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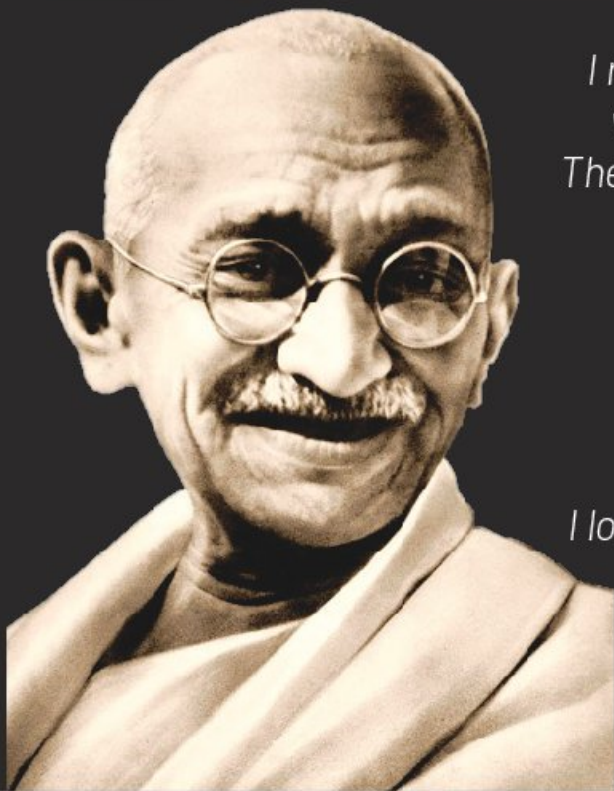


THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

Whereby **THE PEOPLE OF INDIA**, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a **SOVEREIGN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC** and to secure to all its citizens:

JUSTICE, social, economic and political;
LIBERTY of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship ;
EQUALITY of status and of opportunity;
and to promote among them all
FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity of the Nation ;

IN OUR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY this twenty-sixth day of November, 1949, do **HEREBY ADOPT, ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES THIS CONSTITUTION.**



I realized the true function of a lawyer was to unite parties riven as under. The lesson was so indelibly burnt into me that a large part of my time during the twenty years of my practice as a lawyer was occupied in bringing about private compromises of hundreds of cases. I lost nothing thereby—-not even money, certainly not my soul.

- Mahatma Gandhi -

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MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF THE



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MESSAGE

In the quest for justice, the constitutional promise would have been substantially served if the prevailing injustice all around is attempted to be removed.

The Legal Services Authority Act, 1987 provides the perfect platform for judges to step down from their elevated podiums, spread the rule of law and ensure that rights are reached to the citizens. While embarking on such an exercise, an institutional aberration needs to be corrected so that the largely prevailing idea that courts punish people is replaced with the acceptance that courts discover and reach rights to ordinary citizens.

Litigation today is expensive and fewer lawyers are willing to devote time for pro bono purposes as the once noble profession is now reduced to the level of business. Amid the net-working that is the new mantra and the shady deals that abound with increasing commercialisation, the misfortunes like the never-before lockdown brought with it have been craftily passed down to those who stand at the end of the queue and who were already beneficiaries of only hand-me-downs.

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Societal equilibrium, utopian as it may be, may never be achieved if disparities are not addressed or prejudices not removed or the other point of view goes unheard. As we mow down more forest land the insatiable curse of materialism returns us to the rules of jungle that humans are perceived to have conquered.

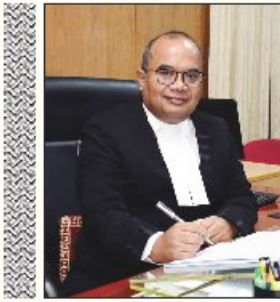
Seventy-five years of Independence ought to have been more than enough time to ensure that the last man in the country lives with dignity.

I hope that the work that the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority has undertaken and proposes to embark on brings a cheer to those who still stand and wait for any modicum of dignity to reach them.

Sanjib Banerjee

November 22, 2022.

MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF THE



H. S. THANGKHEW
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“Access to justice is and has been recognised as a part and parcel of right to life in India and in all civilised societies around the globe. The right is so basic and inalienable that no system of governance can possibly ignore its significance, leave alone afford to deny the same to its citizens.”

The above quoted extract from the judgment of *Anita Kushwaha vs. Pushap Sudan* reported in (2016) 8 SCC 509, holds true, more so, in today's age, with the many dimensions of problems faced especially by our less fortunate fellow citizens.

The National Legal Services Authority and the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority, therefore discharge a crucial responsibility in ensuring, as their Motto says '*Access to Justice for All*'.

I am extremely happy that, the MSLSA is publishing its Seventh Edition of 'NEW LIGHT' Newsletter, which will chronicle this Institution's achievements, activities and other programmes in the field of legal aid, especially taking into account, the period of the COVID pandemic in the State.

As the Executive Chairman, during the year 2019 and part of 2020, it is my privilege to highlight a few of the many programmes that were conducted state wide. It is noteworthy to mention that, the MSLSA during the period of the pandemic had actively provided legal services and aid to thousands of beneficiaries, in the form of distribution of over 5000 PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), distribution of food commodities to over 837 families with the support of other societies such as Ramakrishna Mission, Sohra.

Assistance during natural disasters, like floods, landslides etc., was rendered by the State Authority to the affected population by visiting the sites and co-ordinating the relief, including restoration and repair along with the concerned government departments. Apart from these activities, training/orientation programmes for District Legal Services Authorities, Para-Legal Volunteers, Legal Aid Counsels, Police Personnel, Headmen, etc., covering various topics such as PLV schemes, victim compensation, POCSO Act, NDPS Act, Early Access to Justice at Pre-arrest, Arrest and Remand stage were held.

H. S. Thangkhiew
Judge



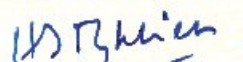
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Various other legal awareness and sensitization programmes for students, children, young people, police, NGOs, government employees/departments, senior citizens, specially abled persons, daily wage, domestic workers, jail inmates, transgenders, sex workers, drug users, PI. HIV's were organised on a wide range of topics covering NALSA schemes, POCSO Act, Juvenile Justice Act and other relevant laws concerning child and women rights. The programmes on legal awareness were organized and held in places and on media platforms that had the maximum visibility, to ensure that an impact was created, and the public made aware.

Together with the High Court Legal Services Committee and the District Legal Services Authorities, MSLSA in the year 2019-2020, was able to render legal aid services to around 5940 beneficiaries, and the legal awareness and outreach programmes benefitted more than 1,84,063 persons. National Lok Adalats were conducted, and Mediation cases referred by the Courts to the Mediation Centre were also taken up. The Victim Compensation Scheme, was also actively implemented and in the relevant period that is, 2019-2020 (April-March), a total compensation amount of Rs.74,3500 (Rupees Seventy-Four Lakhs Three Thousand Five Hundred) was disbursed and for the period 2020-2021, 70,00000(Seventy Lakhs) was awarded.

By this publication, the public and other stakeholders, will be informed about the initiatives and activities, that have been undertaken by the MSLSA, and I am certain will also create an awareness about the Legal Services Movement.

In conclusion, I would like to record my deep appreciation to all who were involved in conducting the programmes and other activities, especially during the time of the pandemic. I am confident, that the MSLSA will not only continue its good work, but will increase its footprint, in providing access to justice to the people of the State of Meghalaya.


(Justice H. S. Thangkhiew)

Shillong
5th December, 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF THE



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MESSAGE

The Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority has always made its presence felt throughout the State of Meghalaya by the impact of its various programmes and activities, carried out, particularly by the District Legal Services Authority focussing on the goal of 'Access to Justice For All' and for delivering of justice at the doorstep.

The legal services programmes which includes the organisation of the 'Mega Health Camp' has created an immense impact on the participants who have testified to the fact they have been greatly benefited by such programmes.

The able guidance and patronage of the Patron-in-Chief, the Hon'ble the Chief Justice as well as the astute leadership of the Executive Chairman, Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.S. Thangkhiew is imprinted on the activities of the State Legal Services Authority.

My heartiest congratulations to the Editorial team of this Newsletter and my best wishes for all future endeavours.

(Justice Wanlura Diengdoh)

Shillong
20th October, 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



E. KHARUMNUID, MHJS
Member Secretary

Article 39A of the Constitution of India ensures free legal aid and the State has enacted the Legal Services Authority Act 1987 to ensure that the Directive Principles of State Policy is implemented in letter and in spirit to ensure that justice is secured by all citizens on basis of equal opportunity.

