



# GOA STATE LEGAL SERVICE AUTHORITY NEWSLETTER

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## Mega Legal Literacy Camp and Legal Awareness Camp



In every state, a State Legal Services Authority and in every High Court, a High Court Legal Services Committee has been constituted to provide legal aid in relation to the High Courts. District Legal Services Authorities and Taluka Legal Services Committees have been constituted in the Districts and in most of the Taluka to give effect to the policies and direction of the NALSA (National Legal Services Authority) and to provide free legal services to the people. Free Legal Services are provided free of cost to the eligible people and one who don't have money to pay lawyers' fees. In 1987, the **Legal Services Authorities Act** was enacted by the Parliament

which came into force on **9<sup>th</sup> November, 1995** to establish a nationwide uniform network for providing free and competent legal Services to weaker section of the society on the basis of equal opportunity. The NALSA has been constituted at National level to monitor and evaluate implementation of legal aid and programs and to lay down policies and principles for making legal services available under the Act. In to create legal awareness /legal education among the people, and also various government schemes available to them, various awareness camps are conducted at State, District and Taluka levels.

### WHY LEGAL AID?

Legal aid to the poor and weak is necessary for the preservation of rule of law which is necessary for the existence of the orderly society. Until and unless poor illiterate man is not legally assisted, he is denied equality in the opportunity to seek justice. Therefore as a step towards making the legal service serve the poor and the deprived; the judiciary has taken action to provide legal aid to the needy in



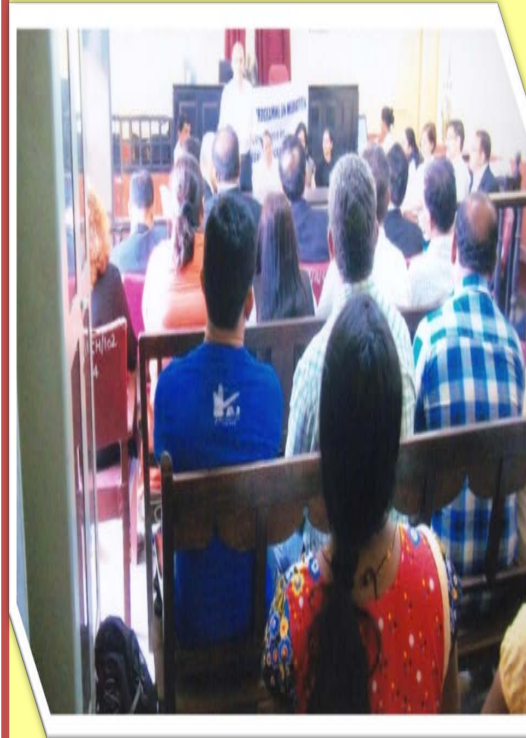
## NOTABLE EVENTS

**6<sup>th</sup> January, 2018**

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### **DIATION AWARENESS PROGRAM**

Mediation Awareness Program for advocates and litigants was organized by Advocates/Judicial Officers on the **6<sup>th</sup> January 2018, in "A" Court, Margao-Goa.** The Judicial Officers and three trained Mediators Adv. Shri. Avdhut Arsekar, Adv. Santosh Naik and Adv. Smt. Cynthia Colaco, along with 60 Advocates and litigants were present for the program. The Chief Judicial Magistrate Smt. Kalpana V. Gavas, Judge Shri. N. S. Amonkar, Judge Shri. Ram Prabhu Dessai and Adv. A. Arsekar had attended the program and delivered speeches on Mediation Awareness.



**12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2018**

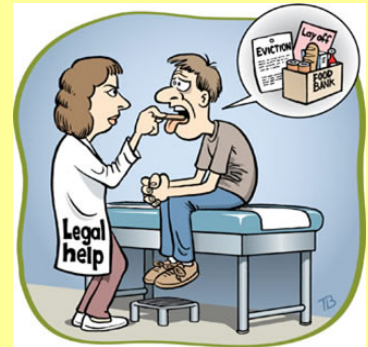
### **OBSERVATION OF WORLD HIV AND AIDS DAY**

World HIV and AIDS Day was organized by chairperson, Taluka Legal Service Committee, Salcete, Margao in collaboration with Program of National Youth Day at **Kare College of Law, Margao-Goa, on the 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.** Dr. Edward D'Mello from Hospicio Hospital, Margao and Shri. Saba Da Silva, Principal of Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao was present for the program. Essay Competition was conducted and around 57 students took part in the essay competition. Cash prizes of Rs.1250/-, Rs.750/-, and Rs.500/- were kept for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winners respectively. Question and answer session was kept and it was satisfactorily answered by the panel members of the Committee.

**11<sup>th</sup> February, 2018**

### **CARNIVAL PARADE, MARGAO**

In order to create publicity and visibility of the work of the Legal Services among the people, Carnal Parade was conducted in South Goa in Salcete Taluka on the **11<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 at Carnival Parade, Margao**. Mobile Lok Adalat Van No. GA-07-2381 was colorfully decorated with flowers, banners of the DLSA, South Goa, Margao and a hoarding bearing the information of the vision and the role of the Legal Service institution and also eligibility criteria for Free Legal Aid was displayed. Sound system was installed playing the NALSA Theme song, Sankalp Geet and NALSA Jingle in English, Hindi and Konkani. Around 25 participants wearing T-Shirts having same colour, Mobile Lok Adalat Van, with the logo of NALSA emblazoned on the rear and the name of District Legal Services Authority on the frond was displayed.



