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**From the desk of
Hon'ble the Acting Chief Justice,
High Court of Orissa and Executive Chairman
Odisha State Legal Services Authority**



Our society has major unmet legal needs that adversely affect weaker and marginalized sections of the society. Equal justice being the most inspiring ideal of our society, the primary role of the State Legal Services Authority is to ensure that the Constitutional edicts to effectuate equal justice to all the citizenry including the downtrodden, weaker sections, differently abled persons of the society, are achieved.

In today's fast-paced world, staying informed about various citizen centric Act, Rules, Schemes and other beneficial legal developments is essential in ensuring that justice is served and legal services are enhanced for the benefit of all. It is indeed satisfying to record that the Odisha State Legal Services Authority (OSLSA) is publishing its half-yearly Newsletter. This edition for July-December, 2023 inscribes its salient features and various activities apart from useful information viz. Legal Aid Services, Victim Compensation Scheme, Legal Aid Defence Counsel System, Mediation system with an endeavour to create better awareness amongst the people. This issue further reflects reference of major events and initiatives taken by OSLSA during this quarter.

I would like to express my appreciation to all the stakeholders who have dedicated their time and expertise in preparing this newsletter. I hope that the Newsletter of OSLSA will serve as a conveyor of citizen centric information to every strata of the society and will be helpful in enhancing the public confidence in the justice delivery system.

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INTRODUCTION

The Odisha State Legal Services Authority and District Legal Services Authorities have been constituted in the State pursuant to the Notification Nos. 15664/LAP Dtd. 23rd September, 1996 and No. 15671/LAP Dtd. 23rd September, 1996 of the Law Department, Government of Orissa. Prior to that, a Board namely Odisha State Legal Aid & Advice Board constituted under the Odisha State Legal Aid & Advice Programme, 1981 was functioning in the State pursuant to the Notification No. 8010 Dtd. 5th May, 1981 of the Law Department, Govt. of Odisha. With constitution of the State Legal Services Authority in enforcement of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 as amended by the Amendment Act, 1994, the aforesaid Board became defunct pursuant to the Notification Dtd. 28.1.1997 of the Law Department, Government of Odisha.

By virtue of Section-28 of the Act, 1987, the State Government has framed Rules namely the "Odisha State Legal Services Authority Rules, 1996," and being enabled by Sec. 29-A of the Act, 1987, the State Authority has also made Regulations namely "Odisha State Legal Services Authority Regulations, 1996," to carry out and give effect to the provisions of the Act, 1987.

Apart from the State Legal Services Authority, at State level, there are 30 District Legal Services Authorities, one each in every District, and 114 no. of Taluk Legal Services Committees in different outlying court at Taluk level.

The State Legal Services Authority and its field units have been constituted for providing free and competent legal services to the weaker sections of the society, to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by reason of economic or other disabilities, to organize Legal Awareness Camps especially in rural areas, slums or labour colonies with the dual purpose of spreading legal literacy and legal awareness amongst the people and in particular to educate weaker sections of the society about their rights, benefits and privileges guaranteed by social welfare legislation and other enactments as well as the administrative programmes and measures to encourage settlement of disputes by way of negotiations, arbitration, conciliation and mediation, and to organize Lok Adalats for early settlement of disputes to secure that the operation of the legal system promotes justice on a basis of equal opportunity.



The office of OSLSA was previously functioning at S.O.20, Cantonment Road, Cuttack. The new permanent building of OSLSA constructed at CDA, Sector-1, Markat Nagar and is functioning with effect from 25.09.2021. The building of OSLSA namely "AainSeva Bhawan" was inaugurated on 25.09.2021 by Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.V. Ramana, the then Chief Justice, Supreme Court of India & Patron-in-Chief, NALSA in the august presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice U.U. Lalit, Judge, Supreme Court of India & the then Executive Chairman, NALSA, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vineet Saran, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble Dr. Justice S. Muralidhar, the then Chief Justice, High Court of Orissa & Patron-in-Chief, OSLSA and Hon'ble Judges of High Court of Orissa.



Lok Adalats : -

a) National Lok Adalat

During the period from July, 2023 to December, 2023, two National Lok Adalats i.e. 3rd National Lok Adalat on 9th September, 2023 and 4th National Lok Adalat on 9th December, 2023 were organized in the Hon'ble High Court of Orissa and District and other Sub-ordinate Courts as per the Lok Adalat Schedule for the Year, 2023 received from NALSA, New Delhi.

In the aforesaid two National Lok Adalats held on 09.09.2023 and 09.12.2023, total 1343 cases which include Motor Accident Claims Appeals (MACAs), Land Acquisition matters, Service matters, Bank matters relating to SARFAESI Act, Electricity matters and Criminal Compoundable/matrimonial matters were placed for disposal by the High Court Legal Services Committee and out of the same, 216 cases were settled/disposed of in total, which include 194 no. of MAC Appeals, 03 no. of Land Acquisition matters, 02 no. of Service matters, 10 no. of Bank matters relating to SARFAESI Act, 03 no. of Electricity matters and 04 no. of Criminal Compoundable/Matrimonial matters. A sum of Rs.12,29,07,355/- towards compensation was awarded in the aforesaid MAC Appeals.

Details of National Lok Adalat in High Court :

Date of National Lok Adalat	Cases placed	Cases settled	Settlement Amount (In Rs.)
09.09.2023	534	97	4,76,88,355/-
09.12.2023	809	119	7,52,19,000/-

Similarly, in the aforesaid two National Lok Adalats held on 9th September, 2023 and 09th December, 2023, in the District and Sub-ordinate Courts and Consumer Forum/Other Tribunals, total 88,848 cases comprising of 88,438 no. of Court based pending cases, 09 no. of Debts Recovery Tribunal, 38 no. of State Education Tribunal, and 363 no. of Consumer Forum cases were placed and out of which, total 31,863 cases were settled/disposed of which comprising of 31,711 no. of Court based Cases, 09 no. of Debts Recovery Tribunal cases, 15 no. of State Education Tribunal cases, and 128 no. of Consumer Forums cases. Total settlement amount involves in disposal of the aforesaid cases comes to Rs.266,32,86,985/-.

Further, out of 2,11,608 no. of identified Pre-litigation disputes, 11,881 nos. of such disputes were also settled involving settlement amount of Rs. 45,94,06,706/-.

