

## **MAIN EVENTS DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER TO 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2011**

### **MEDIATION TRAINING PROGRAMME HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> TO 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2011 AND 21<sup>ST</sup> TO 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER, 2011**

As per the directions of the Member Secretary, National Legal Services Authority, 10 districts were identified for Mediation and Conciliation Centres and consequently such Centres have been set up at Faridabad, Gurgaon, Hissar, Jind, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Narnaul, Rewari, Rohtak and Sonapat and all these Centres are functioning from 8.11.2008, except Narnaul where it started functioning on 7.2.2009. Mediation and Conciliation Centre has also been established in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court.

40 hours mediation training programme for the five Advocates of District Fatehabad was imparted from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 and 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2011 at Chandigarh Judicial Academy, Sector 43, Chandigarh by Ms. Shalinder Kaur and Mr. V.K. Bansal, Members of Delhi Higher Judicial Service and Trainers of Delhi Mediation Centre deputed by Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee, Supreme Court of India which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.M. Kumar, Acting Chief Justice, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Punjab Legal Services Authority in the august presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman of Haryana State Legal Services Authority. Shri Shekher Dhawan, Director, Chandigarh Judicial Academy, Shri Manish Singhal, Member Secretary, Punjab Legal Services Authority and Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, Haryana State Legal Services Authority also attended the same. 15 Advocates from Punjab and five Advocates from Haryana attended the mediation training programme.

Certificates regarding completion of 40 hours Mediation Training Course were awarded to the Advocates by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority on the concluding session held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2011.

### **INSPECTION OF DISTRICT JAIL, PANIPAT ON 7.10.2011**

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority, alongwith Mr. K.C.Sharma, District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA, Panipat, Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, HALSA and one panel Advocate namely Ms. Neelam Khanna visited/inspected District Jail, Panipat in the presence of Shri Surinder Singh Godara, Superintendent, District Jail, Panipat on 7.10.2011 at 2.00 PM. His Lordship told the inmates about the facilities being provided by the Legal Services Authorities and informed the undertrials/prisoners about their legal rights. The steps which were required to be taken in the jail were discussed with Sh. Surinder Singh Godara, Superintendent, District Jail, Panipat. His Lordship told the inmates that our purpose of jail visit is to see whether Legal Aid Clinic in the jail is functioning smoothly and inmates of the jail are receiving legal services or not. It is our duty to provide legal services to the inmates so that no inmates may remain without any advocate.

### **VISIT TO BAL KALYAN KENDER AT PANIPAT ON 7.10.2011**

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K. Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority visited Bal Kalyan Kender for orphans, situated in village Patti Kalyana, Tehsil Samalakha in the presence of Mr. Ashok Kumar Sharan, Secretary of the Centre on 7.10.2011 from 10.00 A.M to 10.30 AM. Mr. K.C.Sharma, District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA, Panipat, Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, HALSA, Sh. Shiv Parsad Sharma, SDM, Samalkha and one panel Advocate namely Mr. Mohamad Azim also accompanied His Lordship. During conversation with the children, no complaint with regard to the service was reported and they were enjoying the facilities being provided by the Centre. The children seemed to be freely interacting and did not seem to be under fear of any kind. His Lordship thanked all workers of Gandhi Samaj. His Lordship appreciated that Gandhi Samaj is providing quality education to poor students. His Lordship informed that every child has right to education and that function of Legal Services Authority is to sensitize people about their rights and duties and to protect their rights, for which cooperation of all is necessary for this mission.

**VISIT TO MOTHER TERRASA's MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY, PANIPAT ON 7.10.2011**

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority visited Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, Sector 12, HUDA, Panipat in the presence of Sister Joseth and Mr. Satish Gugnani, Social Worker on 7.10.2011 at 12.45 P.M. Mr. K.C.Sharma, District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA, Panipat, Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, HALSA and two Panel advocates, namely Ms. Padma Rani and Mr. Ashok Rathee also accompanied His Lordship. His Lordship stayed in the Missionaries for about 30 minutes and had conversation with the Mother of the Missionaries. The District & Sessions Judge Sh. K.C.Sharma also confirmed that he was a regular visitor to the Missionaries and he had never observed any irregularity and he always found the inmates happy and cheerful. His Lordship stayed in the Missionaries for about 30 minutes and had conversation with the Mother of the Missionaries. The District & Sessions Judge Sh. K.C.Sharma also confirmed that he was a regular visitor to the Missionaries and he had never observed any irregularity and he always found the inmates happy and cheerful.

