

# **HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH**

## **“BEST PRACTICES AND ACHIEVEMENTS”** **(JANUARY-JUNE, 2021)**

In the High Court of Madhya Pradesh for “Action Plan and Monitoring” an “Arrear Committee-cum-Case Management Committee-cum-Committee for State Court Management System” has been constituted comprising of 5 Hon’ble Judges of the High Court. A permanent Secretariat constituted for the State Court Management System.

For monitoring of the Action Plan and pendency reduction in the High Court as well as in the District Courts, time to time meetings are being held by this Committee.

### **Constitution of District Sub-Committees:**

At district level 5 Judges Committee has been constituted to monitor cases pending for more than 5 years and other priority cases.

### **Pendency and Disposal of cases**

During the period of 01.01.2021 to 30.06.2021, pendency, institution and disposal trend in the High Court and Subordinate Courts of the Madhya Pradesh is as under :

### **HIGH COURT**

#### **STATUS OF ALL CASES**

Opening Balance (as on 01.01.2021)	Institution (01.01.21 to 30.06.21)	Disposal (01.01.21 to 30.06.21)	Closing Balance (as on 30.06.2021)
383784	55793	42951	396626

#### **STATUS OF CASES PENDING FOR MORE THAN 5 YEARS**

Opening Balance (as on 01.01.2021)	Institution (added) (01.01.21 to 30.06.21)	Disposal (01.01.21 to 30.06.21)	Closing Balance (as on 30.06.2021)
195415	14162	631	208946

### **SUBORDINATE COURTS**

#### **STATUS OF IN ALL CASES**

Opening Balance (as on 01.01.2021)	Institution (01.01.21 to 30.06.21)	Disposal (01.01.21 to 30.06.21)	Closing Balance (as on 30.06.2021)
1727293	454647	363273	1818667

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258173	92220	46125	301842

➤ STEPS TAKEN BY SCMS COMMITTEE

**HIGH COURT**

- ❖ As per direction of SCMS Committee, an Action Plan and Task Force has been created in the High Court, to liquidate the arrears of cases which are not live, infructuous, petty and which cannot survive.
- ❖ This Action plan was implemented on Pilot basis and reviewed in the meeting of Arrears Committee-cum-Case Management Committee-cum-Committee for StCMS.
- ❖ After review of the 'Pilot Project' and looking to the positive results, the Committee reiterated its earlier resolution and directed to continue the 'Pilot Project' till the clearance of such cases.

**DISTRICT COURT**

- ❖ **Cut off date for disposal of cases which are pending for more than 5 years, 10 years and 20 years.**
  - In the Subordinate Courts, earlier the cut off date of 31.12.2020 was fixed for disposal of cases pending for more than 5 years, 10 years and 20 years. This deadline was expired and old cases were still pending, for the main reason due to limited functioning of the courts during the pandemic of COVID-19. Therefore, the Committee fixed new cut off date i.e. 31.12.2021 for clearing the pendency of above-mentioned cases. All the Judges in the Districts have been directed to make all necessary efforts to dispose of all these cases up to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021.
- ❖ **Suitable arrangement of availability of Under Trial Prisoners through Video Conferencing for trial of their cases.**
  - District-wise number of cases of Under-Trial Prisoners who are detained in various jails of the other adjacent State(s) provided to Principal Secretary, Department of Law & Legislative Affairs, Government of Madhya Pradesh to take up the matter and correspond to the authorities of the concerning State(s) for making suitable arrangement of their availability through Video Conferencing for trial of such cases.
- ❖ **Implementation of the cause-list system i.e. cases to be taken by the courts as per cause-list.**
  - Report regarding difficulties in taking the cases as per serial number in cause-list and suggestions as to measures which be taken to ensure the working as per Cause-list was called from all the districts.
  - With intent to save the precious judicial time of every court, in compliance of the direction of the Committee, Chief System Analyst arranged the cause-list in preferential order as defined by the Committee.
  - The Committee further directed that cases be taken as per cause-list. If, any party is not appearing or co-operating, then the Court may pass appropriate judicial order as per law. Direction of the Hon'ble Committee is being followed by the Courts, where 'Pilot Project' was launched.
  - For this purpose earlier the Hon'ble Committee identified two districts for strict implementation of cause-list on 'Pilot Project' basis, thereafter looking to the positive trends in these two districts, the Committee directed to implement this 'Pilot Project' in all the 50 districts of the State.
  - The 'Pilot Project' shall be reviewed by the Hon'ble Committee after 03 months from starting of physical hearing on regular mode.
- ❖ **Monitoring of the 'State Litigation Management Policy, 2018'**
  - The Hon'ble Committee is monitoring the 'State Litigation Management Policy, 2018' of the State Government.
  - State Government informed that under the above policy, in 20 districts **Grievance Redressal Committees** have been constituted and in 11 districts, **District Level Monitoring Committees** have been constituted.
  - Further, the Committee directed the State Government to take necessary steps to mitigate the objective of the policy and to stop the unnecessary litigation.
- ❖ **'Pilot Project' pertaining to Mediation Cases**
  - The Hon'ble Committee considered the matter related to Mediation Cases and implemented 'Pilot Project' for Mediation on trial basis, on the following lines:
    - (i) On the rotation basis with the consent of Trained mediator Judge, one or more Mediator Judge will sit in the Mediation Centre on every working Saturday, subject to number of cases referred for mediation.
    - (ii) The day on which, the Mediator Judge sitting on Mediation Centre will be discounted from his working day for the purpose of counting units.
    - (iii) If the mediation succeeds, the Mediator Judge will get additional 3 units per settled case.
    - (iv) If the mediation is not successful, the Mediator Judge will not be entitled for any additional unit for such unsuccessful cases.
    - (v) The Principle District Judge / President of the DLSA shall prepare a calendar programme for Mediator Judge in advance, therefore, the board diary can be arranged by such Mediator Judge accordingly.