Details of National Lok Adalat in District and Sub-ordinate Courts/Consumer Forums/Other Tribunals:

Date of National Lok Adalat	Cases placed			Cases settled/disposed of			Settlement Amount in both Pre-litigation disputes and Pending cases (In Rs.)
	Pre-litigation disputes	Court based pending Cases	Consumer Forum/Other Tribunals	Pre-litigation disputes	Court based pending Cases	Consumer Forum/Other Tribunals	
9 th Sept., 2023	107621	46,998	215	4915	17577	75	137,52,34,252/-
9 th Dec., 2023	103987	41,440	195	6966	14134	77	174,74,59,439/-

b) District Level Lok Adalats:

As per the Lok Adalat schedule for the year, 2023, two District Level Lok Adalats were also held across the State on 8th July, 2023 and 14th October, 2023 on the subjects, as specified by NALSA. In the aforesaid Lok Adalats, total 2,82,009 Cases were placed, which include 4203 no. of Motor Accident Claims Cases, 3394 no. of N.I.Act Cases, 23 no. of IPR matters, 195 no. of Consumer matters, 683 no. of Land Acquisition Cases, 3928 no. of Family disputes, 2,67,110 no. of Revenue cases, 612 no. of Other Criminal cases and 1861 no. of other ancillary matters pending in any quasi-judicial authority & instituted before the State/District/Taluk Authorities and out of which, 2,43,968 Cases were disposed of/settled which include 346 no. of Motor Accident Claims Cases, 480 no. of N.I.Act Cases, 36 no. of Consumer matters, 25 no. of Land Acquisition Cases, 555 no. of Family disputes, 2,41,798 no. of Revenue cases, 230 no. of Other Criminal Cases and other 498 no. of ancillary matters pending any quasi-judicial authority & instituted before the State/District/Taluk Authorities. Total settlement amount involves in disposal/settlement of the aforesaid cases comes to Rs. 49,07,29,736/-.

Details of District Level Lok Adalat in District & Sub-ordinate Courts:

Date of Lok Adalat	Cases placed		Cases settled/ disposed of		Total Settlement Amount (In Rs.)
	Court based pending Cases	Revenue Cases	Court based pending Cases	Revenue Cases	27,63,05,734/-
08.07.2023	9622	142337	1474	129819	
14.10.2023	5277	124773	696	111979	21,44,24,002/-

Permanent Lok Adalat (PUS):

As per the mandate under Section-22B of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 and consequent upon sanction & creation of different categories of posts by the State Government, this Authority has established 22 no. of Permanent Lok Adalat (PUS) and the same are functioning in districts of Angul, Balasore, Bolangir, Bhadrak, Bargarh, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Ganjam at Berhampur, Jajpur, Jharsuguda, Kendrapara, Mayurbhanj at Baripada, Keonjhar, Khurda at Bhubaneswar, Koraput at Jeypore, Kalahandi at Bhawanipatna, Kandhamal(Phulbani), Puri, Rayagada, Sambalpur, Sonepur and Sundargarh respectively to provide compulsory Pre-litigation mechanism for conciliation and settlement of cases relating to Public Utility Services.

Taking into consideration of pendency of the disputes relating to Public Utility Services, the then Hon'ble Executive Chairman, OSLSA vide kind minutes Dated 4th September, 2022 was pleased to divide 22 PLAs(PUS) into two groups i.e., clustered of PLAs and without clustered of PLAs. The name of 14 PLAs (PUS) functioning with clustered and name of 08 PLAs(PUS) functioning without cluster, is furnished herein under.

Cluster of adjoining PLAs (PUS)

Sl.No.	Name of the clustered Districts	Headquarters of the Chairman for the clustered districts
01.	Bhadrak, Jajpur and Kendrapara	Jajpur
02.	Koraput and Rayagada	Rayagada
03.	Kalahandi and Bolangir	Bolangir
04.	Sambalpur, Sonepur and Bargarh	Sambalpur
05.	Angul and Dhenkanal	Angul
06.	Balasore and Mayurbhanj	Balasore

List of PLAs (PUS) without cluster

Ganjam	Berhampur
Keonjhar	Keonjhar
Kandhamal	Phulbani
Khurda	Bhubaneswar
Puri	Puri
Sundargarh	Sundargarh
Cuttack	Cuttack
Jharsuguda	Jharsuguda

Data of PLA(PUS) for the period from July-December, 2023

No. of sittings of PLAs held during the period: **417**

No. of Pre-litigation disputes were pending as on 30.06.2023	No. of Pre-litigation disputes instituted during the period	No. of Pre-litigation disputes settled during the period	No. of Pre-litigation disputes pending at the end of the month
2714	537	869	2382

Mediation

The mediation activities are being carried out in the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Centre Buildings situated one each in 16 districts of the State and in rest 14 districts the mediation activities are being carried out in the District Legal Services Authority office of the respective districts.

During the period of July-December, 2023, the District Mediation Centres have received 487 cases referred from the Courts, out of which 482 cases have been disposed of, including 258 pending cases of previous month(s) in the mediation centres and 18 cases have successfully been settled between the parties.

**Cases Referred from the Courts to District Mediation Centres
July-December, 2023**

Cases pending as on 30.06.2023	Cases Referred	Cases Disposed of			Total Disposed of	Pending cases
		Cases Settled	Cases Unsuccessful	Non-Starter Cases		
258	487	18	354	110	482	263

During this period, the District Mediation Centres have received 108 applications for Pre-Litigation Mediation from the applicants, out of which 90 applications have been disposed of, including 48 pending cases of previous month(s) and 12 Pre-Litigation cases have successfully been settled between the parties through mediation.

Pre-Litigation Disputes Received by the District Mediation Centres
July-December, 2023

Cases pending as on 30.06.2023	Cases Referred	Cases Disposed of			Total Disposed of	Pending cases
		Cases Settled	Cases Unsuccessful	Non-Starter Cases		
48	108	12	25	53	90	66

Similarly, during the period the District Mediation Centres, have received 390 applications under the Pre-Institution Mediation & Settlement in Commercial matters (PIMS), out of which 345 applications have been disposed of, including 81 applications of previous month(s) and 2 Commercial disputes have successfully been settled between the parties through mediation.

Pre-Institution Mediation & Settlement in Commercial Matters (PIMS)
Received by the District Mediation Centres
July-December, 2023

Cases pending as on 30.06.2023	Cases Referred	Cases Disposed of			Total Disposed of	Pending cases
		Cases Settled	Cases Unsuccessful	Non-Starter Cases		
81	390	02	04	339	345	126

Mediation Training Programme:

A 40-hour (5 days) Mediation Training Programme was organised by OSLSA at Jeypore (District-Koraput) involving the Advocates of the districts of Koraput, Kalahandi, Malkangiri, Nabarangpur and Rayagada from 28th June 2023 to 2nd July 2023 under the aegis of the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC), Supreme Court of India. In the said training programmes, 24 Advocates-Mediators have successfully completed mediation training. The Judge Trainers of MCPC namely Mrs. Giribala Singh and Mr. Mahesh Krishnaji Jadhav deputed by the MCPC, New Delhi conducted the training programme.

