

NORTH-EAST, DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY**Karkardooma Court, Delhi****State Plan of Action for the month of MAY, 2021**

S. No.	Legal Aid Wing	
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.
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	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

	of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 in 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.	Citizens Tribunal as well as District Consumer Forum, which are situated within the same premises. <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.	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 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. <u>10.05.2021,</u> DLSA North East in association with DLSA East & DLSA Shahdara organized Online Training-cum-Sensitization Programme for all the Empanelled Legal Service Advocates of all the three districts on the topic “Guidelines issued by the High Powered Committee of the Hon’ble High Court of Delhi regarding the release of Jail Inmates on Interim Bail/ Emergency Parole/ Remission on account of the unprecedented and Exponential Surge in Covid-19 Cases”.</p> <p>2. <u>30.05.2021,</u> Owing to the lockdown due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic, all the seminars/trainings or meetings has been restricted. Technology is the only platform to interact/conduct sessions. DLSA North East in collaboration with Northern India Regional</p>

		Counsel (NIRC) organized a Capacity Building Training Programme for all the newly empaneled legal aid counsels of DLSA, North-East, KKD and some other stakeholders including CA, Students and Interns of NIRC on Arrest, Remand & Bail. Besides this, the participants were also informed about the existence of Legal Services Institutions and availability of free legal services and Legal Services Clinics, Front Offices and Legal Aid Helpline numbers etc.
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 identified 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"> 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		
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.
Awareness Programmes in Communities on the topics:-		
21	Awareness Camps on Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 .	Nil
22	Awareness Programmes on Benefits to Senior Citizens regarding various schemes for example Pension Scheme and under Senior Citizen Act, 2007 .	<p><u>On 29.05.2021</u></p> <p>DLSA North East in association with DLSA South East, South West, North and South jointly organized a Webinar for Mahila Panchayat on the topic Maintenance for Senior Citizens. Sh. Harjeet Singh Jaspal, Secretary, DLSA North had an interactive session with the participants through You Tube. Around 904 people view this webinar on you tube.</p>
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	Nil

	POCSO Act etc.	
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 MAY, 2021 for all Matters.	No Lok Adalat was held in this month.
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 30 th April, 2021 have been cleared. Work on bills received in May, 2021 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		
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.	1. <u>On 17.05.2021,</u> DLSA North East in association with Northern India Regional Council organized an Awareness programme/ Webinar on the topic “Eye Care Effects of COVID-19”. Padmashri Dr. Mahipal,

		<p>S. Sachdev, Chairman, Centre of Sight was the Resource Person and had an interactive session with the participants on the said topic. Secretary, DLSA North East was the Guest of Honour of the said session.</p> <p>2. <u>12.05.2021, 19.05.2021, 29.05.2021,</u> DLSA NORTH EAST, through Secretary, convened the weekly meeting of Under Trial Review Committee, under the chairmanship of the Ld. Principal District and Sessions Judge Sh Ramesh Kumar, as per the directions of the Supreme Court. The meeting was conducted through a WhatsApp Group. Ld. Principal District and Sessions Judge examined the current situation in Jail number 11 and 12, Mandoli. It was resolved that Jail Superintendent with the aid of DLSA counsels shall endeavour to move maximum bail applications for the inmates, as per the guidelines of the Delhi High Court and the High Powered Committee. It was further resolved that the data be shared with the Central Office, DLSA. It was resolved that apart from the applications for interim bail, applications shall also be moved for bails on merits, through the DLSA advocates posted in jails. The committee thanked the Jail Staff and DLSA for making sincere efforts, which caused the reduction in jail population even below the sanctioned strength.</p> <p>The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.</p>
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