**VISIT TO BLIND SCHOOL, PANIPAT ON 7.10.2011 :**

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority visited Government Blind School, Panipat in the presence of Sh. Mahipal Singh Tomar, Principal on 7.10.2011 at 1.30 P.M. Mr. K.C.Sharma, District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA, Panipat, Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, HALSA and two Panel advocates, namely Ms. Padma Rani and Mr. Ravinder Kumar also accompanied His Lordship. His Lordship stayed in the School for about 30 minutes and had conversation with the children and the Principal of the School. The District & Sessions Judge Sh. K.C.Sharma also confirmed that he was a regular visitor to this school and he had never observed any irregularity and he always found the children happy and cheerful.

**VISIT TO VAINKUTH DHAM, SADHOPUR ON 7.10.2011**

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority visited Vainkuth Dham, situated in village Sodhapur, Panipat in the presence of Mr. Satish Gugnani, Social Worker on 7.10.2011 at 2.15 P.M. Mr. K.C.Sharma, District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA, Panipat, Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, HALSA and one Panel advocate, namely Ishwar Singh Saroha also accompanied His Lordship. Mr. Satish Gugnani, Social Worker informed that the Centre was started in the year 1990 and now there are 18 families suffering from leprosy. Their Children are going to school and there are no difficulties. It was told that gents of the families do the job of Riksha Pullars and ladies do the job of selling the toys, balloons etc. here and there. Mr. Gugnani told that the inmates have been directed not to do begging. His Lordship appreciated the work being done by the Centre as in these days no one can do such a work. His Lordship wished that God may strengthen them to do such a noble work. His Lordship advised them to contact HALSA if there is a need of legal services. They may be made aware about the legal literacy mission.

In addition to that the Member Secretary, Haryana State Legal Services Authority visits these institutes on regular interval of time. All the Chairmen of District Legal Services Authorities also regular monthly visits to Children's Home and Juvenile Homes. They also deputed advocates on the panel of District Legal Services Authorities to make fortnightly visits to these institutes for providing free legal services and for spreading legal awareness.

**VISIT TO LEGAL AID CLINIC SET UP IN GEETA INSTITUTE OF LAW, KARHANS, (SAMALKHA) ON 7.10.2011**

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority visited Legal Aid Clinic set up in Geeta Institute of Law, Karhans, G.T.Road, Samalkha (Panipat) on 7.10.2011 at 11.15 AM in the presence of Mr. S.P.Bansal, Chairman, Mr. Nishant Bansal, Vice-Chairman and Mr. Subhash Mittal, Director Principal of Geeta Institute of Law. Mr. K.C.Sharma, District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA, Panipat, Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, HALSA also accompanied His Lordship. His Lordship addressed the law students in the Conference Hall of the Institute and told them that it is the mission of Legal Services Authorities to sensitize all citizens about their rights. For this we have published various small books on various subjects and you must read the literature provided by HALSA/DLSA to know about the law of the land and rights and duties of citizens. Now legal aid programme is a part of the law curriculum and for this practical training is necessary. Therefore, law students should go to villages to spread legal awareness and sensitize the women, weaker sections, children etc. regarding their rights and help them to get their rights. His Lordship exhorted students to go to the villagers in a group of five (one Lecturer, two boy students, two girl students) once or twice in a week and have conversation with them regarding their difficulties. Legal Aid Counsel and Para-legals of the area may also be involved, as it is necessary to understand society to become a good advocate. His Lordship further told the gathering that there may be some disputes in the village and that they should try to settle the same through Panchayat and Lok Adalats and elders of the village. The Authorities of the Institute assured that they will send the teams to nearby villages and whatever work shall be assigned, it will be done sincerely.

**VISIT TO LEGAL AID CLINIC VILLAGE MANANA ON 7.10.2011**

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority visited Legal Aid Clinic set up in Government Girls Primary School at village Manana (Panipat) on 7.10.2011 at 10.45 AM in the presence of Mr. Ajay Sharma, Sarpanch of village Manana. Mr. K.C.Sharma, District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA, Panipat, Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, HALSA and one panel Advocate namely Mr. Rajesh Sharma also accompanied His Lordship. About 100 villagers were present there. His Lordship addressed the gathering and told that it is the mission of Legal Services Authorities to sensitize all citizens about their rights. For this we have published various small books on various subjects and you must read the literature provided by HALSA/DLSA to know about the law of the land and rights and duties of citizens and bring the difficulties faced by them regarding Khasra Girdawari, mutation, ration cards, MNREGA cards in the notice of Panel advocates and Para-Legal Volunteers visiting the Legal Aid Clinic for the redressal of the same. There may be some disputes in the village, which should be tried to be settled through Panchayat and Lok Adalats and elders of the village. Take the dispute in Courts only if it is not settled in Panchayat. There should be no discrimination on the basis of cast and rich & poor. Make arrangement for admitting the children in school who are not attending the school. Motivate the parents for providing education to girls. Many old ladies/senior citizens brought to the notice of His Lordship that though they had been provided pension cards, but they were unable to withdraw the pension, as those cards required activation and they were unable to get them activated. His Lordship directed District and Sessions Judge, Panipat to get collected all such pension cards through panel advocates and Para Legal volunteers and to get them activated from concerned authorities.