Glimpses of Mediation Training Programme at Koraput- Jeypore



Victim Compensation Scheme

The Scheme called "The Odisha Victim Compensation Scheme, 2012" came into force on 25th July, 2012 which has been published in the Odisha Gazette by the Home Department, Govt. of Odisha in pursuance of the powers conferred by the provisions of Section 357-A of the Code of Criminal procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974) is being implemented through the Odisha State Legal Services Authority and District Legal Services Authorities.

The Victim Compensation Scheme is amended by the Home Department, Govt. of Odisha and the Scheme is called "The Odisha Victim Compensation Scheme, 2017", published in the Odisha Gazette on dtd.03.04.2017.

Further, the Home Department, Govt. of Odisha, in exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of Section 357-A of the Code of Criminal procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974) has amended the Odisha Victim Compensation Scheme by inserting Schedule-II (Compensation Scheme for women victims or survivors of sexual assault or other crimes) after Schedule-I and the Scheme is called "The Odisha Victim Compensation (Amendment) Scheme, 2018" which has been come into force with effect from the 2nd October, 2018, published in the Odisha Gazette on dtd.30.10.2018.

The objective of the Odisha Victim Compensation Scheme is to provide financial assistance to the victims and support services such as shelter, Counselling, Medical Aid, Legal Assistance, Education and Vocational training depending upon the needs of the victim. The Government of Odisha provides funds to this Authority which is being allocated to the 30 District Legal Services Authorities to deal with the applications for assistance under the Scheme in that district.

Details of Victim compensation fund (July-December, 2023)

Opening balance as on 01.07.2023	Amount received from Home Department	Total Amount	Amount Disbursed
Rs.8,50,94,846.82	Rs.15,00,00,000/-	Rs.23,50,94,846.82/-	Rs.18,57,88,764/-

During the period from the month of July to December, 2023, 1246 applications under the Victim compensation Scheme were received by the District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs), out of the same, 1157 applications (including previous pending applications) were decided/disposed of and Rs.18,57,88,764/- was disbursed to the beneficiaries as compensation.

Victim Compensation Applications (July-December, 2023)

Applications received	Application disposed of/decided	Amount Disbursed
1246	1157	Rs.18,57,88,764/-

Legal Aid Defense Counsel System

As per the instructions received from NALSA from time to time, steps have been taken by OSLSA to implement Legal Aid Defense Counsel System in all the 30 DLSAs of the State. During the 1st Phase, steps were initiated by OSLSA to establish Legal Aid Defense Counsel System Offices in the districts of Angul, Bolangir, Balasore, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Ganjam, Kalahandi, Khurda, Koraput, Malkangiri, Mayurbhanj, Nuapada, Phulbani, Sambalpur & Sundargarh. On 26th April, 2023, Hon'ble Dr. Justice S. Muralidhar, the then Chief Justice, High Court of Orissa and Patron-in-Chief of OSLSA inaugurated the Legal Aid Defense Counsel System Offices in the aforesaid 15 DLSAs of the State through Virtual Mode at "AAIN SEVA BHAWAN", Cuttack in the august presence of the Hon'ble Judges of High Court of Orissa.



As per the instruction of the NALSA a 2-day online training programme have been held for the selected Legal Aid Defense Counsel at Odisha Judicial Academy, Cuttack.

Total 12 Nos. of Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel, 26 Nos. of Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel and 28 Nos. of Assistance Legal Aid Defense Counsel have been appointed in the aforementioned LADCS. After functioning of LADCS, the following no. of cases received and disposed of.

Number of Districts where LADC office functional as on December, 2023	Number of Sessions cases assigned	Number of Magistrate Courts' cases assigned	Number of bail applications assigned	Number of Sessions cases disposed off	Number of Magistrate Courts' cases disposed off	Number of bail applications disposed off
15	880	889	1696	148	268	1451

Legal Aid Services

During the period from July to December, 2023, 5541 applications seeking legal aid were received with different prayers and the same have been dealt with by the State Authority, High Court Legal Services Committee and other field units and out of which 5423 legal aid applications have been disposed of.

i) Total no. of legal aid applications received.	5541			
ii) No. of legal aid applications disposed.	Panel Advocates engaged	Advice/ counseling	Other Services	Total
	1377	3507	557	5423

Legal Services Management System (LSMS) is a web-portal developed by NALSA is used to monitor different legal aid activities of its field units. Any person can apply for legal aid through this portal by giving details of his/her grievance and also track his/her application status through Legal Services Management System (LSMS) portal.

From July to December, 2023, OSLSA and its field units received 1342 Legal Aid Application through Legal Services Management System. From 1342 applications, 1028 applications have been disposed of by DLSAs and TLSCs and 314 applications were forwarded to DLSAs, TLSCs and HCLSC for taking necessary steps at their end to dispose of those applications.

Period	No. of Legal Aid Application received through LSMS	No. of Application disposed	No. of Application pending at district level
July- December, 2023	1342	1028	314

High Court Legal Services Committee

The High Court Legal Services Committee started functioning w.e.f.16.08.1998 in the premises of Orissa High Court, Cuttack. Prior that it was functioning in the Office of the Odisha State Legal Services Authority Cantonment Road, Cuttack. Now, it is functioning at Aain Seva Bhawan, Cuttack. Hon'ble Shri Justice Arindam Sinha is the present Chairman of High Court Legal Services Committee and Shri Satyabrata Mishra, Co-Ordinator Arbitration Center is in-charge of the Secretary of High Court Legal Services Committee.

Establishment Of Monitoring and Mentoring Committee

According to Regulation -10(3) and (6) of the NALSA (Free and Competent Legal Services), there is a Monitoring and Mentoring Committee in this H.C.L.S.Committee consisting Shri. Samir Kumar Mishra, Advocate and Secretary, High Court Legal Services Committee.

Providing Of Free and Competent Legal Services In High Court Legal Services Committee.

This is regarding free and competent Legal Services by HCLS Committee. There are 64 nos of Lawyers in High Court Legal Services committee. Suitable counsels from the panel are being engaged to file and conduct the cases before the Hon'ble Court on behalf of the legal aided persons.

Engagement of Senior Advocates in Selected Cases

As per the Resolution passed in the Meeting of the Hon'ble Chairpersons and Secretaries of the High Court Legal Services Committee held on 15.05.2012 at New Delhi, requests have been made to the senior Advocates for conducting Legal Aid Cases and the Senior Advocates have given their consent to that effect.

Legal Representation

Free Legal Representations are being provided by the High Court Legal Services Committee to the applicant, if they are found to be eligible for the same.

Providing of Free Legal Services in High Court

Free Legal Services by HCLS Committee Counsels from the panel of HCLSC are being engaged to conduct the cases on behalf of those who have been provided with free legal services.

Payment to the Panel Lawyers

After disposal of the cases in which the panel lawyers have been engaged by the HCLSC for conducting the case, on submission of the bills for their honorarium, committee is disbursing the same after due verification without any inordinate delay by transfer the fund to their bank Account.