The Covid- 19 pandemic has put us all through unprecedented times and '**New Light**' is here to encapsulate the significant activities and achievement of Legal Services Authorities both State and District and the paradigm shift during this difficult times. During the pandemic, I am delighted to share the sincere effort of all associated with legal services the assistance rendered in providing legal services during the pandemic, during the natural disaster/calamities. Various legal awareness programmes were conducted through the means of electronic media, webinars/video conferencing in Schools/Colleges, orientation programmes for Headmen on Para Legal Volunteers, Senior Police Officer's & Secretary, DLSAs on Early Access to Justice on Pre-Arrest, Arrest and Remand Stage among other topics.

In the implementation of the various schemes under NALSA, the state legal services authority along with the District Legal Services Authority of all the districts were able to render assistance to victims of natural disaster under NALSA (Legal Services to Disaster Victims through Legal Services Authorities) Scheme, 2010, provide a forum for the marginalised to claim entitled benefits under NALSA (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganized Sector) Scheme, 2015, mobilized the DLSAs to work with JJBs, DCPOs under the NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015, provide awareness and also special care including vaccination against the Corona Virus under NALSA (Legal Services to the Mentally Ill and Mentally Disabled Persons) Scheme, 2015. Regular awareness are conducted on schemes like MGNREGS, NRLM under the NALSA (Effective Implementation of Poverty Alleviation Schemes) Scheme, 2015 and the Police and public have been sensitized on the various provisions of the NDPS Act as per the NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse and the Eradication of the Drug Menace) Scheme, 2015. Para Legal Volunteers have

been instrumental in providing aid to senior citizens as provided under the NALSA (Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016.

Further, I am honoured to inform that the State Legal Services Authority and District Legal Services Authority in collaboration with various Department of the Government, NGOs and well wishers worked endlessly to alleviate the suffering of people in the marginalized society and played a decisive role in the battle against the pandemic an ensure protection of right of citizens.

It is also a matter of immense pride that the Legal Services Institutions is able to provide assistance to the victims and/or their dependent under the Meghalaya Victim Compensation Scheme and National Victim Compensation Scheme framed under Section 357A CrPC. An amount of Rs. 68,35,000/- (Rupees Sixty Eight lakhs and thirty five thousand one) has been disbursed under the said schemes.

It is a pleasure to compile and collate all the landmarks, milestones and activities the Legal Services Institution achieved during the period of January, 2019 to November, 2020. Some of the highlights during this period were the establishment of Front Office of the District Legal Services Authority, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong, Launching of Education Campaign on "Opening Doors for Education to Children", Holding of Regional Consultation of Member Secretaries, State Legal Services Authority and Secretaries of District Legal Services Authority of North Eastern States.

The Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority under the guidance of National Legal Services Authority and Hon'ble High Court of Meghalaya has set a milestone in establishing District Legal Services Authority in all Districts manned by Judicial Officers and establishing Network of Legal Aid Counsels and Para Legal Volunteers to ensure justice is accessible to all.

It is a humbling experience to be part of the editorial process of the Newsletter and to witness the growth of the Legal Services Institutions in the State. Law and the Legal Services Institution must be dynamic and change with the change in the definition of truth.

With warm regards,



(E.Kharumnuid)

Member Secretary,

Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority.



(1st Row-Middle) Hon'ble Mr Justice Ranjit Vasantryo More, Chief Justice,
High Court of Meghalaya & Patron-in-Chief, MSLSA;

(1st Row-2nd from Left) Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.S. Thangkhiew, Judge,
High Court of Meghalaya and Executive Chairman, MSLSA;

(1st Row-2nd from Right) Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge,
High Court of Meghalaya and Chairman, High Court Legal Services Committee;

(1st Row-1st from Left) Shri. E. Kharumnuid, Registrar General,
High Court of Meghalaya and Member Secretary, MSLSA;

(1st Row-1st from Right) Shri. T.T.M Sangma, Officer-on-Special Duty, MSLSA

(2nd Row above) Staff of the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority.



The Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 was enacted by the Parliament to give effect to Article 39 A of the Constitution of India which guarantees free and competent legal services to the weaker sections of the society to ensure that they are not denied access to justice by reason of economic or other disability. As provided under Section 6 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, the Government of Meghalaya has constituted the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority (MSLSA) in July 1998. In line with this, the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority Rules, 1998 and the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority Regulations, 2000 were framed. The office of the MSLSA is presently housed in the annexed building of the Additional Secretariat, Shillong. The Member Secretary and other officers and staff function under the direct supervision and guidance of the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, to fulfill an onerous duty to ensure that the Legal Aid Programmes and Schemes are implemented in its letter and spirit in the State. In order to ensure that the objectives of the Act are translated into reality, and that the constitutional guarantees are fulfilled to the people of the State, the MSLSA has devised a comprehensive legal services programme in the form of the State Action Plan. Efforts have been made when framing the programmes/activities to ensure that they adapt to local situations so that they can effectively address the problems faced by the people in the State. It is expected that these activities will be carried out in letter and spirit and that the benefits actually reach the targeted sections of society leading us towards the goal of "Access to Justice for All".

MEETING OF The High Powered Committee 16th December, 2020



(From L-R) Hon'ble Mr. Justice H. S. Thangkhiew, Judge, High Court of Meghalaya; Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. V. More, Judge, High Court of Meghalaya and Executive Chairman, Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority; Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge, High Court of Meghalaya



Dignitaries and Officers/Members from various Government Departments attending the Meeting of the High Powered Committee at Conference Hall, High Court of Meghalaya on the 16th December, 2020.

OBSERVATION OF CONSTITUTION DAY

26Th November, 2020

The High Court of Meghalaya in collaboration with the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority, observed the 71 years of adoption of the Indian Constitution on the 26th November, 2020 by organizing a “Photo Exhibition” at the Conference Hall, High Court of Meghalaya.

His Lordship, Hon’ble Mr. Justice Biswanath Somadder, Chief Justice, High Court of Meghalaya and Patron-in-Chief, Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority inaugurated the “Photo Exhibition”.



Hon’ble Mr. Justice Biswanath Somadder, Chief Justice, High Court of Meghalaya
Leading the participants by reading the preamble on the Constitution Day- 26th November, 2020.



(Left) Shri Noor Ain Khan, District & Sessions Judge, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong- cum- Member Secretary, Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority.(Centre) Hon’ble Mr. Justice Biswanath Somadder, Chief Justice, High Court of Meghalaya (Right) Hon’ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge, High Court of Meghalaya at the replica of the Constitution of India.



(Left) Hon’ble Mr. Justice Biswanath Somadder, Chief Justice, High Court of Meghalaya ; (Right) Hon’ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge, High Court of Meghalaya along with Shri E. Kharumnuid, Registrar General, High Court of Meghalaya and other dignitaries at the replica of the Constitution of India.

LAUNCHING OF THE CAMPAIGN ON “OPENING DOORS FOR EDUCATION TO CHILDREN”

11th December, 2019 at the Conference Hall, High Court of Meghalaya



Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.S. Thangkhiew, Judge, High Court of Meghalaya & Executive Chairman, MSLSA.

His Lordship, Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.S. Thangkhiew expresses pleasure to announce that the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority under the patronage of Hon'ble Chief Justice is launching the campaign called “Opening Doors for Education to Children”. The objective of this campaign is to enable access of education and learning to all the children of the State of Meghalaya who are deprived of the same or who have dropped out of school. This campaign tries to encompass all sections of society irrespective of gender, caste, disabilities or abilities.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohammad Rafiq, Chief Justice, High Court of Meghalaya & Patron-in-Chief, MSLSA.

His Lordship emphasized that the campaign “Opening Doors for Education to Children” is a programme for securing the Right to Education of Free and Compulsory Education for children up to the age of 14 years which has been narrated as a Fundamental Right to them by Article 21 of the Constitution of India. Clause A of Article 21A read with Article 51A (k) of the Constitution of India casts a Fundamental Duty upon every parent and guardian to provide opportunities to enable their Children to explore possibilities for Education between the age of 6 and 14 years. It is in this spirit that the Parliament has enacted the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education way back in 2009. NALSA also set up a scheme “Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection Scheme, 2015 for the benefit of children.

Children are the greatest assets that a nation possesses, their wellbeing and growth is an important indicator of social being. 1/3rd of the population of the country unfortunately are not admitted in the schools.

It was therefore felt necessary that all school dropouts be brought back to school and therefore decision was made to launch this programme, and try to re-admit and ensure that they are provided with all the amenities.

The Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority with the help of full time Secretaries of all the District Legal Services Authorities and PLV's will play a role of a catalyst to help the State Government, agencies in attending the schools.



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Shri. Conrad K. Sangma

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya expressed his gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Justice, High Court of Meghalaya for inviting him to attend the programme as a Chief Guest.