#### **VISIT TO LEGAL AID CLINIC IN VILLAGE SIWAH ON 7.10.2011**

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority visited Legal Aid Clinic set up in Government Senior Secondary School at village Siwah (Panipat) on 7.10.2011 at 12.15 PM in the presence of Mr. Randeep Singh Kadian, Sarpanch of village Siwah. Mr. K.C.Sharma, District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA, Panipat, Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, HALSA and one panel Advocate namely Mr. R.D.Saini also accompanied His Lordship. About 80 villagers were present there. His Lordship addressed the gathering and told that it is the mission of Legal Services Authorities to sensitize all citizens about their rights. For this we have published various small books on various subjects and you must read the literature provided by HALSA/DLSA to know about the law of the land and rights and duties of citizens and bring the difficulties faced by them regarding Khasra Girdawari, mutation, ration cards, MNREGA cards in the notice of Panel advocates and Para-Legal Volunteers visiting the Legal Aid Clinic for the redressal of the same. There may be some disputes in the village which should be tried to be settled through Panchayat and Lok Adalats and elders of the village. Take the dispute in Courts only if it is not settled in Panchayat. There should be no discrimination on the basis of cast and rich & poor. Make arrangement for admitting the children in school who are not attending the school. Motivate the parents for providing education to girls.

#### **MEETING WITH SENIOR ADVOCATES ON 7.10.2011**

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority held a meeting of Senior Advocates of District Bar Association, Panipat in the conference Hall of District Courts, Panipat on 7.10.2011 at 3.30 PM in the presence of Mr. K.C.Sharma, District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA, Panipat and Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, HALSA. 20 Senior Advocates were present in the meeting. His Lordship addressed the gathering and apprised them about the legal services programmes. His Lordship told that this is the service to the society and that senior lawyers are leaders of the Bar. Therefore, they should guide panel advocates of DLSA to conduct cases of legal aid. His Lordship desired that 10 senior advocates for conducting criminal cases and 10 senior advocates for conducting civil cases free of costs may submit their names voluntarily so that serious cases of legal aid schemes may be assigned to them by DLSA, Panipat. All advocates, present in the meeting agreed that they are ready to conduct cases of free legal aid and that District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Panipat can assign cases to them.

**MEETING WITH EMPANELED ADVOCATES & PARA LEGAL VOLUNTEERS ON 7.10.2011**

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority held a meeting of Empanelled Advocates and Para Legal Volunteers of District Legal Services Authority Panipat in the conference Hall of District Courts, Panipat on 7.10.2011 at 4.00 PM in the presence of Mr. K.C.Sharma, District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA, Panipat, Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, HALSA and Ms. Shashi Chauhan, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Panipat. His Lordship addressed the gathering and apprised them on the subjects included in the list of topics to be addressed in Legal Literacy and Awareness Camps, Prosecution Counsel Scheme. Panel advocates were asked to make all efforts for creating public awareness regarding various Acts. They were advised to perform their duties with dedication and sincerity and to work hard and create awareness in public about their legal rights and duties. They were directed to provide feedback for the purposes of improving Legal Services Schemes. His Lordship directed the District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman and CJM-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Panipat to assign duty to two advocates (One male and one female retainer advocate) in the Front Office so that lady litigants may also tell their grievances to lady advocate without any hesitation. It was also directed that the Front Office should not remain unattended even for a single minute during court hours. It was also directed that letter be issued to the Panchayat Secretary of Gram Panchayats to remain present while panel advocates visit the village for holding Legal Aid Camps etc.

Under the project of Para Legal Volunteers Scheme, District Legal Services Authorities and Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committees have organized Training Programme for the Para Legal Volunteers. The District Legal Services Authorities and Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committees are identifying another batch of Para Legal Volunteers and they will train on the same procedure. The DLSA's/SDLSC's have been asked that the services of Para Legal Volunteers may be availed in the Legal Aid Clinics and Front Office.

