



ODISHA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF

MARCH--- 2021

ODISHA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, CUTTACK

Legal Services Activities carried out by OSLSA **during the period 1st March to 31st March, 2021**

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 and also the step by step opening up post Corona virus lock down.

This phase 2021 also marked adoption of innovative methods and use of social media tools & technology. Around **160** nos. of Legal awareness programmes/webinars in Odisha were conducted by using both Social & Digital mode new tools like Jitsi meet app, you tube live, Google meet etc as well as. OSLSA has come forward with a big helping hand to offer legal services its own ways to serve common people and work ceaselessly for their betterment.

Hence, a comprehensive report by the Odisha State Legal Services Authorities, Cuttack for the period from 01.03.2021 to 31.03.2021, is provided below in the format prescribed by NALSA:

A. Assistance to Victims of Domestic Violence

No. of cases relating to domestic violence received by LSIs	04
No. of such cases in which legal aid and assistance was provided	04
No. of petitions filed in courts through Legal aid under DV Act	
No. of cases resolved through counseling/mediation	06
Specify the types of domestic violence reported such as physical, emotional etc.	Mental & physical
Success story, if any	*yes Vide separate sheet

B. Denial of wages/Salaries:

No. of grievances related to denial of wages/salaries received by LSIs	06
No of such grievances in which legal assistance provided	06
Success story, if any	*yes Vide separate sheet

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	287
No of such bail applications allowed	31
Undertrials	
No. of Undertrials represented during trial through legal assistance	12
No. of bail applications filed for Undertrials	06
Convicts	
No. of convicts provided legal assistance in	
(i) Filing of Appeals	01
(ii) Parole/Furlough	

As Per the Direction of Honb'le Supreme Court of India in W.P.(c)No.1 of 2020, Progress of High-Powered Committee in the state of Odisha:-

1	No. of meetings of High-Powered Committee (HPC) held till 31.03.2021	52	
2	No. of inmates released on i.e. (Parole, Furlough& Special Remissions) for the month of February-2021 -	Parole-	00
		Furlough-	00
		Special Remission-	00
3	No of UTPs released on interim bail-	880	
4	No of prisoners found to be affected by COVID-19-	01	
5	No of prisoners succumbed to COVID-19	00	
6	No of prisoners kept in quarantine wards	7663	

D. Legal Aid Helpline Number

	Total calls received	No. of persons provided legal advice
Legal aid and assistance provided through State/ District helpline numbers	65	65

E. Use of webinars and Social Media Tools

No. of programmes conducted through webinars:	
(i) For panel lawyers (training programmes)	
(ii) For legal awareness	73
(iii) Any other programme related to legal aid (please specify the details and number)	---
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.	04

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.	---
No. of people assisted with regard to shelter problem/ lack of money	---
No. of people assisted cases w.r.t. travelling to home states or home districts	---
No. of senior citizens helped	---
Types of assistance provided to senior citizens	---

Other Activities

A. Permanent Lok-Adalat(PUS) :

No. of Pre-litigation disputes instituted	No. of Pre-litigation disputes settled
197	107

B. Mediation Activities :

No. of Cases referred for mediation	No. of cases disposed with successful mediation
88	07

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

Training Programmes	No. of Persons Trained & No. of Training Programmes organized
Mediators	---
Panel Lawyers	---
Para Legal Volunteers.	---

D. Generating Awareness& Legal Literacy

Theme of the Legal Awareness & Legal Literacy Camp/Webinar(s)	1. Observation of International Women's Day with organization of literacy camps on PC & PNDT Act, POCSO Act, Victim Compensation Scheme, Sexual Harassment of women at work place and other women specific laws.(involving medical officers, Police officers, Protection Officers etc.) 2. Awareness programme on S.C&S.T (prevention atrocity) Act. 3. Awareness Campaign programme for jail inmates.
Please, specify the means of Awareness programme.(electronic/Digital/Print/Social/Others)	Social and Digital (Google meet, Zoom App, Jitsimeet etc.)
No. of persons attended	22768
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.)	Organization of Rally on International Women's Day observation and quiz competition, Comprehension test relating to women's law among SHG Group, College Students, Nurse etc.& celebrating Bharat Ka Amrut Mahotsav.
Success stories (if any Please specify in separate sheets.)	

