

.....A Bi-Monthly Newsletter



Activities:

14th January, 2019

The District Legal Authority, North Goa, Panaji conducted Training Programme for Para Legal Volunteers on 14th January, at Ad-hoc Mediation Centre, 2nd Floor, Junta House, Panaji-Goa

Hon'ble Principal District & Sessions Judge and Chairman of District Legal Services Authority, North Goa, Shri Irshad Agha, inaugurated the Para Legal Volunteers Training programme in the presence of Ms. Reina Fernandes, Secretary of North Goa District Legal Services Authority, Resource persons Advocate Shri Rohan Dessai and Advocate Shri Emedio Pinho. Ms Reina Fernandes welcomed the gathering. This was followed by lighting of the traditional lamp.

Hon'ble Principal District & Sessions Judge and Chairman of District Legal Services Authority, North Goa, Shri Irshad Agha, addresses the gathering and explained the role of PLV in creating legal awareness among the masses particularly the marginalized and downtrodden sections of society and motivated the PLVs to discharge their duties efficiently. The NALSA anthem was also played. The inaugural programme was compared by Adv. Nishigandha Shet and the vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. Reina Fernandes.

Adv. Shri Rohan Dessai spoke on the subject Alternate Dispute Redressal and Mediation. He explained the concept of arbitration, conciliation and mediation. He spoke on the benefits of referring the matters to Lok Adalat and emphasized that Lok Adalats limit costs, delays and ensure speedy justice overcoming legal technicalities.

Adv. Emedio Pinho spoke on Child Labour/Child Rights (Juvenile Justice Act). He divided the participants into groups and learning was imparted through interaction and idea sharing. He also showed the clippings related to the subject.



Adv. Harsha Naik spoke on the activities of DLSA. She spoke on providing free legal aid in the nature of counselling, legal advice and conduct of cases before Courts, organising regular Lok Adalats, spreading Legal Awareness among the public on various issues of Legal importance organising legal literacy classes in colleges, jails and legal awareness programmes for women and children in need of care and protection.

For the post lunch session, the resource persons were Adv. Vahida Yelgar, Shri. Sudesh Gaude, the Assistant Director of Social Welfare and Adv. Sushma Mandrekar, the Chairperson of Goa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

Adv. Vahida Yelgar spoke on the subject Domestic Violence Act. She explained the roles of PLVs in dealing and handling cases related to crime against women and their protection.

Shri Sudesh Gaude, Assistant Director of Social Welfare spoke on the Social Welfare Schemes. He explained about the various schemes and available and more specifically schemes for senior citizens, persons with disability and children.

Adv. Sushma Mandrekar spoke on duties of PLVs for rendering justice to common people. She also discussed the grounds of disqualification of PLV and their removal.

The training programme was attended by 33 PLVs and 5 fresh applicants aspiring to be PLVs.

18th January, 2019

The Taluka Legal Services Committee, Quepem Goa organised the Educational Seminar/ Legal Literacy Camp at New Educational Institute High School, Curchorem, Quepem-Goa on 18th January, 2019. Adv. Roopa Prabhudessai, Adv. Siddhesh Kakodkar and Adv. Surendra Gaonkar were the resource persons.



Ms. S. Mahale, Headmistress of the NEI School, welcomed the resource persons. Adv. Siddhesh Kakodkar gave an inspirational talk on constitution of India, meaning of the constitution and the importance of the constitution of India.

Adv. R. Prabhudessai spoke on the rights of the children, right to Education Act and Environment Act, covering the topic on the preservation of forest and natural resources.

Adv. Surendra Gaonkar spoke on the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 and legal aid to children's and other people and NALSA schemes and the benefits.



After the completion of the talk of the resource persons, there was a question and answer session wherein many of the students asked questions/difficulties, to which all the resource persons replied and satisfied the students satisfactorily.

22nd and 23rd January, 2019

District Legal Services Authority, South Goa, Margao had organised a training programme for imparting training to the newly selected Para Legal Volunteers, on 22/01/2019 and 23/01/2019, at the Conference Hall of District and Sessions Court, South Goa, Margao.

The inaugural session started at 9.30 a.m. on 22/01/2019, in the presence of Shri. B. P. Deshpande, the hon'ble Chairman of DLSA, South Goa, Margao, Ms. Auda Viegas, the NGO working for the needy sections of society and Ms. Shubhada A. Dalvi, the Secretary of DLSA, South Goa, Margao, after completing registration of all the PLVs who were attending the training programme.

After the welcome address by the Secretary of DLSA, South Goa, Margao, a lamp was lit by the Hon'ble Chairman of DLSA, South Goa, Margao, followed by others and the Chairman also gave his opening speech to the PLVs gathered regarding how PLVs should be.

During the first session, Ms. Auda Viegas spoke on the topic Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 and on Harassment of Women at the Work Place. Both the topics were covered well in local as well as English language by the speaker to convey the same to some of the marginally educated PLVs. Moreover, some pictures were circulated by the speaker among the PLVs for better understanding.

