



# TRIPURA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

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## ABOUT TRIPURA

Tripura is one of the states of North-East Region of India. Total population of Tripura as estimated by the population census of 2011 is 36,71,032 over an area of 10,491,69 sq. kilometer which consists of a male population of 18 lakhs 71 thousand 867 and the female population of 17 lakhs 99 thousand 165. The state is encircled by Bangladesh on three sides. By the north the state has boundary with the states of Mizoram and Assam. It is connected to the rest of the country by Rail, Roadways and by Air.

In the administrative set up of the state, there are 08 Revenue Districts and 23 Revenue Sub-Divisions. Besides, there is one Autonomous District Council (TTAADC). Agriculture is the livelihood of the majority of the people. People from Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist, Christian, Sikh and other religious groups live in the state. Though the State is small, the area of activities of the Legal Services Institutions are wide enough. There are conflicts between individuals over property rights. There are other conventional disputes, issue of child marriage, juvenile delinquency, child labour, problems of the inter-state migrant labourers in brick kilns and tea plantations and instances of neglected children, violation of the rights of the disabled, superstitious practices, environmental pollution, violation of consumer rights, crimes against women and many other unconventional disputes where the Legal Services Institutions may extend their services. With a view to undertake preventive and strategic Legal Aid programmes to protect the dignity and basic rights of the weaker and vulnerable sections of the society, the Tripura State Legal Services Authority attempts to devise a comprehensive legal services action plan for the year 2022-23.



## **STRUCTURAL SET UP OF TRIPURA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY**

The Tripura State Legal Service Authority came into existence vide Notification No. F.3(6)-LAW/LEG/98 dated, Agartala, the 1st July, 1998 issued by the Law Department, Govt. of Tripura. For carrying out the provisions of the Legal Services Authorities Act 1987, The Tripura State Legal Services Authority Rules, 1998 and the Tripura State Legal Services Authority Regulations 1998, have been framed. Office of the Tripura State Legal Services Authority is situated in a rented house at Melarmath at the heart of the city at a distance of 10 kilometers from the airport and 08 kilometers from the railway station. Shortly the office of TSLSA is expected to be shifted in its own accommodation (Old High Court Building) near by the District Court of West Tripura District, Agartala.

Hon'ble the Chief Justice, High Court of Tripura is the Patron-in-Chief of Tripura State Legal Services Authority. Besides, the Authority is headed by Hon'ble the Executive Chairman, a Judge of the High Court of Tripura. It has a full time Member Secretary w.e.f. 01.10.2011 who is a Grade-I officer of Tripura Judicial Service and one Dy. Secretary from Grade-II of the Judicial Service. Vide Memorandum No. F.9(1)- FIN(G)/03(44) dated, Agartala, the 25th September, 2013 Member Secretary, TSLSA was declared as Head of Department by the Finance Department, Govt. of Tripura.

There is one High Court Legal Services Committee at the High court of Tripura Chaired by one sitting judge of the Hon'ble High Court. Besides, there are 08 District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) in 08 Judicial as well as Administrative Districts housed in the District Court premises in each of the District Court Headquarters. Each of the District Authorities has District Secretary who is an officer of Grade-II of Tripura Judicial Service. Apart from this, there are 14 Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committees (SDLSCs) in 14 Sub-Divisions. All these Legal Services Institutions are providing legal aid in court cases, conducting Lok Adalats, running programmes of legal awareness and legal literacy among all groups of people, running Village Legal Care and Support Centre (VLC&SC), imparting training of Para-Legal Volunteers (PLVs), Juvenile Justice Functionaries and implementing the schemes of the National Legal Services Authority and State Legal Services Authority in order to protect the rights of the people.



## **Action Plan for the year 2022-23**

**(1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023)**

### **Chapter -01**

#### **Activities in General ||**

The following legal services activities shall be organized by the Legal Services Institutions of the State during the year 2022-23.

