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**MESSAGE FROM CHIEF JUSTICE, HIGH COURT OF
MEGHALAYA CUM PATRON-IN-CHARGE, MEGHALAYA STATE
LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY**

Nobel laureate Amartya Sen in his book 'The idea of Justice' makes a startling revelation about the inadequacies in society between the 'haves' and the 'have nots' and I quote :

"Waste moves us, reasonably enough, is not the realisation that the world falls short or being completely just, which few of us expect, but that there are clearly remediable injustices around us which we want to eliminate".

Equally gripping are the words of famous social reformer Frederick Douglass that reverberate thus:


"Where justice is denied, where poverty is enforced, where ignorance prevails, and where any one class is made to feel that society is an organized conspiracy to oppress, rob and degrade them, neither persons nor property will be safe."

Set against this backdrop, the concept of "Access to Justice For All" as enshrined under Article 39A of the Constitution providing for free legal aid services to us a reminder that the unheard and the helpless should not be denied free legal aid, either by design or neglect. Such an avowed object will only become rhetoric if our judicial system continue to be divorced from the harsh realities of society - when the poor and marginalized are still unaware of their rights or cannot access them for they perceive it to be expensive or the processes itself are made arduous. It is therefore necessary that novel ways be found to reach out to these people in order to bridge this gap. Here, the role of the State legal services authorities assumes significance - it is called upon to reach out through organising awareness camps and Lok Adalats; providing free legal aid and assistance rendered by para-legal volunteers; for implementation of various social welfare schemes.

In the middle of this development, I should say that I am happy to learn that Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority (MSLSA) through its close coordination with National Legal Service Authority (NALSA) has embarked on an important initiative of reaching out to the diverse milieu of people from different socio-economic, cultural and political backgrounds of the State of Meghalaya in implementation of the schemes framed by NALSA.

This official newsletter titled 'New Light' Issue VI, is testimony of the untiring efforts made by every stakeholder of MSLSA. This edition is a successful attempt to chronicle the achievements, activities and events of MSLSA with hopes of more accomplishments to come in the future.

I wish MSLSA a great success for striving of the object.


Chief Justice

A word from the



HON'BLE JUSTICE SUDIP RANJAN SEN,

Judge, High Court Of Meghalaya and Executive Chairman,
Meghalaya Stat Legal Services Authority

Late Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer believed that "Society is guilty if anyone suffers unjustly." Almost taking a cue from this disquieting disclosure, our country has steadily progressed into creation of institutions such as National and State Legal Services Authorities and ensured that these authorities work towards the noble goal of providing legal aid services to citizens in need. Through such activities, these authorities have tried to engender this outreach created by the discontent and alienation arising out of the costly and rigorous justice system.

Not to lag behind, Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority (MSLSA) has forever remained at the vanguard of ensuring access to justice to the poor and marginalized through its various stakeholders. I am confident that MSLSA's relentless efforts of holding regular legal aid camps, workshops, awareness programmes and dissemination of pamphlets will go a long way in making 'justice at the doorstep' available throughout the State of Meghalaya.

The same would not have been possible without the efforts of the Hon'ble Patron-in-Chief Mr. Justice Mohammad Yaqoob Mir whose infectious enthusiasm at the very beginning has helped us in organizing a one-day orientation-cum-sensitization programme for panel lawyers and para legal volunteers. I am confident that through such platforms, the message of 'access to justice' will soon reach one and all.

Lastly, it gives me immense pleasure to learn that MSLSA is publishing the sixth edition of "New Light" – a compilation of the past events and activities conducted by it.

I earnestly hope that this compendium will serve as a recollection of our past glories and, at the same time, as a catalyst to more achievements.

I wish all the readers a happy reading!



(Justice Sudip Ranjan Sen)

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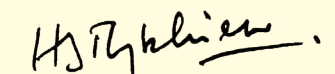
Judge, High Court Of Meghalaya

I am happy to learn that the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority is publishing the sixth edition of "New Light" - a publication aimed to chronicle the accomplishments of the Authority in its pursuit of ensuring 'access to justice' for all.

I take this opportunity to appreciate the commendable feat of the Authority in tirelessly reaching out to the marginalized sections of society, through its instrumentalities at the district level, by providing them a platform of dispute redressal by way of Lok Adalats and legal aid schemes.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate the Hon'ble Patron-in-Chief, Mr. Justice Mohammad Yaqoob Mir and Hon'ble Executive Chairman Mr. Justice S. R. Sen for bringing out this publication.