- (vi) The existing procedure of mediation will remain applicable along with above scheme.
- The above-said 'Pilot Project' shall be operational for 04 months from the date of its implementation and thereafter, the matter shall be placed before the Hon'ble Committee for further consideration.

➤ MAKING FIVE PLUS ZERO A REALITY

**HIGH COURT**

- A "New Scheme for Listing" was introduced in the High Court w.e.f. 06/12/2013, which has been further amended time to time. As per the existing "New Listing Scheme", old Cases are being listed in chronological order on priority basis from oldest to newer. Special Benches have also been constituted at Principal Seat, Jabalpur and its Benches for hearing old Criminal Appeals, in which accused are in jail.
- During the period of COVID-19 pandemic, in view of the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Suo Motu Writ (Civil) No. 05/2020 (In Re: Guidelines for Court functioning through Video Conferencing in view of Covid-19 pandemic)*, a Video Conferencing & E-filing Guidelines (in view of exigency caused by COVID-19) dated 15-16.04.2020 has also been issued by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of High Court of Madhya Pradesh. In accordance with this Guidelines, cases (new and old) in which applications for urgent hearing have been filed, are being listed and heard through Video Conferencing at Principal Seat Jabalpur and its Benches.
- During the period of 01.01.2021 to 30.06.2021, total 631 more than 5, 10 and 20 years old cases have been disposed of.
- As resolved by the SCMS Committee, Task Force have been created at Principal Seat and its Benches to search out the cases, which are not live, infructuous, petty and which cannot survive. In compliance of above resolution, such several cases searched out for being listed before the regular Division/Single Bench as per roster/assignment.
- Total 86 Held-up cases have been disposed of during the aforesaid period, out of them 6 cases were pending for more than 5 years.
- During the aforesaid period, total 87 Jail Appeals have been disposed of, out of them 46 Jail Appeals were pending for more than 5 years.

**SUBORDINATE COURT**

- During the aforesaid period, total 46125 more than 5 years old cases have been disposed of, out of them 5276 cases were pending for 10 years to 20 years and 664 cases were pending for more than 20 years.
- Earlier the cut off date 30.06.2020 was fixed for disposal of old cases pending for more than 5 years, 10 years and 20 years, but having regard to the limited functioning of the courts due to pandemic of COVID-19, a new cut-off date of 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021 has been fixed for clearing the pendency of such cases.

