

## Report

# *Celebrating* Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav **LEGAL LITERACY WEEK**

8<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

**Department of Justice,  
Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India**

- ▶ Department of Justice (DOJ), Ministry of Law and Justice Government of India have observed 'Legal Literacy Week (LLW)' from 8th November 2021 to 14th November 2021 as part of the celebration of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'; an initiative of the Government of India to commemorate 75 years of independence of progressive and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements of people of India.
- ▶ Series of Legal Awareness Programs, Door to Door Campaigns, Counselling for victim's family and other awareness activities were organized by DOJ in collaboration with five project partners of Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (APSLSA), Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS) Manipur, Sikkim State Commission of Women (SSCW), Law Research Institute (LRI) Assam and former project partner State Resource Centre (SRC, Assam) between 8th of November 2021 to 14th of November 2021.
- ▶ During the legal literacy Week, 21 awareness programs including two national webinars, 8 online and 13 physical programs have been conducted in four states (Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Sikkim). 34 resource persons had been engaged and 67 villages and 37 districts have been covered in four states. Total number of 18,792 people have been reached out and benefited by various activities during the legal literacy week.
- ▶ In order to reach out common people, "Each One, Teach Ten" (E1T10) - a voluntary offshoot initiative introduced under DISHA scheme. E1T10 in which each trained person is expected to educate and sensitize 10 ordinary members of the community on the concept of free legal aid and assistance, as well as related schemes and acts that they have at their disposal, so that they can pass the knowledge on to others in the community.



# ACTIVITIES OF LEGAL LITERACY WEEK

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As part of the Legal Literacy Week, on 14th November 2021 (Children Day), Department of Justice, organized a national webinar in collaboration with Centre for Child Rights and Juvenile Justice (CCRJJ) of National Law University, New Delhi (NLUD). The webinar was organised to celebrate the Children Day and it reached out to 17,583 functionaries. The objectives of the webinar were to (i) To raise Legal Awareness of participants/ viewers on Child Rights and Child Protection issues. (ii) To strengthen frontline workers of DISHA on Child Rights and (iii) To strengthen the visibility of support system for Children.

In the webinar, four speakers deliberated upon given topics and it was followed up by question and answer session which was facilitated by speakers. Professor Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice Chancellor, NLUD spoke on “Status of Child Rights in India and commitment to UNCRC. Mr. Aftab Mohammad, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF, spoke on “Strengthening Child Protection System in India”. Mr. Anant Asthana, Child Rights Advocate spoke on “Implementation level challenges of Child Protection Laws in India”. Mr. Ashutosh Srivastava, Programme Manager, DoJ spoke on “Advocating Child Rights through Legal Literacy Programmes”. Mr. Srivastava informed about DoJ implemented four programmes – Legal Literacy and Legal Awareness Programme, Tele-Law, Nyaya Bandhu, Nyaya Mitra and how Child Rights issues are addressed through field level activities. This webinar was moderated by Mrs. Mihira Sood, Executive Director of Centre for Child Rights and Juvenile Justice and Prof. Anupama Goel, Registrar, (NLUD) gave her concluding remarks on the webinar. As a follow up activities of the webinar, National Law University, Delhi, expressed their willingness for developing a Training Module for Child Rights Paralegals. Social media posts of Webinar advertisement on Facebook was used by CSC e-Gov. Ltd in their Facebook page. DoJ encouraged field level functionaries of Legal Literacy and Tele-Law Programme for their participation.



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| SL No. | State Project   | Name of the Implementing agency   | Programmes Online  | Programmes Physical              | Resource Persons | Village covered | District covered                        | Beneficiaries |
|--------|---|---|--------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---|---------------|
| 1.     | Assam   | Law Research Institute (From 5 states)  | 1 National webinar |                                  | 11               | 9 villages      | 16 District (Two district from Tripura) | 44            |
|        | 1.2.  | SRC, Assam  | 1                  | 2                                |                  |                 | 4                                       | 83            |
| 2.     | Arunachal Pradesh   | Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Service Authority (APSLSA)                                      | 1 Online           | 5<br>1 exhibition                | 15               | 58              | 3                                       | 748           |
| 3.     | Manipur   | Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical science (JNIMS)   | 2                  | 3 Visiting Police Station        | 6                |                 | 13                                      | 163           |
| 4.     | Sikkim North district   | Sikkim State Commission of Women (SSCW)   | 2                  | 2 (94)<br>20 (SHG<br>76 members) | 2                |                 | 1                                       | 170           |
|        | Total   | 5   | 7                  | 13                               |                  | 67              | 37                                      | 1,208         |
| 5.     | National Webinar DOJ on 14th Nov. 2021<br>LRI on 8th Nov.2021 | Legal Literacy & Legal Awareness Programm<br>Reach: 13, 000<br>View: 2364<br>Engagement: 2220 | 1                  |                                  |                  |                 |   | 17,584        |
| 6.     | National on 26th November 2021                                | Department of Justice   | 1                  |                                  | 3                |                 | All over India                          | 24,082        |
|        | <b>Grand Total</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>8</b>           | <b>13</b>                        | <b>34</b>        | <b>67</b>       | <b>37</b>                               | <b>18,792</b> |

