

State Plan of Action for the Month of August, 2024

1	To continue tree plantation drive by following instructions issued by this Authority in the monthly Plan of Action for the month of August, 2024
2	The Chairperson(s) to supervise and emphasize the identification of cases by the Courts within their respective Divisions for upcoming National Lok Adalat on 14.09.2024.
3	<p>a. Meeting/Interaction of Ld. Chairmen/Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities and the Chairmen, Sub Divisional Legal Services Committees with Bar Association(s), Banks, Insurance Companies, Financial Institutions, NGOs and other Government Departments on weekly basis regarding maximum identification of cases. The emphasis should be on low amount cheque bounce and MACT cases at Pre and Post litigation stage(s) for the upcoming National Lok Adalat on 14.09.2024. Stress should also be made for identification of the Land Acquisition Cases, Family Matters, Compoundable Criminal Cases etc.</p> <p>b. Targets may be given to PLVs for identification of cases for National Lok Adalat and also to mobilize general public to bring maximum numbers of cases at Pre and Post litigation stage(s) for the National Lok Adalat.</p> <p>c. Report be made how many cases identified by for upcoming National Lok Adalat on weekly basis (category wise).</p> <p>d. Ld. Secretaries to hold meetings with Superintendents of Police for identification of compoundable cases.</p>
4	Video Conferencing of Chairperson(s), District Legal Services Authorities with all Judicial Officers of the Civil and Sessions Divisions regarding progress in identification of cases for National Lok Adalat, may be convened.
5	<p>Observance of World Tribal Day on 09.08.2024</p> <p>Legal Awareness programmes shall be organized by DLSAs on NALSA (Protection and Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme, 2015, SC & ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.</p> <p>One Legal Literacy cum Awareness Camp in physical mode may be organized for 60-70 persons by District Legal Services Authority, Chamba, Kullu and Kinnaur for tribal people.</p>
6	<p>Observance of ‘Senior Citizen Day’ on 21st August, 2024.</p> <p>Legal Awareness for Senior Citizens is crucial to ensure that they are informed about their rights and can protect themselves from various issues that may arise. One camp in physical mode for 50-60 persons may be conducted in Old Aged Home, Community Centres at the District Headquarter on the following NALSA’s Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NALSA (LEGAL SERVICES TO SENIOR CITIZENS) SCHEME, 2016 ➤ NALSA’s Compensation Scheme for Women Victims/Survivors of Sexual Assault/other Crimes – 2018/ The Himachal Pradesh (Victim of Crime) Compensation Scheme, 2019

	Highlight the number of programs conducted for each topics and participants attended.
7	Celebration of Independence Day on 15 th August,2024
8	Awareness programme on ‘ Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Act, 2013 ’ for the women employees of District Courts/DLSAs to be conducted by the Secretary, DLSA concerned in all the districts.
9	To increase the acceptance of the Transgender Community in the society and to ensure this community avail the benefits of legal rights and schemes of government, organize Special Awareness Campaign under the Special Identification Campaign from 20 th to 24 th August, 2024. For the members of the transgender community, it is to be ensured that they get benefit of legal rights and schemes available to them. For above mentioned purpose establish co-ordination with concerned department all necessary cards viz. transgender card, identity cards such as voter card, Aadhar Card, rations card, etc told to be issued.
10	Special drive for monitoring of Jail reform issues -including issues of appeal of convicts, screening of potential juvenile, bail bond issues of UTPs, and other issues relating to inmates plea bargaining, parole furlough remission, premature release (Monitoring of Database) While conducting Jail visit/inspection, they may organize awareness programme for Jail inmates and educate them with various provision and law relating to Juvenile Justice. The relevant provisions regarding age of juvenility and its determination in court proceedings must be discussed with them. The detailed reports regarding the number of prisoners who have been provided legal assistance should mention the type of assistance, aid, or advice provided during inspection/visit.
11	Inspection of Children Home(s) and Observation Home(s) by the Observation and Children Home Committee as instructed by this Authority letter 21.06.2024 and other directions mentioned therein to be followed. The report of inspection on the format as provided in “Manual for District Legal Services Authority 2023” be submitted to concerned District Legal Services Authority for necessary action.
12	Organising seminar/awareness programmes on “Importance of Legal Aid in Law Students Life for Law Students” of Law Colleges/Universities in respect of the District where such Law Collages/Universities exist. In other districts concept of free legal aid and legal services be discussed with students of Colleges. The Secretary, District Legal Services shall contact the Head of Law Department, Law Colleges/Universities/other Colleges as the case may be in their respective District for organizing such programme.
14	To organise Training Programme for Legal Services Panel Lawyers i.e. Remand Counsels, Retainer Lawyers, Panel Lawyers, Legal Aid Defence Counsels and PLVs on NALSA Portal
15	To organise Training Programme for staff of District Legal Services Authorities/Sub Divisional Legal Services Committee on NALSA Portal/ Legal

	Services Management System (LSMS) by Secretary, District Legal Services Authority.
16	Chairmen, District Legal Services Authorities to take efforts to boost up mediation activities by holding meeting(s) with Judicial Officers and Trained Advocate Mediators in their jurisdiction, to clear the backlog of the pending cases of mediation. To impress upon Judicial Officers to refer more cases for mediation in order to utilize the services of Trained Mediators.
17	To strengthen the Court Annexed Mediation, the Secretary/Co-ordinator to sensitize the general masses/litigants to encourage them to refer their cases for mediation. Awareness programmes may be organized for litigant public in this regard. The Secretary, DLSA to coordinate the activities carried out in Pre-litigation Desks/Clinics established for Motor Accident, Matrimonial Disputes and Domestic Violence Cases and boost up Pre-litigation Procedure in such matters.
18	Verification of diary of the record of daily legal services activities of PLVs by Secretaries, DLSAs at District headquarters and Chairmen, Sub-divisional Legal Services Committees at Sub-divisional level and coordinating legal services activities in the rural areas/villages through them.
19	Inspection of Jail by the Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities as per Hon'ble Supreme Court directions in Writ Petition (Civil) No.559/1994 with Writ Petition (Civil) No.133/2002.
21	Maintenance of Record of Legal Aid Cases disposed by the Court on daily basis and steps taken to pursue further remedy of filing of appeal and submission of monthly reports to the DLSA. The Secretary, DLSA to submit monthly statement of the entire District in consolidated form.
22	Submission of Monthly institution and disposal statement of legal aided cases to the DLSA. The Secretary, DLSA to submit Monthly institution and disposal statement of the entire Civil & Sessions Division.
23	Review of monthly Impact Assessment of various Legal Services Activities/Camps, suggestions if any.
24	To ensure the timely payment of bills of PLVs, Retainer lawyers and Remand Counsels and honorarium of members of Lok Adalat etc.
25	Reports in all the above activities to be submitted. (Above activities are as broad line parameters in addition to other routine legal services activities, monthly compliances of guidelines/instructions issued from time to time etc.).