➤ INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Availability of Court Complexes, Court Rooms and Residence**

Particular	Availability as on 01.01.2021	Availability as on 30.06.2021	Actual enhancement during the period
Court Complexes	227	227	--
Court Rooms	1513	1518	05
Residence for Judicial Officers	1217	1221	04

- **Projects under construction**

Particular	Project under construction as on 01.01.2021	Project under construction as on 30.06.2021	Project completed in the period
Court Complexes	15	15	--
Court Rooms	388	405	03
Residence for Judicial Officers	143	137	06

➤ HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/FILLING-UP OF VACANCIES

- **Recruitment of Judicial Officers in the period**

- (i) Preliminary exam result of M.P. Higher Judicial Service (Direct from Bar) Exam-2020 declared on 29.05.2021 and main exam scheduled to be held on 28.08.2021 and 29.08.2021 for successful 373 candidates.
- (ii) In a peerless experiment, the High Court of Madhya Pradesh has successfully conducted the online prelims exam – 2019 Phase-II for Civil Judge Junior Division (Entry Level) on 20.03.2021 in 10 States including Madhya Pradesh, at total 83 centres, wherein 24977 candidates participated. Efforts were made to allot nearest centre to respective candidates preferably in their State. Cooperation from local Courts was sought.
- (iii) Result of the aforesaid Preliminary Exam was declared on 24.05.2021. Main Exam for successful candidates is scheduled for 13.08.2021 and 14.08.2021. Instead of Main Exam at one centre Jabalpur, now proposed exam centres at Bhopal, Indore, Gwalior and Jabalpur to avoid Covid risk.
- (iv) On 21.06.2021, advertisement published for the M.P. Higher Judicial Service Suitability Test-2021. Exam is scheduled to be held on 17.07.2021.
- (v) On 22.06.2021, advertisement published for the M.P. Higher Judicial Service (Limited Competitive Exam) 2021. Exam is scheduled to be held on 31.07.2021.
- (vi) Scheme is under preparation for the M.P. Higher Judicial Service (Direct from Bar) Exam-2021.

- **Recruitment of Officers / Employees in the High Court and District Court Establishment.**

During the period of 01.01.2021 to 30.06.2021, various vacancies as Farrash (Class-IV), Contingency Paid Employee have been filled. For Horticulturist, Junior Judicial Assistant and Stenographer Recruitment Exam-2021 scheme has been approved, advertisement is under process. For Personal Assistant, Junior Judicial Translator, Driver Recruitment Exam-2021, Departmental Exam for Senior Judicial Assistant and Junior Judicial Assistant scheme is under preparation. Recruitment process of Junior System Analyst Direct through Suitability test-2020 and Personal Secretary, Computer Operator and AG-III in the State Legal Services Authority has been completed. Advertisement for the Court Manager Exam-2019 is under process.

➤ CAPACITY BUILDING – TRAINING FOR THE JUDGES OF THE DISTRICT JUDICIARY AS WELL AS OTHER STAKEHOLDERS OF JUSTICE DISPENSATION SYSTEM.

As per the approved Academic Calendar for the year 2021, the Academy has to conduct 66 programmes — Induction Training Course for Civil Judges (Entry Level), Institutional Advance Training Course for District Judges (Entry Level) on promotion, Refresher Training Course for Civil Judges & District Judges, In-service/Mid-career Judicial Educational Programmes as well as Judicial Education Programmes for other stakeholders. These Courses/programmes are being conducted as per the Scheme for Judicial Education and Training which came into effect from 1st January, 2021.

Due to accelerated cases of COVID-19 infection, the Academy had to cancel the programmes as per the Annual Academic Calendar, 2021 scheduled in the months of April & May, 2021. However, the Induction Training Course for Civil Judges (Entry Level) of 2020 batch which were to be held in two groups in April & June, 2021 were rescheduled and on the direction of Hon'ble the Chief Justice, the Final Phase Induction Training Course for 146 Civil Judges (Entry Level) of 2020 batch was conducted in the month of May, 2021 by merging both the groups through online and other modes of telecommunication so as to complete the overall Induction Training Course within the stipulated time.

