

NEWS FROM STATES

MAIN EVENTS DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL TO 30TH JUNE, 2010

(i) Special Legal Literacy Camps in Jails on 11.4.2010

Special Legal Literacy Camps to aware the prisoners /undertrial convicts were organized by District Legal Services Authorities/Sub Divisional Legal Services Committees under the guidance of Haryana State Legal Services Authority in Jails on 11.4.2010 and on this occasion 24 camps were organized.

(ii) Observance of May Day 2010-reg.

National Legal Aid Week from 1st May, 2010 to 7th May, 2010 for the benefit of labour Community was organized in the State of Haryana. 110 Legal Literacy/Awareness Camps were organized by District Legal Services Authorities, Sub Divisional Legal Services Committees of Haryana. In these Legal Literacy Awareness Camps, the Bhatha (Brick Kiln) labourers were made aware about their legal rights and remedies available to them and various schemes implemented by Central/State Government for their welfare and were also apprised about legal/social issues of trafficking of children for bonded labour, slavery and child labour, protection of rights of women workers/laborers, prohibition of sexual harassment at workplace, HIV and vulnerability issues etc. and beneficial provisions made in the Factories Act, 1948, the Child Labour Act, 1986, the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 and importance of Lok Adalat for settlement of labour disputes by way of compromise.

During the National Legal Aid Week from 1st May 2010 to 7th May, 2010 Special Lok Adalats for labour cases were organized in Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court, Ambala, Faridabad, Hissar and Rohtak and Labour-cum-Conciliation Officer, Karnal and Rewari in which 53 labour cases were disposed of by mutual settlement and an amount of Rs. 31,94,244/- had been disbursed to the workmen in pursuance of these settlements.

(iii) Special Legal Literacy Camps for Officials at Grass Root Level

Special Legal Literacy Camps for Officials at Grass Root Level to apprise them about their legal rights and create mass awareness were organized on 3.4.2010, 10.4.2010, 8.5.2010 and 29.5.2010 by District Legal Services Authorities, Jhajjar, Jind, Kaithal and Hisar respectively.

(iv) Special Lok Adalats for MACT Cases

Special Lok Adalats for disposing of Motor Accident Claim Tribunal Cases were held on 22.5.2010 in all the District Court Complexes in the State of Haryana. In these Special Lok Adalats 6,264 Cases were taken up and out of which 1,998 cases were settled which included 1,88 MACT cases pertaining to death/injury arising out of vehicular accidents wherein an amount of Rs. 2,92,80,513/- was awarded as compensation to the victims and their relatives. 1,810 cases pertaining to other categories i.e. civil and petty criminal, revenue and bank loan cases pending and at pre-litigative stage were also settled.

(v) **Organization of Special Legal Literacy Camps on the occasion of World Anti Tobacco Day and using of water i.e. (JALADHIKAR ABHIYAN) on 31.5.2010.**

Special Legal Literacy Camps on the occasion of *World Anti Tobacco Day* and using of water i.e. (JALADHIKAR ABHIYAN) on 31.5.2010 to apprise the people about their legal rights under these Acts and create mass awareness in the State of Haryana.

(vi) **Special Legal Literacy Camps for protection of environment on the occasion World Environment Day on 5.6.2010**

Special Legal Literacy Camps for protection of environment on the occasion World Environment Day was organized on 5.6.2010 in the State of Haryana to aware the people for protection of environment on the occasion World Environment Day. On the occasion 40 Camps were organized by DLSA's/SDLSC's.

(vii) **Special Legal Literacy Camps for World Day against Child Labour on 12.6.2010**

Special Legal Literacy Camps for World Day against Child Labour was organized on 12.6.2010 in the State of Haryana. On the occasion 42 Camps were organized by DLSA's/SDLSC's.

(viii) **Special Lok Adalats for undertrial prisoners in Jails**

Special Lok Adalats in respect of undertrial prisoners were organized in the Jails of Haryana for the months of April, May and June, 2010 and the information of the same is as under:

Sr. No	Month	No. of Lok Adalats organized (Nos.) in Jails	No. of Cases settled in Lok Adalat	Legal Aid provided to undertrial prisoners (Nos.)
1.	April	3	11	243
2.	May	3	21	398
3.	June	3	8	371

(ix) **Workshop for Training of the Empanelled Advocates of District Legal Services Authorities**

During the months of April, May and June, 2010, Haryana State Legal Services Authority has organized workshop for training of the Empanelled Advocates of District Legal Services Authorities at Karnal, Kurukshetra, Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committee, Asandh and Pehowa and District Legal Services Authority, Yamunanagar on 8.5.2010 and 28.5.2010, 5.6.2010 respectively

The advocates were sensitized regarding the need for spreading legal literacy especially amongst the under privileged and regarding need to inform the weaker sections of the society about their rights and also about the mode for enforcing those rights. It was emphasized that HSLSA should become a household word. Everyone should know about it, and should rely upon it. The advocates were also

asked to address the Legal Literacy Clubs set up in the schools and colleges, on the topics given in the list prepared for Legal Literacy Camps.

