



# JAMMU & KASHMIR LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

## ***PLAN OF ACTION***

### ***PROJECT PLAN FOR FOCUS IMPLEMENTATION***

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**INTRODUCTION;**

The experience has been that the National Plan of Action has helped not only to streamline the activities of the Legal Services Institutions but also to step-up their activities. Though much remains to be done, but one thing cannot be denied that, the legal Services activities have expanded manifold and has most certainly shifted from the conventional legal aid in the Courts, to assistance to access to justice, meaning more than mere access to courts or even to dispute resolution.

All this has happened on account of the NALSA's various Schemes, including Legal Services to Disaster Victims through Legal Services Authorities, Scheme of Para-Legal Volunteers (PLVs) and the NALSA's (Legal Aid Clinics) Scheme, 2010. Setting up of legal literacy clubs in Schools and Colleges have helped in not only encouraging the students to inculcate legal and constitutional temper but also contributed to society by bringing to the notice of the authorities concerned, of any violation of legal rights or avoidance of duties.

With the setting up of ADR centres there is need a to strengthen the ADR mechanism and streamline activities in the ADR centres. However, people approaching the courts for redressal of their rights is a healthy trend and must be encouraged. Therefore, the legal assistance rendered in the Courts must be upgraded in terms of quality.

In order to spread the awareness and facilitate the eligible beneficiaries in availing free legal services, the Jammu and Kashmir Legal Services Authority in collaboration

with the Department of Posts is intending to increase the outreach of legal services to the eligible categories specially the villagers and underprivileged residing in rural and far flung areas of the U.T of J&K. The people approaching the post offices shall not only be made aware of their rights and entitlements but also, the personal present at these offices shall facilitate access to justice to the eligible persons with the help of available technological tools.

On action taken reports of the calendar of activities, it appears that the J&K Legal Services Authority needs to gear up a little more in the implementation of the NALSAs Schemes and Regulations in the year 2022. In this background, the J&K Legal Services Authority Plans to work on the following Schemes during the financial year 2022.

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Name of the Schemes</i>
1	<b><i>A scheme for Legal Services to Disaster Victims through Legal Services Authorities.</i></b>
2	<b><i>NALSA (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015</i></b>
3	<b><i>NALSA (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganised Sector) Scheme, 2015</i></b>
4	<b><i>NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015</i></b>
5	<b><i>NALSA (Effective Implementation of Poverty Alleviation) Scheme, 2015</i></b>
6	<b><i>NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse and Eradication of Drug Menace) Scheme, 2015</i></b>
7	<b><i>NALSA (Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016</i></b>
8	<b><i>NALSA (Legal Services to Victims of Acid Attacks) Scheme, 2016</i></b>
9	<b><i>NALSA Para – Legal Volunteers Scheme through enhanced training, mentoring and monitoring.</i></b>
10	<b><i>Encourage ADR methods of Lok Adalat, Mediation, Conciliation and Plea-bargaining.</i></b>
11	<b><i>J&amp;K Victim Compensation Scheme, 2019</i></b>

**1. A scheme for Legal Services to Disaster Victims through Legal Services Authorities.**

National Legal Services Authority has framed a comprehensive Scheme for providing legal services to the victims of disasters through the District Legal Services Authorities. The Scheme provides for strategic intervention by the Legal Services Authorities for ensuring immediate help to the victims, co-ordinating the activities with different government departments and NGO's for bringing relief measures, enabling the victims to get the benefits of the different beneficial measures and amounts of solatium announced by the Government, restoration of lost records like title deeds, identity cards, Certificates, passport etc., and for providing assistance to the victims in restoring their lost livelihood. The Legal Services Authorities are expected to establish core groups in all districts under the control of the District Legal Services Authorities to spring into action in the event of disasters-whether manmade or natural much before the disasters strike.

