

UTTARAKHAND STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY



"REPORT OF 15 DAYS INTENSIVE AWARENESS DRIVE FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS"

ORGANIZED IN THE STATE OF UTTARAKHAND

FROM 16th SEPTEMBER, 2023 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

It is kindly submitted that Uttarakhand, being a mountainous State, most of youth generation from hills being migrated to other places for the purpose of education, employment and other reasons, with many villages being left only with old people, who are in great need for welfare schemes and have health and other similar issues.

Moreover, it has been found that even in the urban areas where many senior citizens are living alone and have to face myriad of challenges relating to safety, security, social, physical, mental, maltreatment and economic due to lack of familial support and social maladjustment, apart from loneliness.

In this regard, it is also kindly submitted that Article 41 of the Constitution of India lays down that the State shall, within the limits of economic capacity and development, make effective provision for securing the right to work, to education and to public assistance in case

of unemployment, old age, sickness and disablement, and in other case of undeserved want.

It is kindly submitted that National Legal Services Authority has also formulated a scheme for the Senior Citizens namely; **NALSA (Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016.**

In this context, it is kindly submitted that having considered this issue, Hon'ble the Executive Chairman, Uttarakhand State Legal Services Authority was of the view that there is a need to conduct an intensive awareness drive and other appropriate legal aid activities for the Senior Citizens throughout the State of Uttarakhand, so that Senior Citizens may be made aware about their welfare rights.

Accordingly, in order to ensure the effective implementation of the aforesaid drive at grass-root level, Hon'ble Executive Chairman, Uttarakhand State Legal Services Authority was pleased to approve to organize a **"15 Days Intensive Awareness Drive for the Senior Citizens"** in the State of Uttarakhand w.e.f. 16th September, 2023 to 30th September, 2023.

Further, to make this drive a success, various legal aid and awareness activities were to be carried out by the District Legal Services Authorities during the aforesaid period of 15 days in their respective Districts. An overview of such activities is hereunder:-

- (i) To organize awareness camps in Old Age Homes/Senior Citizens Homes, Senior Citizens Clubs or at any other prominent places with the maximum availability of Senior Citizens wherein Senior Citizens shall be apprised about the NALSA (Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme,**

2016, Welfare Laws, Welfare Schemes, Rights of Senior Citizens, Online and Banking Frauds, etc.

- (ii) To organize Awareness Programmes and Camps in Schools and Colleges, wherein youth generation shall be sensitized about the need and importance of respecting senior citizens and elderly.**
- (iii) To organize Special Medical Health Check-Up Camps for the Senior Citizens in Urban and Rural areas of the District.**
- (iv) To identify neglected and destitute Senior Citizens and efforts shall be made to provide prompt and effective legal aid and also assist them to provide other government welfare scheme through PLVs in association with concerning stakeholders.**
- (v) For the safety and security purpose, registration of tenants and servants of Senior Citizens, particularly who are living alone shall be made in association with the Police Department.**
- (vi) To ensure wider and adequate publicity of this Drive through Local T.V. Channel, Print & Electronic Media and Digital Platform.**
- (vii) To regular upload and update the news with photographs of the said Drive on the Facebook Page of DLSA.**
- (viii) To ensure the active participation and coordination of all the stakeholders during the said Drive.**

(ix) To cover the whole District during the aforesaid Drive; especially rural areas and far-flung hilly terrains.

In order to make this 15 days of Intensive Drive a grand success and in order to ensure the compliance of the directions issued by the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, Uttarakhand State Legal Services Authority, awareness programmes and camps were organized in Old Age Homes, Senior Citizen Homes, Senior Citizens Clubs, schools, colleges or at other prominent places where the maximum availability of Senior Citizens was found on the topic of **"15 Days Intensive Awareness Drive for the Senior Citizens"** by the District Legal Services Authorities in association with the Para Legal Volunteers and all other concerning stakeholders.

