



ODISHA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2021

ODISHA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, CUTTACK

Legal Services Activities carried out by OSLSA

during the period 1stMay to 31stMay 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 pandemic.

This phase 2021 also marked adoption of innovative methods and use of social media tools & technology due to second wave Covid-19 cases surging across the State, and restrictions on movement have been placed at many places to contain the rapid surge. Around **81** 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 alerts its field units to come forward with a 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 01.05.2021 to 31.05.2021, 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	06
No. of such cases in which legal aid and assistance was provided	06
No. of petitions filed in courts through Legal aid under DV Act	01
No. of cases resolved through counselling/mediation	05
Specify the types of domestic violence reported such as physical, emotional etc.	physical, emotional
Success story, if any	Attached here with

B. Denial of wages/Salaries:

No. of grievances related to denial of wages/salaries received by LSIs	01
No of such grievances in which legal assistance provided	01
Success story, if any	---

C. Arrested persons/Prisoners:

RemandStage	
No. of persons provided legal representation at remand stage	317
No. of bail applications filed of such persons at remand stage	150
No of such bail applications allowed	22
Under trials	
No. of Under trials represented during trial through legal assistance	03
No. of bail applications filed for Under trials	03
Convicts	
No. of convicts provided legal assistance in	01
Filing of Appeals	---
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 in the month of May ,2021	04
2	No. of inmates released on i.e. (Parole, Furlough& Special Remissions) for the month of April-2021 -	Parole- 00 Furlough- 68 Special Remission- 04
3	No of UTPs released on interim bail-	385
4	No of prisoners found to be affected by COVID-19-	852
5	No of prisoners recovered from COVID-19-	922
6	No of prisoners succumbed to COVID-19	03
7	No of prisoners kept in quarantine wards	5218

D. Legal Aid Helpline Number

	Total calls received	No. of persons provided legal advice
Legal aid and assistance provided through State/ District helpline numbers	40	40

E. Use of webinars and Social Media Tools

No. of programmes conducted through webinars:	81
1.For panel lawyers (training programmes)	00
2.For legal awareness	81
3.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.	07

F. Help to stranded people/migrants/Senior citizens

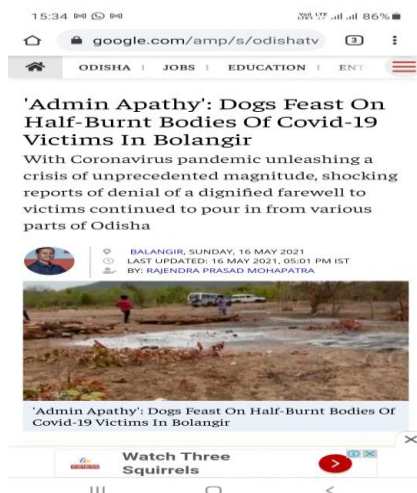
No. of cases in which assistance was provided to migrants in coordination with District Administration in terms of transit, food etc.	---
No. of people assisted with regard to shelter problem/ lack of money	---
No. of people assisted cases w.r.t. travelling to home states or home districts	---
No. of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

SUCCESS STORIES**1. STEPS TAKEN BY ODISHA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY FOR PROPER CREMATION OF COVID VICTIMS**

In the last few days it was learnt from the print and electronic media that there is mismanagement in burial of the dead bodies of deceased Covid positive patients at cremation grounds and the mortal remains of the Covid- 19 infected persons are not being burnt completely and stray dogs are seen feeding on the semi-burnt dead bodies of the infected persons. In view of the seriousness of the matter, OSLSA with a view to ensure the basic fundamental rights of the victims and their family members under **NALSA (Legal Services to Disaster Victims through Legal Services Authorities), Scheme, 2010** puts forth the following suggestions to be ensured by all the DLSAs and the core groups constituted under them in coordination with the District Administration;

- i. At the time of admission into any Covid care center/Covid hospital, name of the Covid positive patient with photo and identity proof reflecting complete contact address and telephone number of his family members, who can be contacted in emergency, must be entered by the District Administration.
- ii. Information as to date, time and place of admission in Covid Care Centre/hospital must be maintained by the District Administration.
- iii. Information as to date, time and place of death of the deceased Covid positive patient must be maintained by the District Administration.

- iv. Information as to date, time and place of cremation of the deceased, digital photograph of cremation process and digital photograph showing complete disposal of the body in the hearth/flame be made available in the database to ensure credibility.
- v. The District Administration may also explore the feasibility and possibility of installing CCTV camera at the cremation ground for surveillance and record keeping.
- vi. Name of the Family Members/Friends/Relatives of the deceased with contact details (including cell phone number) who has collected bones of the deceased for posthumous use must be entered. If not collected by Family Members/Friends/Relatives suo motu, then concerned authority must contact any Family Members/Friends/Relatives of the deceased to collect the same and details of the person with endorsement must be kept in the database for future reference. If no such persons are found or could be contacted for collection of bones of the deceased then the District Administration shall preserve the same in a covered earthen pot with proper marking atleast for a period of three months and the same shall be reflected in the database. If during the three months, no one from the side of deceased claims the preserved bones, then the authority shall dispose of the same in a dignified manner.
- vii. The District Administration shall also affix or display the emergency contact numbers at a conspicuous place of the cremation ground.
- viii. The District Administration shall ensure that the Govt. Schemes meant for cremation of the dead bodies is extended.
- ix. The District Administration may take help of the concerned DLSA/TLSC/IIC of the concerned Police Station for intimating the family members of the deceased for any of the aforesaid purposes.