In his speech, he admitted that Education in Meghalaya is something that has been a great challenge. Emphasis has been given by the Government. It was announced that the State Government has developed an Education policy. This policy is to be the guiding document on how to go ahead with education. Today the Government is facing challenge almost close to 11 lakhs children who are

below the age of 14 and only about 9 lakhs students who go to school. There are reportedly about 14 thousand Schools in the State and almost close to 16 thousand Teachers. The difficulty that the Government is facing is providing salary to teachers. The Government is spending almost close to 2500 crores on education. The Government is contemplating to do more despite limitations. In the primary education sector, there is a dropout rate of 70 percent. In the upper primary sector, there is a drop out of almost close to 9.5 percent and when it comes to the secondary level there is a dropout rate of 19.3 percent. There are reportedly almost 4 thousand schools which have 3 teachers and have less than 10 students, about 20-25 schools which have 3 teachers and zero students for the past 3 years. The Government's focus is to ensure the balance between such large number of teacher and schools and yet having large number of drop out.

The Government was contemplating on the program called the Meghalaya Outcome and Transformation in health, nutrition, education and rural development. This program is going to center around the mothers linking details, right from the mother's pregnancy, no. of children she has, the nutrition of every child, whether the child is being immunized or not and many other child related details.

The goal being the health of the mother, the child and the growth of the child in a positive environment. The onus being equally shared by health, education and the social welfare Department that needs to streamline all these departments and make sure that the benefit which is meant for the people reach to them on time.



(L to R) Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.S. Thangkhiew, Judge High Court of Meghalaya & Executive Chairman, MSLSA; Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohammad Rafiq, Chief Justice & Patron-in-Chief; Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Shri Conrad K. Sangma and Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge, High Court of Meghalaya.

OBSERVATION OF CONSTITUTION DAY

26th November, 2019

I. At MSLSA:

The Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority led by the Member Secretary convened a short meeting at the premises of the State Authority. The Member Secretary, Officers, staffs of the State Authority and also accompanied by other staffs of other Departments read out the Preamble to the Constitution of India.



Member Secretary, Assistant Secretary & other Staffs of MSLSA at MSLSA Premises, Shillong.

II. At High Court:



Photo Exhibition on Constitution Day- 26.11.2019.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohammad Rafiq, Chief Justice & Patron-in-Chief, MSLSA cutting the ribbon during the Photo Exhibition programme as part of Constitution day at the High Court Complex on the 26th November, 2019.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohammad Rafiq, Chief Justice & Patron-in-Chief, MSLSA led reading the Preamble during the Photo Exhibition programme as part of Constitution day at the High Court Complex on the 26th November, 2019.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.S. Thangkhiew, Judge, High Court of Meghalaya & Executive Chairman, MSLSA addressing the august gathering during the Photo Exhibition programme as part of Constitution day at the High Court Complex on the 26th November, 2019.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohammad Rafiq, Chief Justice & Patron-in-Chief, MSLSA having a glimpse on the replica of the Constitution of India on the 26th November, 2019.



Students during the Photo Exhibition and visiting Court Rooms of the High Court of Meghalaya on the 26th November, 2019.

GLIMPSES OF THE CONSTITUTION DAY, 2019 AT VARIOUS DISTRICTS

DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY EAST KHASI HILLS DISTRICT, SHILLONG



(1st From Left) Shri. E. Kharumnuid, MHJS,
DSJ-cum-Chairperson, DLSA,
East Khasi Hills District led reading the Preamble
on 26.11.2019



Officers, Staffs, Panel Lawyers of the
District Court attending the Constitution Day Programme
on 26.11.2019

DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY WEST JAINTIA HILLS DISTRICT, JOWAI



(3rd from left) Shri. A.M. Ripnar, MHJS, DSJ-cum- Chairperson,
DLSA, West Jaintia Hills District led reading the Preamble of the
Constitution in the presence of the Special Judge, POCSO & Chief
Judicial Magistrate on 26.11.2019.



The Members of DLSA, Panel Lawyers,
PLVs, Staff of the District Court,
West Jaintia Hills District taking part in the
Constitution Day on the 26.11.2019.

DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
WEST KHASI HILLS DISTRICT, NONGSTOIN



(2nd from left) Smt. B. Khriam, DSJ-cum-Chairperson, DLSA, West Khasi Hills District led reading the Preamble to the Staff of DLSA, Officers and staff of the District Court, Panel Lawyers and PLVs on the 26.11.2019.

DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
SOUTH WEST KHASI HILLS DISTRICT, MAWKYRWAT



Smt B. Majaw, JMFC, South West Khasi Hills District led reading the Preamble which was attended by the Panel Lawyers, Govt. Officials and staffs of the District Court on the 26.11.2019.

DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
EAST GARO HILLS DISTRICT, WILLIAMNAGAR



Shri. F.S. Sangma, Chief Judicial Magistrate along with Shri. T.T.M. Sangma, Secretary, DLSA, East Garo Hills District during reading of the Preamble on 26.11.2019.



Officers & Staffs, Panel Lawyers, Govt. Officials reading the preamble during the Constitution Day on the 26.11.2019.

DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
SOUTH WEST GARO HILLS DISTRICT, AMPATI



Shri. C.G. Momin, Chief Judicial Magistrate, DLSA, South West Garo Hills District led reading the Preamble on 26.11.2019.



Smt. N.M. Momin, Secretary, DLSA, South West Garo Hills District addressed the gathering on the importance of the Constitution Day on 26.11.2019.

DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
NORTH GARO HILLS DISTRICT, RESUBELPARA



Shri. Z.J. Sangma, ADM-cum-Secretary, DLSA, North Garo Hills District led reading the Preamble on 26.11.2019



Officers, Staffs, Govt. Officials attended the Constitution Day Programme on 26.11.2019

DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
WEST GARO HILLS DISTRICT, TURA



(M) Smt. G. Rani, MHJS, DSJ-cum-Chairperson, DLSA along with Smt. N.M. Sangma, Secretary, DLSA, and Shri. J.A. Marak, JMFC, West Garo Hills District during the Constitution Day Programme on 26.11.2019.



Officers & Staffs, District Court, Tura, Govt. Officials, Panel Lawyers during the Constitution Day Programme on 26.11.2019

**DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
RIBHOI DISTRICT NONGPOH**



(3rd from left) Smt. C. Dkhar, MHJS, DSJ-cum-Chairperson, DLSA, Ri-Bhoi District led reading the Preamble during the Constitution Day on 26.11.2019



Officers, staff, Panel Lawyers reading the Preamble during the Constitution Day on 26.11.2019

**DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
SOUTH GARO HILLS DISTRICT, BAGHMARA**



(Middle left) Shri. H.B. Marak, IAS, Deputy Commissioner & Chairperson, DLSA, South Garo Hills District led reading the Preamble on 26.11.2019



Officers & Staffs, Govt. Officials reading the Preamble during the Constitution Day on 26.11.2019

**DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
EAST JAINTIA HILLS DISTRICT, KHLIEHRIAT**



(R) Shri. F.M. Doph, IAS, Deputy Commissioner & Chairperson, DLSA, East Jaintia Hills District led reading the Preamble on 26.11.2019.

REGIONAL CONSULTATION OF

Member Secretaries State Legal Services Authorities and Secretaries of District Legal Services Authorities of North-Eastern States

The Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority under the aegis of the National Legal Services Authority organized Two Days Consultation of Member Secretaries of the State Legal Services Authorities and the Secretaries of the District Legal Services Authorities of North-Eastern Region. The Two Days Consultation was held on the 10th and 11th October, 2019 at North Eastern Police Academy, Umiam, Ri-Bhoi District.

The Regional Consultation of Member Secretaries and Secretaries was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice H. S. Thangkhiew, Executive Chairman, Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority.

—•• A Glimpse of the Programme ••—



(Front 1st row) Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.S. Thangkhiew, Judge, High Court of Meghalaya & Executive Chairman, MSLSA (Middle) along with Shri. Alok Agarwal, Member Secretary, NALSA; Shri. Sunil Chauhan, Director, NALSA; Smt. Kala Ramachandran, IPS, Director, NEPA; Shri. N.A. Khan, Member Secretary, MSLSA and other Member Secretaries, SLSAs & Secretaries of the DLSAs during the Regional Consultation Meet held at NEPA, Umiam on the 10th - 11th October, 2019.



Shri. Sunil Chauhan, Director, National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) interacting with delegates during the programme held at NEPA, Umiam.



Shri. Alok Agarwal, Member Secretary, National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) interacting with delegates during the programme held at NEPA, Umiam.