Application Sent to Supreme Court Legal Services Committee For Filing Of SLP Before The Hon'ble Supreme Court Of India

Sl. No.	Period	No of Application Sent to SCLS Committee for filing SLP before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India
1	July-December, 2023	17

Pro Bono Legal Aid Counsel

83 number of Counsel have registered their names as Pro Bono Legal Aid Counsel.

Permanent & Continuous Lok Adalat

This Committee is holding Permanent & Continuous Lok Adalat in Which Hon'ble Shri Justice J.P. Das & Hon'ble Dr. Justice A.K.Mishra nominated by the then Hon'ble Chief Justice, Orissa High Court as Member of P&C Lok Adalat with fixed Honorarium of Rs.15,000/ per sitting.

Statement Showing the Legal Aid Beneficiaries in

The High Court Legal Services Committee

Period	General Category	S.C. Category	In Custody	Women	S.T. Category	Total
July-Dec., 2023	124	22	173	74	06	313

Advocate Engaged Through H.C.L.S.

Committee For Filing of Cases Before The Hon'ble Court

Year	Bail Application	Modification of Bail	CRPMC U/S 482	Jail Criminal Appeal	Criminal Appeal	Writ Petition	TRP	RSA	Legal Opinion
July-Dec., 2023	48	21	03	142	02	67	02	01	35

Legal Aid Activity

a) Legal Aid Clinic

Village Legal Aid Care and Support Centres: -

As per the Reg.3 of National Legal Services Authority (Legal Aid Clinics) Regulation, 2011, the District Legal Services Authorities and Taluk Legal Services Committees have established 158 no. of Village Legal Aid Clinics/Centres at rural areas which are manned by Para Legal Volunteers. The said centres function once in a week.

During the month of July-December, 2023, 3679 persons approached the Village Legal Aid Care and support Centres and 2099 persons were provided with legal assistance.

Village Legal Aid Care and Support Centres

No. of persons approached the Village Legal Aid Care and Support Centres	No. of persons provided assistance
3679	2099

Jail Legal Services Clinics:

In view of NALSA (Legal Aid Clinics) Regulation, 2011, total 87 no. of Jail Legal Aid Clinics have been established in different jails which are functioning under the supervision of the concerned District Legal Services Authorities or Taluk Legal Services Committees.

During the month of July-December, 2023, 6772 persons approached the Jail Legal Services Clinics and 3549 persons were provided with legal assistance.

Jail Legal Services Clinics:

No. of persons approached the Jail Legal Services Clinics	No. of persons provided assistance
6772	3549

b) Nyaya Sanjog

As per the instruction of NALSA, a Legal Assistance Establishment, named as 'Nyaya Sanjog' is established and made functional at the office of the OSLSA, Cuttack on 21st June, 2017 for providing multiple services and facilities to legal aid seekers under one roof and at a single

location. The Nyaya Sanjog is manned by two Panel Lawyers of the DLSA, Cuttack on rotation basis in every month to render necessary services to the legal aid seeker. The dedicated Helpline Number of the Nyaya Sanjog is 1516/9438578586 (Toll Free). The Panel Lawyers of Nyaya Sanjog are also receiving calls from specially abled persons from the dedicated helpline number 1800-345-7571.

During the period from July to December, 2023, 371 persons have approached the Nyaya Sanjog and they were provided with the required legal aid, assistance and consultation.



c) Front Office

In compliance with NALSA (Free and Competent Legal Services) Regulation, 2010, the Odisha State Legal Services Authority has established Front Offices in DLSAs and TLSCs. As of now, there are 135 no. of Front Offices functioning in the State. The Front Offices are manned by Advocate-Retainers to render assistance to the Legal Aid Seekers approaching the Front Offices. Also, they are attending calls from NALSA helpline no i.e. 15100.

During the month of July-December, 2023, 1139 persons approached the Front Offices and 1015 persons were provided with suitable legal advice.

Front Office:

No. of persons approached the Front Offices	No. of persons provided assistance
1139	1015

d) Retainer-Remand Advocates

As per Regulation-10 of NALSA (Free & Competent Legal Services) Regulation-2010 (as amended in 2019), Front Offices have been established in 30 District Legal Services Authorities and in 105 Taluk Legal Services Committees in the State of Odisha.

Retainer Lawyers are providing legal advice, helping in drafting applications, petitions, replies etc. One dedicated telephone number is provided to each Front Office. Total 135 nos. of panel Advocates are designated to act as Retainers-Remand Advocate in the front offices to render assistance/services to the Legal Aid seekers approaching the Front Offices.

LED Televisions are installed in the Front Offices of 30 DLSAs, where NALSA theme songs, success stories, Documentary Films relating to Legal Aid Activities are being displayed.

Awareness Programmes

As per NALSA's guidelines, Legal Awareness camps are being regularly organized in different parts of the State, mainly in remote areas to generate legal awareness amongst the masses. Odisha State Legal Services Authority prepares a calendar with Common Minimum Programmes each year and communicates to all DLSAs and TLSCs with an instruction to organize nature of activities in each month. As per the said common Minimum Programme,

In the month of July, awareness programmes on J.J.(CPC)Act, Right to Compulsory Education Act (Involving P.L.Vs. Police Officers, Students, members of CWC. etc), Observation of Van Mahotsav Week, Plantation Drive by DLSAs & TLSCs and awareness programme for jail inmates were organized.

Similarly, in the month of August, awareness programmes on various social welfare schemes of Central & State Govt. involving local Administrative Officers, Block / Panchayat level officers, training programme for Panel Lawyers, awareness programme on establishment and functioning of the Permanent Lok Adalat for public utility services, the nature of disputes taken cognizance by PLA and the benefits of the scheme under Chapter-VIA of the Legal services Authorities Act, 1987, awareness programme involving students members of the Students Legal literacy club, awareness programme for jail inmates were organized.

In the month of September, awareness programme on NALSA (Legal Services to Victims of Acid Attacks) Scheme, 2016, relevant provisions of the Indian Penal code and Victim Compensation Scheme, 2017 etc. involving Police officers, PLVs. Panel Lawyers, College Students, Medical officers, etc. and street play on the said subject were organized. Awareness Programme on safety social media platform, Cyber Laws, Zone level Legal Literacy Festival, awareness camp on NALSA Scheme on Legal Services to Workers in Un-organized Sector, awareness programmes on POCSO Act. and Victim Compensation Prescribed under the POCSO Act. including NALSA's Compensation Schemes for women victims/survivors of sexual assault/other crimes 2018 and awareness programme for jail inmates were organised.

