

KERALA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND SUCCESS STORIES UNDER THE NALSA SCHEMES IN 2018

NALSA [Legal Services to Victims of disaster through Legal Services Institutions] Scheme, 2010

OAKHI CYCLONE RELIEF ACTIVITIES

- The DLSAs of coastal districts effectively intervened and provided legal aid to the victims of Oakhi Cyclone.
- Legal aid clinics were opened in all the relief camps immediately after the disaster for assuring maximum possible relief to the victims and to their relatives.
- Coordinated the Government departments for relief operations and legal aid Food materials and drinking water brought by the judicial officers, panel lawyers, PLVs and the staff were distributed in the camps.
- The PLVs serving in the Police Stations in the locality were directed to visit the homes of victims and furnish reports regarding the receipt of various reliefs offered by the Government.

KERALA DELUGE- 2018 [FLOOD AND LANDSLIDE IN AUGUST 2018]

- Late July and August of 2018, State of Kerala witnessed unprecedented heavy monsoon rains, 35% more than average. Heavens opened with consistent strength non-stop for many weeks. As a result, hilly areas of the state witnessed landslides while plains and coastal areas experienced flood from rainwater.
- Hundreds lost their lives, thousands were trapped when their residences were surrounded by water, and hundreds of thousands of people were displaced.
- The legal services institutions wasted no time to spring into action by constituting 'Core groups' in all flood affected areas as required under the scheme.

Rescue: There were continuous calls for rescue of persons stranded in flood affected areas. Whatever information received directly at the offices, over phone, from social media etc was passed on to the rescue teams through all possible means.

RELIEF OPERATIONS

- Teams from DLSAs and TLSCs visited the affected areas and relief camps to coordinate

the relief works by supporting to coordinate different departments of the Government and also various NGOs engaged in the task.

- It was ensured that basic amenities are available in the relief camps and affected areas.
- The Hon'ble judges and judicial officers visited relief camps and collection centres and provided adequate support.
- DLSAs collected and distributed relief materials. There were tremendous support to the collection and distribution of relief materials.
- Legal aid, including the service of lawyers was provided
- The Secretary, DLSA Ernakulam has directly contacted the Panchayat President and Village officer of the Chellanam Panchayat, where the cyclone affected badly and speed up the process to provide relief to the victims. Though the intervention of this authority monitory relief to the affected persons could be provided to the victims.
- DLSA Thiruvananthapuram deputed a team of panel lawyers and PLVs to the relief camps to interact with the officials, councilors, religious heads and the people in the camp. Realising the scarcity of food, drinking water etc DLSA distributed food packets in the camp. Judicial officers, panel lawyers, PLVs and staff members brought food packets and distributed in the camp. The PLVs serving in the police stations in the locality were directed to visit the homes of victims and furnish reports regarding the receipt of various reliefs offered by the Government.
- DLSA Thrissur collected and amount of Rs. 75000/- from judicial officers, advocates and staff and handed over to the exact victims.
- So many complaints were received in the legal aid clinics running in the cyclone affected areas regarding the movable and immovable property, documents etc. The DLSAs directly contacted the district administration for speedy disposal of the claim of compensation to the victims.

REHABILITATION

- Neethidhara Help Desks managed by lawyers and PLVs were started at all flood affected places. The response from the disaster victims was overwhelming. They have taken it as the first opportunity to raise their claim for the loss/damage sustained by them.
- Helped the victims to restore valuable documents, apply for compensation etc.
- The petitions received were handed over to the departments concerned for processing them. The progress is monitored. Lok Adalat and legal services camps are being organised.
- The DLSAs are taking follow up actions to ensure that adequate support is provided to

- the disaster victims. Periodical reports are called for by KeLSA to monitor the activities.
- When some DLSAs realised that there was shortage of food supply, they did not hesitate to start a kitchen in the premises of ADR Centre with active support from Judicial Officers, Panel Lawyers, PLVs, staff etc and ensured that adequate food was supplied to the needy.
 - The DLSAs and TLSCs collected relief materials like food, clothes, cleaning items, water etc and distributed to disaster victims. Support received from various sources within and outside the state. Once the victims started returning home, relief kits, cleaning materials, clothes, mat, bed sheets etc were supplied on priority basis.
 - At some places where power supply was interrupted, TLSCs could arrange Generators on war footing.
 - Medical support was provided in and around the relief camps and affected placed by coordinating with the department of health.
 - Group counseling was provided in the relief camps.

NALSA (VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING AND COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION) SCHEME, 2015

- DLSAs have conducted awareness programs about 'sexual abuses'.
- Awareness campaign on Victim Compensation Scheme for Govt. Pleaders, Public Prosecutors and SHOs of Police Station, PLVs, Community Counselors, Counselors of Nirbhaya Shelter Homes, ICDS Supervisors, CDPOs and Anganwadi Teachers and workers.
- Awareness classes and community sensitization programmes on Rights of Transgenders.
- Selected Panel Lawyers are given Training for giving Legal Aid to the Victim of Trafficking and Commercial Sex Exploitation.
- The DLSAs, have conducted awareness programmes on Taluk basis .The classes were lead by Transgender PLVs on who is a transgender, why they need acceptance, violation of their rights etc.
- **"NIRANJANA 2018-** is another important programme for Transgenders in which cultural programmes were organised with the support from four Transgender PLVs.
- A special Adalat was conducted for Transgenders by DLSA, Kottayam.
- **"KALASAGARIKA** a professional arts troop, involving artists among the Transgenders from the Pathanamthitta District, was formed by the DLSA, Pathanamthitta under the project SANTWANAM as part of their rehabilitation.
- Transgenders were trained as PLVs
- Exclusive medical facility was provided for transgenders