#### **1. Prize giving ceremony of drawing competition, essay writing competition & slogan writing competition**

A programme on prize giving ceremony shall be organized in every district as soon as possible to declare the result of drawing competition/ essay writing competition & slogan writing competition held during the Pan India Outreach Campaign, 2021;

#### **2. Legal Awareness Camps**

At least 03(three) nos. of Legal Awareness Camps shall be organized in every village Panchayet and Village Council by the respective DLSA and SDLSC;

#### **3. Programmes in Legal Literacy Clubs**

In every school/ college having Legal Literacy Club, 02 (two) programmes shall be organized by the respective DLSA and SDLSC. Besides, on the occasion of Constitution Day (26<sup>th</sup> November) special programme be organized in selective schools / colleges by the concerned Legal Services Institutions. Apart from these, awareness programme about 'Gram Sabha' etc shall be organized time to time in schools by the Legal literacy Clubs;

#### **4. Plan of publications of DLSAs and SDLSCs**

All the DLSAs and SDLSCs may submit their plan of publications to TSLSA



immediately and on receipt of such proposal from DLSAs and SDLSCs State Authority will scrutinize the same and give approval for publication of leaflet/ books/ brochures for awareness programmes. Besides, TSLSA will also publish number of books/ leaflets/ brochures and shall distribute to the DLSAs/ SDLSCs for awareness programmes;

#### **5. Leaflet on "Salient Features of the Constitution of India"**

Leaflet on "Salient Features of the Constitution of India" already prepared and published by TSLSA in English is to be published in Bengali and shall be supplied to all the Legal Services Institutions of the State;

#### **6. Periodical refresher training programmes for PLVs**

Periodical refresher training programmes for PLVs shall be organized preferably in the month of September by the DLSAs at District Level involving all the PLVs empanelled both at DLSA as well as SDLSCs.

#### **7. Review meeting on the performance of Panel Lawyers by the HCLSC, DLSAs & SDLSCs**

Review meeting on the performance of Panel Lawyers may be held by the HCLSC, DLSAs as well as SDLSCs and the panel prepared by the Committee/ Authority may be revised or modified time to time (see Rule 24 of TSLSA Rules, 1998).

#### **8. Review meeting in respect of PLVs by DLSAs & SDLSCs**

Review meeting in respect of PLVs may be held by DLSAs as well as SDLSCs and the panel of PLVs may be revised or modified on their performance following the scheme for Para Legal Volunteer (Revised) and Module for the Orientation- Induction- Refresher courses for PLVs training.

#### **9. Visit of Children Homes**

Secretary, DLSAs shall visit the Children Homes within their respective jurisdiction once in a quarter and shall submit the report to the State Authority for placing the same before the Juvenile Justice Committee, High Court of Tripura (see the communication vide no. F.1A(34)-LAW/TSLSA/AGT/ESTT/11/2692-99 dated March 19, 2022).

#### **10. Functioning of the Monitoring Committee**

Every Legal Services Institutions shall ensure proper functioning of the Monitoring Committee and submit report in terms of NALSA (Free and Competent Legal Services) Regulations, 2010.

## **11. Functioning of Legal Aid Clinics in jails**

Secretary, DLSA in District Headquarter and the Member Secretary of SDLSC in Sub-division shall visit jails in their respective jurisdiction once in a quarter to evaluate the functioning of Legal Aid Clinics in jails and to ensure timely filing of appeals or other petitions of the convicts who may require legal aid.

However, Kendriya Sangsodhanagar at Bishalgarh shall be visited by the Secretary, DLSA, West Tripura District, Agartala though it falls under the jurisdiction of SDLSC, Bishalgarh .

## **12. Under Trial Review Committees (UTRC)**

DLSAs shall ensure the timely meeting of the Under Trial Review Committees (UTRC) to review the cases of Under Trial Prisoners and submit a report to the State Legal Services Authority which will then be compiled and forwarded to NALSA. In this connection, Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) prepared by NALSA and already communicated to all the DLSAs shall be followed strictly.

## **13. Organizing legal services programmes and convention, meetings or seminars and workshops**

The State Authority may organize various legal services programmes and conventions, meetings, seminars and workshops in collaboration with Tripura Commission for Women, State Commission for protection of Child rights, SW & SE Department, Govt. of Tripura and different Social Action Groups on such issues like empowerment of women, Welfare of Child and Eradication of Drugs abuse etc.