Inauguration of

District Legal Services Authority

East Khasi Hills District, Shillong

9th September, 2019



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dinesh Maheshwari, Judge, Supreme Court of India inaugurated the Front Office of District Legal Services Authority, East Khasi Hills District on the 9th September, 2019 in the presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.K. Mittal, Chief Justice & Patron-in-Chief, MSLSA and Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.S. Thangkhiew, Judge, High Court of Meghalaya & Executive Chairman, MSLSA; Shri. Amit Kumar, Advocate General, Meghalaya; Shri. N.A. Khan, Member Secretary, MSLSA; Shri. N.D. Chullai, Senior Advocate; Shri. K.S. Kynjing, Senior Advocate; Shri. S.P. Mahanta, Senior Advocate; Shri. M.F. Qureshi, Advocate; Senior Members of Bar Association & other Officers.

Review Meeting of

The Activities of the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority and District Legal Services Authorities on the 9th September, 2019 at Conference Hall, High Court of Meghalaya.

On the 9th September, 2019, the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority conducted the Review Meeting with the District Legal Services Authorities. The programme was held at the Conference Hall, High Court of Meghalaya. His Lordship, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dinesh Maheshwari was the Chief Guest during the programme.

... A Glimpse of the Review Meeting ...



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dinesh Maheshwari, Judge, Supreme Court of India



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dinesh Maheshwari, Judge, Supreme Court of India interacting with Trainees Judicial Officers



Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.K. Mittal, Patron-in-Chief, MSLSA

Debate Competition

The MSLSA in collaboration with the LC&SC NEHU organized a on the subject "India still needs continuation of Reservation Policy" held on the 28th November, 2019 at NEHU, Shillong.

A Glimpse of the Programme



Shri. Noor Ain Khan, MHJS, Member Secretary, MSLSA (Middle) along with other Dignitaries of NEHU during the inaugural session



Students participating in the Debate Competition



Prize Distribution

One Day Orientation Programme

**On Para Legal Volunteers at Lady Keane College
on the 6th November, 2019**

The Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority organized a One Day Orientation Programme on Para Legal Volunteers on the 6th Nov, 2019 for the students of Lady Keane College, Shillong Law College, St. Anthony's College and students of the Department of Law, North Eastern Hills University. The Programme was held at Lady Keane College which is one of the Premier Institutes in the State of Meghalaya.

A Glimpse of the Programme



Shri. Noor Ain Khan, MHJS, Member Secretary, MSLSA and MSLSA Staffs along with Principal, Faculties of Lady Keane College & Students during the Programme.



Shri. N.A. Khan, MHJS, Member Secretary, MSLSA delivering speech during the programme



Shri. S. Lyngdoh, Assistant Secretary, MSLSA during the programme

Legal Awareness Programme

The Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority, Shillong organized the Legal Awareness Programme on “Child Rights and POCSO Act” in collaboration with Social Economic Life Development Association on the 11th September, 2019 at Nongkwar Presbyterian Secondary School, Shillong.



Shri. Noor Ain Khan, MHJS, Member Secretary, MSLSA delivering speech during the programme



Students participating in the programme



Group photo of the Legal Awareness Programme on “Child Rights and POCSO Act” at Nongkwar Presbyterian Secondary School, Shillong.

Legal Services During Disaster (2019)

In the month of June and July, 2019 there was a heavy and terrestrial rainfall which causes natural disaster like flood, landslide, soil erosion.

As part of the NALSA (Disaster), the Member Secretary, Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority visited all the affected sites and supervises the restoration/repair of the damages.



(Picture from L-R) Inspection of the damaged road site at Umkhen River, East Khasi Hills District.



(Picture above from L-R) Landslides causing road damages at Mawsynram-Hat Mawdon-Ryngku Road and Balat (Dangar) – Shella Road.



Collapsed of wall due to flood caused by heavy rainfall at Balat Village.

Orientation Programme

for Headmen on Para Legal Volunteers

The Orientation Programme for Headmen on Para Legal Volunteers was held at Block Office, Sohra on the 4th December, 2019. The purpose of the Orientation programme is to deliberate about the roles and responsibilities of PLVs in the village or community in various aspects of law, legal services, access to justice, etc.



(Picture above from L-R) Shri. D. Marbaniang, Secretary, DLSA, East Khasi Hills District and Shri. S. Lyngdoh, Assistant Secretary, MSLSA delivering speech during the programme.



(L-R) Headmen interacting during the orientation programme.

Legal Awareness Programme

AT SOHRA MARKET :

The Legal Awareness Programme conducted by the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority was held at Sohra Market on the 4th December, 2019 covering the topics of Legal Aid, POCSO Act (2012) and Basic Life Support.



(Picture from L-R) MSLSA staff- Smt. A. Nongrum, Project Coordinator; Shri. A. Lyngdoh, Project Coordinator, A2J; Shri. B. Syiemlieh, Assistant, A2J and Panel Lawyer, Ms. M. Rapsang interacting during the programme on POCSO ACT at Sohra Market, East Khasi Hills District



(Picture L-R) Para-Medical staff of the District Medical & Health Officer, East Khasi Hills District demonstrating important tips on First Aid & Basic Life Support.

••• Glimpses of the Legal Awareness Programme •••



(L-R) Public gathered during the awareness programme at Sohra market, East Khasi Hills District.



(L-R) PLV, Shri. B. Wanroi distributing pamphlets to the public at Sohra market, East Khasi Hills District.



(L-R) Displaying of video/movie clips during the programme at Sohra market, East Khasi Hills District.

Training of Trainers for

**Senior Police Officer's & Secretaries, District Legal Services Authority
On Early Access to Justice on Pre-Arrest, Arrest and Remand Stage
Held at Conference Hall, MATI Building, Addl. Secretariat, Shillong On
the 12th February, 2020.**

The Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority organized a Training of Trainers (TOT) programme for the Secretary, District Legal Services Authorities and Senior Police Officials on Early Access to Justice at Pre-Arrest, Arrest and Remand Stage held at the Conference Hall, MATI Building, Addl. Secretariat, Shillong on the 12th February, 2020.



Shri. Noor Ain Khan, Member Secretary, MSLSA delivering speech to the participants during the Training of Trainers on the 12th February, 2020.



(Picture above) Member Secretary, MSLSA along with Senior Police Officials, Secretary DLSAs and MSLSA staff during the Training of Trainers on the 12th February, 2020.

Legal Services

During The Covid-19 Pandemic.

The Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority has distributed Personal Protective Equipment at the High Court of Meghalaya, Civil Hospital, Shillong, Community Health Centres and the Entry Points at the border of the State. About 5000 PPEs has been distributed with the support of the Rama Krishna Mission, Sohra (Cherrapunji) during the COVID-19 Pandemic.



(Middle) Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.S. Thangkhiew, Judge, High Court of Meghalaya & Executive Chairman, MSLSA interacts before the distribution of PPEs in the presence of Shri. N.A. Khan, Member Secretary, MSLSA and Swami Anuragananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Sohra at the High Court of Meghalaya on the 22nd April, 2020.



(Picture from L-R) i). Shri. N.A. Khan, Member Secretary, MSLSA along with Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission, Sohra and Doctors of Civil Hospital, Shillong during the during the distribution of PPEs and Certificate; ii). Member Secretary, MSLSA distribute PPEs to Shri. C. Syrti, Superintendent of Police, Ri-Bhoi District on April, 2020.

The Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority has distributed dry rations to the needy people during the lockdown. Approximately about 20.675 tonne of Rice and 8.37 tonne of Dal have been distributed to around 837 families with the support of the Rama Krishna Mission, Sohra (Cherrapunji).



(Picture from L-R) MSLSA distribute face masks, Rice and Dal to the villagers at Mawbsein Village, Ri-Bhoi District on April, 2020.



(Picture from L-R) MSLSA distribute face masks, Rice and Dal to the villagers at Umkei & Mawlyngngai Village, Ri-Bhoi District on April, 2020



(Picture from L-R) MSLSA distribute Rice and Dal to the villagers at Nongdiat Village, South West Khasi Hills District on August, 2020.

Video Conferencing & Webinars

“VIDEO CONFERENCE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE “MEGHALAYA VICTIM COMPENSATION SCHEME”



Secretaries of the District Legal Services Authorities interacting during the Video Conference held on the 10th July, 2020.