22nd February, 2019
Shillong



(Justice Hamarsan Singh Thangkhiew)

A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED

NATIONAL LOK ADALAT: 2018

Under the direction of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority (MSLSA) has organized the National Lok Adalat on the 10-2-2018, 21-4-2018, 14-7-2018 and 8-9-2018 on all subject matters. A total nos. of 1086 cases both Pre-Litigation and Pending Cases were settled and settlement amount was 2,89,29,170/- (Rupees two crores eighty nine lakhs twenty nine thousand and one hundred seventy) only both Pre-Litigation and Pending Cases.

Glimpses of the National Lok Adalat at various Districts



In the High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong on the 10-02-2018



At Nongpoh, Ri Bhoi District on the 10-02-2018



Williamnagar, East Garo Hills District on the 10-02-2018



Tura, West Garo Hills District on the 10-02-2018



Baghmara, South Garo Hills District on the 21-04-2018



Tura, West Garo Hills District on 21-04-2018



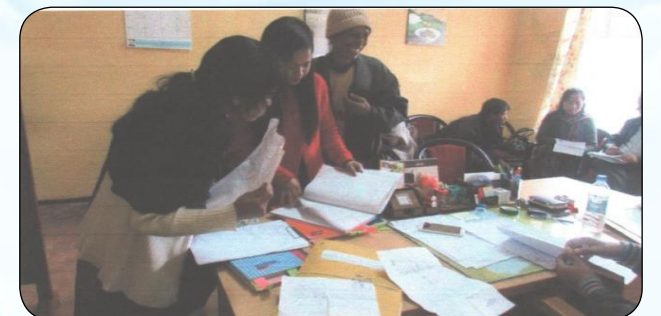
Nongpoh, Ri Bhoi District on 21-04-2018



Jowai, West Jaintia Hills District on 21-04-2018



Mawkyrwat, Sought West Khasi Hills District on 21-04-2018





High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong, on the 14-07-2018



Nongpoh, Ri Bhoi District on 14-07-2018



Baghmara, South Garo Hills District on the 14-07-2018



Tura, West Garo Hills District on the 14-07-2018



Mawkyrwat, South West Khasi Hills District on the 14-07-2018



Resubelpara, North Garo Hills District on the 14-07-2018



Shillong, East Khasi Hills District on the 14-07-2018



Williamnagar, East Garo Hills District on the 14-07-2018



High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong, on the 8-09-2018





District Council Court, Shillong, East Khasi Hills District on the 8-09-2018



Shillong, East Khasi Hills District on the 8-09-2018



Mawkyrat, South West Khasi Hills District on the 8-09-2018



Tura, West Garo Hills District on the 8-09-2018



JAIL LOK ADALAT: 2018

The Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authorities, East Khasi Hills District and West Garo Hills District has conducted the Jail Lok Adalats at District Jail Shillong, East Khasi Hills District and District Jail Tura, West Garo Hills District on the 24-03-2018 and 9-08-2018. A total nos. of 12 cases Criminal Compoundable offences cases were settled during the Jail Lok Adalats.

Glimpses of the Jail Lok Adalat at various Districts.



Shillong District Jail, East Khasi Hills District on the 24-03-2018



Tura District Jail, West Garo Hills District on the 9-08-2018

TRAINING PROGRAMMES



**One day Training Programme for Panel Lawyers
at Yojana Bhavan, Shillong, East Khasi Hills District on the 19-05-2018**



**One Day Referral Judges Programme for Judicial Officers of Meghalaya at Conference Hall,
High Court of Meghalaya, East Khasi Hills District on the 25-05-2018**



**One Day Orientation cum Sensitization Programme
for Panel Lawyers and Para Legal Volunteers at Conference Hall,
High Court of Meghalaya, East Khasi Hills District on the 15-09-2018**

2nd REGIONAL CONSULTATION ON CHILD RIGHTS IN THE CONTEXT OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN NORTH EAST OF INDIA

Glimpses of the Programme



Those who spoke in the Regional Consultation includes Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohammad Yaqoob Mir, Chief Justice, High Court of Meghalaya and Patron-in-Chief, Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority; Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. K. Goswami, Chief Justice (Acting), Gauhati High Court; Shri. Davis R. Marak, S.P., East Khasi Hills District and Smt. Sunitha Krishnan, Padmashree Awardee and Co-founder of Prajwala.

LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

Services Authorities has conducted the Legal Awareness Programmes in Villages, Schools, Colleges/ Universities, Jails, Headquarters, etc. during the month of January to September, 2018. The topics which was taken are Free Legal Aid, Lok Adalats, Victims Compensation Schemes, POCSO Act, Right to Education, NALSA Schemes, Right to Appeal to the Higher Court, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, Lok Adalats, Para Legal Volunteers, Functions of the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority and District Legal Services Authorities, Fundamental Rights, Schemes implemented by the Central/State Governments, etc.....