## **14. Ensuring timely legal services to the eligible persons**

All the Authorities/ Committees shall ensure to extend timely legal service to persons who satisfy the criteria laid down under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

High Court Legal Services Committee (HCLSC) shall give effect to the policy and directions of the State Authority and encourage the settlement of disputes by way of negotiations, arbitration and conciliations (see Regulation 5 of the TSLSA Regulations, 1998).

District Authorities shall co-ordinate the activities of the Sub-divisional Legal Services Committee and performs such other functions as the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and the State Legal Services Authority (TSLSA) may fix time to time (see Section 10 of the LSA Act, 1987).



Sub-divisional Legal Services Committee (SDLSC) shall co-ordinate the activities for extending legal services within the sub- division. The committee shall also perform such other functions as the NALSA, TSLSA and DLSA may assign to it (see Section 11(B) of the LSA Act, 1987)

### **15. Victim Compensation Scheme**

All the DLSAs shall expeditiously deal with the application or recommendation of Courts for compensation under "Tripura Victim Compensation Scheme, 2018" & "Tripura Compensation Scheme for Women Victims / Survivors of Sexual Assaults/ Other Crimes, 2018" and determine the compensation in a time bound manner as per rules.

Every DLSAs shall submit quarterly report in prescribed format to the State Authority (see the communication vide No- F.1(34)- LAW/TSLSA/AGT/ESTT/11/ 3733-40 dated June 29, 2021).

### **16. Fixing of informative display board in each and every Village Panchayet and Village Council**

State Authority with the help of DLSAs and SDLSCs shall take steps to fix a informative display board in a visible area of each and every Village Panchayet and Village Council to create awareness among the common people about the criteria for getting legal aid with phone number of nearest Legal Services Institutions.

### **17. Accounts and Audit/ Timely Filing of Statements**

HCLSC, DLSAs and SDLSCs shall cause to be kept and maintained true and correct accounts of all receipts and disbursements and furnish quarterly returns to the State Authority. The Accounts of the Committee/Authority shall be subject to Audit as per regulations (see regulation 8 (5), 11(4) & 14 (5) of the TSLSA Regulations, 1998).

All other statements shall be submitted to the State Authority in a time bound manner.

Henceforth, from the FY 2022-23 (w.e.f 01st April, 2022) onwards Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) consisting all expenditure of fund shall have to be submitted by DLSAs to the State Authority by 05<sup>th</sup> of the following month along with detailed contingent bills i.e. vouchers exceeding payment of Rs. 10,000/- (rupees ten thousand) only so that the State Authority can submit monthly expenditure report by 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month to NALSA.

## **18. Meeting of HCLSC, DLSA and SDLSC**

The High Court Legal Services Committee (HCLSC), the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) and the Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committee (SDLSC) shall meet at least once in every two months and the minutes of the meeting shall be maintained and be open for inspection at all reasonable time by the Members of the Committee. A copy of the minutes of the meeting shall, as soon as may be after the meeting, be forwarded to the State Authority (see regulation 7, 10 & 13 of the TSLSA Regulations, 1998).

## **19. Meeting of State Authority with the District Secretary, DLSAs/ Member Secretaries, SDLSCs**

Member Secretary, TSLSA shall meet (Virtually/ Physically) once in a quarter with all the District Secretary, DLSAs/ Member Secretaries, SDLSCs to discuss the relevant issues for implementation of Legal Services Activities in the State.

## **20. Annual Meet**

All the Officers of Legal Aid Functionaries of the State shall meet once in a year. The date and venue of such meet for the year 2022-23 shall be intimated later on.



## **Free Legal Advice, Counseling and Conciliation ||**

Legal advice helps to recognize the core area of conflict and the legal solution thereof, to know how to take the necessary action to avoid problems and where this is not possible, how to help oneself i.e. when and how to obtain suitable legal assistance. In addition, the legal advice also helps to understand the legal process clearly and generates confidence that the legal system will provide remedy. Legal Advice thus also helps to reduce the number of litigations.

We have arranged free legal advice on all working days in the office of the State Authority, District Authorities and Sub-divisional Committees. Judicial Officers and Lawyers provide free legal advice to the legal aid seekers.

