

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

| S. No. | Legal Aid Wing | |
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| 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 the pandemic 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 the pandemic. However, our LACs are visiting the jail each day to ensure adequate representation to all inmates. |
| 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 suspended functioning of court 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 | 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 |

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| | most of the Districts, however, where they 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. | <p>Forum, which are situated within the same premises.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal services clinic has also been set up in District Labour Office. • Similarly, legal aid clinic is also working at Sakhi Centre, Jag Parvesh Chandra Hospital. |
| 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. | <p>1. On 04.09.2020 & 05.09.2020, Delhi State Legal Services Authority and DLSA NORTH EAST jointly organised a two days training session for nominated LACs of all the districts of Delhi. More often than not parties/ litigants listen to their counsels more than anyone else and once again it is the counsels who have the first opportunity to mediate/negotiate the matters. Keeping the same in mind and with the objective of promoting mediation and settlements and to prevent long litigations, the 4 sessions, of one hour fifteen minute each, endeavored to inculcate techniques of mediation and the tricks of undoing an impasse.</p> <p>The training program was inaugurated by Ld. Member Secretary Sh Kanwal Jeet Arora. Sh Sudhir Kumar Jain,</p> |

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| | | <p>Ld D & S Judge, NE District, Ms Shalinder Kaur, Ld Principal Judge Family Court, Advocate Ms Neena Khare (Mediator on the Panel of SC) and Advocate Ms Jaya Goyal (Mediation trainer). The program was Moderated by Ld Secretary DLSA NE Harjeet Singh Jaspal.</p> <p>2. Protecting the interest of the victims of Domestic Violence is amongst the prime responsibilities of the DLSAs. Our duties are not just restricted to providing legal aid, creating awareness and sensitisation on the subject is of prime importance as well. Furthermore a major issue which is often faced in Mahila Courts is Execution, more often than not, an applicant faces troubles in fully realising the fruits of the maintenance/ Court orders due to complexities of Execution proceedings.</p> <p>On 15.09.2020, Keeping the said objective in mind DLSA NORTH EAST, EAST & SHAHDARA together organised an interactive lecture on EXECUTION IN MAHILA COURTS. The Resource person for the session was Ms Susheel Bala Dagar, DJS.</p> <p>3. DLSA North East in association with DLSA East, Shahdara, New Delhi and North West organised an Online Sensitization Training Programme through CISCO WebEx for all the LACs of DLSA North East, East, Shahdara, New Delhi and North West on 28.09.2020 at 04 PM on the topic “Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 & Rules and Regulations made thereunder”. Sh. Chander Jit Singh, Ld. Secretary, DLSA New Delhi was the resource person for the said programme.</p> <p>4. In order to facilitate learning, clear doubts of the IOs, raise awareness and to ensure that cases are not filed without requisite sanctions, wherever mandated law, DLSA North-East in association with DLSA East and Shahdara, organised a sensitization programme for Police Officials and Ld. APPs of East, North East and Shahdara District on 23.09.2020 on the topic</p> |
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| | | <p>“Understating of Complexities of Sanction”. Sh. Abhitesh Kumar, DJS and Ex. Prosecutor for CBI was the resource person for the said programme.</p> <p>5. On 29.09.2020, To mark the occasion of WORLD HEART DAY, DLSA East, North East, Shahdara , North and North West, jointly organised a lecture on HEART CARE AND LAW ON ORGAN DONATION.</p> <p>World Famous Cardiologist Dr KK AGARWAL and Advocate IRA GUPTA were the resource persons for the session.</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 the needful. Monitor the | 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 |

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| | 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"> 1. Help Desks are being regularly monitored for optimum utilization. 2. ACP/SEM is regularly contacted for assessing the work of Legal Services Advocates in said court. 3. All compensation cases are taken up on priority basis. |

Legal Literacy Wing

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| 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:-