## **2. Implementation of (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015.**

Victims of trafficking for Commercial Sexual exploitation face a great deal of trauma not just following such trafficking but also after their rescue. They need to be protected against the traffickers who would want them to come back or not pursue their case. There are also livelihood issues and if a viable alternative is not given, chances of being re-trafficked are high. The J&K Legal Services Authority intends to take following steps for implementation of the Scheme in the U.T of J&K.

- a) Provide legal assistance to the victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation at the time of rescue and thereafter during trial.
- b) Facilitate the accessing of the District Legal Services Authorities for award of Victim Compensation.

- c) To monitor and act as social auditors of the existing facilities available for rehabilitation of rescued victims of Sexual exploitation and trafficking.
- d) To organize awareness camps in the Community through the panel lawyers and para-legal volunteers about the issues of trafficking particularly in vulnerable areas and among vulnerable groups.
- e) To ensure that the DLSAs can act as converging nodes so that the government Schemes meant for the marginalized actually reach them and such access to the government support does have a positive impact in preventing trafficking and falling prey to traffickers.

### **3. Strengthening of the J&K Legal Services Authority (Legal Services to the Workers in the Un-organised Sector) Scheme, 2015**

The distinguishing feature of the unorganized sector is non-applicability of most of the labour laws and other regulations providing for decent working conditions job security and social security to the workers. The unorganized workers lack collective bargaining power and are therefore susceptible to excessive exploitation. They work under poor working conditions and receive far lower wages/ remuneration as compared to the organized sector.

Majority of unorganized workers are employed in agriculture. Other major categories include construction workers in small enterprises, workers employed through contractors even in large enterprises, artisans/ Craftsmen, home based workers, workers depending upon forest produce, fisheries, self-employed workers like rickshaw pullers, auto drivers, Coolies etc. The legislations provide for social securities for old-age, health care and assistance in the event of death,

marriage and accidents etc. The combined effect of the above factors is that many of them are generally forced to lead an undignified and servile life.

The J&K Legal Services Authority proposes that the District Legal Services Authorities may take steps for conducting surveys for identifying unorganized workers, Services of law Students and Para-legal Volunteers also can be availed of for conducting such Survey. The survey should indicate whether the workers belonging to each category have made efforts to avail of the benefits of the Scheme / programme of the Government. Every effort shall be made to ensure that all deserving unorganized workers are brought to avail of the benefits. The Legal Services Authority intends to organize awareness camps in collaboration with the Labour Department of State Government at District / Tehsil level about different welfare schemes that are in vogue for un-organized workers in the U.T of J&K so as to reap the benefits of the schemes.

#### **4. Implementation of Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection Scheme, 2015.**

The Children are amongst the most vulnerable sections in any society. They represent almost one third of the worlds population and unless they are provided with proper amenities, the opportunity of making them grow into responsible citizens of tomorrow will slip out of the hands of the present generation. It is our obligation to the young generation to open up all opportunities including the legal services for every child to unfold his/her personality and rise to full stature Physical, mental, moral and spiritual. The J&K LSA intends to organize awareness camps at District/ Tehsil level about rights and privileges of children

and to inculcate values in children so that they become good citizens in future.

## **5. Implementation of Effective Implementation of Poverty Alleviation Schemes) Scheme, 2015.**

The Legal Services Authorities Act, underscores that the legal services authorities are concerned with the weaker sections of the society and imposes a duty on them to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by reason of economic or other disabilities.

Very often intended beneficiaries of poverty alleviation and social security measures are unable to access the benefits due to severe lack of capabilities, social structures, economic marginalization, social values, cultural norms, discrimination etc. In this context, the role of legal service authorities must be proactive one where measures designed to alleviate poverty must be brought to the attention of the intended beneficiaries. J&K LSA intends to hold awareness camps about Poverty Alleviation Schemes at District & Tehsil Level for marginalized, poor and down trodden people.

