

Legal Services Activities by OSLSA and its field units.

from 1st August 2020 to 31st August 2020

ODISHA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY , CUTTACK

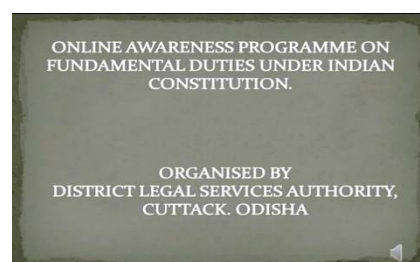
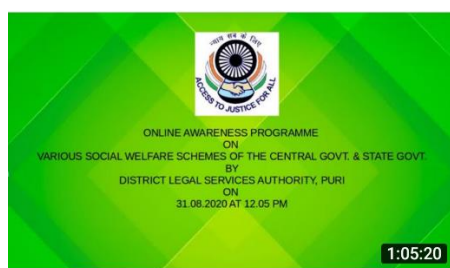
The Legal Services Authorities, during the unprecedented times caused by the pandemic, have risen to the occasion to provide timely and effective legal aid and assistance to the needy. The sustained efforts of Legal Services Institutions have made a difference in the lives of the people at the grassroots especially while battling COVID-19.

This phase also saw adoption of innovative methods and use of technology. Around 60 Legal awareness programmes in Odisha were conducted by using new tools like Jitsi meet app, Youtube live, webinar by Google meet etc.

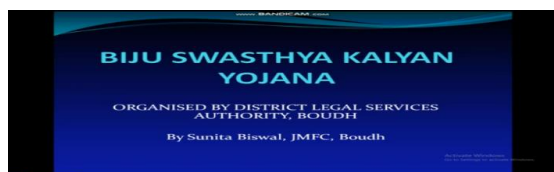
Digital Awareness programme on Fundamental Duties/Citizens Duties and Various Social Welfare Schemes of Central & State Government.



ONLINE AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON WELFARE SCHEME OF GOVERNMENT ...



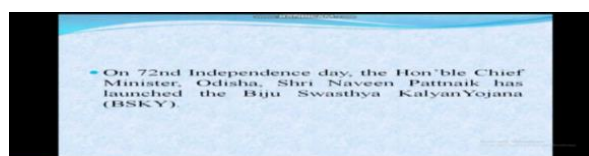
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Hence, a comprehensive report by the Odisha State Legal Services Authorities, Cuttack for the **period 01.08.2020 to 31.08.2020**, in the prescribed format given by NALSA is as below:

A. Assistance to Victims of Domestic Violence

No. of cases relating to domestic violence received by LSIs	17
No. of such cases in which legal aid and assistance was provided	09
No. of petitions filed in courts through Legal aid under DV Act	NIL
No. of cases resolved through counselling/mediation	01
Specify the types of domestic violence reported such as physical, emotional etc	Physical and Emotional
Success story, if any	As below:

Success Story

Destitute Woman rescued with baby and rehabilitated by DLSA Puri :

On 21.08.2020, one destitute woman namely, Anjali Panda aged about 23 years was found at Ganduachouka Chhak, near Jagannath Temple, Puri with her infant. Sri Shankar Sahoo and Khirod Ku. Sahoo, Para Legal Volunteers under DLSA, Puri found the woman and informed the Secretary, DLSA, Puri about her plight. Thereafter, the DSSO, Puri was requested for the care, protection and rehabilitation of the destitute and her infant who was in need of care and protection. Thereafter, the DLSA, Puri being assisted by the DSSO, Puri rescued the destitute lady along with her baby.

On being quizzed, it was ascertained that the lady has been deserted by her husband. She was also subjected to physical and mental cruelty by her in-laws. Hence DLSA, Puri sent notice to the husband and in-laws of Anjali Panda to settle their dispute by pre-litigation mediation desk. The destitute lady along with her infant are now at Nilachala Seba Pratisthana, Kanasa. The District Administration and Nilachala Seba Pratisthana are taking care of both the mother and child. The said news had been covered by most of the regional TV Channels.