**VISIT TO SADHVI BAHAN MISRI DEVI OLD AGE HOME on 3.11.2011**

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, HALSA also visited Sadvi Bahan Misri Devi Old Age Home, Narnaul for senior citizens on 3.11.2011 from 5.30 PM. The District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA,

Narnaul, Member Secretary, HALSA and CJM-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Narnaul also accompanied His Lordship.

His Lordship inaugurated a Legal Aid Clinic in the Old Age Home. It was told that anybody can contact the panel Advocate and para-legal volunteer, who shall be available in the Clinic, for the redressal of their grievances. It was also told that senior citizens are entitled for getting free legal services. It was advised that senior citizens have much experience and they can settle petty disputes. If senior citizens, both men and women, want to associate with us as Para-Legals they can do so and can provide details in this regard to Chairman or Secretary of District Legal Services Authority, Narnaul. We shall provide training to these Para Legal Volunteers and give certificates and identity cards to them to do the noble work.

As per directions of Hon'ble Executive Chairman of this Authority, all the Chairmen of District Legal Services Authorities make regular monthly visits to such Shelter and Care Homes existing in their respective session's divisions and send a report of their visits to this Authority. They also depute Advocate/Advocates on the panel of the District Legal Services Authority to make fortnightly visits to these Institutes for providing free legal services and for spreading legal awareness.

The Member Secretary, Haryana State Legal Services Authority visits these institutes on regular interval of time. All the Chairmen of District Legal Services Authorities also regular monthly visits to Children's Home and Juvenile Homes. They also deputed advocates on the panel of District Legal Services Authorities to make fortnightly visits to these institutes for providing free legal services and for spreading legal awareness.

#### **VISIT TO DISTRICT JAIL, LEGAL AID CLINIC AND OLD AGE HOME IN DISTRICT, NARNAUL ON 3.11.2011**

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority visited/inspected District Jail, Narnaul on 3.11.2011. His Lordship told the inmates about the facilities being provided by the Legal Services Authorities and informed the undertrials/ prisoners about their legal rights. Steps which were required to be taken in the jail were discussed with Sh. Sanjay Singh, Superintendent, District Jail, Narnaul. His Lordship directed the Member Secretary, HALSA to direct CJM-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Rewari to depute panel advocates to visit District Jail, Narnaul for providing legal aid to the inmates whose cases are pending in Rewari court and confined in District Jail Narnaul as there is small District Jail in Rewari. His Lordship also directed MS, HALSA to make a request to the Director General, Prisons, Haryana to provide a RO system in the District Jail, Narnaul as the Superintendent Jail, Narnaul pointed out that there is deficiency of potable drinking water in jail. His Lordship told the inmates that our purpose of jail visit is to see whether Legal Aid Clinic in the jail is functioning smoothly and inmates of the jail are receiving legal services or not. It is our duty to provide legal services to the inmates so that no one feels on without legal assistance.

#### **VISIT TO LEGAL AID CLINIC SETUP IN VILLAGE NIWAJ NAGAR (NARNAUL) on 3.11.2011**

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, HALSA visited Legal Aid Clinic set up in Government Senior Secondary School at village Niwaj Nagar (Narnaul) on 3.11.2011. About 100 villagers were present there.

His Lordship addressed the gathering and told that it is the mission of Legal Services Authorities to sensitize all citizens about their rights. For this we have published various small books on various subjects and they must read the literature provided by HALSA/DLSA to know about the law of the land and rights and duties of citizens and bring the difficulties faced by them regarding Khasra Girdawari, mutation, ration cards, MNREGA cards in the notice of Panel advocates and Para-Legal Volunteers visiting the Legal Aid Clinic for the redressal of the same. There may be some disputes in the village, which should be tried to be settled through Panchayat and Lok Adalats and elders of the village. Take the dispute in Courts only if it is not settled in Panchayat. There should be no discrimination on the basis of cast and rich & poor. Make arrangement for admitting the children in school who are not attending the school as they have right to education. Motivate the parents for providing education to girls.

**VISIT TO LEGAL AID CLINIC SET UP IN VILLAGE RIWASA (MOHINDERGARH) on 4.11.2011**

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, HALSA visited Legal Aid Clinic set up in Panchayat Ghar at village Riwasa (Mohindergarh) on 4.11.2011. About 200 villagers were present there.

Address the gathering His Lordship told them the purpose of setting up of Legal Aid Clinic, function of Para-Legal Volunteers and Panel Advocates and extorted them avail there rights.