The first session was then taken over by the second speaker Adv. Shri. Adonis Colaco, the Panel Advocate of DLSA, South Goa, Margao, who spoke on the subject Criminal Laws, Loding of FIRs Arrest, Bail and Rights of Prisoner.

Both the speakers had made their sessions interesting thereby making it interactive and the PLVs actively participated thereby raising their practical doubts and queries.

A working lunch was provided by DLSA, South Goa, Margao, to all the PLVs along with tea and snacks during the mid break.

*“Conflict is inevitable,
but combat is optional.”*
— Max Lucade



In the post lunch session, Hon'ble District Judge 1 and Additional Sessions Judge, Shri. Edgar Fernandes spoke on the Legal Services Authority Act, 1987 and Alternate Dispute Resolution and made the PLVs aware about the main provisions of the Act and the modes of ADR.

After a short tea break, Assistant Director (Welfare of Differently Abled) Shri. Sudesh Gaude spoke on the Mental Health and Disabilities Act and various social schemes available for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes of society. During the session, information was given as to whom the PLVs should contact if they come across any person in need or eligible for any scheme. The speaker also stressed upon how the PLVs can help the public in this regard. With this, Session I of 22/01/2019 was concluded.

The second session started on 23/01/2019 with opening speech of Adv. Avdhut Salatry who spoke on Laws relating to Marriage in general with specific emphasis on Family Laws applicable in the State of Goa.

After a short tea break, the session was led by the next speaker Ld. Adv. Shri. Peter Fernandes who spoke on the topic promissory notes, cheques and related aspects, so also on the Consumer Protection Act.

The post lunch session was led by Ms. Lida Joao, the Chairperson of Child Welfare Committee – South Goa, who spoke on the subject Laws related to Maintenance of Wives, Parents including Senior Citizens. The speaker also explained about the modes of assistance to be given by PLVs to the needy sections of society.

After a short tea break, the Secretary of DLSA Ms. Shubhada A. Dalvi spoke in detail regarding the Duties of PLVs, Scope of their work in coordination with Legal Aid staff available at the TLSc. More emphasis was put on voluntary service by PLVs for the needy sections of society and the various modes as to how the PLVs can act as a bridge between the needy sections of society and legal institutions. It was also informed to the PLVs that they should maintain a record of their work and give us feedback as and when called for by the TLSC and DLSA.

Out of the total 40 PLVs, altogether 34 PLVs attended the training programme and assured to work voluntarily, honestly and sincerely for the needy sections of society.



*“He who angers you,
conquers you.”*

— Elizabeth Kenny

02nd February, 2019

The North Goa District Legal Services Authority organised the Legal Awareness Camp on the Theme NALSA (Protection and Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme, 2015 on 02nd February, 2019 from 3.45 p.m to 5.45 p.m at Village Panchayat, Bandora, Ponda, Goa.

Inauguration for the function was done at the hands of Hon'ble District Judge-2 & Additional Sessions Judge Panaji, sitting at Ponda Ms. Bela Nakik in the august presence of Ms. Reina Fernandes, Secretary of North Goa District Legal Services Authority, Shri Deepesh Priolkar, Dy. Director of Department of Tribal Welfare, distinguished members of the bar and guests and others. Ms. Reina Fernandes welcomed the gathering. This was followed by lighting of the traditional lamp and the NALSA anthem was played.

Hon'ble District Judge-2 and Additional Sessions Judge Panaji, sitting at Ponda Ms. Bela Naik addressed the gathering. Shri. Deepesh Priolkar explained all the Government Schemes of Department of Tribal Welfare for the welfare of scheduled tribes such as pre matric scholarship, post matric scholarship, vidya Laxmi, Home nursing, grant-in-aid to voluntary organisations for running hostels for ST students, Book bank Scheme, Gagan Bharati Shiksha Yojana, merit base award and recognition of high performance in board exam, Shatya, Antya Sanskar Sahay Yojana, atal Asara yojana, Orphan child and children of widow, Prashishan Yatra, Sanskruti Bjevan, Adivasi Vikas Yojana, Special Central assistance and grants under Article 275, pre-primary schools for scheduled tribes children in remote area, mundkarache ghar, Sheti Samrudhi Yojana, Matrutva Yojana, Udyog Adhar Yojan and Sankalp Din.

Adv. Vandana Naik spoke on the Role of Advocate in Protecting rights of Tribal and free legal aid. Shri. Viraj Aglotkar, Field assistant from the department of social welfare spoke on the scheme of social welfare. The awareness programme was attended by about 100 people and it was concluded at around 5.45 pm.

“Mediation is one of the most effective tools of non-violence. It can turn parties away from conflict, towards compromise. “

----- Miroslav Lajcak



20th February, 2019

Legal Literacy Camp was organised on 20.02.2019 at St. Anthony high School, Margao from 11.00 a.m onwards.