NALSA (LEGAL SERVICE TO THE WORKERS IN THE UNORGANIZED SECTOR) SCHEME, 2015

ENROLMENT IN AAWAZ HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME

- Under this scheme of Government of Kerala, which provides Rs. 2, 00,000 to the families, on the death of any migrant worker, DLSAs could register nearly **20,000** migrant labourers registered till date through several programmes and legal services and medical camps across the state in association with the department of labour. 'SAATHI' AND 'PRAVASI DOSTH 'are the major programmes for migrant labourers.

REGISTRATION OF MIGRANT WORKERS

- Registration of migrant labourers is an uphill task. As monitored by the Special Cell, the DLSAs are in the process of getting the migrant labourers registered in coordination with the department of labour.
- 18 camps were conducted as per the new module and 125 programmes throughout the state for the benefit of the workers in the Unorganised Sector, especially migrant labourers.
- This authority, through its district offices, organised legal services camps, medical camps and legal aid programmes to enlighten them their rights and benefits.
- Copies of Government schemes were collected and actions are taken to give awareness about the benefits under different schemes through awareness camps, classes, visit to the work place and the residence of the workers by the District and Taluk authorities.
- Pamphlets were prepared and distributed to the migrant workers.
- Activities are coordinated with different Government Departments like Labour, Excise, Police, Panchayat, Health, Akshaya, Aids Control Society, Shramik Kalyan Kendra, Mental Health Centre, City Corporation, Banks, Private Hospitals, police department, social justice department and the Labour department with help of special cell established under the Scheme.
- The Health Department has undertaken the detailed Medical checkup and Labour Department had issued Awaz insurance card for migrant workers.
- In most of the districts the authorities along with the state officials have inspected the labour camps in connection with the SAATHI Project for migrant workers.
- Survey conducted at labour camps with the co-operation of Janamaithry police and labour department.
- Regular surveys were conducted to identify the problems faced by the workers in the unorganized sector.

- Legal Awareness classes for strengthening awareness on labour laws and occupational safety were conducted aiding the workers to learn about common legal issues that may arise for them.
- Publication and circulation of Booklet in Hindi Language on Health and Hygiene for migrant labourers.
- Legal and health assistance for migrant labourers.
- Observed labour day programme for migrants

NALSA (CHILD FRIENDLY LEGAL SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND THEIR PROTECTION) SCHEME,
2015

POCSO ALERT PHASE I AND II

- This is a project of DLSA Kozhikode and approved by KeLSA, to create legal awareness regarding POSCO Act and JJ Act among the stakeholders and for their sensitization. The programme has covered all the police officers in Kozhikode district in Phase I and more than 21,000 teachers in the Phase II.

STATE LEVEL SEMINAR ON CHILD PROTECTION WITH BACHPAN BACHAO ANDOLAN

- A one day seminar to formulate the state action plan on protection of child rights was conducted in co-ordination with Bachpan Bachao Andolan, an NGO. Representatives of various stake holders including Judges, Lawyers, PLVs, Police Officers, NGOs etc holders actively participated in the programme.

PAEDIATRIC CLINIC ON SUNDAYS

- DLSA, Pathanamthitta has started a *Sunday clinic for Children* at Kennedy Chacko Charitable Trust, Pathanamthitta. The Doctors of Indian Academy of Paediatrics are looking into the issues of children on every Sunday.

PROGRAMME FOR DROP OUT CHILDREN

- A Mobile awareness programme in connection with Zero drop out campaign was conducted at Vythiri, Wayanad district from 01.02.18 to 05.02.18. A peculiar situation is there in this District in which the Students especially the tribal students will stop attending the classes due to various reasons. As a step to protect the rights of children including their right to education, DLSA, Wayanad has started this programme.

NICE - [NALSA Intervention of Child Friendly Environment]

- This is a project to create awareness among students against sexual violence, drug abuse and cyber abuses. This programme was conducted with the active participation of Child Line and Student Police Cadets. 79 programmes benefitting **14623 school students and 5700 students from 12 colleges were conducted.**

VELICHAM [Light]

- This is a unique project to provide **awareness to children in the age group of 5 to 18** on Narcotics, Cyber Law, Traffic Act, Sexual violence, Value based education, Health and Legal Services. Classes were conducted in each Anganwadi **during the mid summer vacation**, with the active participation of CDPO's, Supervisors and Anaganawadi Teachers and Anganwadies of the district and with the assistance of Child Line, and officials of

Excise, Police and Health Departments. **205000 students attended the classes.**

- Conducted awareness classes and programmes in connection with the scheme at schools on subjects like pre conception and pre natal diagnostic techniques (prohibition of sex selection) Act, 1994, POCSO & PWDFDV Acts, awareness about child friendly laws in different schools of the State.
- Conducted a programme named Walk with a Judge for the school students.
- Legal literacy classes were organized and conducted by DLSA, Kannur to empower students and to enlighten about the legal provisions and to aid them to emerge as more responsible and well informed citizens.