His Lordship addressed the gathering and apprised them on the subjects included in the list of topics to be addressed in Legal Literacy and Awareness Camps, Prosecution Counsel Scheme. Panel advocates were asked to make all efforts for creating public awareness regarding various Acts. They were advised to perform their duties with dedication and sincerity and to work hard and create awareness in public about their legal rights and duties. They were directed to provide feedback for the purposes of improving Legal Services Schemes.

His Lordship also held a meeting of Empanelled Advocates and Para Legal Volunteers of Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committee, Mohindergarh in the Mini Secretariat, Mohindergarh on 4.11.2011.

His Lordship addressed the gathering and apprised them on the subjects included in the list of topics to be addressed in Legal Literacy and Awareness Camps, Prosecution Counsel Scheme. Panel advocates were asked to make all efforts for creating public awareness regarding various Acts. They were advised to perform their duties with dedication and sincerity and to work hard and create awareness in public about their legal rights and duties. They were directed to provide feedback for the purposes of improving Legal Services Schemes.

His Lordship held a meeting with Empanelled Advocates and Para Legal Volunteers of District Legal Services Authority, Gurgaon in the District Courts, Gurgaon on 12.11.2011.

His Lordship addressed the gathering and apprised them on the subjects included in the list of topics to be addressed in Legal Literacy and Awareness Camps, Prosecution Counsel Scheme. Panel advocates were asked to make all efforts for creating public awareness regarding various Acts, They were advised to perform their duties with dedication and sincerity and to work hard and create awareness in public about their legal rights and duties. They were directed to provide feedback for the purposes of improving Legal Services Schemes.

His Lordship directed the District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman and CJM-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Gurgaon to assign duty to two advocates (One male and one female retainer advocate) in the Front Office so that lady litigants may also tell their grievances to lady advocate without any hesitation. It was also directed that the Front Office should not remain unattended even for a single minute during court hours.

His Lordship directed the District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Gurgaon to make the Legal Aid Clinics as set up in the village/Gram Panchayat etc., truly functional and if no accommodation is available for setting up Legal Aid Clinics then accommodation may be hired on rent in suitable place.

#### **LEGAL SERVICES DAY CELEBRATED ON 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2011**

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K,Mittal, Executive Chairman, HALSA alongwith Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rakesh Kumar Garg, Administrative Judge, Panchkula Sessions Division and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Naresh Kumar Sanghi, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court visited village Ramgarh (Panchkula) to attend a programme on the occasion of Legal Services Day held in Government Senior Secondary School on 9.11.2011.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal addressed the gathering 'and told that 9th November is observed as "Legal Services Day" every year as the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 was implemented with effect from 9th November, 1995. Like previous years 9th November, 2011 is being observed as "National Legal Services Day" in the whole country.

It was told that the main objective of the National Legal Services Day is to reaffirm our commitment, solidarity and support to the disadvantaged people, to make the legal process a surer means to social justice by providing free legal services, to make the people aware about their legal rights and about the welfare schemes of the Government, to get the constitutional mandate of social justice implemented, to encourage and sensitize the judicial officers, law students, social institutions etc. to participate with greater enthusiasm in the implementation of the National Legal Literacy Mission. It is the mission of Legal Services Authorities to sensitize all citizens about their rights. For this we have published various small books on various subjects and one must read the literature provided by HALSA/DLSA to know about the law of the land and rights and duties of citizens.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rakesh Kumar Garg, assured that all programmes and schemes of Haryana Legal Services Authority shall be fully implemented in Panchkula Sessions Division. His Lordship told that one should know about the detail of his land, about land acquisition procedure, various rehabilitation schemes, about Jamabandies, mutation etc. His Lordship advised not to file any frivolous litigation and try to settle petty offences with the help of elders of the village.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Naresh Kumar Sanghi told that Haryana State Legal Services Authority is doing noble work of providing legal services to the weaker sections of the society who are not able to approach the courts for getting their rights. But still much is to be done in this regard as people are not much aware about legal services schemes and hope that he is sure that the HALSA shall achieve its goals under the leadership and guidance of Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal who has rich experience in this regard.

The District & Sessions Judge after welcoming the dignitaries told about various legal services programmes and schemes He informed that villagers are availing the legal services being provided in the Legal Aid Clinic set up in Nada Sahib Gurudwara which is very near to village Ramgarh.

The Member Secretary, HALSA also made the public aware about various legal services and programmes of HALSA such as Lok Adalats, Daily Lok Adalats, Permanent Lok Adalats for Public Utility Services, Permanent and Continuous Lok Adalats (Samjhauta Sadans), Legal Aid Clinic set up in courts, villages, offices of Protection Officers, Legal Literacy Clubs in schools and colleges, about toll free number of HALSA etc. and told the gathering to fully participate in our programmes so that with their cooperation we can achieve our goal of "Access to Justice for All".