The data of training programmes conducted for Judges and other stakeholders for the said period is as follows:

Sr. No.	Name of the Program	Participants	Duration / Date
<b>Programs conducted for the Judges</b>			
1	Foundation Course (First Phase) (One Programme)	One District Judge (Entry Level) directly appointed from the Bar	04.01.2021 to 22.01.2021 (three weeks)
2	Advance Course (One Programme)	One Promoted District Judge (Entry Level)	11.01.2021 to 22.01.2021 (two weeks)
3	Induction Training Course for Civil Judges (Entry Level) (First Phase) (One Programme)	3 Civil Judges (Entry Level) of 2020 batch	15.02.2021 to 12.03.2021 (four weeks)
4	Induction Training Course for Civil Judges (Entry Level) (Second Phase) (One Programme)	4 Civil Judges (Entry Level) of 2020 batch	15.02.2021 to 12.03.2021 (four weeks)
5	Refresher Course (Four Programmes)	102 District Judges (Entry Level) appointed on promotion from Civil Judge Class I/ directly recruited from Bar in 2019	18-22.01.2021 25-30.01.2021 01-05.02.2021 and 08-12.02.2021
6	Special Institutional Training Course for Civil Judges (Entry Level) (Groups I & II) (Two Programmes)	103 Civil Judges (Entry Level) of 2019 batch	15-09.03.2021 and 22-26.03.2021 (One week each)
7	Workshop on Motor Accident Claim Cases (Two Programmes)	137 Judges dealing with Motor Accident Claim Cases	23.01.2021 and 26.06.2021 (One day each)
8	Colloquium for the District & Sessions Judge (One Programme)	39 District & Sessions Judge across the State	06.02.2021 and 07.02.2021 (two days)
9	Interactive Session on — Key issues relating to cases of Dishonour of Cheque under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (Two Programmes)	197 Judicial Magistrates	27.02.2021 and 27.03.2021 (One day each)
10	Interactive session on — Identified Legal Issues (One Programme)	Judges of all cadre	20.02.2021 (One day)
11	Training programme for creating Master Trainers among Advocates (One Programme)	35 Master Trainers	22.02.2021 (One day)
12	Induction Training Course for Civil Judges (Entry Level) (Third Phase) (One Programme)	146 Civil Judges (Entry Level) of 2020 batch	20.05.2021 to 12.06.2021 (Four weeks)
13	Interactive Session on — Key issues relating to cases under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (One Programme)	98 Judicial Magistrates with cases under PWDV Act	19.06.2021 (One day)
14	Virtual Awareness Programme on the guidelines issued by the Supreme Court in Armesh Kumar v. State of Bihar and another, (2014) 8 SCC 273 and other allied issues (Eleven Programmes)	Judicial Magistrates & Police Officers	25.05.2021, 27.05.2021, 28.05.2021, 29.05.2021, 31.05.2021 and 01.06.2021
15	Special Programme for Advocates on e-Court Project (Nine Programmes)	50 Advocates in each programme	15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 27 March, 2021 and 03.04.2021

## ➤ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### N-Step :-

- The national service and tracking of electronic process (N-Step) is made functional in the State. After purchasing 1111 number of Smart Phones have been provided to bailiffs / process servers posted at District Courts. Also, monthly CUG plan of BSNL 149/- has been provisioned for use with smart phones in order to provide seamless internet connectivity for smooth implementation of N-Step. The Admin users has been created at each District Court and N-Step App has been installed in smart phones. The necessary training have been given to all the respective users of the District Courts for use of N-Step application. Also, 77 number of predefined templates were developed by the High Court for ease of operation of N-Step application.
- Benefits and assistance from the service of processes through N-Step-
  - (i) Judicial process will become fast and easy and will help in speedy hearing / disposal of cases.
  - (ii) Time taken in presentation of processes, service and return will be saved; the processes will be served in transparent and convenient manner in less time due to the easy and quick process.
  - (iii) With the process of N-Step, the process of all the Courts will be easily and quickly served.

### Virtual Courts :-

- The process of implementation of virtual courts in the State of Madhya Pradesh is in progress. The software of virtual Courts is developed by the team of NIC and the payment module is to be integrated with the website of Cyber Treasury, Government of Madhya Pradesh. The process of integration is pending before the Treasury Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh and it is likely to be completed very soon. Once, the integration is completed, the software will be ready for implementation in the State.