SPACE [SINCERE PARENTING AND CHILD EDUCATION]

- DLSA Alappuzha launched a programme named SPACE – Sincere Parenting and Child Education.
- The object of this programme is to identify the issues faced by the students in their day to day life and to consolidate child education, better parenting & teacher ship in to one composite programme with a view to alleviate the stress of children caused by numerous problems prevalent in our society.
- General awareness classes were arranged to the students, their parents and teachers. To the students it is based on the subject, Better Studentship. To the parents it is based on two subjects namely, Art of Parenting or Sincere parenting and the other one Motivating Parenting. Finally to the teachers, based on two subjects, such as, Inspirational Education and Class Room Harmony. The programme is focusing the students, teachers & parents of High School and Higher Secondary schools. Formed about 400 SPACE clubs in schools
- **LEGAL DEBATE:** Legal literacy clubs formed by DLSA, Kozhikode in Schools conducted 'Legal debate' with the participation of Judicial officer, Police officer, Senior Lawyer and Social workers.

GENERATION SAFE AND HEALTHY

- DLSA Kannur and labour Department conducted a one day workshop against child labour on 12.06.2018 at School of Legal Studies, Palayad for the future lawyers. “
- **WALK WITH A JUDGE**”: DLSA, Alappuzha has conducted a Programme for teenagers. An introduction of legal system and teenage laws were selected. 40 students from schools were selected for this programme. As part of this programme, the students very actively interacted with the judges, panel advocates and visited some courts as well as Bar association.
- **LEGAL LITERACY CLUB:** The Legal Literacy Clubs are established in schools.

ATHIJEEVANAM

- ATHIJEEVANAM is an ongoing project to make available all services to the Children through one window. Training was given to **180** selected teachers in the district, **35** Counsellors and **63** Special Juvenile Police Officer and **75** Excise Officers.
- **MATHRUSANGAMAM:** Reaching the students through their mother is very effective. Special sessions (both general and class wise) are arranged in the educational institutions twice or thrice in every academic year. The 'problem child' is identified with the assistance of the teachers as well as mothers. The issues are dealt with effectively. Special attention or individual counselling is given.

PERSONEL BIO DATA

- Directions are issued to the Heads of the Institutions to keep a personal bio-data book prepared by the class teacher for each class with personal attention to each student. This book shall contain all the details of the student, like their performance in academics, co-curricular activities, behaviour, conduct, discipline, and the like. The list is not exhaustive but only suggestive. It will provide an easy guide to the Institution Head, to get a complete picture regarding the student at a glance

KUTTIBHARYAMAR [CHILD MARRIAGE]

- A Malayalam channel telecast a news captioned 'Kuttybharyamar' pointing out the ever increasing number of Child marriages in Malappuram district. As per the direction of the Hon'ble Chairman of the Committee for effective legal services to children, this authority, after enquiry through DLSA concerned has taken up the issue with the State Police Chief, department of Women and Child Development and ICPS for taking necessary action. DLSA concerned has conducted several awareness programmes on prohibition of child marriage in Malappuram district.

NALSA (EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF POVERTY ALLEVIATION SCHEMES) SCHEME, 2015

SPECIAL LOK ADALAT

- Special Lok Adalats were conducted to solve the discrepancies in the ration cards issued.
- Sensitisation programmes were organized for the women Panchayat members.
- Helped to obtain support to continue education for persons below the poverty line
- Collected various schemes of government on poverty alleviation and spread awareness on the benefits under the schemes
- Secretary, DLSAs have attended “Oorukoottams” and other special “Grama Sabhas” and identified beneficiaries under various poverty alleviation schemes. Government has been addressed for a direction to ensure that the Secretary, DLSAs are permanent invitees in such meetings.
- **JANASAMBARKAM**: DLSA had set up 9 counters for each department. The community members submitted their petitions to departments concerned. Most of the petitions were regarding the APL to BPL conversion of ration card and petitions for financial aid for house building. The Civil supply department and Panchayath were given instruction to take up the matter urgently.

EMPOWERMENT (STRENGTHENING) OF KUDUMBASHREE UNITS THROUGH LEGAL AWARENESS

- In Kerala Kudumbasree units are functioning well and most of the women in rural areas are associated with these Kudumbasree Units. Through “Vigilant group” of Kudumbasree Units, DLSA, Kasaragod started to impart legal awareness for the empowerment of women. On the request of these units, awareness classes were conducted by the DLSA, Kasaragod. The resource persons (Lawyers) were given directions to cover the laws relating to the above groups during the awareness classes.
- Conducted Adalats to weed out the ineligible who found place in the priority list of ration cards as a result of which ,many poor and eligible could be included in the priority list

GRAMA SPARSHAM

- Under this project, DLSA, Pathanamthitta in association with the Sathya Sai Seva Samithy took the initiative to make the residents of Kottuppara ward in Perunad Panchayath self-sufficient. Steps taken to construct 20 houses under Life Scheme. **5 Latrines were constructed.**
- **One wheel chair and hearing aid** were handed over to the beneficiaries.