The Deputy Commissioner-cum-Member, DLSA, Panchkula after thanking the dignitaries assured that District Administration, Panchkula shall provide full cooperation for legal services programmes and schemes of HALSA and DLSA. She also told that litigation has become a part of most people and advised the public to try to avoid the same and save the hard earned money as the litigation is becoming much expensive.

On this occasion of Legal Services Day, 132 Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Camps/Seminar were organized all over Haryana. Special Lok Adalats were also organized by District Legal Services Authorities and Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committees. In these Special Lok Adalats 181 cases of different categories were settled.

The Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Programmes were conducted in the schools, Colleges, hospitals and villages on different topics and the need for protecting the rights of people, especially the aged, children, poor and women was highlighted. The people were awakened and made aware of the aims and objectives of observing Legal Services Day and also about the benefits available to them under social welfare schemes/ programmes. Slogan writing competition, painting, speech, essay poem recitation and poem writing were organized in various schools and colleges in the State of Haryana. The General public was made aware about Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, eradication of Female Foeticide, drug-addiction, Right to Information Act, 2005, fundamental rights, rights of women and National Employment Guarantee Scheme and various other laws made by the

Central/State Government in the public welfare. The persons present in the Camps/Seminars highly appreciated the programmes launched by the State Legal Services Authority.

Haryana State Legal Services Authority through the District Legal Services Authorities and Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committees distributed books, pamphlets, folders amongst the masses so that they may be made aware about their rights and availability of free legal services under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

#### **RADIO AND TV TELECAST**

A message of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Satish Kumar Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman of HALSA was telecasted on the occasion of National Legal Services Day by Doordarshan Kendra, Chandigarh and Hissar and All India Radio Rohtak, Hissar, Kurukshetra and Chandigarh.

#### **INAUGURATION OF PERMANENT LOK ADALAT (PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES) AT FARIDABAD ON 3.12.2011**

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court, & Executive Chairman, HALSA, Chandigarh inaugurated Permanent Lok Adalat (Public Utility Services) in the District Courts Complex, Faridabad in the presence of Sh. Darshan Singh, District and Sessions Judge, Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, Haryana State Legal Services Authority, Chandigarh, Sh. Rakesh Gupta, Deputy Commissioner, Faridabad, Shri S.S.Kapur, Commissioner of Police, Faridabad, Judicial Officers and Officers of District Administration, Faridabad on 3.12.2011 at 10.00 A.M. Sh. R.K.Kashyap, Additional District and Sessions Judge (Retired) assumed charge of Chairman and Smt. Upasana Bagla & Sh. Tarun Kumar Gupta joined as Members of Permanent Lok Adalat (Public Utility Services), Faridabad and started functioning.

The core objective of this Permanent Lok Adalat is to ensure expeditious and effective remedy at pre-litigation stage to the people regarding disputes relating to Public Utility Services, which would include issues relating to Transportation, Telecom, Postal, Telegraph, Public Cleanliness, Hospitals, Banking, Finance, Insurance, Electricity, Water Supply, Housing and Estate Department from both Public and Private sectors. The most striking feature of this Adalat is that it doesn't involve cumbersome procedure. Rather, an aggrieved person would just have to write his problem on a piece of paper and submit it before the presiding officer. Besides that, parties would have the opportunity to settle their matter amicably by conciliation process.

Addressing the media, Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K. Mittal disclosed that the disputes related to above mentioned issues would be settled on the basis of its merits and weakness and that pecuniary limit of PLA (PUS) would be upto Rs.25 lacs. Not only that, the order passed by Lok Adalat would be executable like a decree passed by the Civil Court, and no appeal would lie against the orders, as it will attain finality immediately with its pronouncement. The aggrieved person will be at liberty to either present his case through lawyer or even personally and this can be initiated only at pre-litigative stage.

The Adalat started functioning on the very first day of its inception and heard 31 cases related to Banking problems. At the time of its inauguration, the Panel Advocate Ravinder Gupta expressed his gratitude that now people will not have to run from pillar to

post for the redressal of their problems to different departments. He stated that this Adalat would also be helpful as a tool to check the arbitrariness of quasi, private and private sectors.

At the end, His Lordship motivated the Members of the Bar, Para Legal Volunteers and Mediators with his invaluable words and told that the success of the Adalat would depend upon their patient hard work.