Glimpses of News coverage is as below



B. Denial of wages/Salaries:

No. of grievances related to denial of wages/salaries received by LSIs	2
No of such grievances in which legal assistance provided	2
Success story, if any	As below:

Success Story

After intervention of DLSA Sambalpur and with the help of the local PLV, Kishore Dhare, two old age persons namely Gajapati Dhare and Laxmi Dhare were able to get their old age benefits & remuneration from the Government and accordingly old age cards were also registered for both the persons.



C. Arrested persons/Prisoners:

Remand Stage	
No. of persons provided legal representation at remand stage	355
No. of bail applications filed of such persons at remand stage	251
No of such bail applications allowed	72
Undertrials	
No. of Under trials represented during trial through legal assistance	38
No. of bail applications filed for Undertrials	39
Convicts	
No. of convicts provided legal assistance in	
(i) Filing of Appeals	3
(ii) Parole/Furlough	
No. of Prisoners provided Legal Assistance (For Trial & Appeals with Case no.)	62
No. of. Bail Moved by Remand Advocate	200

Achievements of High Power Committee on the Direction of Supreme Court:

- No. of meetings of High-Power Committee (HPC) held till 31.08.2020-----**23**
- No. of inmates released on i.e. Parole, Furlough & Special Remissions for the month of August 2020

Parole- 159

Furlough- 04

Special Remission- 76

3. As per the direction of High-Power Committee (HPC) issued on 30.04.2020, Quarantine wards were created in all the jails of the state to isolate freshly remanded accused prisoners till testing as COVID 19 tests were taking time initially.

4. In August 2020, as numbers of Covid positive prisoners rose, as per recommendation of HPC, S.O.P for implementation of protocol of remand to be followed regarding lodging of newly arrested accused persons in jails was finally issued by Home Department, Govt. of Odisha to the D.G. Prisons, D.G. Police, and Health Department for monitoring health and safety of prisoners in the jails of the state.

SOPs by Home Department

- 1. Any person to be produced before Magistrate for remand by the Police/Excise/Forest/Vigilance authorities etc. shall first be screened/tested by Medical Officers for COVID- 19 along with the mandatory medical examination in a designated hospital.***
- 2. Medical Officer of the designated hospital shall conduct thorough examination of those persons proposed to be remanded to jails and shall record that the person is asymptomatic or symptomatic to COVID- 19.***
- 3. Anybody found positive in this process, should be sent to the “Dedicated Covid Care Center/Dedicated Covid Health Center/Dedicated Covid Hospital” by the concerned remanding agencies like Police, Forest, Excise or Vigilance as the case may be for treatment with the permission of remanding courts. They will be shifted to the jails after being recovered in “Dedicated Covid Care Center/Dedicated Covid Health Center/Dedicated Covid Hospital”.***
- 4. Only those asymptomatic accused persons (to be declared by the Medical Officer of the designated hospital), shall be remanded to jails after being tested with Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) and found “Negative”.***
- 5. All newly remanded persons having Covid- 19 negative reports shall be kept in prisons in isolation wards/quarantine wards in concerned District Jails/Sub-Jails within same Revenue District (in case of overcrowding of any particular jail).***
- 6. CDMOs of concerned districts will depute medical staff for random***

tests of prisoners at designated places (to be decided by District Administration) for which SsP/DCPs shall provide Police escort. In case any prisoner is detected as Covid positive, same prisoner shall be shifted to Dedicated Covid Care Center/Dedicated Covid Health Center/Dedicated Covid Hospital forthwith for which local police shall provide police escort.

7. To avoid infection due to physical production, technology-based virtual production from jails may be considered with concerned courts.

8. If a Covid positive patient is required to be admitted in the Covid facility, one escort shall be allowed to remain in the Covid Facility for safe custody of the prisoner as is done for non-covid prisoners. Such escort may be allowed to use PPE. After the discharge of the prisoner, the escort shall be quarantined for 14 days, either in home isolation (if separate room with attached toilet and a care giver is available) or may be kept in a Covid Care Center. Covid- 19 Test shall be done on 14th day of isolation or quarantine.