Resource person's present for the above said camp were Smt. Auda Viegas (NGO) gave a talk on " counselling & Conciliation cell for married couples" and " Child Labour" and Adv. Ms. Sangita Gaonkar gave a talk on " child Friendly Legal Services to children and their Protection" NALSA topic. About 38 person attended the camp, including students and staff. There was a question and answer session which was satisfactorily answered by the Panel members of the committee.



23rd February, 2019

District Legal Services Authority, South Goa, Margao had organised a Legal Awareness Programme on NALSA(Protection and Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme, 2015, Procedure for Late Registration of Births and Deaths, importance and Role of PLVs in the Legal Aid Clinics, conducted at Shristhal Panchayat Hall, Canacona, Goa on 23rd February, 2019.

The inaugural session started at 10.00 a.m. in the presence of Shri. B. P. Deshpande ,the Hon'ble Chairman of District Legal Services Authority, South Goa, Margao, Shri. Ram Prabhudessai, Civil Judge Senior Division and J.M.F.C, Margao, Shri Sagar Verlekar, Assistant Director of Tribal Welfare and MS. Aruna Fernandes, Chairperson of Taluka Legal Services Committee, Canacona, Goa. After the welcome address, the Chairman of District Legal Services Authority, South Goa, Margao, address the gathering thereby making the people aware about the programme in brief and requested them to take maximum benefit/advantage of the knowledge imparted by the speakers. After the inaugural address the speaker Shri. Ram Prabhudessai addressed the gathering on the NALSA (protection adn Enforcement of Tribak Rights) Scheme, 2015 and informed the public about the basic topography of the scheme and the benefits that could be fetched from the said scheme. The speaker Shri. Ram Prabhudessai thereafter handed over the session to Shri. Sagar Verlekar who addressed the gathering on the Tribal Schemes available for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the State of Goa, the requirements, eligibility and the authorities to be approached for taking actual benefits of the same. Ld. Advocate Ms. Joyce D'Souza addressed the gathering on the topic procedure for Late Registration of Birth and Deaths and educated the public on the said topic.

The Secretary, DLSA, South Goa, Margao, explained the public about importance and Role of Para Legal Volunteers in Legal Aid Clinics and appealed to the public from the tribal section to come forward as Para Legal Volunteers and assist DLSA, South Goa, Margao in reaching the public in South Goa District at micro level.



24th February, 2019

The North Goa District Legal Services Authority organized the Legal Literacy Camp/Clinic on Goa Agricultural Tenancy Act, Goa Mundkar Act and Goa Panchayat Raj Act on 24th February, 2019 from 9.45 a.m to 2.15 p.m. at Shree Sateri Mahadev Temple Hall at Ozarim Pernem- Goa.

Hon'ble Shri Irshad Agha, Principal District and Sessions Judge & chairman of the DLSA, North Goa, inaugurated the legal literacy camp and clinic in the august presence of Hon'ble Ms. Sherin Paul, District Judge-1 and Additional Sessions Judge, Panaji, Hon'ble Ms. Shabnam Shaikh, Ad-hoc District Judge-1 and Assistant Sessions Judge (F. T. C. – 1) Panaji, Senior Counsel Adv. Saresh Lotlikar, Adv. B. D. Nazareth, Adv. A. Salatry, Hon'ble Judges, distinguished members of the bar and guests.

Hon'ble Ms. Sherin Paul, District Judge-1 and Additional Sessions Judge, Panaji, welcomed the dignitaries on the dais and others which was followed by lighting of the traditional lamp. The students of Government High School, Ozarim rendering the welcome song. The NALSA theme song was also played. Hon'ble Shri Irshad Agha, Principal District and Sessions Judge & Chairman of the District Legal Services Authority, North Goa, gave the inaugural address.

Senior Counsel Advocate Saresh Lotlikar spoke on Goa Agricultural Tenancy Act and Goa Mundkar Act. He stressed on the importance of pleading the ingredients of agricultural tenancy in the agricultural tenancy int he application for declaration. He spoke about the rights of the mundkars under the Goa Mundkar Act. Adv. B.D. Nazareth spoke on the Goa Panchayat Raj Act. He highlighted the powers and duties of Sarpanch vis a vis issuance of construction license and issuance of stop work order in case of unauthorized construction. He stressed upon the importance of Gram Sabha and the mandate to take meeting every 15 days to pass away resolution on the subject matter. The queries of the public were answered by the panel consisting of Senior Counsel Saresh Lotlikar, Adv. B. D. Nazareth and Adv. A. Salatry.

The Clinic was opened to public Adv. Shivan Dessai, Adv. P Shahpurkar, Adv. Shailesh Vengurlekar, Adv. Mahesh Shetgaonkar, Adv. Deepak Gaonkar, Adv. Atul Apte, Adv. Paresh Rao, Adv. Harsha Naik and Adv. Yatin Padloskar were present for the clinic to solve the difficulties of the public. The camp was attended by more than 350 people. The programme concluded at around 2.15 pm.





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