

ODISHA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY CUTTACK

The Legal Services Authorities during the unprecedented time 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. This phase also saw adoption of innovative methods and use of technology. In view of the same, OSLSA contemplates to make a report reflecting the work done by Legal Services Institutions (LSIs) during these times across the state of Odisha.

Hence, a comprehensive report is prepared by the Odisha State Legal Services Authorities, Cuttack & its field units for the **period 01.07.2020 to 31.07.2020**, in the prescribed format given by NALSA.

A. Assistance to Victims of Domestic Violence

No. of cases relating to domestic violence received by LSIs	28
No. of such cases in which legal aid and assistance was provided	25
No. of petitions filed in courts through Legal aid under DV Act	1
No. of cases resolved through counselling/mediation	1
Specify the types of domestic violence reported such as physical, emotional etc	Physical/Emotional /Financial
Success story, if any	As below

*** Success story:**

The daughter of Siba Prasad Panda of Deogaon, Anandapur got married to Priyabrata Pani of village Kankili, Parjanga, Dhenkanal four years ago. After two years of marriage, the victim Dipika gave birth to a baby boy but was tortured physically and mentally by her in laws as well as her husband. Her husband also assaulted her physically several times, for which she has spent several days of her life without taking any food. When the torture became unbearable, Dipika returned to her father's home a year ago. In the meantime, Dipika came into contact of Akhaya Kumar Chakra, PLV of DLSA, Keonjhar and requested him to solve her problem. Then Dipika came to the office of DLSA, Keonjhar and filed an application before Secretary, DLSA, Keonjhar to settle the matter. Then immediately a negotiation meeting was arranged with her in-laws in the office of DLSA, Keonjhar. After three counselling sessions, both the husband and wife agreed to reside together peacefully. Dipika agreed to live with her in laws and Priyabrata agreed to take Dipika from her father's home. Both the husband and wife filed a joint agreement before the secretary DLSA, Keonjhar. PLV Akhaya Kumar chakra was engaged to keep watch on the matter. Accordingly as per the agreement Priyabrata came to village Deogaon, Anandapur and took Dipika and

her son to his house situated at village Kankili, Parjanga, Dhenkanal. The matter was intimated to DLSA, Keonjhar by both husband and wife. PLV Chakra is also constantly monitoring the matter. After 15 days both the husband and wife made a call to the DLSA, Keonjhar and expressed that they are leading a happy conjugal life and also added their gratitude towards DLSA, Keonjhar. DLSA, Keonjhar is always making efforts to provide service to the general public in every moment as per their requirements.



B. Denial of wages/Salaries:

No. of grievances related to denial of wages/salaries received by LSIs	3
No of such grievances in which legal assistance provided	1
Success story, if any	As below

*** Success story:**

On consideration of the grievance petition of Smt. Niroda Kumari Bissoyi vide OSLSA-L.A. Case No. 190/2020 & by the interference of the State Legal Services Authority, Cuttack and the District Legal Services Authority, Nabarangpur immediate steps were taken for sanction of full pension in favour of the husband of the petitioner pending since long. Accordingly, in presence of the Secretary, DLSA, Nabarangpur, the petitioner was assured by the District Agricultural Officer, Nabarangpur for immediate sanction of full pension to the petitioner's husband.

C. Arrested persons/Prisoners:

Remand Stage	
No. of persons provided legal representation at remand stage	317
No. of bail applications filed of such persons at remand stage	264
No of such bail applications allowed	58
Undertrials	
No. of Undertrials represented during trial through legal assistance	42
No. of bail applications filed for Undertrials	28
Convicts	
No. of convicts provided legal assistance in	
(i) Filing of Appeals	03
(ii) Parole/Furlough	

D. Legal Aid Helpline Number

	Total calls received	No. of persons provided legal advice
Legal aid and assistance provided through State/ District helpline numbers	41	36

E. Use of webinars and Social Media Tools

No. of programmes conducted through webinars: (i) For panel lawyers (training programmes) (ii) For legal awareness (iii) Any other programme related to legal aid (please specify the details and number)	33 1.Human Trafficking 2.Domestic Violence. 3.Training of Panel Lawyers on e-filing & e-court services. 4. Training of Panel Lawyers as per NALSA module conducted through electronics medium like Jitsi, google meet etc.
No. of programmes conducted through Radio including Community Radios.	
No. of programmes conducted through TV	
No. of programmes conducted through other social media tools including You Tube.	