## **6. Implementation (Legal Services to the Victim of Drug Abuse and Eradication of Drug Menace)Scheme 2015**

It is an open secret that drugs have spread their dreaded tentacles to innocent children, adolescent, youth and women. The horrible dimension which this menace has acquired can be gauged from the average age of initiation of drugs which is as low as nine-ten years. The Legal Services Institutions have a significant role for reduction play in supply and demand of drugs, de-addiction and rehabilitation .J&K LSA intends to hold awareness camps at District and Tehsil level in collaboration with Education, Social welfare, Health Department and Police about the ill effects of drug abuse and how to eradicate drug menace in the U.T of J&K.

## **7.NALSA (Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016.**

A Person of the age of 60 years or above is regarded as Senior Citizen. Despite the existence of various legal provisions and schemes for Senior Citizens, the benefits of the schemes have reached to very few Senior Citizens. Often the senior citizens are unaware of their entitlements and or they are in too destitute a condition to be able to access the said benefits. They are not only deprived of their properties but also subjected to all forms of abuse ripping them of their dignity as well. For the widows, who are senior citizens or for the retired senior citizens, it often becomes a herculean task to get their pension and other benefits. The laws and the schemes lay down the entitlements of the senior citizens and if the senior citizens have any difficulty in availing their entitlements under the laws and the schemes, it is felt by NALSA that Legal Services Institutions have a significant role to play in ensuring access to the benefits of the schemes and the legal provisions to the Senior Citizens.

## **8. NALSA (Legal Services to Victims of Acid Attacks) Scheme, 2016.**

The Preamble of the Legal Services Authorities Act, emphasized that the Legal Services Authorities are concerned with the weaker sections of the society and imposes a duty on them to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by reason of economic or other disabilities. The main objectives of the Scheme are as follow:

- i. To strengthen legal aid and representation at the national, State, District and Tehsil levels for victims of acid attacks in availing the benefits of the various legal provisions and schemes for compensation which exist;



- ii. To enable the victims of acid attacks to get access to medical facilities and rehabilitative services;
- iii. To create and spread awareness about the entitlements of the victims of acid attacks through the District Legal Services Authorities, Tehsil Legal Services Committees, Panel Lawyers, Para Legal Volunteers and Legal Services Clinics;
- iv. To enhance capacities at all levels of panel lawyers, Para legal volunteers, volunteers in legal services clinics, Government officers tasked with the implementation of the various schemes, service providers, Police personnel and NGOs by organizing training, orientation and sensitization programmes; and
- v. The ultimate objective of the scheme is to ensure that the victims of acid attacks are appropriately rehabilitated in the society and live a life of dignity.

**9. Strengthening of the Para-Legal Volunteers Scheme through enhanced training, mentoring and monitoring.**

In the past years, a number of Para-Legal Volunteers (PLVs) have been trained. However, fresh trainings will need to be imparted to make the PLVs more effective in their work. Strict monitoring of their activities is the need of the hour. At the same time mentoring and hand-holding would be necessary, if the PLVs have to establish themselves within the community as sources of help and solace to the community. The J&K LSA intends to organize training programmes for PLVs at District headquarters to sanitize the PLVs about their role in spreading legal awareness in the U.T of J&K about the marginalized groups.

**10. Encourage ADR methods of Lok Adalat, Mediation, Conciliation and Plea-bargaining.**

There must be an emphasis on spreading awareness in the community about the various ADR

methods and the benefits of non-adjudicatory methods of dispute resolution. Lok Adalats , Mediation, Conciliation and Plea-bargaining must be made familiar to the community at large. Thus, not only civil matters but also compoundable and non-compoundable criminal cases which are part of matrimonial disputes could be disposed off and to that extent the burden with the courts could be reduced. People should be encouraged to adopt the ADR methods before coming to the court even at the pre-litigation stage, by reference to the Lok Adalat or Mediation or Conciliation. In this regard J&K LSA intends to organize awareness camps to encourage people to resort to reconciliatory methods of adjudication.