A look at the Programmes:



Leprosy Colony, Nongpoh, RiBhoi District on the 30-1-2018



Samanda Market, Williamnagar, East Garo Hills District on the 31-1-2018



Chiading Market, Williamnagar, East Garo Hills District on the 16-2-2018



Govt. Higher Secondary School, Baghmara, South Garo Hills District on the 18-4-2018



Shillong District Jail, East Khasi Hills District on the 7-5-2018



Oasis Secondary School, Nongpoh, Ri Bhoi District on 31-7-2018



Mawkyrwat, South West Khasi Hills District on the 28-5-2018



St. Alfred Secondary School, Marngar, Ri Bhoi District on the 27-9-2018



District Jail, Shillong, East Khasi Hills District on the 24-7-2018



Setting up of Help Desk during Free Medical Campaign held at Umran, Niangbari, RiBhoi District on the 28-09-2018



Pentecostal Academy Secondary School, East Khasi Hills District on the 26-07-2018



Multipurpose Deputy Commissioner's Office Hall, Mawkyrwat, South West Khasi District on the 28-09-2018



THE MEGHALAYA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

In Collaboration With

THE DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES & DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

Has Conducted Special Day Programmes

On Observation Of

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

In Different Parts Of The Districts In The State Of Meghalaya

On Legal Matters, Women Rights And Different Schemes Implemented

By The Central/State Governments For The Womens.

OBSERVATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: 8th MARCH, 2018



Sajer Community Hall, Nongpoh, Ri Bhoi District



Samanda U. P. School, East Garo Hills District



Shillong Law College, Shillong, East Khasi Hills District



OBSERVATION OF INTERNATIONAL LABOUR DAY

ON MAY DAY: 1st MAY, 2018



DRDA Hall, Bagmara, South Garo Hills District



Multi Purpose Hall, DC's Office Mawkyrwat, South West Khasi Hills District



Industrial Estate, Byrnihat, Ri Bhoi District



District Labour Office, Williamnagar, East Garo Hills District



District Labour Office, Williamnagar, East Garo Hills District



Ampati, South West Garo Hills District

OBSERVATION OF WORLD ANTI TOBACCO DAY : 31st MAY, 2018



Baghmara, South Garo Hills District

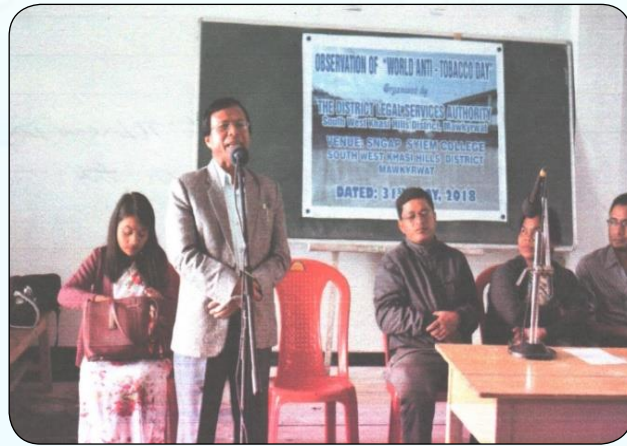


Science Hall, Nongpoh, Ri Bhoi District



Super Market, Tura, West Garo Hills District





Sngap Syiem College, Mawkyrwat, South West Khasi Hills District



DRDA Hall No. 1, Williamnagar, East Garo Hills District



Mendipathar College, North Garo Hills District

OBSERVATION OF WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY: 5th JUNE, 2018



H. K. Singh School, Smit, East Khasi Hills District



Williamnagar, East Khasi Hills District



Tura, West Garo Hills District



Mawkyrwat, South West Khasi Hills District



Dilma Apal Secondary School, Dilma, North Garo Hills District

**OBSERVATION OF WORLD DAY
AGAINST CHILD LABOUR: 12th JUNE, 2018**



Williamnagar Main Market, East Garo Hills District



Community Hall, Iewpomthiah, East Khasi Hills District



St. Claret School, Ampati, South West Garo Hills District



Henry Frassy Secondary School, Chidekgre, Tura, West Garo Hills District



Mount Fort Higher Secondary School, Jonglapara, North Garo Hills District



**Multi-Purpose Hall, Deputy Commissioner's office Complex, Mawkyrwat,
South West Khasi Hills District**

**OBSERVATION OF INTERNATIONAL DAY
AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING: 26th JUNE, 2018**



Sibbari, South Garo Hills District



District Jail, Tura, West Garo Hills District



Sngap Syiem College, Mawkyrwat, South West Khasi Hills District



Williamnagar, East Garo Hills District



Montfort Higher Secondary School, Jongalpara, North Garo Hills District



Science Hall, Nongpoh, Ri Bhoi District



LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEDIA ABOUT THE LEGAL RIGHTS:



Shri. W. Diengdoh, Member Secretary, Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority has participated in the programme through Door Darshan Kendra (DDK) regarding the topic on Free Legal Aid on the 30-08-2018.