In the Month of October, observation of “International day of the Older Person” on 1st October ,2023 with organization of awareness camps on NALSA Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016, maintenance and welfare of parents and senior citizens Act,2007, different Govt. Schemes for senior citizens involving administrative officers,panel lawyers, medical officers, PLVs & NGOs was organised. Awareness camp on NALSA Scheme Legal Services to Workers in Un-organized Sector, Observation of World Mental health day on 10th October, 2023 with organization of awareness camp and awareness programme for jail inmates were organised.

In the Month of November, observance of National Legal Services Day on 9th November 2023 with awareness camps on Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, LokAdalat, Mediation, Permanent Lok Adalat, Mediation, Permanent Lok Adalat (PUS), Nyaya Sanjog, was organized. Also observation of children's day on 14th November 2023 (Involving the Members of the student's legal literacy clubs, officers of the child welfare committee), observation of Constitution day on 26th November 2023 by involving Judicial Officers, Panel Lawyers, PLVs. and awareness programme on fundamental duties, POCSO Act & JJ(CPC) Act.were organized.

In the month of December, observance of “Disability Day” on 3rd December,2023 with organisation of awareness programmes on relevant Laws and Schemes (Involving Medical officers, PLVs, NGOs), observance of “Human Rights Day” on 10th December,2023 with organisation of different programmes like, competitions and seminars (Involving Students, Advocates, etc.). and awareness programme for jail inmates were organized

During important festivals of the State which attract huge footfall, stalls are being set up every year for generating and spreading legal awareness and dissemination of information regarding the functioning of the Legal Services Institutions. Awareness campaign is also being carried out through Electronic and Print Media and recently, even in social media.

During the aforesaid period, **1548** nos. of Awareness Camps were organized by the District Legal Services Authorities and Taluk Legal Services Committees in Physical and virtual mode across the State on different legal themes and welfare schemes as per the calendar of Activities of OSLSA and **1,35,316** Persons participated in above awareness camps.

Total No. of Awareness Camps Organized (July - December, 2023)	Total No. of Persons participated in Awareness Camps
1548	1,35,316

Glimpses of Awareness Camps organized by different DLSAs





Outreach Campaign

a) Mobile Legal Services Van

To create awareness about legal rights among general public of far-flung areas of the state OSLSA has deployed Mobile Legal Services Van with the prime objective of propagation of the legal aid schemes, spreading awareness through public interaction in order to make people aware of their legal rights, and the role, activities and functioning of legal services institutions including various legal services schemes formulated by NALSA as well as the various social welfare schemes of both Central & State Government. DLSAs also depute Panel Lawyer, PLVs during the visit of Mobile Legal Services Van with an aim to create awareness and to provide instant legal Aid & assistance to general public and also to receive legal aid applications from general public. In the Mobile Legal Services Van, awareness through audio visual display system on NALSA theme song, Schemes of NALSA, Various provisions of Law and various social welfare schemes of both central & State Govt. are being displayed during its visits.

During the period, Mobile Legal Services Van was deployed at Angul, Balasore, Bhadrak, Cuttack, Deogarh, Dhenkanal, Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Phulbani, Puri, Nayagarh, and Sundargarh Districts of Odisha for creating legal awareness among the general Public of far-flung areas.

Glimpses of awareness through Mobile Legal Services Van





b) Special Campaign for Plantation Drive

With the aim to create awareness amongst the general public as well as Students on "Protection of Environment", a State-wide Plantation Drive has been organised on 7th July, 2023 on the occasion of observance "Van Mahotsav Week", in association with Forest and Environment Department and School & Mass Education Department, Govt. of Odisha. As per the instructions of the then Hon'ble Executive Chairman of this Authority, all the 30 District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs), 114 Taluk Legal Services Committees (TLSCs), Panel Lawyers, Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) and students & teachers of all High Schools functioning in the districts including the schools having Student Legal Literacy Clubs (SLLCs) functioning in the State of Odisha had participated in the plantation drive. In the plantation drive 5,06,020 numbers of saplings have been planted throughout the State .

In celebration of "Van Mahotsav Week" a Plantation Programme has been organised by the Odisha State Legal Services Authority (OSLSA) and District Legal Services Authority, Cuttack in collaboration with the Cuttack Forest Range, City Forest Division at Khannagar Govt. High School, Cuttack on 7th July, 2023. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Subhasis Talapatra, Judge, High Court of Orissa and the then Executive Chairman, OSLSA, Hon'ble Dr. Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi, Judge, High Court of Orissa and the then Chairman, High Court Legal Services Committee, Hon'ble Miss Justice Savitri Ratho, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Murahari Sri Raman, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gourishankar Satapathy and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chittaranjan Dash the Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Orissa had graced the occasion and planted saplings in the Campus of Khannagar Govt. High School, Cuttack in presence of Students & Teachers of the school.

Glimpses of Van Mahotsav



c) Observance of World Mental Health Day

The Odisha State Legal Services Authority in association with the District Legal Services Authority Cuttack has Observed "World Mental Health Day" on 10th October, 2023 at Department of Psychiatry, S.C.B. Medical College & Hospital, Cuttack. In the said Programme, the Member Secretary OSLSA & the then District Judge -cum- Chairman District Legal Services Authority Cuttack, presented their valuable talk on aims & Objective of the observance of the World Mental Health Day and various aspects of Law relate to Mental Health Care and provisions of Legal Aid & Services for Mentally disabled persons. The dignitaries had also distributed fruits amongst the patients of Mental ward.

Glimpses of Observance of World Mental Health Day at Department of Psychiatry, S.C.B. Medical College & Hospital, Cuttack



Glimpses of Observance of World Mental Health Day by Different DLSAs



d) Inauguration of Legal Aid Clinic for convicts of Biju Pattanaik Open Air Ashram, Jamujhari & Driving Training Centre for their rehabilitation

A Legal Aid Clinic and a driving Training Centre for the rehabilitation of convicts of Biju Pattanaik Open Air Ashram at Jamujhari, Khurda was inaugurated by Hon'ble Dr. Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi, the Acting Chief Justice, High Court of Orissa and Executive Chairman, Odisha State Legal Services Authority, Cuttack, with an aim to cater to the legal needs of the convicts and bridge the gap between the convicts and concerned departments, and It is also meant to facilitate various benefits which are available to them under NALSA, SOP for their premature release.

The driving training Centre has been setup at the instance of OSLSA and DLSA, Khurda in collaboration with the Transport Department. This would help in rehabilitation of the convicts when they will step into the society after their release and help them making better humans.

Glimpses of Inauguration of Legal Aid Clinic & Driving Training Centre at Biju Pattanaik Open Air Ashram, Jamujhari.





e) Commemorative Ceremony of the workforce of legal services at state level on the occasion of National Legal Services Day

To acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of the legal aid lawyers of different panels, para legal volunteers at the community level, students, in prisons and contribution of educational institutions at colleges and schools level, who have made significant impact in providing legal assistance and support to the individuals in need, the Odisha State Legal Services Authority organized a Commemorative Ceremony in august presence of Hon'ble Dr. Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi, Acting Chief Justice, High Court of Orissa and Executive Chairman OSLSA at Aain Seva Bhavan, Cuttack on 9th November 2023 on the eve of National Legal Services Day. In the said programme the Hon'ble Dr. Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi, Acting Chief Justice, High Court of Orissa and Executive Chairman Odisha State Legal Services Authority felicitated the best panel lawyer, best student, community, prison PLVs and best educational institution at College and School level.