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## MANIPUR

8th November 2021, Imphal: Legal Literacy week was flagged off by Prof. Lokeshwar Singh, Medical Superintendent, JNIMS at 8.40 am in the presence of Pro. K Shantibala Devi, HOD, Psychiatry, JNIMS and it was attended by 20 participants including nurses, doctors, psychiatrists, Medical Social worker, clinical Psychologist, 3 media house, office clerk and Attendant. The 5 cars carrying banner with special features of the legal literacy week tour around 70 kilometres crossing four districts namely Imphal East, Imphal West, Kangpokpi and Senapati.



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## SIKKIM

**Legal Literacy Week** organised by Sikkim State Commission for Women(SSCW) at Sikkim Professional Nursing University on dated 10th Nov 2021.

People participated including 61 Students and 34 Faculty members



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Legal Literacy Week, organised as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav for Women at Tinchim, North Sikkim on 11th November 2021 by SSCW.

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## SIKKIM

One day legal awareness programme on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act 2013, Domestic Violence Act, POCSO Act at Village Administrative Centre, Nandu Goan, South Sikkim. Dated: 19th Nov 2021.



One Day legal awareness programme on sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act 2013, Domestic Violence Act, POCSO Act at Government College Kamrang, South Sikkim Dated: 18th Nov 2021

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## ARUNACHAL PRADESH

**(8th November to 14th November 2021)**

**Organized by Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (APSLSA)**

Legal Literacy programme was held at the Community Hall, Jerigaon West Kameng Dist. under the guidance of Shri Atum Lamnio, Remand Advocate, DLSA West Kameng and his team of LACs and PLV, Three Districts of Papum Pare, Changlang, West Kameng have been covered

Two Head Gaon Burahs (HGB) of Jerigaon West Kameng Dist. - Shri Tata Sunickjee and Shri Pem Chawang Rokpudu, volunteered for the Legal Awareness Drive held on 8th of November 2021 during which 99 rural residents were educated & sensitized on various legal topics of public interest at the village community ground, in presence of Gram Panchayat Members.

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## ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Training and sensitization of Gaon Burahs and Gaon Burihs on 12th November 2021 organized through online mode APSLSA.

79 (57 GBs, 22) from Changlang District, AP and West Kameng District, AP have participated.



## ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Exhibition at Papum Pare District, AP, Lekhi Village organized by APSLSA on 13/11/2021 to celebrate 75 Years of Judicial Administration in India. The Exhibition was a photographic voyage to the rich history of Judiciary in India and the State of Arunachal documenting the early years of the Traditional Justice System practiced in the State.



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**Shri Tata Sunickjee**, HGB Jerigaon Village, Nafra Circle on Legal Awareness drive in Arunachal Pradesh



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## ASSAM

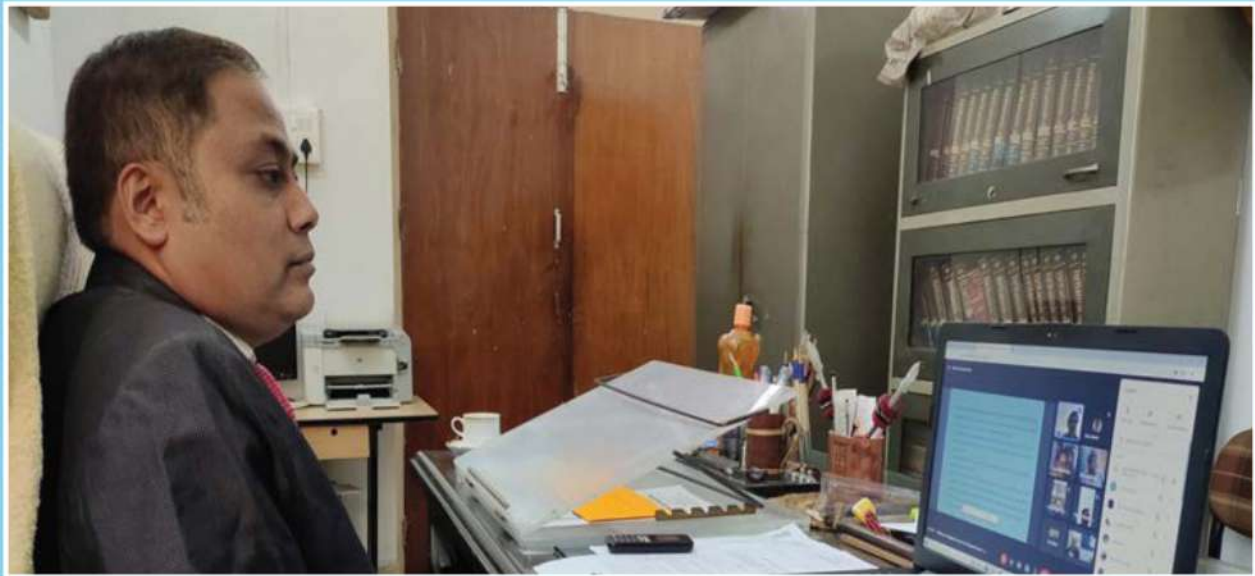
“National webinar on Regular law vis-a-vis customary law – Issues and concerns in the North East India” was organized by the Law Research Institute, Eastern Region, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati in association with DOJ on 8th November, 2021.