Shri. C. Ksoo, Lecturer, Shillong Law College and Incharge of Legal Care & Support, Shillong Law College has participated in the programme through Door Darshan Kendra (DDK) regarding the topic on NALSA (Legal Services to Disaster through Legal Services Authorities) Scheme, 2010 on the 10-09-2018



Dr. (Mrs.) M. Kharshiing, Lecturer, Shillong Law College has participated in the programme through Door Darshan Kendra (DDK) regarding the topic on Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act on the 10-09-2018

LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES THROUGH THE MOBILE LEGAL SERVICES -CUM- LOK ADALAT VAN AND MULTI UTILITY VAN:



Umroi, Ri Bhoi District on the 27-07-2018



Maroit, West Khasi Hills District on the 08-08-2018



Tyrso, Ri Bhoi District on the 21-08-2018



Syntung, East Khasi Hills District on the 24-08-2018

LEGAL SERVICES CAMPS

As per the Module of Legal Services Camp framed by National Legal Services Authority, the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authorities and with the different Departments in the State of Meghalaya, has organized 7 (seven) Legal Services Camps in the State of Meghalaya. The main objective of the Legal Services Camps must aim to achieve the following objectives:

- To spread awareness about welfare legislations and schemes and strengthen the community's access to the scheme being implemented by the Legal Services Authorities and other Departments of government.
- Identifying and connecting people to welfare schemes to ensure that fruits of welfare schemes are passed to eligible people to the weaker section.
- To understand legal needs of people and address legal problems of people by giving appropriate legal advice and taking other necessary steps.

It is to be noted that in the said camps, different Government Department, Non Government Organisations participated and set up their stalls and 1 (one) stall has been set up by Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority Help Desk on the programme to assist the common people where our Panel Lawyers and Para Legal Volunteers were deputed to render assistance to the common people. However, more than 10,299 people attended the said camps and more people had benefited during the Camps on the same day. Free medical checkup also has been set up during the camps from the Health Department, Government of Meghalaya.

A look at the programmes:



Nongstoin, West Khasi Hills District on the 24-1-2018



Smit village, East Khasi Hills District on the 27-01-2018



Kyndong Tuber village, West Jaintia Hills District on the 27-01-2018



Asanang village, Tura, West Garo Hills District on the 31-01-2018



Multi Facility Centre, Ampati, South West Garo Hills District on the 30-01-2018



Agipeng village, C&RD Block, Selsella, Tura, West Garo Hills District on the 22-03-2018



Mawphlang village, East Khasi Hills District on the 28-04-2018

The Legal Services Camp at Mawphlang, East Khasi Hills was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. R. Sen, Chief Justice (Acting) and Executive Chairman, MSLSA on 28-04-2018.

DOOR TO DOOR PROGRAMME W.E.F. 9th TO 18th NOVEMBER, 2018

Glimpses of the Programme in the various districts.



East Khasi Hills District, Shillong



Ri Bhoi District, Nongpoh



South West Garo Hills District, Ampati



West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai

STATISTICS

STATISTICS ON JAIL LOK ADALATS W.E.F. JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER, 2018

Pending Cases		
Nos. of Jail Lok Adalat held	Cases taken up	Cases disposed of
2 nos.	13 nos.	12 nos.

STATISTIC ON LOK ADALATS W.E.F. JANUARY TO DECEMBER, 2018

Pre-Litigation Cases				Pending Cases					
Nos. of Lok Adalat	Cases taken up	Cases disposed of	Settlement Amount (₹)	Cases taken up including MACT	Cases disposed of including MACT	Cases taken up for MACT	Cases disposed of for MACT	MACT Compensation paid/ awarded (₹)	Settlement amount excluding MACT (₹)
82 nos.	4774 nos.	712 nos.	1,98,51,894/-	2970 nos.	756 nos.	67 nos.	22 nos.	1,02,35,000/-	1,31,46,167/-

STATISTICS ON LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

Particular	Year	Nos. of Programmes
Legal Awareness Programmes including Legal literacy Campaign in villages, Headquarters, etc., Legal Awareness and Legal literacy Classes in Schools & Colleges, Legal Awareness Programmes especially for Women & Children, Legal Awareness Programme and Legal Literacy Classes in Jails, Legal Services Camp, Legal Awareness Programmes through DDK?AIR and Legal Awareness Programme through the use of Mobile Legal Services-cum-Lok Adalat Van and Multi Utility Van	2018 (from January upto November)	116Nos.

STATISTICS ON VICTIM COMPENSATION SCHEMES W.E.F. JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER, 2018

Nos. of application received	Nos. of application settled	Amount paid to the Victims
59 nos.	59 nos.	₹ 22,55,000/-

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