Besides that all the field units i.e.; 30 DLSAs and 114 TLSCs observed National Legal Services Day by Organizing Awareness and Legal Literacy camp, rally, through mobile Vans, News Papers and Social media.

Glimpses of Commemorative Ceremony of the workforce of legal services at state level on the occasion of National Legal Services Day



Glimpses of Observance of National Legal Services Day by Different DLSAs



f) Legal Aid Stall of OSLSA at Historic Baliyatra Ground Cuttack.

In order to create awareness amongst the general public during the Baliyatra Festival-2023, a Legal Services Stall was set up by the Odisha State Legal Services Authority at Historic Baliyatra ground, Cuttack. The said Stall was inaugurated by Hon'ble Shri Justice Arindam Sinha, Judge, High Court of Orissa and Chairman, High Court Legal Services Committee on 28. 11.2023 in presence of Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Orissa and District Magistrate & Collector, Cuttack.

The main objects of installing of the Stall was to create awareness amongst the general public about the different activities carried out by the OSLSA and field units i.e. District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs), Permanent Lok Adalats (Public Utility Services) and Taluk Legal Services Committees (TLSCs) and its benefits. Besides that temporary Front Office, Mediation Centre and Legal Aid Clinic were set up in the said Stall by deploying one Advocate-Retainer and two Para-legal Volunteers of the DLSAs, on rotation basis during the period from 28.11.2023 to 04. 12.2023 to render necessary advice to the persons during their visit to the Stall of OSLSA. Student PLVs from law colleges were also deployed on rotational basis. Further, awareness materials like leaflets, pamphlets on different activities such as Legal Aid to poor, Lok Adalat, Permanent Lok Adalat (PUS) and Mediation were distributed to the visitors to spread awareness during the Baliyatra Festival-2023. In this inauguration ceremony, the dignitaries distributed victim compensation benefits and labour benefits such as marriage, education, death benefits to the labourers. That apart, appropriate steps were also taken by this Authority to provide legal aid & services to the applicants on their applications received during the said Baliyatra Festival-2023. On the above inauguration Programme there are 53 nos. of Beneficiary who received benefits of Rs.26,07,400/- Lac under different beneficial Schemes. Such as educational benefits, marriage benefits, death benefits and labour registration cards. On 30th November, 2023. Hon'ble Dr. Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi, Acting Chief Justice, High Court of Orissa and Executive Chairman OSLSA also visited the Legal Services stall of OSLSA at Baliyatra on 30.11.2023 and distributed benefits like educational benefits, marriage benefits, death benefits and labour registration cards to the labourers.

Glimpses of Inauguration of Legal Services Stall of OSLSA at Historic Baliyatra Ground



**Glimpses of visit of Hon'ble Dr. Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi, Acting Chief Justice
High Court of Orissa-cum-Executive Chairman OSLSA
to Legal Services Stall of OSLSA**



g) Observance of International Day of Persons with Disabilities

On 3rd December, 2023, Odisha State Legal Services Authority and all its field units i.e.; 30 DLSAs and 114 TLSCs have observed International Day of Persons with Disabilities by organizing awareness and Legal Literacy camps.

On the eve of International Day of Persons with Disabilities, a Mega Legal Services Camp for the Persons with disabilities was organized by District Legal Services Authority, Khurda at Bhubaneswar in association with District Administration at B.J.B. College ground, Bhubaneswar. The Mega Camp was inaugurated by Hon'ble Dr. Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi, Acting Chief Justice High Court of Orissa and Executive Chairman, Odisha State Legal Services Authority on 03.12.2023 in presence of District Judge-cum-Chairman District Legal Services Authority, the Collector-cum-District Magistrate Khurda, Member Secretary OSLSA & Other Judicial Officers of Khurda District.

The main objects of Organizing of the aforesaid Mega Camp was to create awareness amongst the Persons with disabilities on different activities carried out by the OSLSA and field units with various provisions of law relates to them. On that day, the dignitaries distributed instant benefits to the persons with disabilities under different schemes of both Central & State Government like benefits of Madhubabu Pension Yojana, Marriage Assistant, Wheel Chair, Tri-Cycle, Laptop & Students Scholarship.

**Glimpses of observance of International day
of Persons With Disabilities at BJB college Ground ,Bhubaneswar**





**Glimpses of Observance of International day of
Persons With Disabilities by Different DLSAs**



Other Activities

a) Student Legal Literacy Club

Following the guidelines issued by NALSA, total 746 no. of Student Legal Literacy Clubs have already been established in the State, each consisting of not more than 25 student members. There is one Teacher-in-Charge being nominated by the Head Master/Principal of the concerned school for each such club. The Club functions under the supervision of the Secretary, DLSA and District Education Officer of the concerned district. The student members of the Student Legal Literacy Clubs are being involved in the legal literacy/awareness camps as and when organized by the DLSAs/TLSCs as well as in the outreach campaign launched by NALSA.

As per the common minimum programme of NALSA, District and Zonal Level Legal Literacy Competitions on subjects like Essay, Debate, Painting and Skit are organized by all the DLSAs of Odisha.

Glimpses of Legal Literacy Competitions at District and Zonal Level





b) Internship

Young academic talent of Law Students is associated with the District Legal Services Authorities under this establishment of Odisha State Legal Services Authority through the internship programme. 20 students have completed the Internship Training Programme during the period of July to December, 2023 under the District Legal Services Authority, Khurda and they have been given opportunity to know about the policies, schemes and how to provide free and competent legal services to the weaker sections of the societies by providing legal services through Lok Adalat. All the students were enlightened about the opportunities for securing justice to any citizen which are not denied by reason of economic or other disabilities. They were also made aware about the functioning of LADCS.

c) Visits of Jails and CCI by DLSAs

The DLSA Secretaries are regularly visiting jails in every month in order to ascertain the living conditions of UTPs. They are also paying un-scheduled visits to the jails and they are finding out the irregularities in basic facilities provided in jails and they are making necessary intimation to the concerned jail authority for its rectification. Also, one of the major objects of jail visit is to find out the UTPs who are languishing in jail custody due to non-furnishing of bail bond. In these circumstances, DLSAs are engaging panel lawyers for interaction with those UTPs and also taking necessary steps towards filing of applications for modification of their bail conditions before concerned Court and in obtaining socio-economic report for those UTPs. In cases of UTPs who have engaged private lawyers, personal interactions are being done by Secretary, DLSA and that concerned private lawyer for early release of UTP.