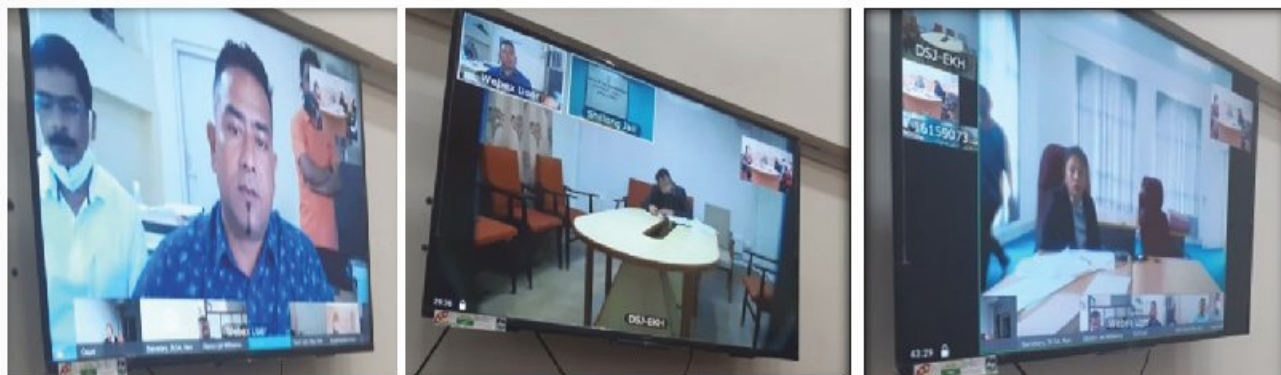


Secretaries of DLSAs during the VC on the 10th July, 2020.

Video Conference of the Review Meeting on prisons in Meghalaya



(Middle) Member Secretary, MSLSA along with the staff of MSLSA during the Video Conference on the 22nd July, 2020.



Jailors of District Jails and the Secretaries of District Legal Services Authorities interacting during the Video Conference on the 22nd July, 2020.

300 released on bail after jails decongested

Venue: Video Conference Room
Date: 22nd July, 2020

Member Secretary, Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority, Noorain Khan (centre), speaks during the review meeting of the jail conditions of the state on Wednesday. (ST)

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: The Member Secretary of Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority, Noorain Khan, informed that till date 300 prisoners have been released on bail in the state in an effort to decongest jails in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Speaking to reporters before the start of a review meeting, in order to take stock of the jail conditions, Khan said, "Population in district jails like Williamnagar and Nongpoh, is within limit and it is not overcrowded".

"Pursuant to the High Powered Committee resolution, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) has taken action and till date they have released over 300 prisoners. (Contd on P-10)

300 released on...

Contd from P-38 In East Khasi Hills, they have released almost 148 prisoners till date," he said, adding that the prisoners are released on bail and they are not let off.

He told reporters that the review meeting via video conferencing was held to take stock of the conditions of the inmates in the prison and see the implementation of the resolution of the High Powered Committee, which is constituted pursuant to the order from the Supreme Court.

The SC had directed the committee in all the states and union territories to decongest jails due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is only in district Jail, Shillong, that number of inmates has exceeded the capacity.

Khan said that two important things which need to be reviewed and looked into are the preventive steps taken by the jail authorities and find out if there is any reported case of COVID-19 and if yes, what steps were taken by the jail authorities.

He informed that the SC directive is to see that the jail which is overcrowded is to be decommissioned.

The High Powered Committee has classified cases wherein the inmates can be released on bail or interim bail, and cases of convicts who can be released on parole.

"The purpose of this meeting is to see how far we have been able to act upon the resolution. It is also to be clarified that the purpose of this committee is not to mandatorily release the prisoners, as there are criteria to be worked out. There are habitual offenders and for those, exception has been carved out", he said.

In cases where the accused persons have been charged for an offence which is punishable up to 7 years, such prisoners can be considered for interim bail but not in the case of a heinous offence.

Speaking about under-trial prisoners (UTPs), Khan said that there are two types of UTPs — ones who are in jail pending investigation and others who are standing for trial where the charge sheet has been filed.

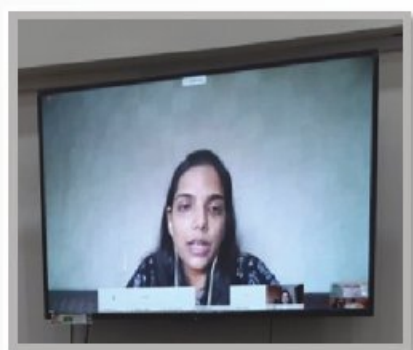
"They have a right. For the UTPs pending investigation, if the offence charge where the punishment can extend up to 10 years and if the charge sheet is not filed within 60 days, they are entitled to be released on bail. And in heinous crimes such as murder, if they are imprisoned and the investigation is pending and no charge sheet is filed for 90 days, they are entitled to be released on bail and they cannot be kept," Khan said, adding that a review will be made of such cases as well.

Source of Newspaper: The Shillong Times, dated 23rd July, 2020.

WEBINAR ON TRAINING OF PANEL LAWYERS AND PARA LEGAL VOLUNTEERS TO RESPOND TO CASES OF FOREIGN NATIONAL PRISONERS IN CUSTODY-CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS AND PRISONS HELD ON THE 24TH JULY, 2020 ORGANISED BY MSLSA IN COLLABORATION WITH COMMONWEALTH HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTE



(From R-L) Shri. N A Khan, Member Secretary, MSLSA along with Shri. S. Lyngdoh, Assistant Secretary, MSLSA and staff of MSLSA during the Webinar held on the 24th July, 2020.



(Picture from L-R) Ms. Madhurima Dhanuka, Programme Head & Ms. Palak Chaudhary, Consultant, Prisons Reforms Programme, CHRI and Dr. Bipasha Roy, Child Rights and Activist and Ex-Member Juvenile Justice Board, West Bengal interacting during the Webinar held on the 24th July, 2020.

WEBINAR ON CRIME AND CRIMINALS TRACKING NETWORK & SYSTEM (CCTNS) AND TRANSACTION WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HELD ON 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2020



(M) Shri. N.A.Khan, Member Secretary, MSLSA along with (R) Smt. N.M. Momin, OSD, MSLSA; (R) Shri. S. Lyngdoh, Assistant Secretary, MSLSA and MSLSA Staff during the webinar.



(L-R) Shri. D.N. Jyrwa, Director, State Crime Records Bureau; Shri. S.S. Dkhar, MPS and Smti. P. Borthakur, Assistant Manager, Reserve Bank of India interacting during the webinar.

**WEBINAR FOR SENSITIZING THE STUDENT'S COMMITTEE
OF THE LEGAL CARE AND SUPPORT CENTRE,
DEPARTMENT OF LAW, NEHU**



Shri. N.A Khan, Member Secretary (centre) along with the Officers and Staff of MSLSA.



(From L) Asstt. Professor Shri. Shishir Tiwari along with MSLSA staff and Law students during the webinar.

**WEBINAR ON STATE CONSULTATION ON LEGAL PROTECTION FOR
PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV (PLHIVS), CHILDREN AFFECTED BY AIDS (CABA) & MOST AT RISK
POPULATIONS (MARPS) HELD ON THE 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2020"**



(Picture from L-R) Shri. N.A. Khan, Member Secretary, MSLSA along with Smt. N.M. Momin, Officer on Special Duty, MSLSA; Shri. S. Lyngdoh, Assistant Secretary, MSLSA and other MSLSA staff during the Webinar held on the 25th September, 2020



Dr. (Mrs.) R. Allya, Project Director, MACS along with other Participants during the webinar on the 25th September, 2020.

WEBINAR ON WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY HELD ON THE 9TH OCTOBER, 2020.



(Middle) Member Secretary, MSLSA along with Officer on Special Duty, MSLSA; Assistant Secretary, MSLSA and staff of MSLSA during the Webinar held on the 9th October, 2020.

WEBINAR FOR THE NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC) OF NORTH EAST ON LEGAL SERVICES



(Picture from L-R) Smt. N.M. Momin, Officer on Special Duty, MSLSA; Smt. D. Sohtun, Secretary of DLSA, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong & CPC, High Court of Meghalaya and Shri. S. Lyngdoh, Assistant Secretary, MSLSA during the webinar on the 27th November, 2020.

LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEDIA ABOUT LEGAL RIGHTS.



Smti. A.M. Pariat, Secretary DLSA, East Khasi Hills District participated in the programme through Door Darshan Kendra delivering on the topic of ADR mechanism on the 23rd April, 2019.



Shri. Antony Syiemiong, PLV, MSLSA participated in the programme through All India Radio delivering on the topic of NALSA (Legal Services of Drug Abuse & Eradication of Drug Menace) Scheme 2015 on the 3rd May, 2019.



Shri. Noor Ain Khan, Member Secretary, MSLSA participated in the programme through Door Darshan Kendra delivering on the topic of Criminal Law: Rights of the accused on the 12th July, 2019.