E. Legal Assistance to Prisoners

No. of Prisoners provided Legal Assistance (For Trial & Appeals with Case no.)	No. of. Bail Moved by Remand Advocate
86	175

F. Student Legal Literacy Club:

No. of Classes Taken	No. of Students made aware/other Activities
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G. Odisha Victim Compensation Scheme:

No. of beneficiaries	Compensation amount settled for the victims of different crimes
159	Rs.4,40,50,000/-

H .Legal Aid Beneficiaries:

Legal Aid Applications Received from	No. of Legal Aid Applications Received	No. of Legal Aid Applications Disposed. off
Front Office	235	182
Village Legal Aid Clinic	17	12
Help Desk	03	03
Help Line Number	65	65
Jail Legal Aid Clinic	66	65
Arrested persons/General people get aware by police station	05	04

Legal Counseling/Advice given	No. of beneficiaries
Front Office	355
Village Legal Aid Clinic	224
SC/ST Cell	83
Help Desk	03
Help Line Number	65
Jail Legal Aid Clinic	358
Hospital Legal Aid Clinic	09

Success Story

1. COLLEGE GIRL RESCUED AFTER SEXUALLY HARASSMENT FOR NINE MONTH



After undergoing mental, physical torture and harassment, a 21 year old college going girl has been rescued by the help of Odisha State Legal services Authorities, Panel lawyers, PLVs in co-ordination with Jagatpur Police Station IIC and safely handed over to her parents.

Moreover the above incident occurred with the daughter of retired military personnel. The victim was a student of Salepur College, Cuttack. She used to travel through public transport to attend the class from her native village Nimalato Salipur. The driver of a TATA magic vehicle namely Rakesh Sahu befriended her and on the pretext of getting her a job in Bhubaneswar asked her to come over to the Capital city .On reaching at Bhubaneswar, Rakesh took her to Puri in the pretence of a fake interview where he kept her in a hotel. After drugging the girl, he took her photos in objectionable /compromised position, threatened and forced her to marry him. Under such dire circumstances, she was eventually forced to marry him in a small temple. From that day on wards the driver Rakesh had been torturing the girl both physically and mentally, keeping her hidden in a deserted house at Padampur, Cuttack. Fortunately, the girl was finally able to contact the Nyaya Sanjog Toll Free Number and was rescued.

2. FOUR LABOURERS GOT THEIR LONG PENDING WAGES



On dtd.05.02.2020, OSLSA got email from Centre for Social Justice, an NGO of Sundargarh district about 4 numbers of Daily wages contractual labourers engaged in MayankAcqua Culture Ltd. of Gujrat , who had not been paid wages by the company due to suppressed economic activity. As a result of the lock down, the poor labourers being in a precarious condition had no means to go to Gujrat and collect their pending wages, for which the matter was taken up on utmost priority by OSLSA, Cuttack vide L.A. Case No. 46/2021 with correspondence to Secretary DLSA Sundargarh & District Administration Sundargarh for apprising them of the dire necessity to provide legal services so as to sustain the livelihood of the poor labourers.

The secretary DLSA Sundargarh issued letter to the MayankAcqua Culture company , for payment of pending wages Rupees 28,000/-, 29,500/-, & 28350/-, to Saroj Xess , Pritika Xess and Jhon Tirkey respectively . Accordingly the Mayank Acqua Culture Company issued 3 nos. of cheques Bearing No 001865, 001866, & 001867 of Axis Bank on dtd.16.03.2021 in favour of the above labourers. Secretary DLSA, Sundargarh also intimated to OSLSA vide letter No. 396 dtd.19.02.2021 on being summoned, the above labourers appeared before the DLSA Sundargarh and confirmed that their account has been credited as per the cheque amount mentioned above & they have no other dues pending in their favour. Accordingly L.A. case No46/2021 disposed was off.