D. Legal Aid Helpline Number

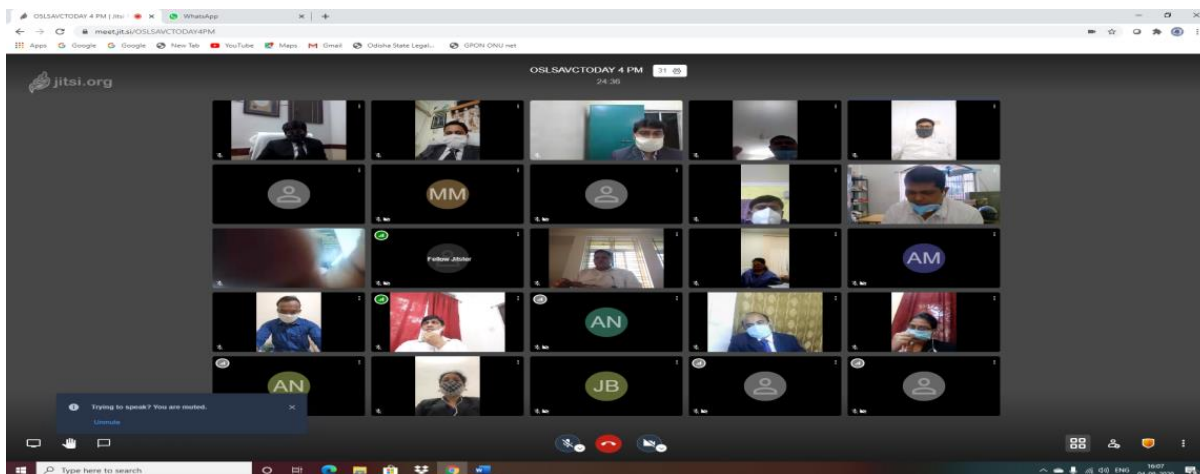
	Total calls received	No. of persons provided legal advice
Legal aid and assistance provided through helpline numbers	25	25

E. Use of webinars and Social Media Tools

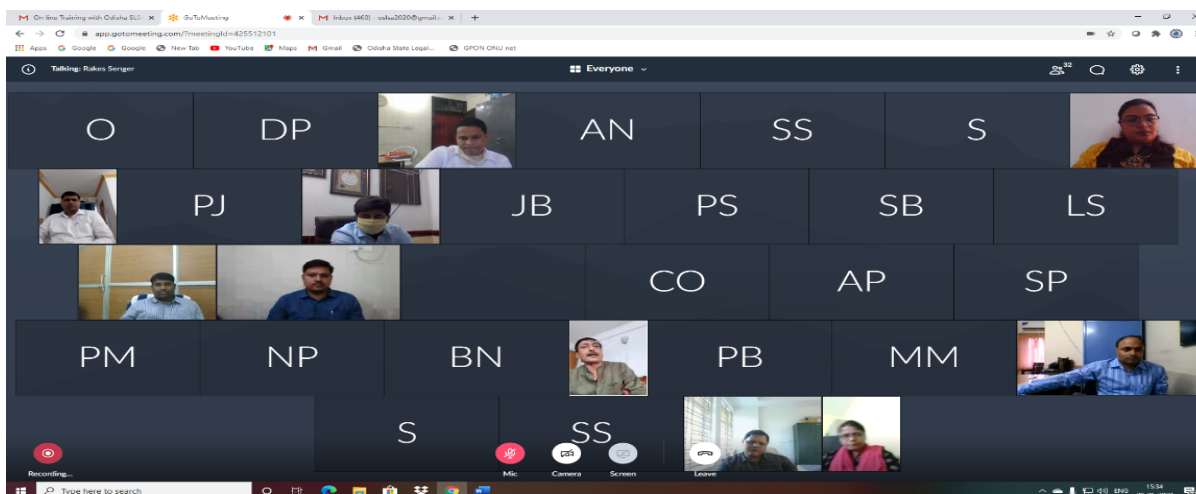
No. of programmes conducted through webinars:	
(i) For panel lawyers (training programmes)	Completed in July 2020
(ii) For legal awareness by DLSAs & TLSCs	60 nos. of Legal Awareness Camps organised on Fundamental Duties & on Various Social welfare Schemes of Central & State Govt.
(iii) Any other programme related to legal aid (please specify the details and number)	1 (Seminar on stress & financial management during COVID-19 involving the Secretaries of 30 DLSAs) [Screen shot as below]
No. of programmes conducted through Radio including Community Radios.	NIL
No. of programmes conducted through	NIL

TV	
No. of programmes conducted through other social media tools including You Tube.	60 nos. (Awareness programme conducted through Google Meet Jitsi Meet, You Tube etc.)