- **Support to the family of Sri. Vijayan:** He was bedridden due to a fall from the top of a house. The family of Vijayan was provided all the support, including medication and other helps. The Children were provided support to continue studies.
- **Helped to complete construction of houses** allotted to poor persons, who were exploited by private contractors by misappropriating the fund allotted for construction of houses under the housing scheme of the Government.

ORUMA

- A scheme namely "oruma" was formed by the DLSA, Pathanamthitta to extend support to complete construction of houses to the residents, who are aged above 80 yrs. of Ambedkar colony, Adoor by effectively coordinating with the departments concerned and continuous monitoring. 3 more houses were constructed by the DLSA with the support of the SC/ST department of the State Government.
- **SUPPORT TO SMT. MUTHULAKSHMI AND HER CHILDREN:** A news item appeared in a Malayalam daily dated 12/06/18 regarding the suicide of one Murali, who was residing with family in a street at Kozhichena in Malappuram District. It was reported in the daily that he had applied to include his name in the list of beneficiaries of the scheme "LIFE Scheme" to get a house at Thennala Grama panchayath, but his name was not included in the list as he was not having a ration card. The matter was enquired through the PLV deputed in the Panchayath concerned and he had submitted a report stating that the deceased Murali has left behind his mother Panchavarna, wife Muthulakshmi and 5 children under the age of six. A report was also called for from the District child protection officer, Malappuram regarding the situation of the children of the deceased Murali. The District child protection officer submitted a report stating that Smt. Muthulakshmi, the wife of deceased Murali has agreed to send her 4 children namely Meenakshi, Adhi, Gayathri and Rajani murugan to the children's Home temporarily and further agreed to take care of her child who was 20 days old by herself. In view of the reports, an order issued was from this office issued to the District child protection officer, Malappuram to take immediate steps to accommodate the 4 children namely Meenakshi, Adhi, Gayathri and Rajani murugan to the children's Home at Thavanoor and the District officer, Social Justice Department, Malappuram to take steps to accommodate Smt. Muthulakshmi and her 20 days old baby in the Mahila mandiram, Thavanoor. The order has been complied with.
- **Decided to take over the Government U.P School in the Gramam [village]** to provide infrastructure like Water Purifier and also other facilities to the children.
- **BEGGERS FREE AND HUNGER FREE MUNICIPALITY**
- This project of District Legal Services Authority, Pathanamthitta is supported by the Pathanamthitta Municipality, Kennedy Chacko Charitable Trust and Vyapari Vyavasai Ekopana Samithy. **This is the first project of this kind in the State.** Kennedy Trust is

providing daily Break Fast, Lunch and Dinner for needy persons within the Municipal area on the basis of the coupons issued from District Legal Services Authority.

- The food is served in the Court premises, Police Station, Municipal Office and Civil Station. **About 25 persons are using this facility everyday and** the Pathanamthitta Municipality was declared as Beggar Free and Hunger Free Municipality
- Helped many tribal families to get Electricity connections
- Wheel Chairs and Hearing Aid were distributed to needy persons selected from Mezhuveli Panchayat. The programme was arranged on 19.07.2018. Distributed two wheel chairs and 2 hearing aids collected from the Kudumbasree District Missions, Pathanamthitta.
- **SOLACE TO JOSEPHINE:** Mrs. Josephine a resident of Valiyathura, Thiruvananthapuram was abandoned by her family and friends. She had availed financial assistance to build a house near the International Airport, Thiruvananthapuram, under the Prime Minister Avas Yojana. The International Airport, Airport Authority of India denied her NOC (No Objection Certificate) as she could not fulfill certain expensive pre-requisites. Consequently the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation denied her building permit. At this juncture, She approached the DLSA Thiruvananthapuram seeking assistance to tackle the predicament. A Para Legal Volunteer, Mr. Akhil, was deputed. As a result of the unrelenting and timely actions of the DLSA the said Josephine was able to get the expensive surveys done at a mean rate and consequently get building permit from Thiruvananthapuram Corporation. This is another instance where DLSA has effectively lent assistance to the under privileged and marginalized sections of our society.

NALSA (PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF TRIBAL RIGHTS) SCHEME, 2015

CHALANAM

- It is a mission for the changing the life of the tribals of Nedumangad in Thiruvananthapuram district. As a part of the programme a cancer detection medical camp mobile Lok Adalat and an awareness programme on drug abuse and drug menace were also held.
- Under this project, the PLVs are visiting tribal families every month Lok Adalat are organised.
- Meeting of stakeholders, including government officials is convened every three months.
- Coaching classes are conducted to prepare tribal youth to appear for competitive examinations.
- Tribal youth are encouraged to involve themselves in arts and sports activities to prevent alcohol and drug abuse.
- Organised visit of tribal students to Government offices, Courts, Collectorate, Scientific institutions etc.
- Other DLSAs have organised medical camps and Lok Adalat .In the lok Adalat organised in the camp, apart from other cases, a long pending dispute between the forest department and tribal labourers on nonpayment of wages was settled.
- provided various services like issued different Identity Card, Ration Card, Medical checkup, Water connection and services from Police and Excise Department
- Door to door campaign
- Drop out free Wayanad, Rehabilitation of Cholanaikkas.
- Legal awareness classes on harmful effect of tobacco and drug conducted.
- Collection and forwarding of applications and Adalat with the concerned departments
- Mobile Rationing System to the Tribal Settlement Areas was taken up by KeLSA .Conducted a social audit in Attappady tribal area.