### Scanning & Digitization in the High Court:-

- Elimination of Digitized records is carried out, in accordance with the rules, by a dedicated team. All freshly filed cases are scanned at Filing Centre itself and after digitally signing; the documents are uploaded on Server of the High Court.
- *Digitization of approximately 41.05 Lakhs files comprising of 16.21 Crores pages have been completed. This is a prelude to a paper-less Court (E-Courts)*
- The Digitization of 9229 Law books comprising of about 54.08 Lakhs pages was also completed which is going to help in moving towards the concept of e-Library of the High Court.
- **Total 1,44,129 files and 45,55,099 pages have been scanned from Jan, 2021 to June, 2021.**

### Scanning & Digitization in the Subordinate Courts:-

- For the purpose of digitization of District Court Records ,the rules have been framed and notified by the High Court.
- The contract regarding the scanning / digitization of records of District and Tehsil Courts has been executed by the High Court and work of digitization project is under full swing.
- Digitization of approximately 22.86 Crore pages has been completed at 40 locations (38 Districts and 2 Tehsil Courts)and in remaining District and Tehsil Courts the project is under progress.
- **Total 7,70,791 files** comprising of **6,05,09,005 Crore pages have been scanned from Jan, 2021 to June, 2021.**

### E-Filing:-

- The Facility of e-Filing has been started at High Court and District Courts.
- 4767 Advocates and 134 Litigant in person registered for e-filing process/ system.
- 480 Advocates registered for e-filing **from Jan, 2021 to June, 2021.**
- e-Filing of 400 cases done as on 30th June, 2021 at District Courts in the State.
- e-Filing of 206 cases done for the period **from Jan, 2021 to June, 2021** in District Courts in the State of Madhya Pradesh.
- In the CMIS Software of the High Court, the facility of e-filing is available since 2015, but it was rarely used by the advocates. After lockdown due to COVID-19, a further guideline was issued on 16th April, 2020 from that date this facility is effectively being used by the advocates. Apart from the e-filing, the facility of e-mail on official-ID was made available to the advocates and the parties

for placing their urgent matters. Now, e-mail facility has been withdrawn and e-filing system is working effectively. The e-filing rules have been published on 06-06-2020.

- **In the Subordinate Courts**, during the lock-down period, the guideline was issued, the e-filing through e-mail on official ID was made available to the advocates and their parties for placing their urgent matters. The facility of e-filing is in-built in the CIS 3.2 software, the implementation of the same is completed.

#### **E-Court Fee:-**

- E-Court Fee Module is operational from 15th December 2017.
- Number of online transactions for deposit of e-Court fees **at High Court** from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 are near about 24,845 in numbers and total amount of Court Fees deposited through online transaction is Rs. 2,00,41,276.
- A total amount of Court Fees deposited through online transaction **at District Courts** from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 is Rs. 22,80,10,230/-.
- Installation of near about 300 Point of Sale (PoS) Machines, at all locations including District courts and Tehsil Courts, for making online payment of court fees in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

#### **Online Payment:-**

- The facility for making online payment pertaining to court fees, RTI application, copying and other deposits is available with the website of the High Court and State Treasury Department.

#### **Technological achievements during last six months from 01<sup>st</sup> January, 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> June, 2021:-**

- Implementation of secure internet Wi-Fi network at High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Jabalpur and its Bench at Indore and Gwalior.
- Integration of Land Record database with CIS software under "ease of doing business" project.
- High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Jabalpur on 1st March, 2021 has launched "Mobile app" and "pagination software" for all the respective stake holders.
- Virtual hearing and functioning in paperless mode is successfully carried out at High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Jabalpur and Bench at Indore and Gwalior.
- Internet Lease Line Connectivity of 500Mbps Internet Leased Line has been installed which is being used mainly for Video Conferencing and Internet sharing in High Court premises. Recently, we have installed an additional 100Mbps Internet Leased Line provided by Rail-tel for fail over and load balancing purposes. In case of failure of primary Internet line, the load is automatically shifted to Rail-tel line and the functioning of the Courts would not get affected.
- Also enhancement in bandwidth at Indore and Gwalior Bench from 50 Mbps to 100 Mbps.
- Purchase of 02 number of NAS devices (300 TB capacities) of Make and Model: Dell EMC NX3340 with ME4 for High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Jabalpur has been made by the High Court for storing the digitized data of cases of High Court of M.P. and Subordinate Courts.
- Computer hardware and peripherals have been provided to the Bar Association at Jabalpur for e-awareness and for conduct of video conferencing.
- Inventory Management Software for purchasing of any electronic articles at the High Court of Madhya Pradesh for managing the warranty and auction process smoothly.
- **From 01-01-2021 to 30-06-2021 total 1,91,216 numbers of digitally signed Judgments/ Orders were uploaded in the website of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Jabalpur.**
- Approximately 1100 number of LAN points has been installed from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 at District Judiciary. Over all approximately 11637 LAN point has been made during last financial year including current year.
- The purchase of 161 Laptop Computers and an equal number of Laser Jet Printers has been made by the High Court for the newly recruited Judges of the District Judiciary.

