



NEWSLETTER

QUARTERLY REPORT

October - December, 2019

DELHI HIGH COURT LEGAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Judge, High Court of Delhi
& Executive Chairman, DSLSA

Hon'ble Dr. Justice S. Muralidhar,
Judge, High Court of Delhi &
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SCREENING OF MOVIE "IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER" AND A DISCUSSION THEREON BY THE PANEL LAWYERS OF DHCLSC.



On 02.11.2019, a movie "In the name of the Father" was screened for the benefit of Panel Advocates of DHCLSC. After the screening, a fruitful discussion was held with respect to the pro-active role that Legal Aid Lawyers can play to ensure justice to the vulnerable sections of the society. Hon'ble Dr. Justice S. Muralidhar, Chairperson, DHCLSC along with Ld. Panel Advocates Mr. Sumeet Verma, Ms. Inderjeet Sidhu and Mr. S.S. Ahluwalia moderated the said discussion.



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Programme at Akashwani

On 14.11.2019, Ld. Secretary, DHCLSC was invited by Akashwani to have a discussion on the topic “Rights of divorced women and widows”.

AWARNESS CAMPS

1. Legal Awareness Camp at Central Jail No. 8/9, Tihar

The objective of the Awareness Camps is to give an opportunity to inmates to interact with Ld. Secretary, DHCLSC and the panel lawyers and to know their legal rights as well as legal provisions relevant for them.



On 20th November, 2019, a legal awareness camp was organized at Central Jail No. 8/9, Tihar, New Delhi. The Secretary, DHCLSC visited the jail with the panel advocates Mr. Anwesh Madhukar, Ms. Aishwarya Rai and Mr. B Badrinath. They informed the inmates about their legal rights and remedies and also answered various queries raised by them.



2. Legal Awareness Camp for Sr. Citizens

On 10th December, 2019, a legal awareness camp for Sr. Citizens was organized in association with Helpage India at Community Centre, Green Park Extension, New Delhi. Ld. Secretary, DHCLSC and Ld. Panel Lawyers, Mr. Vivek Kumar Tandon and Mr. Rahul Sagar Sahay attended the camp. More than 80 senior citizens attended the camp and Ld. Counsels apprised them about their legal rights and remedies available to them. During the interaction session, the queries raised by the Senior Citizens were answered by Ld. Secretary as well as Ld. Panel Advocates.



3. Visit to Place of Safety, Majnu Ka Tila, Delhi

On 16.12.2019, Ld. Secretary, DHCLSC, visited Place of Safety, Majnu Ka Tila and interacted with the CCLs and informed them about the free legal

services provided by DSLSA/DHCLSC. Details of CCLs lodged in Place of Safety for more than three years were also obtained to pursue their matters, expeditiously.

4. Workshop on Mental Health Education and Awareness

A workshop on mental health education and awareness was conducted on 20.12.2019 in Jail No. 5 by a Psychologist appointed by DHCLSC, Ms. Jigyasa Tandon. The workshop was also attended by Ld. Secretary, DHCLSC.



5. Visit to Place of Safety, Majnu Ka Tila, Delhi

On 24.12.2019, Mr. Harsh Prabhakar, Panel Advocate DHCLSC, visited Place of Safety, Majnu Ka Tila and interacted with the CCLs who required legal aid.

NATIONAL LOK ADALAT

In the month of December 2019, one Lok Adalat bench was constituted which was presided over by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Brijesh Sethi and Mr. K Venkatraman, Advocate. Cases pertaining to Motor Accident Claims Appeals were taken up and 40 cases were settled.

STATEMENT SHOWING SETTLEMENT OF CASES OF THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI IN THE NATIONAL LOK ADALAT:

S. No.	Date	No. of cases settled
1	14 December, 2019	40

MEDIATION AT CRIME AGAINST WOMEN CELL

With the joint initiative of DHCLSC and Delhi Police, mediators/ advocates trained by International Centre for Alternate Dispute Resolution (ICADR) rendered their services to streamline the handling of matrimonial complaints emanating from the Crime Against Women Cells. Presently, three mediation centres are working in Nanakpura, Maurya Enclave and Krishna Nagar.

STATEMENT SHOWING SETTLEMENT OF CASES AT MEDIATION CENTRES :

Month	No of matters Settled
October, 2019	35
November, 2019	25
December, 2019	31

Video Conferencing

Video Conferencing is being conducted by DHCLSC for Jail inmates from Chamber No.34 on daily basis to facilitate interaction between the arguing counsels and the jail inmates. The arguing counsels have been instructed to interact with the inmate after every date and inform the court proceedings to the inmates/convicts.

DETAILS OF VIDEO CONFERENCING SESSIONS HELD AND NUMBER OF INMATES BENEFITTED :

Month	No of Video Conferencing Sessions held	No. of inmates benefited
October, 2019	17	50
November, 2019	23	59
December, 2019	3	43

Front Office

Under the NALSA (Free & Competent Legal Services) Regulations, 2010 every Legal services institution has to have a front office to be manned by a panel lawyer and one or more para legal volunteers during office hours. In terms of said Regulations, DHCLSC has a front office which functions on every working day from 10:00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

FOOTFALL IN FRONT OFFICE

Month	Gen.	Women	SC	ST	PH	Sr. Citizen	No of Persons attended by Front office Lawyers
Oct, 2019	109	81	25	0	08	27	250
Nov. 2019	98	126	28	0	02	25	279
Dec. 2019	85	104	23	0	03	20	235

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

As per Section 7 of the NALSA (Free and Competent Legal Services) Regulations, 2010, a Scrutiny Committee has been constituted to scrutinize and evaluate the applications for legal services. The Secretary, DHCLSC is the Chairman

of the Scrutiny Committee. Ms. Aasha Tiwari, Advocate and Sh. Sidharth Mathur, DHJS are the other members of the Scrutiny Committee.

No. of sittings of Scrutiny & Evaluation committee and No. of Files scrutinized

Month	SC	ST	Women	PH	Child	Sr. Citizen	Labour	Gen.	Total No of File scruti nized	No. of sitting of scrutiny committ ee
Oct., 2019	25	0	81	08	0	27	0	109	250	18
Nov, 2019	28	0	126	02	0	25	0	98	279	22
Dec. 2019	23	0	104	3	0	20	0	85	235	20

Fresh petitions/ cases instituted with the aid of DHCLSC

During the period 01.10.2019 to 31.12.2020, 490 fresh Petitions were filed by DHCLSC.

CATEGORY WISE DETAILS OF PETITIONS/ CASES FILED :

Month	SC	ST	Women	PH	Child	Sr. Citizen	Labor	Gen	Jail Peti- tion	Total Petiti- on filed.
Oct, 2019	8	0	22	03	01	09	0	19	93	155
Nov. 2019	5	0	39	01	0	06	0	25	109	185
Dec. 2019	03	0	36	0	01	07	0	20	83	150

MONITORING COMMITTEE

A Monitoring Committee had been constituted in DHCLSC to monitor the progress and performance of all the cases dealt by legal services advocates. Presently, Ld. Secretary, DHCLSC, Mr. N Hariharan, Senior Advocate and Ms. Nandita Rao, Advocate are the members of the Monitoring Committee. Between, October 2019 to December 2019, one meeting of the Monitoring Committee was convened by DHCLSC and the cases of non-appearance were considered and necessary steps were suggested to ensure that cases of DHCLSC before Hon'ble High Court of Delhi are pursued properly.