Smti. Meena Kharkongor, Chairperson, Meghalaya State commission for Protection of Child Rights participated in the programme through Door Darshan Kendra delivering on the topic of Law reacting to Children-Juvenile to Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015.



Smti. N. Laso, Advocate & Legal Aid Counsel, MSLSA participated in the programme through All India Radio delivering on the topic of Women Rights on the 26th September, 2019.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME THROUGH BIG FM 98.3, AIR & DDK, SHILLONG

The Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority has created awareness programmes through BIG FM 98.3, All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan Kendra (DDK), Shillong during the period from 2019-2020 with the aim of providing the public with information relating to the basic aspects of law and legal matters so that not only the message of availability of legal services will reach the doorsteps of the people but they will also be empowered being informed of their rights and entitlements. Some of the programmes are given hereunder:-

Catch
Mr. N.A KHAN
Member Secretary
MEGHALAYA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

In conversation with **RJ BOB**
ON FREE LEGAL AID AND SERVICES

24th - 26th August
8 - 9 AM



LEGAL AID 20:20

Catch
Smti. DAPHIRA SOHTUN
Secretary, East Khasi Hills
DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

In conversation with **RJ BOB**
ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS

26th - 28th August
8 - 9 AM

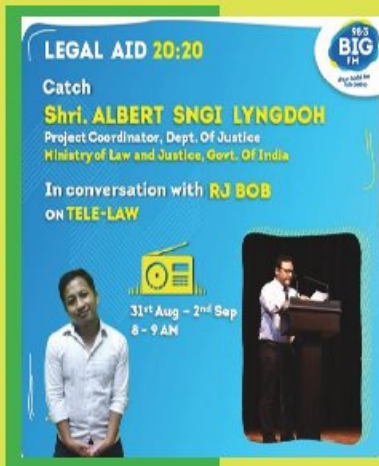


LEGAL AID 20:20

Catch
Shri. ALBERT SNGI LYNGDOH
Project Coordinator, Dept. Of Justice
Ministry of Law and Justice, Govt. Of India

In conversation with **RJ BOB**
ON TELE-LAW

31st Aug - 2nd Sep
8 - 9 AM

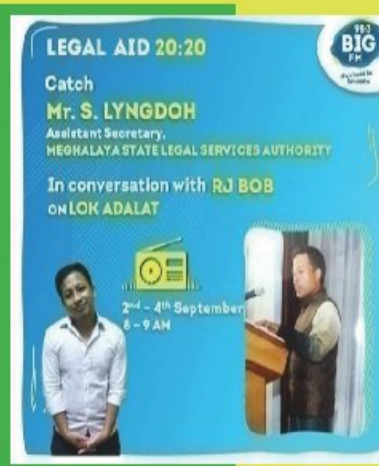


LEGAL AID 20:20

Catch
Mr. S. LYNGDOH
Assistant Secretary,
MEGHALAYA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

In conversation with **RJ BOB**
ON LOCK ADALAT

2nd - 4th September
8 - 9 AM

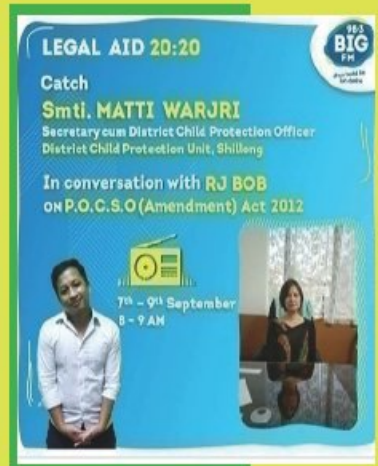


LEGAL AID 20:20

Catch
Smti. MATTI WARJRI
Secretary cum District Child Protection Officer
District Child Protection Unit, Shillong

In conversation with **RJ BOB**
ON P.O.C.S.O (Amendment) Act 2012

7th - 9th September
8 - 9 AM



LEGAL AID 20:20

Catch
Shri MELAMSHUWA ALLYA
B.A LLB (Final Year)
NEHU Law College

In conversation with **RJ BOB**
ON Access To Justice

9th - 11th Sep
8 - 9 AM



LEGAL AID 20:20

Catch
Smti. ANNIE SOHTUN
Coordinator
Meghalaya State Commission for Women

In conversation with **RJ BOB**
ON Protection of Women
from Domestic Violence
Act, 2005

14th - 16th Sep
8 - 9 AM



LEGAL AID 20:20

Catch
Mr. JNGAI MYRMEN
Para Legal Volunteer
Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority

In conversation with **RJ BOB**
ON Para legal Volunteer Scheme

16th - 18th Sep
8 - 9 AM



Glimpses of the National Lok Adalat
(2019-2020)



National Lok Adalat at High Court of Meghalaya (2019)



National Lok Adalat at District Council Court, KHADC, East Khasi Hills District (2019)



National Lok Adalat at the O/o District & Sessions Judge, East Khasi Hills District (2019)



National Lok Adalat at Tura, West Garo Hills District (2019)



National Lok Adalat at Baghmara, South Garo Hills District (2019)



National Lok Adalat at Nongstoin, West Khasi Hills District (2019)



National Lok Adalat at Nongpoh, Ri-Bhoi District (2019)



National Lok Adalat at Nongpoh, Ri-Bhoi District (2020)



ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMMES OF DLSAs

... Glimpses of the Legal Awareness Programmes ...
at various Districts.



Laitnonglang, West Khasi Hills District 13.05.2019



Sibsingh Memorial Government Hr. Sec. School, Nongstoin, West Khasi Hills District 17.06.2019



KJP Synod Sepngi Higher Sec. School, Nongstoin, West Khasi Hills District 18.06.2019





Mawsyntai District Jail, Ri-Bhoi District 18.06.2019



District Jail, Tura, West Garo Hills District 19.02.2019



Presbyterian Higher Sec School, Nongstoin, West Khasi Hills District 20.06.2019



St. Thomas Higher Sec. School, Mairang, West Khasi Hills District 21.06.2019



Jirang Govt. Sec. School, Ri-Bhoi District 23.07.2019



Jirang, Ri-Bhoi District 23.07.2019



Mawsyntai District Jail, Ri-Bhoi District 23.08.2019



Rambrai, Nongstoin, West Khasi Hills District 24.06.2019



Dadenggre, Tura, West Garo Hills District 24.04.2019



District Jail, Tura, West Garo Hills District 26.03.2019



Mawhati, Ri-Bhoi District 27.08.2019



St. Vianney Sec. School, Umsohlait Village, Ri-Bhoi District 27.08.2019



St. Michael Hr. Sec. School, Umsning, Ri-Bhoi District 29.04.2019



Mawsyntai District Jail, Nongpoh, Ri-Bhoi District 30.04.2019



At District Jail, Jowai (August, 2020)



At District Jail, Williamnagar (August, 2020)



At District Jail, Mawsyntai (August, 2020)



At District Jail, Tura (August, 2020)



Legal Awareness Programme on Early Marriage (POCSO ACT) held at Mawriat Village, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoinm on the 29th August, 2020



Legal Awareness Programme on Free Legal Aid/Services conducted by DLSA, Nongstoin held at Rambrai Village, West Khasi Hills District on the 31st August, 2020



(L-R) Smt. M.T. Sangma, Secretary, DLSA, South Garo Hills District interacting during the Legal Awareness Programme on Free Legal Aid/Services held at Baghmara Bazar, South Garo Hills District on the 31st August, 2020



(L-R) Panel Lawyer and PLVs, DLSA, Ampati conducted Door to Door Campaign held at Baispara Village, South West Garo Hills District on the 31st August, 2020



Legal Awareness Programme on POCSO Act, 2012 held at Maitdein Longkynshur Village, West Jaintia Hills District on the 3rd September, 2020



(Picture L-R) Smt. N.M. Sangma, Secretary, DLSA, West Jaintia Hills District interacting during the Legal Awareness Programme on POCSO Act, 2012 held at Maitdein longkynshur Village, West Jaintia Hills District on the 3rd September, 2020



(Picture above) Legal Awareness Programme on Free Legal Aid/Services through Video Conferencing with inmates of Shillong District Jail held on the 2nd September, 2020 organized by DLSA, South West Khasi Hills District, Mawkyrwat



(Picture from L-R) Smt. Iamolang Syiem, Chairperson, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong; Smt. Meera Kharkongor, District Social Welfare Officer, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong; Smt. D. Sohtun, Secretary, DLSA, Shillong; Smt. Matti L Warjri, District Child Protection Officer, DCPU, East Khasi Hills District during the webinar on NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015 and Women's Rights conducted by the District Legal Services Authority, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong, held on 3rd October, 2020



