members of all DLSAs and central office and for all LACs of 11 districts. **Padamshree DR. KK AGARWAL MBBS MD & DR PRASHANT NAG MBBS MD**, were the resource persons of the said session. Sh Kanwal Jeet Arora, MS DSLSA was the key note speaker. It was conducted live on you tube and was attended by

more than 600 persons. The **session was hosted and moderated by Secretary DLSA NORTH EAST Sh Harjeet Singh Jaspal**. The said video has been viewed more than 1500 times so far on you tube. **The said session was widely covered by print media which covered issues and challenges** discussed by the speakers who expressed concerns over the alarming rate at which the pandemic has spread.

11. **Secretary, DLSA NORTH EAST** was invited on 20.05.2020 as a panel list on **RAJYA SABHA TV** to address the audience on the **WORKING AND ADVANTAGES OF E-COURTS** in Delhi.
12. On 23.05.2020, A group of migrant labourers found itself in the middle of nowhere, they were not allowed to walk into UP and had nowhere else to go. The prospect of spending the night on the streets looked utmost certain. Upon being informed, PLVs of DLSA, North East came to the rescue of these workers and arranged food for this group of about 60 and with the aid of local police and the SDM they were lodged in a government school.
13. DLSA NORTH EAST, through Ld Secretary, convened the **9TH WEEKLY MEETING OF UNDER TRIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE on 26.05.2020**, under the chairmanship of the Ld District and Sessions Judge Sh Sudhir Kumar Jain, as per the directions of the Supreme Court. The meeting was Conducted through CISCO WEBEX.
14. With the aim of sensitising young children about the hazards of internet and unsupervised usage, the GD GOENKA SCHOOL organised a lecture on the topic **‘KEEPING ME SAFE ON AND OFF THE INTERNET’ on 27.05.2020**. **Secretary, DLSA Nort East was invited as a resource person**. Apart from the teachers and the school principal more than 100 families, (parents and children were to watch together) attended the said lecture.

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