SUPPORT TO TRIBAL COLONIES IN KASARAGOD DISTRICT

- There are 1250 tribal colonies in Kasaragod district. The economic and social status is still very pathetic. A legal services camp was conducted at parappa block where hundreds of complaints were received, against various govt. departments. With support from officials from different departments 6 follow up camps were conducted at Kinanoor-Karinthallam, Kodom Belur, Balal, Panathady, West Eleri and East Eleri Panchath areas. 354 persons were benefited
- **HOMOEOPATHY DE-ADDICTION MEDICAL CAMP & INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING:** DLSA, Wayanad had conducted Homeopathy de-addiction Camp and Individual Counselling had been arranged in Tribal Colonies of Seven Panchayats in the Vythiri Taluk. Along with the

District Legal Services Authority, Homeopathy Department, Excise Department, Panchayats were associated with the Homeopathy de-addiction Camp and Individual Counselling. 1130 persons had participated in the said Camp and 424 persons had participated in the said Counselling.

POCSO ACT AND THE CUSTOMARY TRIBAL LIFE

- The issue regarding the customary tribal life and the legal requirement of POCSO Act led to confrontation and even paved the way for tribal agitation. This issue was taken up by KeLSA, so as to bring an appropriate and sustainable legal solution and by spreading awareness among the tribals.

GOTHAJYOTHY

- A project for the empowerment of the tribals. The project envisages visit to tribal families every month by Para legal volunteers, organizing Lok Adalat/ meetings of stake holders, including government officials every three months, coaching classes for competitive examinations, encouragement to involve them in arts and sports activities to prevent alcohol and drug abuse and organising visit of tribal students to Government offices, Courts, Collectorate, scientific institutions etc.

SERVICE TO TRIBAL AREAS

- A new KSRTC bus service from Moolagangal – Anakkatty tribal area was made available due to the intervention of DLSA, Palakkad

DEATH OF TRIBAL YOUTH

- A tribal youth was killed by some people, as he was allegedly stolen food articles. A suo motu proceeding was initiated by the Hon'ble High court on the basis of a letter written by the Hon'ble Executive Chairman ,KeLSA to the Hon'ble Chief Justice. On the issue the court asked for report from the Government department and the follow up action is going on

SOCIAL AUDIT AT ATTAPPADY TRIBAL COLONY

- A team from the DLSA, Palakkad has visited more than 30 tribal hamlets of in Attappadi and took note of short comings in the various projects initiated by the government for the benefit of Tribals.

DISPLAY THE AVAILABILITY OF AMBULANCE SERVICE IN HOSPITALS.

- On a news paper report that a tribal woman gave birth to a child in an autoricksha on the way to hospital due to non availability of Ambulance, on the basis of a resolution of the committee of Hon'ble Judges the matter was taken up with the Director of Health service, who issued an order to all the hospitals to display the details of ambulance, phone number of the driver of the ambulance and the contact number of the superintendant at a conspicuous place in the hospital.

TRIBAL UNWED MOTHERS

- Rehabilitation of tribal unwed mothers and programmes for preventing such incidents in future is undertaken by DLSA, Wayanad by persuading the tribes to file complaints, to resort DNA tests to make responsible the culprits accountable and to enable them to get proper victim compensation

SCHOOL DROP OUTS

- Special attention is given by DLSA, Wayanad to identify school drop outs and to send them back to schools with the help of Para Legal Volunteers, ST Promoters, Kudumbasree, and ST Department Officers and even by using Jana Mythri Police and Forest Officials with the help of teachers of neighbouring schools.

VISIT OF MOBILE LOK ADALAT

- Mobile Lok Adalat was conducted on tribal issues at various parts of the state. Several grievances on deficiency of service were redressed in the Lok Adalat with the intervention of the Government departments.

SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR 38 NOMADIC TRIBAL FAMILIES IN SABARIMALA FOREST

- The District Legal Services Authority, Pathanamthitta along with Sri. Sathya Sai Seva Samithy took over 38 nomadic tribal families at Nilackal residing in Sabarimala Forest. A meeting of the Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Travancore Devaswom Board President, members, Panchayats and officers of Tribal Department was held on 14.08.2018 at Nilackal. As per the request of the District Legal Services Authority, Pathanamthitta the Devaswom Board agreed to give 5 cents of land each to 38 families at Nilackal and to give placement in Devaswom Board for one person in each family immediately. The Tribal Department turned up to construct houses for each family at Nilackal. This is a great achievement of District Legal Services Authority, Pathanamthitta

regarding the implementation of NALSA Tribal Scheme.

BUS ROUTE TO TRIBAL AREAS

- KSRTC Bus route inauguration in Attappadi tribal area. Special Adalats were conducted for tribal people which resulted in solving a horde of problems faced by them. Hundreds of petitions related to construction of toilets, wells, Educational matters, reconnection of electricity etc. were solved.
- **PATHETIC CONDITION OF TRIBAL COLONY:** Regarding the issue of pathetic condition of the houses in Rajiv Gandhi Colony, Kozhikode on the unfinished tribal houses in Kallunda Colony, Malappuram District, on the basis of the resolution of Judges Committee, this Authority has addressed the Government and the Gramapanchayath concerned. The Panchayath is in the process of solving the issues. It is monitored through DLSA, Kozhikode.