The ideal form of dispute resolution is Mediation and Conciliation. Through mediation/ Counseling/ conciliation large number of Pre-litigation disputes can be settled and thereby mounting arrears of cases can be reduced in the Court of Law. Conciliation is essentially consensual process and is achieved through technique of mediation. Mediation and Conciliation Centre has been setup in the office of the State Authority, District Authorities as well as Sub-Divisional Committees to encourage the settlement of disputes by way of Mediation, Counseling and Conciliation. Judicial Officer, Advocates, Trained Resource Persons as well as eminent social activist may act as counsellors/ conciliators in the Centre.

In the year 2017, a Legal Assistance Establishment was set up in the office of TSLSA, Agartala for giving effective legal advice and to take continuous efforts of counseling and conciliations to settle the pre-litigation disputes at the very threshold. 02 Retained Lawyers are temporarily engaged in that Legal Assistance Establishment who are functioning in the area of Legal Aid and Advice through counseling and conciliation. Besides, 06 Mediation Centers are Functioning in the State including the Mediation Center at High Court of Tripura, Agartala. Steps are about to set up the mediation Centre in the Districts- Dhalai, Khowai and Sepahijala.

Our target is to encourage resolving of pre-litigation disputes through continuous efforts of counseling and conciliations. All District Authorities and Sub-divisional Committees shall make it mandatory to run effectively the counseling and conciliation centers in their respective offices on a regular basis.



## Legal Services in the VLC&SC ||

Free legal services which include legal advice, counselling and conciliation through Village Legal Care & Support Centre established for a cluster of villages shall be provided to the legal aid seeker and at least one Para legal volunteer shall be available during the working hours of VLC&SC as to be fixed by the concerned Legal Services Institutions as per instruction of the TSLSA. DLSAs and SDLSCs shall time to time (on necessity) depute their Panel Lawyer/ Retainer Lawyers to the VLC&SCs and whenever, the situation demands to provide continual legal services DLSAs and SDLSCs may consider arranging visit of lawyers in the VLC&SCs. The legal services rendered in the VLC&SC shall be wide ranging in nature and shall work like a single window facility for helping the disadvantaged people to solve their problem whenever needed and the legal services in the VLC&SC shall be in terms of NALSA (Legal Aid Clinic) Regulation, 2011.



**Special Activity-Lok Adalats**

It is the duty of SLSA, HCLSC, DLSA and the SDLSCs to organize Lok Adalats within their respective jurisdiction. Different types of Lok Adalats are being organized to settle the pending cases as well as pre-litigation disputes. Legal Services Institutions are committed to organize Lok Adalat as under:

**A. National Lok Adalat :**

As per calendar of NALSA for the year 2022, National Lok Adalat is to be held in the year 2022-23 on the following dates:

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> National LokAdalat</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> May, 2022</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> National LokAdalat</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> August, 2022</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> National LokAdalat</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> November, 2022</b>

Like the previous years the below mentioned type of cases can be taken up for settlement in the National Lok Adalat.

**Pre-litigation:**

- (i) NI Act cases under Section 138;
- (ii) Money Recovery cases;
- (iii) Labour and Employment dispute cases;
- (iv) Electricity, Water bills and other bill payment cases (excluding non-compoundable);
- (v) Maintenance Cases;
- (vi) Others (Criminal Compoundable and other Civil disputes)

**Pending in the Courts/Tribunals:**

- (i) Criminal Compoundable cases;
- (ii) Cases under Section 138 of NI Act;
- (iii) Money Recovery cases;
- (iv) MACT cases;
- (v) Labour and Employment dispute cases;
- (vi) Electricity, Water Bills and other bill payment cases (excluding non-compoundable cases);
- (vii) Matrimonial disputes (except divorce);
- (viii) Land Acquisition cases (Pending before civil courts/tribunals);
- (ix) Services matters relating to pay & allowances and retiral benefits;
- (x) Revenue cases;
- (xi) Other civil cases (such as rent, easmentary rights, injunction suits, suit for specific performance)etc.;

All the DLSAs and SDLSCs shall take steps well ahead before the scheduled dates of National Lok Adalat so that maximum number of bank loan recovery disputes and telephone bills recovery disputes can be placed in those Lok Adalats for settlement.