(Pictures above) Smti N. M. Sangma, Secretary, DLSA Jowai; Shri B. D. Marak, SP, Jowai and other Police Officers of West Jaintia Hills District participating in the Training Programme on Early Access to Justice at Pre-arrest, Arrest and Remand Stage conducted by the District Legal Services Authority, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai held on the 10th October, 2020



(Picture above) Legal Awareness Programme on the topic Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 Conducted by The District Legal Services Authority, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai held at Wahiajer village on the 15th Oct, 2020



(Pictures above from L-R) Miss. Nosmi Hahshah, Advocate, DLSA, Mawkyrwat; Shri. Overjoy Lyngdoh, Non-Official Member, DLSA, Mawkyrwat; Shri. S. Nongsiej along with villagers during the Programme on Poverty Alleviation Conducted by The District Legal Services Authority, South West Khasi Hills District, Mawkyrwat held at Training Hall C&RD Block, Mawkyrwat on 22nd October, 2020

OBSERVATION OF IMPORTANT DAYS (2020)

GLIMPSES OF THE PROGRAMMES AT VARIOUS DISTRICTS

SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY 1ST OCTOBER, 2020



District Legal Services Authority, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong



District Legal Services Authority, West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin



District Legal Services Authority, West Garo Hills District, Tura



District Legal Service Authority, Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh



District Legal Service Authority, South West Khasi Hills District, Mawkyrwat



District Legal Services Authority, East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat



District Legal Service Authority, South Garo Hills District, Baghmara



District Legal Service Authority, East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

10TH October 2020.



District Legal Services Authority, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong



District Legal Services Authority, West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin



District Legal Services Authority, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai



District Legal Services Authority, West Garo Hills District, Tura



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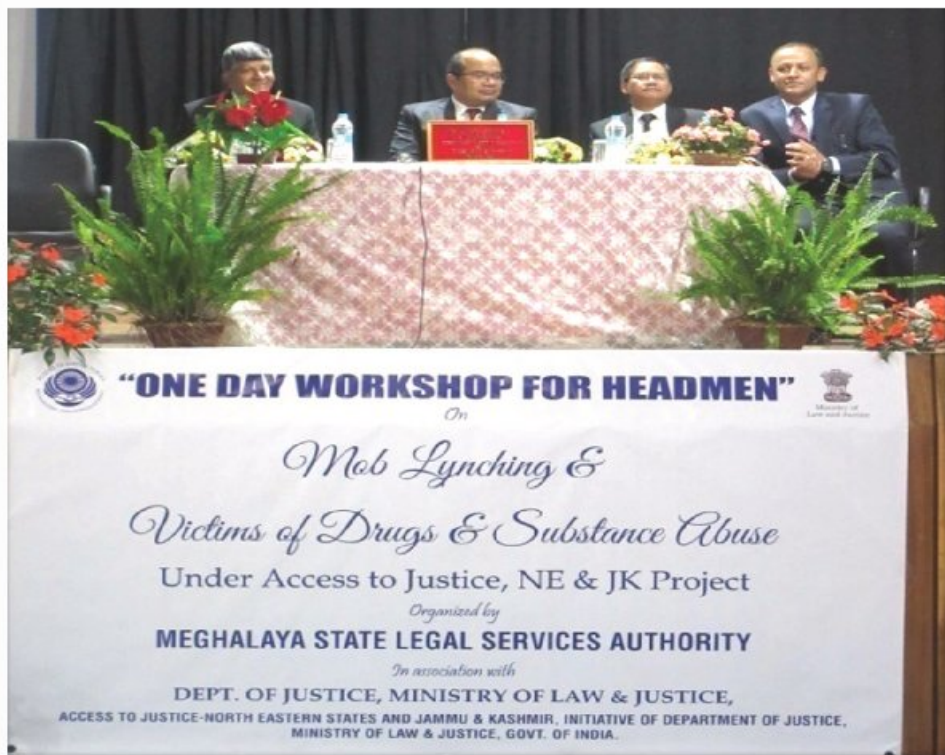
ACTIVITIES UNDER A2J-NE&JK Project Funded by the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India.

“TRAINING & SENSITIZATION OF HEADMEN ON LEGAL LITERACY”

held from March, 2018 to July, 2020 at East Khasi Hills District and Ri-Bhoi District.

The Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority in Collaboration with the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India, New Delhi (Access to Justice- NE&JK Project, Meghalaya) had organized 20 Training and Sensitization of Headmen on various legal issues in two districts i.e. in East Khasi Hills District and Ri-Bhoi District.

*Glimpses of the
"Training & Sensitization of Headmen on Legal Literacy"*



(Picture above from L-R) Brother Pinto, Rector, St. Edmund's College, Shillong; Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.S. Thangkhiew, Judge, High Court of Meghalaya & Executive Chairman MSLSA; Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge, High Court of Meghalaya and Shri. N. A. Khan, Member Secretary, MSLSA during the Headmen Training at St. Edmund's College, Shillong held on August, 2019.



Training programme for Headmen at Bhoirymbong on July, 2020.



SLSA Mobile Van- Public Announcement on COVID-19 awareness at Bhoirymbong market area on July, 2020.

LEGAL LITERACY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON POCSO ACT, 2012 HELD FROM NOVEMBER, 2018 TO NOVEMBER, 2020.

The Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority in collaboration with the A2J-NE&JK Project, Department of Justice and the District Legal Services Authorities had organized 35 Legal Literacy Campaign on POCSO Act, 2012 in East Khasi Hills District, East Jaintia Hills District, West Jaintia Hills District, Ri-Bhoi District and South West Khasi Hills District. East Khasi Hills District covering 4 C&RD Blocks with 2,201 beneficiaries; West Jaintia Hills District covering 4 C&RD Blocks with 1,692 beneficiaries; East Jaintia Hills District covering 2 C&RD Blocks with 1,029 beneficiaries; Ri-Bhoi District covering 2 C&RD Blocks with 926 beneficiaries; and South West Khasi Hills District covering 1 C&RD Block with 154 beneficiaries.

Glimpses of the Legal Literacy Awareness Campaign on POCSO Act, 2012



(Picture above) Legal Literacy Campaign on POCSO Act, 2012 at Sngap Syiem College, Mawkyrwat, South West Khasi Hills District on 27th November, 2018.



Shri. Noor Ain Khan, Member Secretary, MSLSA delivering short speech during the programme at Shillong College, Shillong on 25th February, 2020



Students during the programme at Shillong College, Shillong on 25th February, 2020.



(Picture L-R) Legal Literacy Campaign on POCSO Act at St. Anthony's College, Shillong on 27th February, 2020.



(Picture above) Legal Literacy Campaign on POCSO Act at Thomas Jones Synod College, Jowai, West Jaintia Hills District on 4th March, 2020



(2nd from Right) Shri. P. Syiem, MPS, Addl. SP (Crime), Ri-Bhoi interacting with students in the presence of (3rd from left) Shri. N.A. Khan, Member Secretary, MSLSA ; (2nd from left) Smt. E. Shabong, Secretary, DLSA, Ri-Bhoi; Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and other faculties of USTM during the Legal Literacy Campaign on POC SO Act at University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM), Ri-Bhoi District on 7th March, 2020.



(Pictures above from L-R) Students interacting during the Legal Literacy Campaign on POC SO Act at University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM), Ri-Bhoi District on 7th March, 2020.



(Pictures above from L-R) Legal Literacy Campaign on POC SO Act at Kiang Nangbah College, Jowai and Women's College, Shillong on 9th March, 2020.



(Pictures from L-R) Shri. Albert Lyngdoh, Project Coordinator, A2J-NE&JK interacting during the Legal Literacy Campaign on POCSO Act at Cham Cham Village, East Jaintia Hills District on the 16th September, 2020



(Pictures from L-R) Shri. T.T.M. Sangma, Secretary, DLSA, East Jaintia Hills District interacting during the Legal Literacy Campaign on POCSO Act at Lama & Mukha-lalong Village, East Jaintia Hills District on 16th and 17th September, 2020.



(Pictures from L-R) Shri. T.T.M. Sangma, Secretary, DLSA, East Jaintia Hills District interacting during the Legal Literacy Campaign on POCSO Act at Borghat and Lama Village, East Jaintia Hills District on 17th September, 2020.



(Pictures from L-R) Shri. Albert Lyngdoh, Project Coordinator, A2J-NE&JK interacting during the Legal Literacy Campaign on POCSO Act at Suchen Village, East Jaintia Hills District on 18th September, 2020.