**8<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2018**

### **OBSERVATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

Legal Literacy camp on observance of International Women's day was organized by the Chairperson of Taluka Legal Services Committee, Quepem, on the 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, Ambaulim, Quepem Goa. Adv. John Fernandes gave a welcome



speech. Adv. Roopa Prabhudessai gave inspirational talk on Maintenance of Senior citizens and Women's Domestic Violence Act and Free Legal Aid. Adv. Surendra Goankar spoke on Registration of Births and Deaths



**16<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**

Mega Legal Services Camp, as per the New Module of NALSA was organized under the official support of the Goa State Legal Services Authority, Panaji and in association with the Taluka Legal Services Committee, Canacona on the **16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Chaudi, Canacona-Goa, under the theme "ROZGAR BADA0-GARIBI HATA0: Poverty Alleviation through Employment Generation"**, and around 3900 people visited the camp. The program commenced with a floral welcome of the dignitaries. The welcome speech was given by Hon'ble Shri. B. P. Deshpande, Chairman, District Legal Service Authority, South Goa and the Principal District and Sessions Judge, South Goa, Margao. Hon'ble Justice U. V. Bakre, Former Judge, High Court of Bombay at Goa delivered the inaugural address calling upon the people to take advantage of the camp and to avail Government schemes brought to their doorsteps. He informed the people that it was only through the **elimination of poverty that the Nation could truly be considered developed**. Shri. Agnelo A. J. Fernandes, Addl. Collector-I, South Goa, Shri. Raju Raghunath Desai, Deputy Collector & SDM Canacona and Chief Officer Canacona Municipal Council, Shri. Ramesh Gaonkar, Mamlatdar of Canacona Shri. Vijay Gaykar, President Advocates' Association, Canacona, alongwith Ms. Aruna P. Fernandes, Chairperson, TLSC, Canacona and Ms. Shabnam Shaik, Secretary, DLSA, North Goa was also present for the said Camp. Department of Social Welfare made available wheel chairs and walking sticks and the same were given to the beneficiaries at the hands of Hon'ble Justice Shri. U. V. Bakre and Hon'ble Shri. B. P. Deshpande, Chairman, District Legal Service Authority, South Goa.

Representatives from the participating Government Department gave 5 minutes presentation each briefly spelling out the various schemes and the eligibility criteria for the schemes. Filling of Aadhar forms and correction of the Aadhar card was carried in the said programme, however due to shortage of time, a follow-up, a special help desk programme was conducted in the premises of **Canacona Court on the 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 and on the 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**, which totaled to 3073 forms.



## No Recovery, No Fee Promise

On contingency-fee cases,  
we promise you won't be charged  
a fee or expenses, unless there's  
a recovery.

And, when there is a recovery  
(after advanced expenses  
are paid back off the top)  
we promise our fee won't be  
more than your recovery!

**We promise.**

27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 & 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### *Legal Literacy Clubs in Schools in the South Goa Dis-*

Legal Literacy Club was inaugurated by the Taluka Legal Services Committee, Mormugao, Vasco at **Government High School (Main), Vasco, on the 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**. Around 82 participants were participated in the said inaugural function. Ms. Aartikumari Naik, Adhoc Senior Civil Judge & J. M.F.C (B Court) Vasco, inaugurated the Legal Literacy Club & gave a talk on functioning of the Legal Literacy Club. Adv. Sonia Keloskar spoke on NALSA's guidelines on Legal Literacy Club in School.

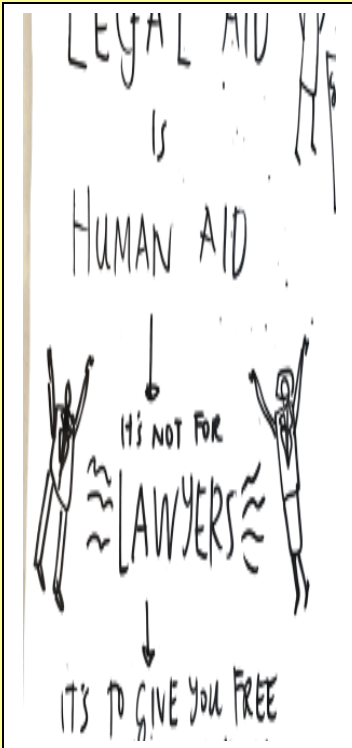


Legal Literacy Club was inaugurated by the Taluka Legal Services Committee, Salcete, Margao-Goa at **St. Anthony's High School -Pajifond, on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**. Around 70 participants were present in the said inaugural function. Shri. Bosco G. F. Roberts, Secretary, DLSA inaugurated the Legal Literacy Club and spoke on the functioning thereof. Adv. Ms. Sphruti Kothare, Panel Advocate, TLSC, Salcete, informed for gathering of the Guidelines of NALSA for establishing and functioning of the LLC.



Legal Literacy Club was inaugurated by the Taluka Legal Services Committee, Sanguem at **Union High School-Sanguem-Goa, on the 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**. Around 23 participants were present in the inaugural function. Program was started by lighting the traditional lamp in the hands of Ms. Anuradha Andrade, Chairperson of Taluka Legal Services Committee, Sanguem alongwith Adv. Miss. Abhilasha Naik, Panel Lawyer, Shri. Putu Gaonkar, Para Legal Volunteer, Shri. S. Shirvoikar, Headmaster, teachers and the staff of the Union High School, Sanguem. The chairperson spoke on the importance and functioning of Legal Literacy club at School level.





Legal Literacy Club was inaugurated by the Taluka Legal Services Committee, Canacona at **S. S. Angle Higher Secondary School, Maxem, Canacona-Goa, on the 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**. Around 200 participants were present in the inaugural function. Programme was marked by cutting of the ribbon by the Chairperson of Taluka Legal Services Committee, Canacona and installation of computer therein. Panel Advocate Ms. Joyce D'souza gave speech on importance and benefits of opening of the Legal Literacy Club and highlighted rights and duties enshrined in constitution of India with special rights of Children.



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