#### **B. Permanent Lok Adalat:**

08 nos. of Permanent Lok Adalats are functioning in 08 nos. of Judicial Districts headed by the Ld. District & Sessions Judge of respective district as the Chairman of Permanent Lok Adalat to deal with the matters under "Public Utility Services".

It is the duty of DLSAs to extend all sort of co-operation to the smooth functioning of Permanent Lok Adalats and to make aware the people of their respective District about the existence of Permanent Lok Adalat to deal with issues under "Public Utility Services".

#### **C. Continuous Lok Adalat:**

A Continuous Lok Adalat is functioning in the office of TSLSA to settle the disputes which may take several sittings to arrive in a settlement. The platform has been constituted to handle specially the disputes which are of a bit complicated in nature and the commercial disputes. This Continuous Lok Adalat is functioning at State Level successfully since 2016. It is the duty of TSLSA to extend all sort of co-operation for smooth functioning of the Continuous Lok Adalat .

#### **D. Traditional/ Special Lok Adalat :**

Traditional / Special Lok Adalat may be organized by the TSLSA , DLSA or the SDLSCs as the case may be whenever, it become necessary to conduct such Lok Adalat to reduce the pendency of Court cases as well as the settlement of pre-litigation disputes. However, DLSAs and SDLSCs shall take prior permission from the State Authority to organize such Lok Adalat time to time.

#### **E. Mobile Lok Adalat :**

For the first time in our state Mobile Lok Adalats were organized at Mohanpur on 26.03.2022 and at Jirania on 27.03.2022 to reduce the pendency of petty court cases at Agartala and with a view to implement the project 'Justice at door steps'.

DLSAs and SDLSCs may organize such Mobile Lok Adalats in their respective area by using our Mobile Van with prior permission of State Authority.





## **Empowerment of Women**

The following activities in respect of "Empowerment of Women" in the State shall be taken up during this year in pursuance of the letters of Law Department vide No. F.No.2(4)-LAW/ESTT/2/2020/4346 dated 17.03.2022 and F.No. 2(4)-LAW/ESTT/2/2020/5192 dated 24.03.2022.

### **1. Legal Assistance to be provided to all vulnerable women at Village Panchayet/ Town Panchayet/ Municipality Corporation level to resolve their long pending disputes :**

i.) All the DLSAs and SDLSCs shall organize Special Awareness Camp at every village/ Town Panchayet / Municipality/ Corporation for sensitizing the women about the existence of legal services institutions in the State and the availability of free legal services for resolving litigations and leaflets containing the address and contact number of legal services institutions of the state may be distributed in those camps.

ii.) Sufficient number of leaflet containing the address and contact number of legal services institutions of the state and the Village Legal Care and Support Centre shall be provided to the office of every Village/ Town Panchayet / Municipality/ Corporation so that the same may be distributed among the women who visit these offices.

iii.) On receipt of any information / report regarding pendency of any litigation (both new and old) by office of legal services institutions /VLC&SC the same shall immediately be referred to the concern DLSA/ SDLSC for extending required legal aid.

### **2. The legal services Authority shall engage with women organization and women and children related department in order to update them on the current laws on the protection of the women :**

Tripura State Legal Services Authority with Law Department, Govt. of Tripura through Law Training Institution situated at Old Court Building, West Tripura may organize training / sensitization programme of the workforce of women organization and organization working for welfare of children and empowerment of women through dissemination of laws relating to rights of women, rights of children and various Protection and Welfare Laws for Women and Children.

### **3. The Legal Services Authority shall train community resource persons at Panchayet level for creating awareness on the protective laws for women**

i. List of community resource persons at Panchayet level shall be collected by DLSAs and SDLSCs.

ii. Time to time special training of the community resource persons on the protective laws for women will be organized by DLSAs and SDLSCs.

Apart from this, TSLSA will prepare and publish booklets for awareness generation about laws for women, victim compensation schemes etc for distribution amongst the women during awareness programmes/ training etc.