Similarly, DLSAs are visiting Child Care Institutions in order to ascertain the basic needs and requirements of a child and they are also ensuring implementation of all necessary guidelines which are framed for protection of interest of a child residing in a child care institution.

d) Training Programmes for Panel Lawyers and Para-legal Volunteers (PLVs):

The training module devised by NALSA was followed for training of panel lawyers. During the July-December, 2023, 28 training programmes for panel lawyers were organized by the field units and 715 panel lawyers were given training.

Similarly, 08 induction/refresher training programmes were organized for Para-legal Volunteers (PLVs) where 389 PLVs hasgot training.

e) Special Awareness Camp on PoSH Act

On 14.09.2023, a special awareness programme was organized by all the DLSAs involving all Judicial Officers and Staffs of the Court for the purpose of sensitization on various provisions of Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace Act, 2013 and on directions of Hon'ble Apex Court imparted in Aureliano Fernandes Vrs. State of Goa and Others. Similarly, awareness programmes are organized by DLSAs in month of October at Collectorate/Tehsil/Block offices of their respective districts and in the month of November at Hospital & other offices and in the month of December at Schools/Colleges & other offices on the provisions of the aforesaid Act.

Glimpses of special awareness camp on POsh Act





f) Authority Meeting

28th Meeting of Odisha State Legal Services Authority was held on 27.07.2023 at Conference Hall of OSLSA where various agendas of OSLSA were discussed and some resolutions are unanimously passed by its Hon'ble Members keeping in view of future approach of OSLSA in achieving its objective.

g) Cleanliness

OSLSA and its field units are committed to maintain cleanliness of Campus of their respective building and the officers are continuously motivating their staffs as well as general public to keep cleanliness of campus.





Success Stories

1. Remarkable Transformation of Gobari River:-A Success Story of Environmental Restoration.

The DLSA, Kendrapara took on the challenge of cleaning and restoring the Gobari River, the lifeline for the inhabitants of Kendrapara which was deteriorated into a dumping ground of waste, a victim of neglect and apathy. The DLSA initiated a comprehensive plan to rejuvenate the river, a project that would later become a beacon or hope for the entire region. The DLSA, in collaboration with various stakeholders and environmental organization, implemented a multifaceted approach to restore the Gobari river. Para Legal Volunteers, local communities, and government agencies joined their hands for regular clean-up drives, removing thick tangle of weeds that had plagued the river. Recognizing that lasting change begins with awareness, the DLSA organized awareness program, educating residents about the importance of a clean and healthy river ecosystem. These programs instilled a sense of responsibility among the local population. As the restoration efforts continued, an inspiring transformation took place. The Gobari River, once a symbol of pollution, began to breath new life. The water became cleaner, aquatic life returned, and the surrounding greenery flourished. The remarkable change did not stop at the riverbanks. The sense of responsibility and community pride grew, with residents actively participating in maintaining the newly restored environment. The success of the Gobari River restoration project, led by the DLSA, is a reminder that environmental conservation is collective responsibility, and with determination, awareness, and sustained efforts, we can heal and protect our precious natural resources.

2. Successful operation of a girl child residing in a Child Care Institution

During the visit of Secretary, DLSA, Jharsuguda to CCI namely Thakkar Bapa Seva Sadan, Belpahar, she found that one girl namely Reshma Swain who was suffering from club foot for which she was not able to walk properly. Then she asked the warden to send her application to DLSA office, after which, her application was forwarded to DSSO, Jharsuguda by the office of DLSA, Jharsuguda for conducting operation of club foot of the girl. The said office had also approached the CDMO office to conduct the operation of the girl at an early date. Thereafter, her operation has been conducted successfully on 31.07.2023 at Government hospital, Burla. Now, the said girl is in good condition.



3. Registration of 1274 unorganized workers into e-Shram Portal

The Unorganized sector is one of the marginalized section of the society and they, as citizen of the country are equally entitled to the right to work, just and human condition of work, living wages, maternity relief and a decent standard of life. It is the statutory mandate of Legal Service Authorities to facilitate realization of this Constitutional assurance. In cherishing this objective DLSA, Khurda had initiated a door to door campaign and had facilitated in registering 1274 workers into e-Shram Portal during the months of July, August and September, 2023.



4. Facilitating in getting Disability Certificate, UDID, Immediate Medical Facility, Walking Stand and Wheel Chair with Commode



On the intervention of DLSA, Koraput-Jeypore, fresh Disability Certificate and Unique Disability ID (UDID) number has been issued in favour of one Specially abled child namely Harihara Nayak studying in class 9th of Children Home, eypore.



On the intervention of DLSA, Jeypore one girl child of Residential School suffering from unusal leg sweling has been provided with immediate medical facility.



On the intervention of DLSA, Jeypore wheel chair with commode facility and walking stand has been provided to one inmate of the Old Age Home, Boipariguda.

5. Ray of Hope for Four Girls

Four Number of Girl's namely Analu Huika and Rozy Huika, Sita Huika and Rasmita Huika of village Pendili, P.S.-Rayagada in the Dist-Rayagada were not going to take admission in +2 after finishing their matriculation study due to poor financial condition. After knowing it from the local newspaper, the Secretary, DLSA, Rayagada with the help of Rayagada Block Legal Retainer Namely Y. Srinibash Rao and PLV namely Sri Prahallad Dangari called the children along with their guardian and the Sarapanch of the concerned village. Among them Two of Orphan Girl namely Rosy Huika and Analu Huika referred to CCI, Rayagada for staying in CCI and other two Orphan Girl namely Sita Huika and Rasmita Huika were referred to DWO, Rayagada. On dt. 03.08.2023 they took admission at S.S.D, Government College, Kumbharpur in +2 Science Stream.

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6. Admission of Orphan Child in School

One Orphan Child namely Badal Kulesika was not prosecuting study and also was not taken care of by his immediate Guardian due to their poor financial condition. After knowing about this, the Secretary, DLSA, Rayagada by making correspondence with CWC, Rayagada produced him before the CWC. On dt.03.10.2023 he was admitted in the CCI, Balniketan, Limabeda (Boys). Now he is studying in Class-V and the CCI, Balniketan, Limabeda is taking care of his fooding, clothing and all other necessities.

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7. Financial Assistance Under National Family Benefit Scheme

After receiving the newspaper cutting from the Odisha State Legal Services Authority, Cuttack for providing necessary assistance to one Binodini Meher, W/o-Late Sadashiba Meher of Champapur of Biramaharajpur Block, Secretary, DLSA had been to her residential house at Champapur to know the detail and issued letter to the District Social Security Officer, Subarnapur to provide widow pension and to give financial assistance under National Family Benefit Scheme and other benefits under social security schemes. Accordingly, she got her widow pension and financial assistance of Rs. 20,000/- under NFBS scheme. Further, her elder daughter got admission in the College free of cost and the Principal was requested to provide books from the college library.