No. of participants including speakers: 44

People from 5 states participated Assam, Tripura, AP, Bihar, Rajasthan (5 community member) Rabha, Nyishi, Zeme Naga, Halam, Assamese

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The districts includes: Kamrup (rural), Kamrup (Metro), Barpeta, Goalpara, Nalbari, Karbi Anglong, Dima Hasao and Golaghat. People from Papum Pare, Lower Subansiri, Pakke Kissang district of Arunachal Pradesh, people from North Tripura, Khowai districts of Tripura, from north eastern region is participated in the webinar. Participants from Rajasthan and Nalanda district of Bihar were attended.



## ASSAM

Legal Literacy Programs organised by State Resource Centre, Assam on 14th Nov. 2021  
at Office of GVS Assam Moirabari Dist: Morigaon, Assam SRC,  
Assam and DOJ  
No. of participants 61

A public meeting was organized amongst PRI members, Teachers, Students, Parents, Volunteer activists. Distributed IEC folders on Legal Literacy. • National Educational Policy (NEP) • Free Legal Aids • Immoral Trafficking Prevention Act. • Food Security Act.

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## Assam

Discussion on "Sustainability and Justice"

Focus group discussion conducted in different locations under Hailakandi district amongst  
Peer Educators

No. of Peer Educators Participated-22



## Manipur

Victim's Family counselling by the Doctors of Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Science  
(JNIMS) at Thoubal District in Manipur on 14th November, 2021

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**Manipur**

**"Training & Sensitization of Stakeholders on the Issues of Child Sexual Abuse "**  
**Organized by: Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Science (JNIMS)**

Trained and sensitized: 163 people (Including College lecturer: 39; Police: 54, Victim Family: 1 (10 people), Civil Society Organizations (CSO): 50; Police Station Visit and Sensitization: 10 police (Singjamei Police Station - SDPO, OC, 2nd OC, 10)



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Live webcast available on: <https://www.facebook.com/cscscheme>

Department of Justice (DoJ) organised a webinar on Constitution Day – 26th November 2021. The webinar was organised to celebrate the Constitution Day and raise participants understanding on Fundamental Duties and Fundamental Rights. Webinar also discussed relationship between rights and duties. Considering the gravity of the subject eminent speakers from three National Law Universities were invited to deliver their lectures on suggested topics. The webinar reached out to 24,082 participants.

Webinar Objectives: (1) To raise awareness of participants on Fundamental Duties. (2) To raise awareness of participants on relationship between Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties.

- ▶ Importance of Indian Constitution for Marginalized Sections - Dr. Nigam Nuggehalli, Registrar, National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru: In his opening address, Dr. Nigam mentioned that People of India are the ultimate custodians of the Constitution and he highlighted importance of Indian Constitution for Marginalised Sections. He also deliberated upon relevant constitutional provisions (Article 14, Article 15 & Article 17) protecting rights of marginalised sections. Dr. Nigam further discussed key provisions of the Constitution - Right to Life with Dignity, Constitutional Remedies and Directive Principles of State Policy.
- ▶ Reflection on Rights vs. Duties - Prof. (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice Chancellor, National Law University, New Delhi (NLUD): Prof. Rao explained with the help of examples that Fundamental Rights are not in isolation, each right has a corresponding duty. For example Right to Education is the right of every child and there is a corresponding duty on parents/State to ensure Right to Education of children. Hence, it is important for citizen's to pay equal attention to their Fundamental Duties and not to remain focused on Fundamental Rights only. He further reiterated that Government of India is playing its role and introduced various laws and policies for protection of rights of citizens as enshrined in the Constitution of India. He also brought the perspective of Dharma and reiterated expected contributions (duties) of citizens towards nation building.
- ▶ Efficacy of Fundamental Duties in the COVID Scenario - Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey Vice Chancellor, National Law University, Mumbai (NLUM): Prof. Ukey discussed that Fundamental Duties were not there in the Constitution initially. With 42nd Constitutional Amendment, Article 51A Fundamental Duties was added in the Constitution of India. Fundamental Duties are intended to constantly remind citizens about certain democratic norms as rights and duties are interrelated and it is taken from Indian tradition, mythology, religions and practice. Prof. Ukey pointed out whenever country has faced disasters; citizens came together and collectively responded to such challenges. During COVID-19 Pandemic citizens played their duties.