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.	1927
No. of people assisted with regard to shelter problem/ lack of money	1942
No. of people assisted casesw.r.t. travelling to home states or home districts	2519
No. of senior citizens helped	77
Types of assistance provided to senior citizens	Provided medical facilities & old age pension
Success stories, if any	NA

Other Legal-Aid programmes carried out by D.L.S.As, during the period i.e. from 01.07.2020 to 31.07.2020.

Various awareness activities have been carried out by D.L.S.As, in co-ordination with District Administration, to make people aware about the pandemic Covid-19. Masks, Sanitizers, Soaps, Leaflets have been distributed by this authority in slum areas, Child Care Institutions, Jails during the period. Different quarantine Centres functioning in the District and Covid Care Centre have been visited by the members of the Core Group of Disaster Management of D.L.S.As, as per direction of the Odisha State Legal Services Authority, Cuttack, an awareness programme on “Fundamental Rights and Duties” of Indian Constitution, Relief measures and other activities, i.e. Lok Adalat, Training programme to Secretaries, Panel lawyers, regarding e-court service have been conducted.

I. Micro Level Lok Adalats held on 13.07.2020 on MACT cases (By using Electronic Means) with the approval of this Authority, had successfully organised 1st ever Micro Lok-Adalat in MACT cases through electronic means in maximum districts. In other districts due to lack of infrastructure and network issues the same was conducted by adhering to social distance norms. The disposal figure is as below.

Cases Disposed of in the Lok Adalats through virtual modes

Pending Cases	Pre-litigation	Total	Amount of Fine and Compensation Awarded/settled (In Rs.)
558	NIL	558	Rs. 28,41,32,316/-



DLSA Dhenkanal



DLSA Koraput at Jeypore

II. Permanent Lok Adalat (PUS) [through, electronic means]

No. of Pre-litigation disputes instituted	No. of Pre-litigation disputes settled
255	76

III. Odisha Victim Compensation Scheme:

No. of beneficiaries	Compensation amount paid to the victims of different crimes
48	Rs.83,47,500/-

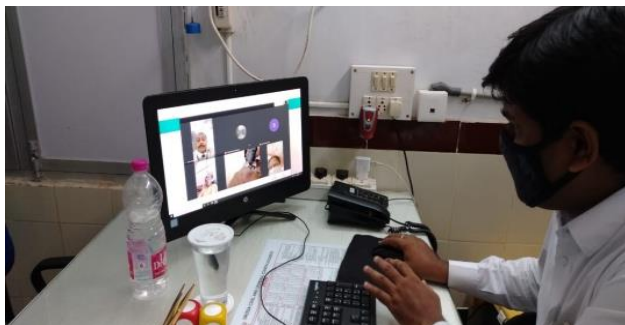
IV. Mediation Activities:

No. of Cases referred for mediation	No. of cases disposed with successful mediation
4	2

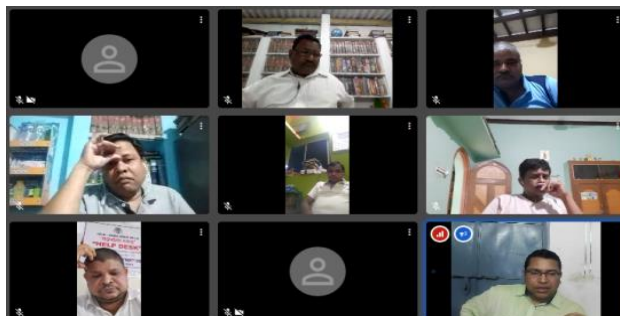
V. Training Programmes for Mediators/Panel Lawyers/PLVs:

Training Programmes	No. of Persons Trained & No. of Training Programmes organised
Mediators	This Authority has already approached the MCPC, New Delhi for online training of Mediators.
Panel Lawyers	1.38 Nos. Of Training Programme for Panel Lawyers have been organised through online mode total 521 Panel Lawyers have trained on this Programme. 2.One online training programme on e-filing &e-court services have been organised for all the Panel Lawyers on 25.07.2020
Paralegal Volunteers (PLVs)	

Glimpses of live training programme of Panel Lawyers



DLSA:Cuttack



DLSA:Deogarh



DLSA:Koraput at Jeypore



DLSA:Balasore

VI. Plantation Drive:- 1st July, 2020 to 7th July, 2020

Mass Plantation Drive undertaken by 30 DSLAs during **Van Mohatsava Week from 1st July, 2020 to 7th July, 2020** throughout the state of Odisha. Around 10,000 saplings were planted by involving students of School Legal Literacy Club.