RESOLUTION OF DISPUTE THROUGH CONCILIATION

3. Secretary, DLSA Balasore received a Legal —Aid application of Sri Duryadhan Majhi on 06.11.2020 and registered P.L.D. Case No- 41/2020. On perusal of the application, it is found that the applicant was employed in a prawn cultivation farm and contracted for Rs.7500/-per month salary. The applicant has also mentioned that he was engaged in the said farm for one month & five days, but the farm manager did not paid his monthly wages. The Secretary, DLSA took the matter in utmost importance to provide legal services to the labourer and issued notice to both the parties for conciliation. After seven sittings of conciliation the firm manager agreed to pay Rs. 7,000/- towards pending wages. Accordingly the Case was disposed off.

4. HEART PATIENT PROVIDED WITH MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

























A News article published in daily newspaper “The Samaj” dtd.15.02.2021 that one Poor person namely Bijaya Panda who was suffered from a chronic heart disease which leads to unusual growth of water level in the heart but due to his poor financial condition he could not able to do better treatment. According to the News report this office requested Sub-Collector Berhampur for financial assistance to Bijaya Panda for better treatment. The Sub -Collector, Berhampur directed to Tahasildar, Chhatrapur for financial assistance. The Tahasildar Chhatrapur has sanctioned Rs-20,000/- only out of Red-cross fund in favour of the patient and Hon’ble MLA Berhampur made an arrangement for admission of the patient in Hi-tech Medical College & Hospital, Bhubaneswar on dtd.06.03.2021. Now the patient Mr Panda is under treatment.

5. TIMELY INTERVENTION AT CANTONMENT ROAD



On dated 24.03.2020, at 10 am, a man was critically injured in an accident at Cantonment Road. The victim, named Ravindra Maharana belongs to Alisha bazar under LalBagh police station. While lying on the road in this condition, he was rescued by Gangadhar Jena and Bipin Kumar Choudhury from Odisha State Legal Services Authority. Under the instruction of OSLSA Member Secretary and Deputy Secretary, he was immediately sent in an ambulance and admitted to the SCB Medical College & Hospital and the victim's family members were informed shortly after and Ravindra's custody was handed over to them. Ravindra is well on his way to recovery due to timely intervention of OSLSA staff.

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DLSA Bhadrak Organized Rally on Inter National women's Day	DLSA Bhadrak Organized Legal literacy camp on Inter National women's Day	DLSA Cuttack Organized Legal literacy camp on Inter National women's Day	DLSAPuri Organized Comprehension test among SHG Groups on Inter National women's Day
			
DLSAPuri Organized Comprehension test among college students Groups on Inter National women's Day	DLSAPuri Organized Comprehension test among Students on Inter National women's Day	DLSA, Puri Organized Comprehension test among Nurses Groups on Inter National women's Day	DLSA, Khurda Organized Legal literacy camp on Inter National women's Day
			
DLSA, Koraput Press release	DLSA, Khurda Organized Comprehension test among Students on Inter National women's Day	DLSA, Malkangiri Organized Comprehension test among Students on Inter National women's Day	DLSA, Nayagarh Organized Comprehension test among Students on Inter National women's Day
			
DLSA, Keonjhar organized Bharat Ka Amrut Mahotsav	DLSA, Kalahandi Organized Legal literacy camp on Inter National women's Day	DLSA Gajapati distribute widow pension on celebration of Bharat Ka Amrut Mahotsav	DLSA, Gajapati Press release
			
DLSA Kandhamal celebrate Bharat Ka Amrut Mahotsav	DLSA Gajapati celebrate Bharat Ka Amrut Mahotsav	DLSA Sundargarh celebrate Bharat Ka Amrut Mahotsav	DLSA Mayurbhanj celebrate Bharat Ka Amrut Mahotsav
			
Press release	Press release on CHRI Report	DLSA Cuttack Observed of Awareness programme on S.C. & S.T. (Prevention of Atrocities) Act	On-line Awareness Programme