Glimpses of Seminar on stress & financial management during COVID-19 Organized by Member Secretary OSLSA by involving the Secretaries of 30 DLSAs on 4th August 2020



Glimpses of the Meeting held through video conferencing on 27.08.2020 in presence of the Member Secretary OSLSA and CPC High court by involving the Secretaries of 30 DLSAs regarding organization of Micro level e-Lok Adalat & e-Mediation sessions.



F. Help to stranded people/migrants/Senior citizens

No. of cases in which assistance was provided to migrants in coordination with District Administration in terms of transit, food etc.	49
No. of people assisted with regard to shelter problem/ lack of money	4
No. of people assisted cases w.r.t. travelling to home states or home districts	2

On the eve of 74th Independence Day the Hon'ble Executive Chairperson, hosted the National Flag in the Premises of OSLSA and felicitated the COVID Warriors by providing saplings, Mementos etc. for their outstanding contribution and efforts towards the society during the COVID Pandemic.



G. Permanent Lok Adalat (PUS)

No. of Pre-litigation disputes instituted	No. of Pre-litigation disputes settled
251	82

H. Mediation Activities:

(i)

No. of Cases referred for mediation	No. of cases disposed with successful mediation
6	1

I. Training Programmes for Mediators/Panel Lawyers/PLVs:

Training Programmes	No. of Persons Trained & No. of Training Programmes organised
Mediators	NIL
Panel Lawyers	
Paralegal Volunteers (PLVs)	One (40 PLVs)

J. Student Legal Literacy Club:

No. of Classes Taken	No. of Students made aware/other Activities
5	273

K. Generating Awareness & Legal Literacy

Theme of the Legal Awareness & Legal Literacy Camp/Webinar(s)	Fundamental Duties/Citizens Duties and Various Social Welfare Schemes of Central & State Govt. Dowry prohibition Act, POCSO Act, PCPNDT Act, DV Act, J.J. CPC Act. Poverty Alleviation Scheme.
Please, specify the means of Awareness programme. electronic/Digital/Print/Social/Others)	Digital/Electronic/Social
No. of persons attended	1820

Any Special Campaigns held: (Door to Door Campaign/Walkathon/Cycle/Motorcycle rallies /Hoardings in public places/Declamation /Advertising on State Transport Buses/ NALSA Documentaries etc.)	Nil
Success stories (if any Please specify in separate sheets.)	2, as below:



Success Story

Six persons have been issued Ration Card upon continuous effort by DLSA, Cuttack.

Six persons had made application to DLSA Cuttack and PLV Lokanath Sathpaththy was engaged to facilitate the process and after continuous follow up action by DLSA Cuttack the applicants were issued ration card by the appropriate authority.



Success Story

One 15 years girl child rescued and sheltered in Child line at Sambalpur.

DLSA Sambalpur on receiving information about a destitute minor girl, immediately took steps for rescuing her with the help of child lines & assistance of local PLV and provided her shelter at child care centre Golabndha.



L. Odisha Victim Compensation Scheme:

No. of beneficiaries	Compensation amount paid to the victims of different crimes
55	Rs.96,12,500/-

M. Legal Aid Beneficiaries:

Legal Aid Applications Received from	No. of Legal Aid Applications Received	No. of Legal Aid Applications Disposed off
Front Office	148	100
Village Legal Aid Clinic	110	103
SC/ST Cell		
Help Desk	41	38
Help Line Number	1	1
Jail Legal Aid Clinic	17	16
Arrested persons/General people get aware by police station	13	13

Legal Counselling/Advice given	No. of beneficiaries
Front Office	153
Village Legal Aid Clinic	91
Help Desk	92
Help Line Number	15
Jail Legal Aid Clinic	243
Hospital Legal Aid Clinic	102