DLSA:Keonjhar



DLSA:Sambalpur



DLSA:Nuapada



DLSA:Bargarh

VII. Opening of Two nos. of Village Care & Support centres at Puri District on 22.07.2020

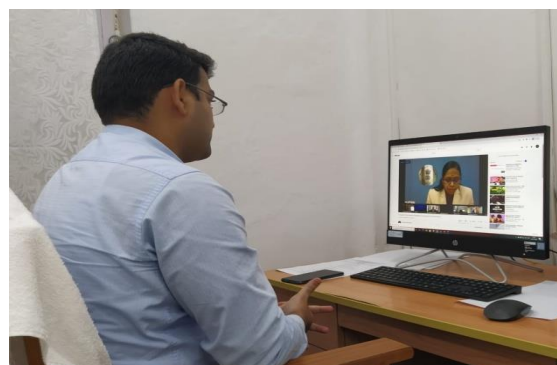
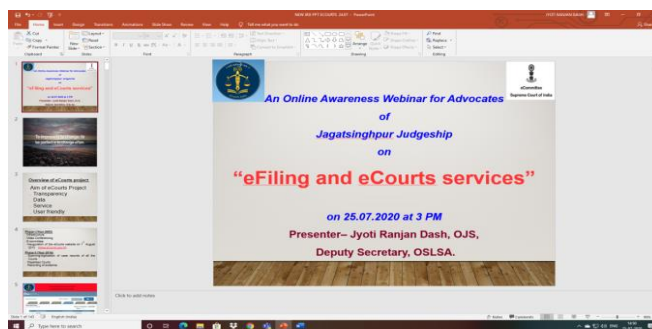
For providing legal aid & services at grass root level this Authority established two nos. of Village care & Support Centre at Baliguali and Brahmagiri of Puri District on 22.07.2020



VIII. Help Desks :

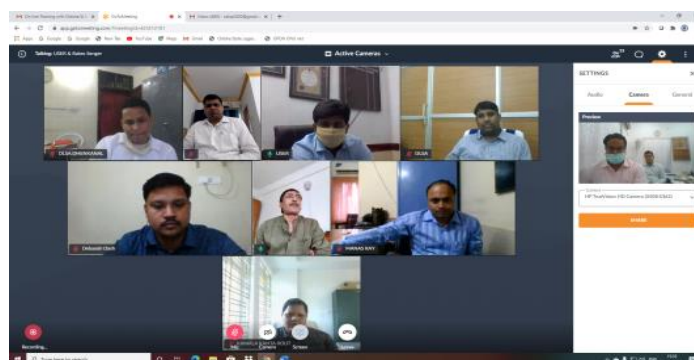
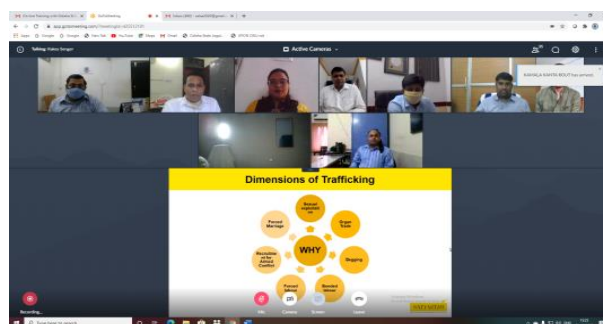
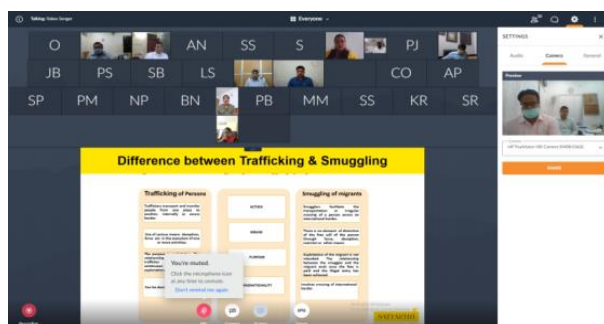
The **Help Desks** for Child Abuse and Domestic Violence & Migrant Labourers are functional in all the 30 districts of the State and video conferencing portals are being widely used by the DLSAs to reach out to all vulnerable sections for spreading virtual awareness regarding Covid-19 and constant monitoring is being done by the State office 24X7 & all e-mails or calls are being immediately and effectively responded. And guidelines have also been issued to all the DLSAs regarding activities to be undertaken under the NALSA (Legal Services to Disaster Victims through Legal Services Authority), Scheme, 2010 in view of the disaster caused by the present global pandemic COVID-19. From the Period **1st July, 2020 to 31st July, 2020** DLSAs received **34 nos** of legal Aid applications received & disposed. Off immediately.