#### **Setting up of new video conferencing system at all District and Tehsil Courts from Court of District Judge to the Court of CJM / ACJMS and Jails/ Hospitals:-**

- It is stated that on the basis of model rules for Video Conferencing for Courts forwarded by Hon'ble the Supreme Court, draft rules "Madhya Pradesh High Court Video Conferencing Rules, 2020" for the High Court of Madhya Pradesh has been prepared and will be notified soon.
- Further, for the Subordinate Courts of the Madhya Pradesh, vide gazette notification dated 01.03.2019 "District Courts of Madhya Pradesh Video Conferencing Rules, 2018" has already been notified in the official gazette of the Madhya Pradesh.

- 1864 VC system have been purchased for all District and Tehsil Courts, Jails / Sub-Jails and Hospitals.
- All the District Court complexes are having facility of Video Conferencing with Central Jails/District Jails/Sub Jails facilitating transaction of judicial business as regards recording of evidence, judicial remand and to speed up the trial. This arrangement may reduce the burden on the Police/Jail Staff and will also help in ensuring security and safety of prisoners.
- Video conferencing facility has also been extended to Civil / District Hospitals by the High Court. The installation of 51 VC units at District Hospitals has been completed.
- The Installation of 51 number of VC units at Juvenile Justice Court Complex and 4 Railway Courts is under progress, which has been delayed on account of COVID-19.
- The High Court has conducted approx 361164 number of VC during lock-down till 30.6.2021.
- The District Judiciary has conducted approx 510546 number of VC during Lock-down till 30.th June, 2021.
- Facility of Sundry deposit has been started online in the state of Madhya Pradesh through portal of state Finance Department.
- ICJS System has been implemented at District Courts in the State of M.P.
- e-Seva Kendra has started functional at 17 Districts Courts.
- Conducting online classes (e-Learning) of Trainee Judges at District Courts and Tehsil Courts and other Officers from Madhya Pradesh State Judicial Academy, Jabalpur.

### ➤ ENCOURAGING ADR

#### HIGH COURT

- Information regarding camps / Programs organized for legal aid and advice

Number of Camps	Beneficiaries
<b>7</b>	<b>988</b>

- Information regarding Mediation

Number of cases referred to Mediation	Number of cases Disposed of through Mediation
<b>66</b>	<b>19</b>

- e-Lok Adalat (Disposal at High Court Level)

Cases disposed of in the e-Lok Adalat	Person benefitted by e-Lok Adalat	Amount of settlement through e-Lok Adalat
<b>78</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>5821315</b>

#### DISTRICT COURT

- Information regarding camps / Programs organized for legal aid and advice

Number of Camps	Beneficiaries
<b>3744</b>	<b>233586</b>

- Information regarding Mediation

Number of cases referred to Mediation	Number of cases Disposed of through Mediation
<b>15804</b>	<b>2919</b>

- e-Lok Adalat (Disposal at District Court Level)

Cases disposed of in the e-Lok Adalat	Person benefitted by e-Lok Adalat	Amount of settlement through e-Lok Adalat
<b>5878</b>	<b>11035</b>	<b>760562754</b>

#### Community Mediation Training Programme

- From January, 2021 to June, 2021 the M.P. State Legal Services Authority has organized 05 online Community Mediation programme of 20 as under :



Sl. No.	Date of Training	Name of Community	Districts	No. of Participants	District n here Community Centres inaugurated
1	06 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> January, 2021	Muslim Community	Jabalpur, Shahdol, Mandleshwar Dewas, Barwani and Annuppur	16	1
2	21 <sup>st</sup> January to 01 <sup>st</sup> February 2021	Meena Community	Bhopal, Gwalior, Harda, Hoshangabad, Indore, Khandwa, Morena, Raisen and Rajgarh	08	0
3	03 <sup>rd</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> February, 2021	Kshatriya Community	Gwalior, Bhind, Morena, Khandwa, Indore, Jabalpur, Bhopal, Shivpuri and Ujjain	14	1
4	18 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> February, 2021	Bengali Community	Jabalpur	8	1
5	16 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021	Bramhana Community	Jabalpur, Seoni, Rajgarh, Gwalior, Anuppur, Umaria and Shajapur	13	1
			Total	59	4