(Pictures from L-R) Shri. T.T.M. Sangma, Secretary, DLSA, East Jaintia Hills District and Smt. Rimaya Manar, Legal Aid Counsel interacting during the Legal Literacy Campaign on POCSO Act at Moolamanoh Village, East Jaintia Hills District on 18th September, 2020



(Pictures from L-R) Shri. T.T.M. Sangma, Secretary, DLSA, East Jaintia Hills District interacting during the Legal Literacy Campaign on POCSO Act at Khliehriat and Dkhiah village of East Jaintia Hills District on 19th & 22nd September, 2020.



(Pictures from L-R) Smt. N.M. Sangma, Secretary, DLSA, West Jaintia Hills District and Shri. Albert Lyngdoh, Project Coordinator, A2J-NE&JK interacting during the Legal Literacy Campaign on POCSO Act at Moodymmai Village and Nongbah Village, West Jaintia Hills District on 23rd & 24th September, 2020.



(Pictures from L-R) Shri. Albert Lyngdoh, Project Coordinator, A2J-NE&JK interacting during the Legal Literacy Campaign on POCSO Act at Dawki Bakur Village and Nongtalang Village, West Jaintia Hills District on 25th September, 2020.

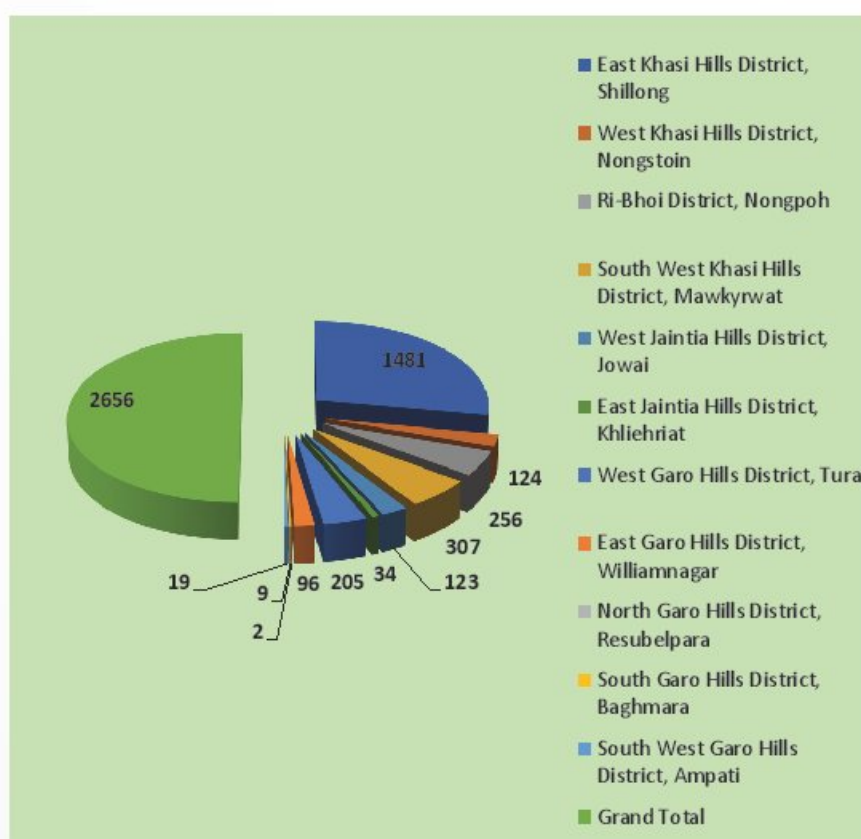
STATISTICAL GLIMPSE

1. LEGAL AID BENEFICIARIES :

Beneficiaries of Legal Aid Services as per District wise in Meghalaya.

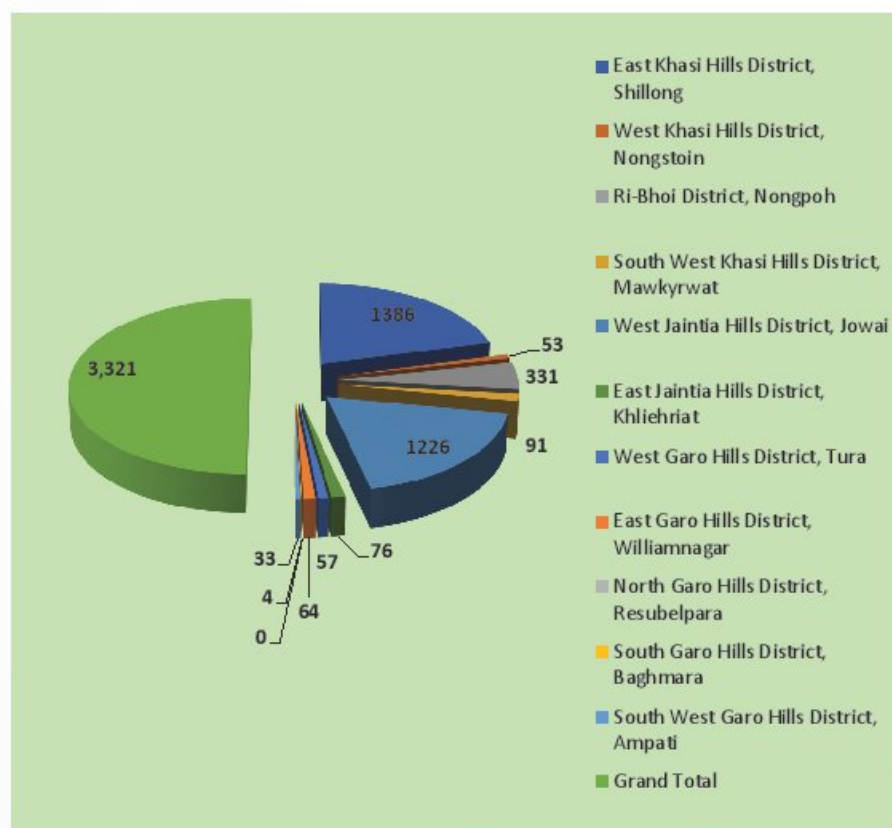
JANUARY-DECEMBER 2019

DISTRICT	Total
East Khasi Hills District, Shillong	1481
West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin	124
Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh	256
South West Khasi Hills District, Mawkyrwat	307
West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	123
East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat	34
West Garo Hills District, Tura	205
East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar	96
North Garo Hills District, Resubelpara	2
South Garo Hills District, Baghmara	9
South West Garo Hills District, Ampati	19
Grand Total	2656



LEGAL AID BENEFICIARIES
JANUARY-DECEMBER 2020.

DISTRICT	Total
East Khasi Hills District, Shillong	1386
West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin	53
Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh	331
South West Khasi Hills District, Mawkyrwat	91
West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	1226
East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat	76
West Garo Hills District, Tura	57
East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar	64
North Garo Hills District, Resubelpara	0
South Garo Hills District, Baghmara	4
South West Garo Hills District, Ampati	33
Grand Total	3,321



2. LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

(From January – December, 2020)

Year	No. of Programmes Held	No. of Beneficiaries
2019	203	58,512
2020	194	1,25,551

3. NATIONAL LOK ADALAT:

(From January, 2019 to December, 2020)

Cases taken up	Cases settled	Total Amount Settled (₹)
7260	1205	₹ 8,22,94,467.78/-

4. MEGHALAYA VICTIM COMPENSATION SCHEME :

Year	Number of Beneficiaries	Compensation Awarded (₹)
2020 – 2021	65	₹. 70,00,000/-

5. MEDIATION FOR CASES REFERRED FROM COURTS :

- The following Mediation Statistics pertain only to those cases referred from the Hon'ble High Court of Meghalaya, District Courts and District Council Courts.

Year	No. Of Cases received	No. Of Cases Settled	No. Of Cases Not Settled	No. Of Cases (Non starter)	No. Of Cases (Connected Cases)
2019	5	-	5	-	-
2020	2	1	1	-	-
TOTAL	7	1	6	-	-

Fundamental Duties

It shall be the duty of every citizen of India, -

- ★ to abide by the Constitution and respect its ideals and institutions, the National Flag and the National Anthem;
- ★ to cherish and follow the noble ideals which inspired our national struggle for freedom;
- ★ to uphold and protect the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India;
- ★ to defend the country and render national service when called upon to do so;
- ★ to promote harmony and the spirit of common brotherhood amongst all the people of India transcending religious, linguistic and regional or sectional diversities; to renounce practice derogatory to the dignity of women;
- ★ to value and preserve the rich heritage of our composite culture;
- ★ to protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wild life, and to have compassion for living creatures;
- ★ to develop the scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform;
- ★ to safeguard public property and to abjure violence;
- ★ to strive towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activity, so that the nation constantly rises to higher levels of endeavour and achievement.
- ★ who is a parent or guardian, to provide opportunities for education to his child, or as the case may be, ward between the age of six and fourteen years.



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