2. On 02.05.2021, one deserted lady namely Nira Ramseria who was living under a tree with her 15 day child was rescued by the DLSA, Jharsuguda with the help of a PLV. After that the DLSA, Jharsuguda registered a legal aid case and issued notice to the husband of the deserted lady. After a thorough counseling by the Secretary, DLSA the dispute was settled. The husband realized his mistake and agreed to take back his wife and child with him. Hence, due to active interference of the DLSA, the deserted wife reunited with her husband.



3. One unidentified distressed lady as published in the local newspaper "The Sambad" was rescued and handed over to her son with providing legal aid and benefits of govt. schemes by DLSA, Malkangiri headed by PLV Dr. Ranjan Kumar Swain.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

G. Permanent Lok- Adalat (PUS)

No. of Pre-litigation disputes instituted	No. of Pre-litigation disputes settled
30	47

H. Mediation Activities :

No. of Cases referred for mediation	No. of cases disposed with successful mediation
03	01

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

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

J. Generating Awareness & Legal Literacy

Theme of the Legal Awareness & Legal Literacy Camp/Webinar(s)	1.Observance of International Labour Day 2.Awareness programme on Solid Waste Management 3.Awareness programme for jail inmates, Rights of Prisoners
Please, specify the means of Awareness programme. electronic/Digital/Print/Social/Others)	Digital/Social
No. of persons attended	2814
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.)	Legal Awareness through mobile van on Epidemic Act & Govt. guidelines on Covid-19 and distribution of relief materials in co ordination with district administration.
Success stories (if any Please specify in separate sheets.)	---

K. Legal Services at pre-arrest, arrest, and Remand stage

How many suspects provided legal assistance at Pre-arrest stage	How many such suspects not arrested by police	How many arrestees provided legal assistance at the police station before producing them before court	How many are provided legal assistance at remand stage	No. of bail application filed at remand stage	No. of cases in which bail granted.
03	00	06	317	150	22

L. Legal Services to UTPs and Convicts

Number of UTPs represented before the courts	Number of Convicts whose appeals filed in the respective month	Number of convicts whose papers/applications sent to the High court by DLSAs for filing appeals
247	---	---

M. Student Legal Literacy Club

No. of Classes Taken	No. of Students made aware/other Activities
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N. Odisha Victim Compensation

No. of beneficiaries	Compensation amount paid to the victims of different crimes
21	Rs.29,25,000/-

O. Legal Aid Beneficiaries :

Legal Aid Applications Received from	No. of Legal Aid Applications Received	No. of Legal Aid Applications Disposed. off
Front Office	57	58
Village Legal Aid Clinic	74	75
SC/ST Cell	04	01
Help Desk	14	14
Help Line Number	04	04
Jail Legal Aid Clinic	47	46

Legal Counselling/Advice given	No. of Beneficiaries
Front Office	127
Village Legal Aid Clinic	289
SC/ST Cell	24
Help Desk	34
Help Line Number	40
Jail Legal Aid Clinic	192
Hospital Legal Aid Clinic	79

Awareness Campaign Photo & Paper cutting



Awareness by DLSA Bargarh through Mobile Van on Epidemic act



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Distribution of dry foods by DLSA Bargarh in co ordination of district administration



Dry food distribution



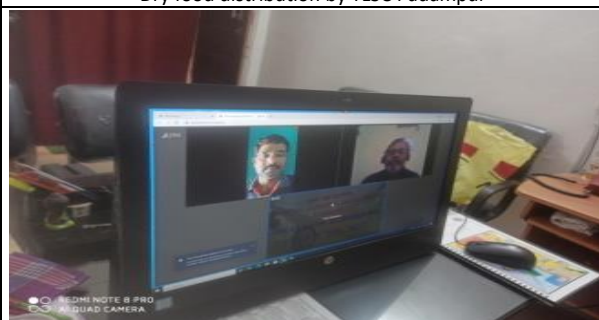
Awareness on International Labour Day DLSA Bhadrak



Dry food distribution by TLSC Padampur



On line Awareness for jail inmates



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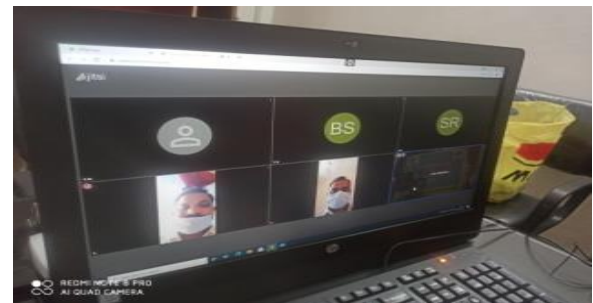
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Awareness on Solid waste management



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Awareness on International Labour Day DLSA Cuttack



Awareness on Human trafficking



Awareness on Solid waste management



Sanitizer distribution



News paper clipping



Distribution of dry foods