- On 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, Refresher Course was organized for trained volunteers of Jain and Gond Community respectively.
- Under the direction of the Hon'ble Chief Justice and Patron-in-Chief, MPSSLSA and direction of Executive Chairman, MPSSLSA, for effective implementation of Women Help Desk, 03 days online Mediation Programme was organized from 09<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.
- In the aforesaid programme, MPSSLSA included In-charge Officers of the Women Help Desk posted in the various districts with the objective of justify solution of complaints received in the Women Help Desk and Dial 100 with regard to crime against woman.
- The Community Mediation Volunteers and Trained Mediators are rendering their services for online Pre-litigation mediation referred through Police Urja Mahila help desk amongst the matters received from Dial 100 and Directly to Desk.

#### Litigation Free Village

- The dormant Litigation Free Village Scheme 2000 was revived by the identification of approx 180 litigation free villages. As a positive step in this direction, a campaign launched at the litigation free villages to make them Corona Free Village and to develop them as an Ideal Village.

#### VICTIM COMPENSATION SCHEME

##### Statistical information in respect of Victim Compensation Scheme u/s 357- a Cr.PC Statistical information from Jan. 2021 to June 2021

No. of applications Received directly by Legal Services Institutions (A)	No. of applications/orders marked/directed by any Court (B)	Total No. of applications received including Court orders (A+B)	No. of applications decided	No. of applications pending	Total Settlement Amount
170	214	384	229	637	30191750/-

##### Statistical information in respect of training programmes (January, 2021 to Jun, 2021):

S.No.	Training programme conducted	No. of training programme conducted	No. of Participants
1	Panel Lawyers	74	1332
2	Para-legal Volunteers	144	3932

**Report of the Legal Services Clinics for the month of January, 2021 to Jun, 2021:**

S.No.	Institution / Place	No. of Legal services Clinics/ village Legal Care and Support Centers:	No. of persons visited the Legal Services Clinics/Village Legal Care and Support Centres:	No. of persons 'Provided assistance in Legal Services Clinics/Village Legal Care and Support Centres:
1	College/Universities	98	399	382
2	Villages	404	1698	981
3	Community Centres	168	888	261
4	Courts	60	1038	734
5	Jails	122	867	439
6	JJB	48	831	471
7	Others (Hospitals, Collectorate, CWC, OSC, Police Station, Tribunal, Janpad Panchaya, Women Help Desk)	302	2418	1971

**Working for Environment :****A Cleanliness and Conservation Campaign on the banks of Maa Narmada**

Due to mass bathing and chemical wastage, water of the Holy river 'Narmada' was deteriorating day by day. Certain districts have also registered petitions under the Public Utility Services, where it has been found that institutions have been pouring their sewage and waste material directly into the river without effective water treatment. With the intent of protection of the environment, on 21.02.2021, under the guidance of the Hon'ble Patron-in-Chief and Executive Chairman, Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority, a Cleanliness, Conservation and Awareness Campaign was initiated cumulatively in 15 Districts of M.P. by cleaning the banks and ghats of River. The target was to commence a cleanliness and awareness operation at the " Ghats" situated on the bank of the river and also to mobilize the local residents, NGO's, Students, local bodies etc. towards maintaining the purity of the river water. During the said campaign, shopkeepers at "Ghaat" were advised to maintain hygiene around their shops and also make the people aware about this.

The Legal Services Authorities across the M.P. will review the campaign by regular monitoring of Narmada cleanliness after this campaign with help of college students from Legal Aid Clinics.

**Accessibility to Good Health :****Campaign by Legal Services Institutions replenishes blood banks by 3000 units in a single day**

Under the able guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Justice and Patron in Chief of MP State Legal Services Authority, a blood donation campaign was launched throughout the State in coordination with the health department. The programme commenced with the online inauguration on 26.06.2021. It is noteworthy that the Hon'ble Division bench of High Court of Madhya Pradesh observed that only 3000 units of blood are available against the requirement of 5600 units in 112 blood banks of the State, hence it was expected that sufficient quantity of blood should be available in the blood bank in the state. For the fulfillment of this purpose on the direction of MP SLSA all DLSA organized blood donation camps in coordination with health departments and other duty holders at District and Taluka level to donate blood voluntarily.