This Success Story relates to 05 nos. of inmates namely Agadhi Paikaray, Kamalu Harijan, Balanu Jani and Mukunda Jani of Nirmal Akash Old age Home Tenrulikhunti, Nabarangpur who were deprived to get the different benefits of State & Central Govt. due to non-availability of Aadhar Cards. The matter was identified by the Secretary, DLSA Nabarangpur during the visit to the Old Age Home. The matter was intimated to Additional District Magistrate Nabarangpur for issuance of Aadhar cards in favour of the concerned inmates and compliance report intimated at the earliest. After continuous intervention of DLSA, the ADM ordered a team to enquire the matter and helped them to get their Aadhar Cards. Accordingly process for Aadhar cards completed and issued to the inmates of Nirmal Akash Old Age Home.

9. Opportunity of Education to minor girl

As per application of Ms. Lipika Mohapatra, Para Legal Volunteer of DLSA, Angul, in connection with to provide legal assistance to the minor girl child, who had passed class V and drop out for 8 months. The District Legal Services Authority, Angul instructed the District Child Protection Officer, Angul to take action in the grievance application of Ms. Mohapatra. The DCPO, Angul along with Smt. Jharana Nayak, PONIC, DCPU, Angul visited the village Arampur under Thakurgarh G.P. of Athamallik Block on 20.11.2023 to make an enquiry in respect of the above-mentioned minor girl child. They interacted with the child in presence of her brother and some natives and found that the said girl child lost her father four years back and her mother is absconded for eight years. She passed class V and drop out since 8 months. She was produced before the CWC, Angul on 21.11.2023 and placed in Utkal Balashram, Angul & enrolled in Class-VI in P.T.C. High School, Angul.

10. Guardian Ad-Litem of Two Unfortunate Children

On 13.04.2023 Secretary, DLSA, Khurda received a letter annexing a Judgment of Hon'ble High Court of Orissa passed in W.P.(Crl.) No.46/2022 and 39/2022 wherein Secretary, DLSA, Khurda at Bhubaneswar has been appointed as Guardian Ad-Litem of two unfortunate minor children namely Shahad Kaur and Aangad Gurtej and by that time child namely Shahad Kaur was under the custody of Premshraya Shelter Home, Ranchi and child namely Aangad Gurtej was under the custody of Shayog R&D, Biramitrapur, Sundergarh.

On being intimated about the same, DLSA, Khurda took efficacious steps and brought down the Children from Ranchi and Sundergarh to Bhubaneswar with the help of Commissioner-cum-Secretary, W & C.D. Department, Odisha.

On reaching Bhubaneswar, the Children were placed before CWC, Bhubaneswar and were kept under the custody of CWC, Bhubaneswar. It came to the notice of Secretary, DLSA that child namely Aangad Gurtej did not have an Aadhaar Card and this Authority took steps in getting the Aadhaar Card issued and the Branch Manager, SBI KIIT Square Branch was intimated to open their respective Bank Accounts.

Finally, those children got admission in KIIT International Boarding School and now they are pursuing their studies.



11. Protecting the Fundamental Rights of a Destitute Woman By Getting Her Family Pension Disbursed

DLSA, Khurda received a letter of OSLSA to take necessary steps for redressal of the grievance of applicant who is a widow. DLSA, Khurda felt her issue concerning the deprivation of her fundamental rights and took steps in resolving the issue by the way of conciliation which was attended by Secretary, Odisha State Housing Board and the registrar, I.C.Z.M.P., Chilika on repeated intervention of DLSA, Khurda and finally the conciliation process was ended with success and the O.S.H.B. sanctioned the death benefits in favour of the Applicant.

12. Story of a Lessor Who Got His Rent by Way of Mediation

The door of DLSA, Khurda was knocked by Shri Ajit Kumar Mohapatra, by filing an application with a hope to get his money recovered, wherein, he has stated that, he has leased out his 1st Floor to Opp. Party, but the Opp. Party has not given rent amounting to the ₹19,56,605.00. The application was entertained and registered as PIM No.236/2023 and on consistent intervention of DLSA, Khurda followed by Mediation process, the applicant got his money recovered.

13. Wheel Chair and Elbow Crutches for Blind Woman Inmate

On 04.11.2023, the Secretary, DLSA, Phulbani had a visit to ASWASRO Old age home, Kotagarh. During the visit it was found that one blind woman inmate namely Damayanti Kanhar aged about 70 years was bed ridden and had no wheel-chair for her movement nor blind walking stick to aid in her movement. In this regard DLSA, Phulbani has requested to the DSSO, Kandhamal, Phulbani & BSSO, Kotagarh respectively to facilitate providing of a wheel chair and blind walking stick in favour of Damayanti Kanhar. As per the request of DLSA, Phulbani, the DSSO, Phulbani that a wheel chair and elbow crutches have been supplied to Damayanti Kanhar inmate of ASWASRO Old Age Home, Kotagarh.



14. Accommodation for a Helpless Senior Citizen in Old Age Home

The Secretary, DLSA, Mayurbhanj, Baripada came to know from the local News channel namely Argus TV that, a Senior Citizen namely Daitari Naik, S/o- Sadhu Naik of Vill- Dantia³ Muhan, P.S- Betnoti, Dist- Mayurbhanj was lying in a disturbing and helpless condition at roadside. As such with the help of the PLV, DLSA, Mayurbhanj, Baripada rescued him on 05.12.2023. On being asked Sri Daitari Naik had no Aadhar Card but his name was in the Voter

List. Due to non-availability of Aadhar Card, he was not getting benefits of PDS commodities and old age pension. Further it was found that he had no one to take care of him.

Accordingly, Sri Daitari Naik has been sheltered in the Old Age Home at R.D.A.C., Mayurbhanj, Baripada. Further, the Secretary, RDAC, Mayurbhanj, Baripada has been requested to take necessary arrangement for his accommodation and to create his Aadhar Card so that he can get the benefits of old age pension and PDS Commodities.



15. New Home for a Senior Citizen suffering from Mental Illness

An old lady namely - Auro Behera, W/o- Kalia Behera, At./O/P.S- Bhanjpur, Ward No.2, Baripada, Dist- Mayurbhanj who is suffering from mental illness, was found abandoned near the village Belgadia, Baripada. She was left by her family and was in very bad condition. After being informed by the Panel Lawyer, the Secretary DLSA, Mayurbhanj Baripada along with PLV rushed to the spot and rescued the old lady. Initially the lady was sheltered in the "SAHARANCHAL NIRASHRAY AASHRAYA STHALI-2 (NULM)", Baripada later she was transferred to Old Age Home for better care and protection.





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