IX. Organizing online Training programme on the subject “e –filing” & “e –court” services for the Panel Lawyers. All the Panel Lawyers of the state were imparted training by the Ubuntu Master trainers of the state on 25th July 2020.

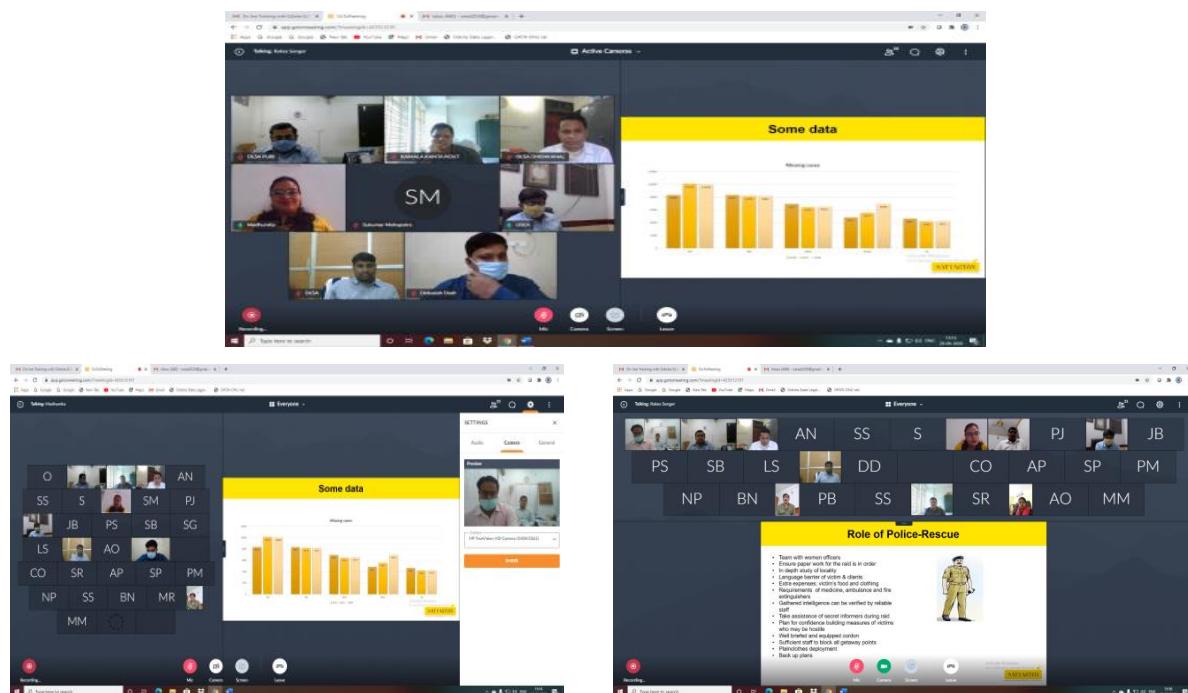


X. Webinars

1. Organized Webinar on “Human Trafficking with special emphasis on Child Trafficking” involving Secretaries of 30 DLSAs



2. Organized Webinar on “Domestic Violence” held on 08.07.2020 involving Secretaries of 30 DLSAs



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