In the period between 26th June to 3rd July 2021, 4426 units of blood have been donated. The outcome of this campaign has been hailed by all as an important step to provide accessibility to good public health to all persons.

**Public Awareness Rally organized across the State under Ayushman Bharat Scheme:**

MP SLSA took a clarion call for ensuring basic health facilities under the Ayushman, Bharat Scheme to all entitled persons in coordination with the Health Department and local administration. Recognizing that access to health is a fundamental right under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, a statewide campaign has been launched commencing from 03.03.2021 under the caption "Apke Dwaar Ayushman".

Through this step, it is expected that the MP SLSA in coordination with the Government functionaries shall successfully reach out to under-privileged people across the State and ensure their accessibility to optimum health facilities and the right to live with dignity through free treatment facilities extending up to Rs. 5 lakhs annually for every card holder.

**Empowering Women : Online inauguration of "Urja Mahila Help Desk" in 700 Police Stations of the State by Hon'ble Executive Chairman MP SLSA**

In a bid to empower women of the State and to facilitate legal help/counseling for women at various police stations across the State, M.P. State Legal Services Authority collaborated with M.P. Police for establishing women oriented help desks at 700 Police Stations in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

In this regard, online training programmes have been conducted to sensitize those police officers who would be manning these help desks. Apart from provisions of Dowry Prohibition Act, PCPNDT Act, DV Act, Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, Maintenance Act, Juvenile Justice, other Rights of Women including free legal aid and more important had a segment on empathetic communication to make the first point of contact for victims people friendly.

Further, for wider publication among the people, MP SLSA has also provided study material, pamphlets, brochures, banners etc.

The 700 Urja help desks were inaugurated on 31.03.2021 by Hon'ble the Executive Chairman MP SLSA with online presence of Director General of Police, ADGP (CAW), PS (Women & Child Development, Health) ACS (Home & GAD) and the duty holders of 700 help desks including Collectors, SPs and all DLSAs.

With this small but important step, an endeavor has been made to increase accessibility to platforms for victims especially women and children and increase faith in the justice dispensation system.

**Legal Services to Children under NALSA Scheme : Bringing Dropout Children Back to School Campaign**

In accordance with the NALSA Child Friendly Scheme 2015, Legal Services Institutions across the State have been conducting dedicated programmes for children in need of care and protection and enforcement of child rights. For this purpose, public awareness and sensitization campaigns against child marriage, child labor, child abuse have been conducted apart from organizing drawing and essay competitions.

Observing that low rate of education increases the number of school dropouts and consequently increases the incidence of child marriage creating a vicious cycle where women subsequently cease to contribute effectively to the economy not only of the family but also of the society, the Hon'ble Executive Chairman was pleased to approve the innovative Back to School Campaign. Those children who never enrolled at schools and also those children who dropped out of schools or had not attended schools for three months shall be considered to have dropped out.

Accordingly following guidelines were issued for a State wide campaign:-

- A. Identification of children who are forced to stop their education before completion of Senior Secondary Examination due to any reason, whether economical or social;
- B. Identification of the reasons for drop-out of children especially the girls;
- C. Removing difficulties which forced the children to leave their schools before completing their education up to XII standards;
- D. Getting children re-admitted in school and enabling them to continue study until they complete their education up to XII standard;
- E. Providing books, copies, stationary, bags, dresses etc. with the assistance of the State Government to these drop-out children to enable them to continue their study;
- F. Monitoring such children to ensure that they education upto XII standard;
- G. Ensuring cooperation of Education Department, Social Justice & Empowerment Department and District Administration to facilitate these children to complete their education.

Several DLSAs flagged off the "Back to School Programme" for bringing dropout children back to schools. DLSA Asholnagar took up a special drive for school children in Village Madhogarh inhabited largely by the Pardi Community.

**Helping Hands in Pandemic :**

At the Office of MP State Legal Services Authority, PPE Kits along with Masks and Handgloves were donated by Narmada Gelatin Company were handed over to Civil Surgeon Govt. Victoria Hospital Jabalpur and the Officers/officials of the Victoria Hospital participated with MP SLSA for tree plantation.

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