NALSA (LEGAL SERVICES TO THE MENTALLY ILL AND MENTALLY DISABLED PERSON) SCHEME, 2015

LEGAL AWARENESS CLASSES FOR PARENTS OF MENTALLY DISABLED PERSONS

- Legal Awareness Classes were conducted by DLSAs, for the parents of Mentally Disabled persons.
- **NOT ALONE - SPECIAL ADALAT FOR INMATES OF MENTAL HEALTH**
- District Legal Services Authority, TVPM conducted a Special Adalat for the inmates of Mental Health Centre, Peroorkkada named Not – Alone on 23.06.2018. There are 38 cases considered, out of this, 18 cases were solved by sending the inmates with their family. In the rest 10 cases, NGOs came forward to rehabilitate the patients. DLSA, Thiruvananthapuram has conducted awareness class on “Young people and mental health in changing world”.
- Workshops to address the difficulties faced by children with disability and to work towards enhancing the quality of the lives of the affected are being conducted.
- “Niramaya Insurance Camps “were conducted throughout the district.
- Rehabilitated a number of Mentally ill people.
- Conducted awareness classes in ICDS Block wise to the Anganwadi Workers in Thalassery, Kannur, Taliparamba and Payyannur Taluk. Also made arrangements to impart classes to the ASHA Workers of the District.
- Empowerment of intellectually challenged children by involving them in traffic awareness activities for public.
- Autism awareness programme.
- **Niramaya** is the insurance scheme introduced by the National Trust for the persons suffering from Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple disabilities. Till 2017, only a few persons were enrolled in this scheme from Kerala. The concerted effort of DLSAs resulted in enrolling more than 9000 beneficiaries in 2017. The insurance coverage was renewed in 2018.

ASWASAKIRANAM

- TLSC Kuttanad along with Kerala Social Security Mission conducted “Aswasa Kiranam” for care givers of physically and mentally disabled bed ridden patients).

THE STORY OF GEETHA SANTHI

- **The legal services institutions** are actively involved in imparting legal aid for the rehabilitation of mentally sick persons, who are hailing from outside states, pursuant to the directions of the Hon'ble High Court in OP.16667/1996 and otherwise.
- The latest beneficiary is Smt. Geetha Shanthi from Madhya Pradesh. She was languishing in a Relief Settlement at Kochi for more than 20 years. KeLSA could trace out her

relatives with support from MPSSLSA. KeLSA has taken up interstate transit of 55 mentally ill persons residing in PRS, Kochi with SLSAs. The process to identify their kith and kin is in progress.

- **Psychopath** having received proper treatment, back to normal life helping hand extended to man found unconscious.
- TLSC Thodupuzha taken up the Scheme for implementation and as a first phase of the project, the Mentally Challenged and Mentally ill persons staying in various institutions and Homes in Thodupuzha Taluk were visited by the Para Legal Volunteers and collected data in a prescribed format given. One petition received from Sneha Mandiram, Padamugham where about 500 inmates are stayed. The complaint mentioned by them was that the ration card for the institution was earlier BPL and they got materials for subsidized price previously. But after the new enumeration the BPL card was converted to APL so that they couldn't get food materials from Ration Shop in subsidized price. The petition was taken up and the District Supply Officer was called in the Adalat and he agrees to write to Government for special sanction to convert the institution to BPL. The matter was resolved due to the intervention of Legal services Authority.

WOMAN HELD CAPTIVE IN HER OWN HOUSE-RESCUED

- The plight of 30 year old lady locked up in her own house would have gone unnoticed, hadn't the Para Legal Volunteers of Kannur DLSA visited her home for a survey related to the camp for senior citizens held on 25.02.2018. It was the neighbours who spilled the beans to the PLVs and informed them about the lady being locked up in her home where her parents and siblings also reside. The matter was immediately brought to the notice of Secretary of DLSA Kannur, who in turn contacted the Police Department. The Police Officers and PLVs inspected the house to find the unfortunate woman lying on a straw mattress. Victim's brother claimed that they kept her locked up in the room because she is mentally unsound. Both the victim and her brother were given treatment in a private hospital.

NALSA (LEGAL SERVICES TO THE VICTIMS OF DRUG ABUSE AND THE ERADICATION OF THE DRUG MENACE) SCHEME, 2015

- **SUPADAM'** is an anti drug campaign undertaken by the DLSA, Thiruvananthapuram. Counselling cum awareness classes were held for school children on NDPS Act and evil effects of drug abuse in the society. Street play and awareness class were conducted in schools, colleges, bus stands, jails, colonies, museums, parks, etc. More than 50 awareness programmes were conducted as part of the project
- **HOMEOPATHY DE-ADDICTION MEDICAL CAMP & INDIVIDUAL COUNSELLING**
- DLSA Wayanad had conducted homeopathy de-addiction camp and individual counselling in tribal colonies of seven panchayats in the Vythiri taluk in association with the homeopathy department, excise department, panchayats .1130 persons participated in the said camp and 424 persons were counselled.
- **"KAITHIRI"** is an awareness programme of DLSA, Alappuzha on drug abuse and eradication of drug menace, to save our children from the evils of drug and other abuses. The programme aimed on drug issues, identified the drug related issues and gave counselling to the students, parents and victims of drug abuse. The excise department also joined DLSA in this venture. More than 450 cases on drug issues identified and solved about 70 cases with the help of Excise Department.

DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

- DLSA, Kottayam conducted an awareness programme on the topic "Drug abuse and Illicit-trafficking" at Govt. Higher Secondary School, Changanassery.
- District Legal Services Authority, Thiruvananthapuram in association with pullukadu residential association, thumba, Thiruvananthapuram and Nirbhaya Thiruvananthapuram organized an awareness programme on drug abuse on 06.05.2018. Short films were also played on the occasion.

HARMFUL EFFECTS OF TOBACCO AND DRUGS

- Awareness classes on the harmful effect of tobacco and drugs were conducted by Kannur, DLSA. Counselling was conducted for Victims of Drug Abuse. 1014 Persons participated
- Awareness, Counselling, Lok Adalat, Rehabilitation. De-addiction Medical camps and individual counselling in Tribal colonies, Jails, Schools and collages etc, Drug abused rally. Informed and gathered information regarding usage of drugs in schools.

SADACHARAM

- Legal services camp was conducted by DLSA Thiruvananthapuram at Amboori on 21.02.2018 with the core theme of Tackling Drug Menace. The camp was named Sadacharam 3.0-Mind (Mission against Noose of Drugs). Amboori Grama Panchayat in Neyyattinkara Taluk was selected for the camp. Neyyattinkara where members of various departments such as Excise, Police, Revenue, Panchayat, Health Department, banks and NGOs who are the stake holders had attended.
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NALSA (LEGAL SERVICES TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS) SCHEME, 2016

- Legal aid clinics were established and functional in all the Tribunals and Appellate Tribunals.

Legal Services Camp for Senior Citizens at Mangalapuram Grama Panchayath

- The Taluk Legal Services Committee Chirayinkeezhu organized Legal Services Camp on 26.01.2018 at Govt. Model Boys Higher Secondary School, Aattungal exclusively for the benefit of senior citizens. After conducting an extensive survey in 20 wards in Mangalapuram Grama Panchayath. More than 300 Senior Citizens were brought under varied welfare schemes of Govt. of Kerala including pensioner's benefits.

'VAYO SAUHRIDA ARYAD'-FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

- A special programme for senior citizens in Aryad Panchayath of Alappuzha district. Awareness classes and special Lok Adalat were conducted in all the 80 wards. 350 Pre-litigation petitions were considered.

SPECIAL LOK ADALAT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

- DLSA, Thiruvananthapuram has conducted a special Adalat for Senior Citizens at Old Age Shelter home for Women, Poojappura.

SPECIAL LEGAL SERVICES CENTRE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

- DLSA Kottayam has opened a special Legal Services Centre for Senior Citizens which is being used by the senior citizens to file complaints, petitions and to get awareness about beneficial Government Schemes.
- DLSA has taken the initiative to collect data of senior citizens through Janamaithry Police and conducted a special camp for Senior Citizens in 239 Hospitals and to open a Geriatric Centre at the District Hospital. Addressed the need to provide special queue for senior Citizens in all Government offices. Classes were arranged for Senior Citizens and helped many of them to get pensions.
- Medical Check Up, Legal Services, Rehabilitation. For getting pension to the Senior citizens. Spread Awareness on Rights of Senior Citizens. Members of Local bodies, Kudumbasree and CDS members. Medical Camps, Legal Awareness Classes, Legal service camp.

LEGAL SERVICE CAMP – SPARSHAM

- The Taluk Legal Services Committee Chirayinkeezhu organized Legal Service Camp under the NALSA (Legal Service to Senior Citizens) Scheme 2016 on 26.01.2018 at Govt. Model Boys Higher Secondary School, Attingal with the objective to spread awareness about Senior Citizens Welfare Scheme and strengthen the community's access to the scheme.
- Medical Camp was also conducted in association with the Taluk Head

Quarters Hospital Chirayinkeezhu and Taluk Hospital, Valiyakunnu. Smt. Shabna. D.S, Superintendent, Chirayinkeezhu led the whole camp. 198 Senior Citizens attended and benefited by the medical camp.

- DLSAs have conducted many awareness classes for the senior citizens.
- Legal Aid Clinics were conducted at 5 old age homes.
- medical camps specially for eye check up
- DLSA, Kannur arranged meals for the homeless at Arayangad Sneha Bhavan.
- Two Mega Camps for Senior Citizens were arranged and conducted.
- Many senior citizens abandoned by their children were rehabilitated and are stumbling back to life supporting on the helping hand extended by DLSA, Kannur.
- **Support to 85- year- old grandmother**, who was assaulted by the granddaughter- action taken on the basis of a video circulated in social media. Timely action has helped the family to get support from various agencies including government departments. A surprise inspection of the victim's residence by a team from DISA Kannur lead revealed the pathetic condition of Deepa and her family residing in an old shack. Poverty coupled with the insecurities and uncertainties gifted by fate had driven Deepa paranoid, it is understood. The intervention by the DISA in the matter brought attention by the general public and other government departments. The family now got substantial aid from various agencies including government departments.