#### **11. J&K Victim Compensation Scheme, 2019**

The victim compensation scheme launched by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir for providing compensation to the victims or their dependents who has suffered loss or injury as the result of the offence committed and who require rehabilitation. As per the scheme, the J&K Legal Services Authority shall sanction the compensation after recommendation is made by the Court for compensation or the application made to the concerned District Legal Services Authority, the concerned authority in deserving cases may initiate preliminary verification of facts for the purpose of grant of compensation to the victim taking into consideration the factors related to the loss or injury suffered by the victim. J&K LSA intends to hold awareness camps at District and Tehsil level to aware the general public about the existence of the scheme so that all the deserving victims are compensated.

## **Way Forward**

J&K Legal Service Authority in view of the current challenging times due to the ongoing pandemic, took up the initiative of establishing Vidhik Sewa Kendras in both the wings of the High Court as well as in all the District Headquarters for encouraging filing through e-mode. J&K Legal Service Authority intends to establish the Vidhik Sewa Kendras in the remaining districts and also aware the general public about this facility.

In addition to this, the J&K Legal Service Authority is facilitating legal aid by the functionaries of Legal Service Institutions in collaboration with department of posts. This facility would not only make the people living in far-flung areas aware about their right to free legal services but would also help in filing application for legal assistance through NALSA app. as well as through ordinary mode of filing application, from the nearest post office. For this J&K LSA has already affixed display boards in all the post offices of U.T of J&K.

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## **CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2022**

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### **PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF January , 2022**

1.	Observance of ; i. National Voters Day on 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan.2022 ii. Republic Day on 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan.2022
2.	Organise legal literacy regarding Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation.

### **PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF FEBUARY 2022**

1.	Implementation of NALSA Scheme: NALSA ( Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016
2.	Organise Advanced Training Programmes for PLVs of the HCLSC/DLSAs & TLSCs.
3.	Observances of “ <b>World Day Of Social Justice</b> ” On 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
4.	Organise Awareness Programs On Juvenile Justice( Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

### **PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2022**

1.	Implementation of NALSA Scheme: NALSA ( Legal Services to the Workers of Unorganised Sector ) Scheme, 2015
2.	Observances Of i. <b>International Women’s Day</b> on 8 <sup>th</sup> of March 2022. Special Programmes to be organised on Women’s Right And Violence against Women. ii. <b>World Water Day</b> ” On 22 <sup>nd</sup> of March 2022.
3.	Holding of 1 <sup>st</sup> . <b>National Lok –Adalat</b> on 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2022
4.	Organise special drive for the Under –Trial prisoners focusing on: . Legal awareness of their rights and availing free Legal services to them . Ensuring representation before the courts.

### PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2022

1.	To organise awareness programme regarding Compensation Scheme for Women Victims/Survivors of Sexual Assault and other Crimes ) Scheme.
2.	Celebration of “ <b>World Health Day</b> ” on 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 and organises special programmes regarding Covid-19, SOPs and Vaccination .
3.	Campaign on Prohibition of Child Marriage .
4.	Awareness programs on Pre-institution Mediation & Settlement .
5.	To hold meeting of the monitoring and mentoring Committee at all DLSAs.

### PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2022

1.	NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Drug Abuse and Eradication of Drug Menace), Scheme, 2015
2.	Observance of ; i. <b>International Labour Day</b> ” on 1 <sup>st</sup> of May, 2022 ii. <b>International Bio- Diversity Day</b> ” on 22 <sup>nd</sup> of May, 2022 iii. <b>Anti- Tobacco Day</b> ” on 31 <sup>st</sup> of May, 2022
3.	Holding of <b>2<sup>nd</sup> National Lok Adalat</b> on 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2022.
4.	To hold review meetings at District headquarters involving all Tehsil Legal Services Committees.

### PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2022

1.	NALSA (Legal Services to the Mentally Ill and Mentally Disabled Persons) Scheme, 2015
2.	To hold Review Committee Meetings for Under Trail Prisoners at each District Head Quarter.
3.	Observance Of : i. <b>“World Environmental Day</b> ” On 5 <sup>th</sup> of June 2022 In Collaboration With Forest Department and Organise Plantation Drives . ii. <b>World Day Against Child Labour</b> ” On 12 <sup>th</sup> Of June 2022 iii. <b>International Yoga Day</b> ” On 21 <sup>th</sup> June iv. <b>International Day Against Drug Abuse</b> ” On 26 <sup>th</sup> June, 2022
4.	Refresher <b>Training programme</b> for Panel Lawyers on 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2022.
5.	To hold <b>General Lok Adalat</b> on 25 <sup>th</sup> of June 2022.

### PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2022

1.	NALSA (Effective Implementation of Poverty Alleviation Schemes) Scheme, 2015
2.	Organise Legal Awareness Programs at slum areas specially focussing on <b>Beti Bachao Beti Padhao</b> Scheme and <b>Drug Abuse</b> .
3.	Observance Of : i. <b>World Population Day</b> ” On 11 <sup>th</sup> Of July 2022 ii. <b>World Day Of International Justice</b> ” On 17 <sup>th</sup> Of July 2022
4.	Organise Awareness Programme on Right to Information Act, 2005 & Right To Public Services Guarantee Act, 2011.
5.	Review the Performance and strength of Para Legal Volunteers. and considering their utility.

### PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2022

1.	NALSA (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015
	Observance Of “ <b>International Youth Day</b> ” On 12 <sup>th</sup> Of August 2022
2.	Holding of <b>3<sup>rd</sup> National Lok –Adalat</b> on 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2022
3.	Organise Legal Awareness programs In Schools and colleges on <b>Anti-Ragging Laws</b> .
4.	To organise Legal Awareness program In Jails on Plea bargaining , Rights of Prisoners and bail provisions
5.	To organise awareness programme regarding : <b>Encourage ADR methods of Lok Adalat, Mediation, Conciliation and Plea-bargaining.</b>

### PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2022

1.	NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015.
2.	Observance Of “ <b>International Literacy Day</b> ” On 8 <sup>th</sup> Sep, 2022
3.	Organise Sensitization Programmes Regarding Settlement of cases through mediation.
4.	To Conduct Awareness Programmes on <b>POCSO Act</b> .
5.	To hold General <b>Lok Adalat</b> on 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 2022.
6.	Organise awareness programs On Public Utility Services & Central/State Government welfare schemes.

### PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2022

1.	Observance Of “ i. <b>International Day Of Elderly</b> ” On 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2022 ii. <b>World Mental Health Day</b> ” On 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 iii. <b>International Girl Child Day</b> ” 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2022
2.	Celebration Of <b>Gandhi Jayanti</b> On 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 2022
3.	NALSA (Legal Services to Victims of Acid Attacks) Scheme, 2016
4.	Awareness program on senior citizens , Maintenance and welfare of old age parents .

### PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2022

1.	Schemes for legal services to Disaster Victims .
2.	Observances of “ <b>Legal Services Day</b> ” On 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 and Celebration of Legal Services Week.
3.	Observances Of “ i. <b>National Education Day</b> ” On 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 and to organise special programmes in schools and colleges. ii. <b>Children Day</b> “14 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 iii. <b>Constitution Day</b> ” On 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022
4.	Holding of <b>4<sup>th</sup> National Lok Adalat</b> On 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2022

### PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2022

1.	NALSA (Protection and Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme, 2015
2.	Observance of i. <b>World HIV/AIDS Day</b> ” on 1 <sup>st</sup> of December 2022 ii. <b>International Day of persons with disabilities</b> on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.2022 iii. <b>World human rights day</b> on 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2022 iv. <b>National consumer day</b> on 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2022
3.	To hold <b>General Lok Adalat</b> on 17 <sup>th</sup> of Dec. 2022
4.	Organise awareness programme on Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) .

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