**SCHEDULED LOK ADALAT HELD AT FARIDABAD ON 3.12.2011 ATTENDED BY HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.K. MITTAL, JUDGE, PUNJAB & HARYANA HIGH COURT AND EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, HALSA**

His Lordship also attended scheduled Lok Adalat held in District Courts Complex, Faridabad on 3.12.2011. As many as 12 Benches of Lok Adalat took up the cases. His Lordship visited all the Lok Adalat Benches. In the said Lok Adalat, 2500 cases were taken up, out of which 2081 cases were settled and an amount of Rs. 70,50,000/- was awarded in 28 MACT cases.

**MEETING WITH EMPANLLED ADVOCATES**

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority held a meeting of Empanelled Advocates of District Legal Services Authority Faridabad in the Court Room of District and Sessions Judge, on 3.12.2011 at 11.30 AM in the presence of Mr. Darshan Singh, District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA, Faridabad, Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, HALSA and Mr. Sandeep Singh, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Faridabad.

His Lordship addressed the gathering and apprised them on the subjects included in the list of topics to be addressed in Legal Literacy and Awareness Camps, Prosecution Counsel Scheme. Panel advocates were asked to make all efforts for creating public awareness regarding various Acts. They were advised to perform their duties with dedication and sincerity and to work hard and create awareness in public about their legal rights and duties. They were asked to provide feedback for the purposes of improving Legal Services Schemes.

His Lordship directed the District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman and CJM-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Faridabad to assign duty to two retainer advocates (One male and one female) in the Front Office so that lady litigants may also tell their grievances to lady advocate without any hesitation. It was also directed that the Front Office should not remain unattended even for a single minute during court hours.

It was suggested by the panel advocates that a quarterly meeting of panel advocates may be convened to discuss day to day problems faced by them. His Lordship assured that such meetings shall be held at Divisional level.

**MEETING WITH PARA-LEGAL VOLUNTEERS AT FARIDABAD**

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court held a meeting of Para-Legal Volunteers of District Legal Services Authority of Faridabad in the Court Room of District and Sessions Judge, on 3.12.2011 at 12.00 Noon in the presence of Mr. Darshan Singh, District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA, Faridabad, Sh. Deepak

Gupta, Member Secretary, HALSA and Mr. Sandeep Singh, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Faridabad.

It was suggested by Para Legal Volunteers that a quarterly meeting of Para Legal Volunteers may be convened to discuss day to day problems faces by them. His Lordship assured that such meetings shall be held at Divisional level.

**PARTICIPATION IN BHARAT NIRMAN PUBLIC INFORMATION COMPAIGN OF GOVERNMENT OF INDIA IN DISTRICT FARIDABAD (HARYANA) FROM DECEMBER 13 TO 15-2011**

As per the directions issued by HALSA a team was constituted of the Retainers Lawyers and Para-legal Volunteers and they attended the Bharat Nirman Public Information Campaign of Government of India in Grain Market, Village Tigaon from 13th to 15th December, 2011. Camp was organized for the Legal Awareness in General Public.

In the said camp, the panel advocates and Para-Legal Volunteers made the visiting people aware of their legal rights. At the end of the camp, authorized representative of Bharat Nirman Public Information Campaign awarded memento along with certificate to retainer lawyers and paralegal volunteers for organizing the booth. Apart from this, special award was given to Ravinder Gupta, retainer lawyer as a resource person.

**SPECIAL LEGAL LITERACY CAMP ON THE OCCASION OF "WORLD DISABLED DAY" ON 3.12.2011 AT DIVYA JOYATI HANDICAPPED CENTER, SCHOOL, FATEHABAD**

Special Legal Literacy Camp on the occasion of "World Disabled Day" on 3.12.2011 at Divya Joyati Handicapped Center, School, Fatehabad was organized by Sh. N.K. Sethi and Sh. Vinay Sharma, Panel Advocates of DLSA, Fatehabad. Children were apprised about their legal rights and fruits were distributed amongst the handicapped children.

**SPECIAL LEGAL LITERACY CAMP ON THE OCCASION OF "HUMAN RIGHTS DAY" ON 10.12.2011 AT GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL, PATUHERA, REWARI**

Special Legal Literacy Camps on the occasion of "Human Rights Day" on 10.12.2011 was organized in the Government High School, Patuhera, District Rewari by Sh. Kapil Chander and Sh. Pankaj Saini, Panel Advocates of DLSA, Rewari to apprise the Children about their legal rights and create mass awareness under the Act.

