

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

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Legal Aid Wing</b>	
<b>1.</b>	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.
<b>2.</b>	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.
<b>3.</b>	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.
<b>4.</b>	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. However, our LACs are visiting the jail each day to ensure adequate representation to all inmates.
<b>5.</b>	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.
<b>6.</b>	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.	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. They are kept informed about various directions / instructions of this Authority through regular e-mails, SMS etc.
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 programme for empaneled advocates of various panels shall be undertaken. Ld. Secretary shall identify topics on which specialized training for lawyers may be conducted.	<p>1. <b>On 18.08.2020, The Transfer of property act has always been a complicated subject, for even the best of jurists find it difficult to fully understand the intricacies and nuances of it. To uncomplicate the law on the subject and to aid our LACs, DLSA NE, EAST, NEW DELHI , SOUTH WEST and SOUTH EAST jointly organised a lecture</b> by Sh Prashant Sharma, Ld DHJS. Ld Resource person explained the subject in most lucid terms and literally uncomplicated a lot of concepts. The session received a thunderous response and was widely appreciated.</p> <p>2. Mental Health is a major concern worldwide, it has assumed special relevance in the post COVID era. The Mental Healthcare Act and its understanding is of critical importance to the police personnel, for, more often than not, they are the first contact with any patient of mental</p>

		illness, who is found without kith and Kin. <b>On 29.08.2020, In order to raise awareness on this subject and to sensitize the Police Forces and the Legal Aid Counsels (LACs) of District North East and East, DLSA NE and East Jointly organised a Lecture/ Training Session on the said subject.</b> It was attended by more than 60 police officers and LACs of the district.
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 the needful. Monitor the working of existing legal services clinics and conduct programs to increase the reach of the clinics.	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 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>

#### Legal Literacy Wing

20.	Effectively utilize interns in the activities of the DSLSA and ensure that they get an orientation on the work of Legal Services Authorities.	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.
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#### Awareness Programmes in Communities on the topics:-

21.	Awareness Camps on Protection of Women from <b>Domestic Violence Act, 2005</b> .	DLSA NORTH EAST in association with SPECIAL POLICE UNIT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN, conducted an interactive webinar for the Volunteers, Trainers and Experts of SPUWAC, on 22nd August 2020 on the topic “ <b>Protection of Women against Domestic Violence Act, 2005</b> ” and “ <b>125 CrPC, Divorce Laws, Maintenance &amp; Welfare of Parents &amp; Senior Citizens Act, 2007</b> ”. Ms Sonam Gupta Ld MM, Tis Hazari and the Undersigned were the speakers. The session was well received and were attended by more than 50 the Volunteers, Trainers and Experts of SPUWAC.
22.	Awareness Programmes on Benefits to Senior Citizens regarding various schemes for example Pension Scheme and under <b>Senior Citizen Act, 2007</b> .	<b>1. On 21.08.2020, DLSA NE organised an interactive session with senior citizens of the area, at PS GOKULPURI. A lecture, on the topic Rights of the Senior Citizens and</b>

		<p><b>Elderly Abuse, was delivered by LAC Sh KN SHARMA.</b> Apart from senior citizens, Police Personnel from the PS also attended the session. All precautions were taken as to Social Distancing and general Public Hygiene.</p> <p>2. DLSA NORTH EAST in association with SPECIAL POLICE UNIT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN, conducted an interactive webinar for the Volunteers, Trainers and Experts of SPUWAC, on 22nd August 2020 on the topic <b>“Protection of Women against Domestic Violence Act, 2005”</b> and <b>“125 CrPC, Divorce Laws, Maintenance &amp; Welfare of Parents &amp; Senior Citizens Act, 2007”</b>. Ms Sonam Gupta Ld MM, Tis Hazari and the Undersigned were the speakers. The session was well received and were attended by more than 50 the Volunteers, Trainers and Experts of SPUWAC.</p>
<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.	On 12.08.2020, In order to raise an awareness in the society and to train and sensitise the Para Legal Volunteers of Delhi, DSLSA organised an interactive lecture through YouTube on the topic <b>“RAISING THEM WELL AND KEEPING THEM SAFE: An awareness session on Laws to Combat Child Sexual Abuse (POCSO)”</b> , under the E-KNOWLEDGE WEEKLY SERIES. Sh Gautam Manan, Special Secretary DSLSA and Ms Namrita Agarwal Additional Secretary DSLSA were the resource persons in the said session and it was moderated by the Undersigned. The session received thunderous response and more than 500 PLVs joined us live on YouTube.
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 August, 2020 for all Matters.	On 08.08.2020, E-Lok Adalat was conducted under the direction of guidance of Hon’ble Delhi High Court and Delhi State Legal Services Authority for MACT, Money Recovery, U/s 138 NI Act and other matters.

<b>Establishment Wing</b>		
<b>26.</b>	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.
<b>27.</b>	Uploading of data in the website.	Updated till date.
<b>28.</b>	Prompt clearance of the bills of the Legal Service Advocates.	All the bills of panel advocates received till 31 <sup>st</sup> July, 2020 have been cleared. Work on bills received in August, 2020 is in progress.
<b>29.</b>	Completion of digitization and bookmarking of records and scanning of files with new anti-virus supplied.	Work in progress.
<b>30.</b>	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.
<b>31.</b>	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.
<b>32.</b>	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.
<b>Others</b>		
<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.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. On 06.08.2020, Ld. Secretary, DLSA North East convened a meeting with Ld. District &amp; Session Judge and other Judges on a coming Lok Adalat.</b></li> <li><b>2. DLSA NORTH EAST convened the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> &amp; 21<sup>st</sup> weekly meetings of Under Trial Review Committee (UTRC) on 10.08.2020, 17.08.2020 &amp; 24.08.2020 (respectively) 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. The Ld District and Sessions Judge examined the current situation</b></li> </ol>

		<p>in Jail number 11 and 12.</p> <p><b>3. On 20.08.2020, Ld. Secretary, DLSA North East posted/ moderated a session on Cyber Laws,</b> as a part of add-on Course of Delhi State Legal Services Authority for the students of Lady Harding Medical College.</p> <p><b>4. On 27.08.2020, Ld. Secretary, DLSA North East attended a meeting</b> with Ld. Member Secretary, DSLSA, Sh. V.K. Bansal, Director, Delhi Judicial Academy and Member of Centralized Computer Committee, Sh. Gautam Manan, Special Secretary, DSLSA, Ms. Namrita Aggarwal, Additional Secretary, DSLSA and DCP Traffic etc. on upcoming Lok Adalat.</p> <p><b>5. On 31st August 2020, Delhi Victim Compensation Committee, NE District, met on an online platform of Cisco Webex</b> in the Chairmanship of Ld. ASJ/NE. The committee had twelve matters before it, all were disposed with concurrence of the members.</p> <p><b>6. On the intervening night of 31<sup>st</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2020, Ld. Secretary, DLSA North East visited two Night Shelters</b> in the area of PS Shastri Park &amp; PS Gokalpuri at about midnight.</p>
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