SUPPORT TO AMMINI

- **One Smt. Ammini** aged 80 complained against her son that he was not protecting her. He was called before the Grama Panchayath and with the help of ward member and president, advised him about the consequences of not protecting his mother. He agreed to look after her.
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- The Kannur City Police on 19.03.2018 arrested 39 year old Deepa, a resident of Ayikkara, on the charges of continuous assault on her 85 year old grandmother. With the video of Deepa assaulting her maternal grandmother emerging on social media, the matter came to the notice of Secretary of District Legal Services Authority Kannur. A surprise inspection of the Victim's residence by a team from DLSA Kannur lead by its Secretary, revealed the pathetic condition of Deepa and her family. Residing in an old shack were five human beings, Deepa, her mother, her maternal grandmother and her two children. They solely depended on welfare pension which the two old women receive once in a while for their livelihood. Poverty coupled with the insecurities and uncertainties gifted by fate had driven Deepa paranoid, it is understood. The entire family was temporarily shifted to a Shelter home. The intervention by the DLSA in the matter brought attention by the general public and other Government

Departments. The family now got substantial aid from various agencies including Government Departments.

NOT ALONE

- DLSA, Thiruvananthapuram launched new project 'Not Alone' – Oppam with the objective of ensuring proper rehabilitation of the destitute, cured impatient of Mental Health centre, Peroorkkada, Old Age Homes and other Shelter homes in Thiruvananthapuram District. It has been brought to the notice of the Legal aid Clinic attached to the MHC, Peroorkkada that in spite of cured mental illness, many inmates were found behind the bars of the cells in the MHC, Peroorkkada. To rehabilitate them in an atmosphere conducive to improve their mental health and to make them feel that they are not alone, DLSA organized a special Adalat for them. The relatives of cured patients were to attend in the Adalat to look into the feasibility of taking them home. DLSA could bring 38 families to the MHC, Peroorkkada and 38 cases were considered in the Adalat, 18 cases were settled by sending the inmates with their family.
- In continuation to the Not Alone project, a special Adalat was conducted for the inmates of Asha Bhavan, Poojappura and Govt. Care Home, Pulayanarkotta. In the Adalat, 30 cases were considered at Asha Bhavan, Poojappura and out of this, 11 inmates were sent with their relatives and around 20 cases were considered in Govt. Care Home, Pulayanarkotta, out of this, 2 inmates were sent back with their relatives. Many other cases, the relatives agreed to visit their parents once in a month. The Adalat helped the inmates to see their beloved children after a long time. There are no words to express their emotions.
- A complaint was filed before this authority against the Old Age Home conducted by Karunalayam Charitable Trust, Kidangannur, Pathanamthitta Dist. The complaint was given to the District Social Justice Officer for immediate action. As per their report, it is informed that the allegations in the complaint were true and steps were taken against the trust. On this basis, District Social Justice Officer requested the Secretary DLSA to visit the Old Age Home to ascertain the real facts and circumstances as part of removing the inmates' safety to other recognized homes. At the time of visit, the Chairman Karunalayam Charitable Trust was there and he showed the license of accommodate 50 inmates. They refuse to show other registers. It is noticed that all the inmates were transferred to some other place without prior permission from authorities and the premises condition of Trust was unhygienic. The detailed report forwarded to Director, Social Justice Department for further actions.

NALSA (LEGAL SERVICES TO THE VICTIMS OF ACID ATTACK) SCHEME, 2016

- DLSAs, have conducted a week long campaign - on Kerala Victim Compensation Scheme to spread awareness about the scheme to general public so as to help the victim to get benefited from the scheme.
- The awareness classes were arranged in association with the Social Justice Department, Women and Child Development department, Nirbhaya Cell and Police Departments. The classes were conducted for the Advocates, Local body Members, Anganwadi teachers, ASHA workers, Kudumbasree members belongs to 53 Panchayats and 8 Block Panchayats in this district.
- Distribute about 12000 pamphlets through Para Legal Volunteers in the house campaign for the effective implementation of the scheme. Almost 17000 people and 800 Advocates were attended the awareness classes arranged for the schemes.
- In Thiruvananthapuram DLSA, a case of Acid Attack in Thiruvananthapuram District was brought to the notice of District Legal Services Authority through print media. Immediately one Panel Lawyer and a Para Legal Volunteer were deputed to collect details of the incident from the Police and Medical Officers and also to ensure legal and medical aid to the victim and to their family. The Secretary, DLSA, TVPM visited the victim in the Medical College Hospital on 13/3/18 along with the Panel Lawyer and a Para Legal Volunteer. Proposal for Victim Compensation under the Victim Compensation Scheme is under the consideration of DLSA.
- DLSA, Thodupuzha has reported that a report is filed by the station house officer Thodupuzha police station reporting acid attack and seeking compensation under Kerala Victim Compensation Scheme for the treatment of the victim. Interim relief was immediately sanctioned by the Chairman DLSA and forwarded to KeLSA and Rs. 100000 was disbursed to the victim.