**SPECIAL LEGAL LITERACY CAMPS ON THE OCCASION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DAY ON 10.12.2011**

Special Legal Literacy Camps on the occasion of Human Rights Day on 10.12.2011 were also organized in the State of Haryana to make the people aware about their legal rights under the Act. On this occasion 35 Camps were organized by DLSA's/ SDLSC's.

**ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY HARYANA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER TO 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2011**

**(i) Lok Adalats**

During the period from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2011, District Legal Services Authorities and Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committees under the guidance of Haryana State Legal Services Authority organized 85 Lok Adalats/Special Lok Adalats throughout the State wherein 23,142 cases were taken up out of which 8454 cases were disposed of by amicable settlement between the parties and an amount of ` 2,85,35,100/- was awarded as compensation to the claimants in 160 MACT cases and an amount of ` 44,28,108/- was realized in 12 bank loan cases at pre-litigative stage settled therein.

**(ii) Rural/Mobile Lok Adalats**

During the period from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2011, District Legal Services Authorities and Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committees under the guidance of Haryana State Legal Services Authority organized 65 Rural/Mobile Lok Adalats at village level for providing justice to the common man at his door step. In these Rural/Mobile Lok Adalats 3,003 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 2137 cases were settled.

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

During the period from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2011, 3469 cases were taken up in Permanent and Continuous Lok Adalats (Samjhauta Sadans) throughout the State of Haryana out of which 1403 cases were settled by amicable settlement between the parties.

**(iv) Permanent Lok Adalats pertaining to Public Utility Services**

During the period from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2011, Permanent Lok Adalats for Public Utility Services established at the Revenue Divisional Headquarters, Ambala, Gurgaon, Hissar and Rohtak decided 344 cases (124 transport service, 68 postal/telegraph, 36 supply of power, 25 public conservancy, 1 hospital, 36 insurance, 36 Banking and finance and 18 cases of housing and estate) out of 1,587 cases taken up therein.

**(v) Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Camps/Seminars**

During the period from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2011, 642 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 38,514 persons were benefited by these Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Camps.

**(vi) Free Legal Aid**

During the period from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2011, 16 persons were provided with free legal services at Sub-Division level by Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committees, 213 persons were provided with free legal services at District level by District Legal Services Authorities, and 2691 persons were provided with free legal services at High Court level by Haryana State Legal Services Authority.

Sd/-  
Member Secretary,  
Haryana State Legal  
Services Authority,  
Chandigarh.

**CONSOLIDATED INFORMATION REGARDING STATISTICAL INFORMATION  
DURING THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER, 2011**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Achievements</b>
1.	Imparted mediation training	6 Advocates at Chandigarh Judicial Academy, Chandigarh
2.	Inspection of Jail by Hon'ble Executive Chairman	Panipat
3.	Visits of Hon'ble Executive Chairman	Bal Kalyan Kendra, Mother Terrasa's Missionaries of Charity, Blind School, Vainkuth Dham, Sadhopur, Legal Aid Clinic, Geeta Institute of Law, Karhans, Samlakha, Legal Aid Clinic Manana, Panipat. Village Siwah, Sadhvi Bahan Misri Devi Old Age Home, District Jail, Legal Aid Clinic and Old Age Home in Narnaul, Legal Aid Clinic in village Niwaj Nagar(Narnaul), Legal Aid Clinic, Riwasa(Mohindergarh)
4.	Meetings of Hon'ble Executive Chairman	Senior Advocates of District Bar Association, Panipat. Empanelled Advocates & Para Legal Volunteers, Panipat., Empanelled Advocates and Para Legal Volunteers of district Faridabad.
5.	Observed	Legal Services Day on 9 <sup>th</sup> November, 2011. 132 Legal Literacy/Awareness Camps organized. Radio and TV telecast. Special Legal Literacy Camps on the occasion of World Disabled Day, Human Rights Day
6.	Inauguration by Hon'ble Executive Chairman	Permanent Lok Adalat(Public Utility Services) at Faridabad
7.	No. of Lok Adalats Organized	85
	Cases taken up	23,142
	Cases settled	8,454
	MACT cases settled	160
	Compensation paid in MACT cases	` 2,85,35,100/-
8.	No. of Rural Lok Adalats organized	65
	Cases taken up	3,003
	Cases settled	2,137
9.	Cases taken up in Samjhauta Sadans	3,469
	Cases settled therein	2,137
10.	Cases taken in PLA(PUS)	1,587
	Cases settled therein	344
11.	Legal Literacy Camps Organized	642
	Persons benefited in the Camps	38,514
12.	Free legal services provided to the persons	2,920