On the basis of the statistical information furnished by the District Legal Services Authorities relating to the said Drive, a consolidated report has been prepared and the same is hereunder:-

Name of the District	No. of awareness programmes/ camps organized in Old Age Homes/Senior Citizen Homes/Senior Citizen Clubs/other prominent places.	No. of persons attended these programmes /camps	No. of awareness programmes / camps organized in Schools & Colleges.	No. of students attended these programmes /camps	No. of Special Medical Health Check-up Camps organized for the Senior Citizens	No. of Senior Citizens benefitted by the Special Medical Health Check-up Camps
Almora	02	314	66	3265	09	1197
Bageshwar	40	1076	12	1598	89	738
Chamoli	97	2181	59	4323	01	36
Champawat	67	1727	08	411	12	59

Dehradun	45	2284	36	3837	127	9391
Haridwar	11	2256	02	200	07	427
Nainital	48	2434	65	7111	26	455
Pauri Garhwal	16	557	07	760	368	3120
Pithoragarh	12	1537 Approx.	01	85	04	850 Approx.
Rudraprayag	24	2087	24	1524	23	164
Tehri Garhwal	02	618	01	498	02	120
U.S. Nagar	78	5589	95	14477	06	525
Uttarkashi	03	118	02	128	33	1094
TOTAL	445	22778	378	38217	707	18176

It is kindly submitted that as per the District-wise reports mentioned in the above table, it is found that during the aforesaid intensive 15 days drive, **total 455 awareness programmes/camps organized** in Old Age Homes/Senior Citizen Homes/Senior Citizen Clubs/other prominent places during the period of aforesaid drive throughout the State of Uttarakhand wherein **around 22,778 persons attended these awareness programmes/camps. Total 378 awareness programmes/camps were organized in Schools and Colleges wherein around 38,217 students attended these programmes/camps.** Apart from this, total **707 Special Medical Health Check-up Camps were organized for the Senior Citizens wherein total 18,176 Senior Citizens benefited.**

Moreover, during the aforesaid **"15 Days Intensive Awareness Drive for the Senior Citizens"** ,, various other activities e.g. registration of tenants and servants of such senior citizens who are living alone, identification of neglected and destitute Senior Citizens, providing prompt and effective legal aid to them and also to assist

them to provide other government welfare schemes were also organized by the District Legal Services Authorities in association with the Para Legal Volunteers and all other concerning stakeholders.

In this regard, a consolidated report has been prepared and the same is hereunder:-

Name of the District	No. of registration made of Tenants and Servants of such Senior Citizens who are living alone in association with the Police Department	No. of Neglected and Destitute Senior Citizens identified.	No. of Neglected and Destitute Senior Citizens provided prompt and effective legal aid.	No. of Neglected and Destitute Senior Citizens assisted to provide other government welfare schemes.
Almora	03	-	-	-
Bageshwar	01	-	-	40 (Old Age Pension Scheme)
Chamoli	-	01	01	-
Champawat	01	-	-	34 (Social Welfare Schemes)
Dehradun	99	01	01	-
Haridwar	-	-	-	-
Nainital	12	-	-	-
Pauri Garhwal	-	01	01	NALSA (Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016
Pithoragarh	-	02	02	Aadhar Card, Ration Card, Income Certificate, Old age pension Scheme
Rudraprayag	53	-	-	-
Tehri Garhwal	-	-	-	-
U.S. Nagar	-	373	258	67
Uttarkashi	133	-	-	-
TOTAL	302	378	263	141

As per the above District-wise reports, it is found that **total 302 registrations of Tenants and Servants of such Senior Citizens who are living alone were made** in association with the Police Department by the District Legal Services Authorities during the period of aforesaid drive throughout the State of Uttarakhand.

Further, in compliance of the above directions, all the District Legal Services Authority identified **378 neglected and destitute Senior Citizens** and **263 neglected and destitute Senior Citizens provided prompt and effective legal aid** and **141 neglected and destitute Senior Citizens assisted to provide other government welfare schemes during the aforesaid 15 days of drive.**

It is kindly submitted that during the aforesaid 15 days of Drive, valuable coordination and active participation were provided by the District Administration, Police Administration, Social Welfare Department, Medical and Health Department, School and College Administration, Experts from IT Department and Banking and Financial Institutions.

Apart from this, active and competent services were also given by all who are associated with the Legal Services Institutions during the aforesaid 15 days of Drive.

In order to make this Drive a grand success, all the District Legal Services Authorities made wider publicity of the aforesaid 15 days of Drive through Local T.V., Channel, Print & Electronic Media and Digital Platform. Regular information and news were also being uploaded on the Facebook Page of the DLSAs.

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