The Field Officer, Social Welfare Office, Protection Officers, Project Officers, MGNREGA also attended these Workshop. The Protection Officer addressed this Workshop on the provisions of 'Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005' and shared their experiences while working as a Protection Officer. The Social Welfare Officers disclosed about the various welfare schemes of the Haryana Government, regarding compensation in cases of deaths and injuries from hit and run motor vehicle accidents as well as deaths due to snake bites etc. and also explained the Rajiv Gandhi Parivar Bima Yojna and Rashtriya Parivar Yojna.

The Project Officers, MGNREGA addressed these Workshops about provisions of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.

Each advocate, present in the Workshop, was heard on the topic prepared by him/her. At the start of this workshop, advocates were reminded that their address should be in such language as can be easily understood by a layman who attends Legal Literacy Camp. Following are some of the topics on which empanelled advocates had addressed the Workshops:

1. MGNREGA.
2. Human Rights
3. Dowry
4. Maintenance
5. Child Marriage
6. Rights of Arrested Persons
7. Unorganized Workers' Social Security Act, 2008.
8. Motor Vehicles Act.
9. Adoption
10. Domestic Violence.

**ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY HARYANA STATE LEGAL SERVICES
AUTHORITY DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST MARCH, 2009**

(i) Lok Adalats

During the period from 1st April to 30th June, 2010, District Legal Services Authorities and Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committees under the guidance of Haryana State Legal Services Authority organized 59 Lok Adalats/Special Lok Adalats throughout the State wherein 12,680 cases were taken up out of which 2,986 cases were disposed of by amicable settlement between the parties and an amount of Rs. 4,14,14,132/- was awarded as compensation to the claimants in 235 MACT cases and an amount of Rs. 11,88,532/- was realized in 5 pending bank loan cases and 26 bank loan cases at pre-litigative stage settled therein.

(ii) Rural/Mobile Lok Adalats

During the period from 1st April to 30th June, 2010, District Legal Services Authorities and Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committees under the guidance of Haryana State Legal Services Authority organized 95 Rural/Mobile Lok Adalats at village level for providing justice to the common man at his door step. In

these Rural/Mobile Lok Adalats 5,026 cases pending in the courts as well as at pre-litigative stage of the concerned village and adjoining villages were taken up. Out of which 3,091 cases were settled.

(iii) Permanent and Continuous Lok Adalats(Samjhauta Sadans)

During the period from 1st April to 30th June, 2010, 4,941 cases were taken up in Permanent and Continuous Lok Adalats (Samjhauta Sadans) throughout the State of Haryana out of which 1,626 cases were settled and an amount of Rs.14,77,000/- was awarded as compensation to the claimants in 7 MACT cases and an amount of Rs. 5,22,136/-was realized in 3 pending bank loan cases and 117 bank loan cases at pre-litigative stage settled in Permanent and Continuous Lok Adalats (Samjhauta Sadans).

(iv) Permanent Lok Adalats pertaining to Public Utility Services

During the period from 1st April to 30th June, 2010, Permanent Lok Adalats for Public Utility Services established at the Revenue Divisional Headquarters, Ambala, Gurgaon, Hissar and Rohtak decided 692 cases (132 transport service, 282 postal/telegraph, 110 supply of power, 67 public conservancy, 2 hospital, 70 insurance, 16 Banking and finance and 13 cases of housing and estate) out of 5,067 cases taken up therein.

(v) Counseling and Conciliation Centres

During the period from 1st April to 30th June, 2010, 9 cases were taken up by Counsellors and Conciliators in the Counselling and Conciliation Centres, which are being run at all the District Head Quarters in the State of Haryana out of which 1 case was settled.

(vi) Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Camps/Seminars

During the period from 1st April to 30th June, 2010, 589 Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Camps were organized by various District Legal Services Authorities/Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committees in the State of Haryana with the help of Advocates, retired judicial/executive officers, social workers, law teachers and law students as resource persons and 18,911 persons were benefited by these Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Camps.

(vii) Free Legal Aid

During the period from 1st April to 30th June, 2010, 53 persons were provided with free legal services at Sub-Division level by Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committees, 752 persons were provided with free legal services at District level by District Legal Services Authorities, and 2509 persons were provided with free legal services at High Court level by Haryana State Legal Services Authority.

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