## **Implementation of the pilot project of Legal Aid Defence Council system**

For implantation of the Resolution No -01 of the 17<sup>th</sup> All India Meet, held on 17-18 August, 2019 at Nagpur on Legal Aid Defence Council system on pilot basis in any one district of our state, TSLSA being the stake holder of one of the identified states of East Zone has already identified West Tripura Judicial District for implementation for the project after consultation with National Legal Services Authority. As per the guidelines of NALSA Tripura State Legal Services Authority shall take step to select the Human Resources such as Chief Legal Aid Defence Council and Official Staffs to implement the project for providing legal aid in criminal matters in sessions courts of West Tripura District .





## **Days to Observed**

This year we can observe the following days-

### **1. World Health Day- (7<sup>th</sup> April, 2022)**

Awareness programmes shall be organized by DLSAs and SDLSCs on the right to health and on various health related beneficial schemes of the Government like Ayushman Bharat / Pradhan Mantri Jana Arogya Yojana etc.

### **2. World Earth Day- (22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2022)**

This day shall be celebrated by the DLSAs and SDLSCs with assistance of Forest Department, Govt. of Tripura by planting trees at different places like Schools, Colleges, offices, Courts, road side and open places with due permission of concerned Authority.

### **3. World Anti Tobacco Day- (31<sup>st</sup> May, 2022)**

Legal Awareness programmes be organized about ill effects of consumption of tobacco products.

### **4. World Environment Day- (5<sup>th</sup> June, 2022)**

Awareness programme shall be organized on Environmental laws, water harvesting/ water conservation, Right to get pollution free water and air etc., Quiz/ essay competition/ drawing competition may be organized by the DLSAs and SDLSCs.

Cleanliness drive in all the Court Complexes and Legal Services Institutions / drawing and essay writing competition on 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' may be organized by the DLSAs and SDLSCs.

### **5. World Day Against Child Labour- (12<sup>th</sup> June)**

Legal Awareness Programme shall be organized by the DLSAs and SDLSCs on the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, Rights under Food Security Act, awareness programme about the law prohibiting child labour including rehabilitation of rescued child labour and awareness programme on Victim Compensation Scheme and other related schemes.



#### **6. International Anti Drugs Day- (26<sup>th</sup> June, 2022)**

Legal Awareness programme shall be Organized by DLSAs and SDLSCs on NALSA (Legal Services to the victim of Drug Abuse and Eradication of Drug Menace scheme) 2015 and NDPS Act.

Mass postering and rally by DLSAs and SDLSCs on ill effects of drugs on the society.

#### **7. World Population Day- (11<sup>th</sup> July, 2022)**

Mass postering for raising awareness about the global population crisis i.e. awareness of people on ill impact of population explosion shall be carried out by the DLSAs and SDLSCs .

#### **8. Worlds Indigenous Day- (9<sup>th</sup> August, 2022)**

Legal Awareness programmes shall be organized by DLSAs and SDLSCs on NALSA (Protection and Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme, 2015, SC & ST (Prevention of Atrocities ) Act, 1989 and The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers ( Recognition of Forest Rights ) Act, 2006 etc.

#### **9. International Literacy Day- (8<sup>th</sup> September, 2022)**

Rally and mass postering on the importance of education shall be organized by DLSAs and SDLSCs .

#### **10. International Day for Older Persons- (1<sup>st</sup> October, 2022)**

DLSAs and SDLSCs shall organize legal awareness programme on Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 and various welfare schemes of Govt. for senior citizens and NALSA (Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016.

#### **11. World Mental Health Day- (10<sup>th</sup> October, 2022)**

DLSAs and SDLSCs shall organize awareness programme on NALSA (Legal Services to the Mentally Ill and Mentally Disabled Person Scheme) 2015, Mental Health Care Act, 2017 etc.

#### **12. National Legal Services Day- (9<sup>th</sup> November, 2022)**

The Legal Services Day shall be observed by all the Legal Services Institutions in

their respective offices involving the Panel Lawyers and PLVs. Apart from this special campaign shall be organized for distribution of leaflets etc to the common people for creating awareness about the legal services activities .