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| 21. | Awareness Camps on Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 . | <p>Protecting the interest of the victims of DOMESTIC VIOLENCE is amongst the prime responsibilities of the DLSAs. Our duties are not just restricted to providing legal aid, creating awareness and sensitisation on the subject is of prime importance as well. Furthermore a major issue which is often faced in Mahila Courts is Execution, more often than not, an applicant faces troubles in fully realising the fruits of the maintenance/ Court orders due to complexities of Execution proceedings.</p> <p>On 15.09.2020, Keeping the said objective in mind DLSA NORTH EAST, EAST & SHAHDARA</p> |
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| 22. | Awareness Programmes on Benefits to Senior Citizens regarding various schemes for example Pension Scheme and under Senior Citizen Act, 2007 . | On 23.09.2020 , Ld. Secretary delivered 2 hours lecture to newly inducted PLVs as a part of Induction Training organized by DSLSA on the topic “ Law Related to Senior Citizens and Transgenders”. |
| Other Awareness Programmes on the topics:- | | |
| 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. | <p>The law on prevention of sexual harassment at work place came into force from 9 December 2013. It is called Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.</p> <p>It was reported by the International Labour Organization that very few Indian employers were compliant to this statute. Most Indian employers have not implemented the law despite the legal requirement that any workplace with more than 10 employees need to implement it. According to a FICCI-EY November 2015 report, 36% of Indian companies and 25% among MNCs are not compliant with the Sexual Harassment Act, 2013. The government has time and again threatened to take stern action against employers who fail to comply with this law.</p> <p>In order to raise awareness on this subject and to sensitise schools and the staff about the working and modalities of INTERNAL COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE, DLSA NEW DELHI, EAST AND NORTH EAST has Started a three session talk series on 26.09.2020.</p> <p>This series aims to put to the public knowledge the requirements of law and the nuances of the ICC. First session in this series was held on Saturday 26th September.</p> <p>The following were the panelists in the first session:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sh Chanderjit Singh , DLSA SECRETARY 2. Ms. Sunita Gupta , Principal Bal Bharti Public School 3. Ms Divya Patpatia , Ex Asst Dean , Students Affairs, Jindal Global Law School 4. Ms Shrijani Dutta, Student Activist |

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| | | The session was widely appreciated and the video of it has been watched in multiple of thousands already. |
| 24. | Plantation programmes as a part of the campaign “Clean Earth- Green Earth” initiated by Central Office DSLSA. | NIL |
| ADR Wing | | |
| 25. | National Lok Adalat is likely to be held in the month of August, 2020 for all Matters. | On 20.09.2020, 2 ND E-Lok Adalat was conducted under the direction of guidance of Hon’ble Delhi High Court and Delhi State Legal Services Authority for Plea Bargaining/Criminal Compoundable, U/s 188 IPC, U/s 138 NI Act and other matters. More than 856 cases were referred and out of the said number 807 cases were disposed off. |
| Establishment Wing | | |
| 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 31 st August, 2020 have been cleared. Work on bills received in September, 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. |

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| 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 | | |
| 33. | 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"> 1. In compliance of directions received from Ms. Namrita Aggarwal, Addl. Secretary, DLSA North East in association with Department of Delhi Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Board, GNCT was set up five help desks at five Govt. Schools of North East District from 24.08.2020 to 11.09.2020 for the construction workers. 2. On 08.09.2020 and 19.09.2020, Ld. Secretary, DLSA North East convened a meeting with Ld. CMM, Ld. ACMM, LD. SCJ, Ld. ACJ and All MMs of North East District, in view of the E- Lok Adalat scheduled for 20.09.2020. 3. On 13.09.2020, Under the guidance and on directions of Ld. Chairperson, DLSA North East, LD. District & Session Judge Sh. Sudhir Kumar Jain, DLSA North East organized a referral meeting for all Judicial Officers of North East District, in view of the E- Lok Adalat scheduled for 20.09.2020. 4. DLSA NORTH EAST, through Ld Secretary, convened the weekly meeting of Under Trial Review committee on 01.09.2020, 14.09.2020 and 28.09.2020, under the chairmanship of the Ld Principal 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 DJ examined the current situation in Jail number 11 and 12. 5. Even though the lockdown does not exist anymore, the scare caused by the Global pandemic is far from being gone; with explosive rise in numbers, the situation is getting critical each day, yet the Justice |

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| | | <p>delivery system cannot come to a halt. Come what may, we are obliged to do our jobs in the manner best suited to the Interest of Justice. On 29th September 2020, Delhi Victim Compensation Committee, North East District, met on an online platform of Cisco Webex. The committee had ten matters before it, all were disposed with concurrence of the members.</p> <p>6. Even though the lockdown does not exist any more , the scare caused by the Global pandemic is far from being gone; with explosive rise in numbers, the situation is getting critical each day, yet the Justice delivery system cannot come to a halt. Come what may, we are obliged to do our jobs in the manner best suited to the Interest of Justice. On 29th September 2020, Criminal Injury Board Committee, North East District, met on an online platform of CiscoWebex.</p> |
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