### **13. National Education Day -(11<sup>th</sup> November, 2022)**

DLSAs and SDLSCs may observe National Education Day by organizing drawing/ essay writing competition among the school students and also by organizing awareness classes in selective schools on Right to Education Act and New Education Policy .

### **14. Children's Day-(14<sup>th</sup> November, 2022)**

Awareness programmes on protection of Child Rights, Special programmes such as drama, quiz, drawing competitions involving school students/ children of Homes etc shall be organized by DLSAs and SDLSCs .

### **15. Constitution Day-(26<sup>th</sup> November, 2022)**

Celebration of Constitution Day (Swambidhan Diwas) shall be observed by DLSAs and SDLSCs by reading of preamble of the constitution & by organizing seminars at District level as well as Law colleges of the State. Leaflets on the "Salient Features of the Constitution of India" both in English and Bengali shall be distributed among the school and college students during such seminar at District level .

### **16. World's Aids Day- (1st December, 2022)**

DLSAs and SDLSCs shall organize rally with placards in their respective stations to show solidarity with the large sections of people living with HIV worldwide.

### **17. International day of persons with disabilities- (3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2022)**

Awareness programmes shall be organized by the DLSAs and SDLSCs on the Rights of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and NALSA (Legal Services to the Mentally Ill and Mentally Disabled Person Scheme) 2015.

### **18. Human Rights Day-(10<sup>th</sup> December, 2022)**

Special programme shall be organized by the DLSAs and SDLSCs in jails, Correction Homes, Children homes, Observation Homes, Psychiatric Homes and other public places for awareness of people on Human Rights with special focus on observance of Fundamental duties, dignified behaviour with all who came in contact



and adherence of minimum courtesy in interacting with each other. Special awareness camps be organized on the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.

#### **19. State Hood day- (21<sup>st</sup> January, 2023)**

State Hood Day be celebrated in all the DLSAs and SDLSCs offices by organizing joint discussions involving Officers , Staffs , Panel Lawyers and PLVs on the progress of legal services activities in our State since the inception of Tripura Legal Aid and Legal Advice to the Poor Rules, 1980 (now dissolved).

#### **20. National Girl Child day- (24<sup>th</sup> January, 2023)**

This day can be observed by organizing Legal Awareness programmes in different schools having Legal Literacy Clubs on Right to Education Act, 2009, POCSO Act, 2012 and PC & PNDT Act, 1994 etc. Mass awareness camp against the Child Marriage may also be organized.

Besides, Mass poster on 'Save the Girl Child' / awareness programme on the protection of girl child / slogan writing / essay writing competition on the topic of 'Save the Girl Child' may be organized by DLSAs and SDLSCs.

#### **21. World Day of Social Justice- (20<sup>th</sup> February, 2023)**

DLSAs and SDLSCs may organize awareness camps as an efforts to tackle issues such as poverty exclusion, gender inequality, unemployment, human rights and social protection etc. Awareness camp on the rights of transgender (kinnar) & to take steps to eliminate all forms of violence against transgender may also be organized by DLSAs and SDLSCs.

#### **22. National Science Day -(28<sup>th</sup> February, 2023)**

This day may be observed by DLSAs and SDLSCs in association with Legal Literacy Clubs(LLCs) by organizing group discussions among the school students in order to promote scientific temperament among them and also by organizing competitions on science related projects in collaboration with the school authority to encourage the students to understand the aspect of science and develop the interest in it.

#### **23. International Women day- (8<sup>th</sup> March, 2023)**

This day shall be observed by DLSAs and SDLSCs by organizing Legal Awareness programme/ seminar /workshop on empowerment of women etc.



#### 24. World's consumer rights day- (15<sup>th</sup> March, 2023)

Legal awareness programme shall be organized by the DLSAs and SDLSCs on Consumer Protection Act, 2019 & awareness of common people about the existence of Permanent Lok Adalat in District Headquarters to settle /adjudicate the disputes on Public utility services.

***N.B.***

*Activities under state plan of action is not exhaustive. Authority / Committees are duty bound to give effect to the policy & directions of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).*

*However, all the activities under plan of action is subject to the availability of State/ District Legal Aid Fund.*