



JHARKHAND STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

PROJECT  
**CHETNA**

( FOR ERADICATING THE MENACE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE/WINE/HADIA)

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## 1. Why this Project

- The phenomenal rise in drug trafficking and drug abuse amongst the youth, children and adolescents has serious implications, adversely affecting national health and economy. Curbing it is the highest priority for the State as well as the society.
- The illicit cultivation of plants wherefrom the substances/drugs are derived is an area of major concern. Generally, people are unaware of the ill effects of such cultivation.
- Although many agencies of the State as well as Non-Governmental Organizations are working in the field for eradication of drug trafficking and drug abuse, there is lack of coordination amongst them. Individual efforts of different functionaries and agencies have not achieved the desired results. Experience shows that the victims of drug abuse have no idea how to tackle the issues of treatment and rehabilitation.
- Considering the fact that Legal Services Institutions can contribute a lot to curb this menace, a resolution was passed in the 13th All India Meet of State Legal Services Authorities held at Ranchi (Jharkhand), concluding that Drug Addiction and Drug Abuse should be a major area of concern for all Legal Services Institutions and a necessity was felt to examine the issue therein.
- Article 47 of the Constitution of India mandates that State shall endeavour to bring about prohibition of the consumption except for medicinal purposes of intoxicating drinks and of drugs which are injurious to health.

## 2. Definitions

- 1) Unless the context otherwise requires:—
  - (a) “**Act**” means the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 (39 of 1987);
  - (b) “**Schedule**” means a Schedule annexed to the Scheme;
  - (c) “**Front Office**” means a room in the Legal Services Institution where legal services are made available;
  - (d) “**Legal Practitioner**” shall have the meaning assigned to it in clause (i) of section 2 of the Advocates Act, 1961 (25 of 1961);
  - (e) “**Legal Services Institution**” means the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee, a State Legal Services Authority, the High Court Legal

Services Committee, District Legal Services Authority or the Sub-divisional Legal Services Committee, as the case may be;

- (f) “**Panel Lawyer**” means a legal practitioner empanelled as a Panel lawyer under regulation 8 of the NALSA ( Free & Competent Legal Services) Regulations 2010;
- (g) “**Para-Legal Volunteer**” means a para-legal volunteer trained under the ‘National Legal Services Authority Scheme for Para Legal Volunteers’ and empanelled by a Legal Services Institution;
- (h) “**Secretary**” means the Secretary of the Legal Services Institution;

### 3. The Objectives of the Scheme

- To disseminate awareness amongst the general masses regarding the Legal Provisions, various Policies, Programmes and Schemes, in respect of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances as well as to create awareness about the ill effects of drug abuse amongst the children in schools and colleges, street children, urban slum children, injective drug user(s), families, prisoners, workers in unorganized Sector, Chemists, drug pedlars, sex workers and general masses etc.
- Organizing literacy camps for sensitizing the farmers who are carrying out permissible cultivation of various substances/source plants about the adverse health and life threatening effects of consumption of such drugs and substances.
- To spread awareness amongst the parents, teachers and students about the ill effects of the substance abuse.
- To mobilize the available infrastructure in identifying the victims of drug abuse, their treatment and post detoxification rehabilitation.
- To maintain effective coordination with the Drug De-Addiction Centres and Rehabilitation Centres etc. for better facilities and respect for the rights of the victims and to intervene, if any, breach is noticed.
- To coordinate the activities of various stakeholders working in the field.
- To ensure essential legal services to the victims of drug trafficking and drug abuse.

## 4. Plan of Action

### i) Establishment of Special Units

- JHALSA shall, within one month of the communication of this Project, establish Special Units in all the Talukas/ Mandals/ Sub Divisions in the State, consisting of young lawyer(s) to be nominated by the Chairman, DLSA, Medical Officer to be nominated by the Chief Medical Officer concerned, social worker, Para Legal volunteer and a representative of NGO(s) having done substantial work for eradication of drug menace or rehabilitation and de-addiction. The Special Units shall report to the Secretary, DLSA and work under the overall supervision of the Chairman, DLSA.
- After the constitution of the Special Units, the DLSAs shall conduct training programmes for members of the Special Units.
- The Special Units shall, in terms of the scheme, within 15 days of its constitution, prepare a Micro Level Programme to be carried out/ performed in their respective areas for tackling, intervention and prevention of drug abuse.

### ii) Assistance in de-addiction

- The Special Unit shall make awareness about the facility at De-addiction centres.
- The person in need of assistance of De-addiction Centre shall be helped in availing the services at the Centre .

### iii) Destruction

The DLSAs shall coordinate with the District Administration for the destruction of illicit cultivation of cannabis and opium as well as any other plant used to derive Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances.

- iv)** The Special Units should as far as is possible associate the Mahila Mandals and VLCPC or other women self help groups of the area in such campaigns against substance abuse.

### v) Awareness amongst Street Children

- Large number of victims of drug abuse are the street children. They are the most neglected and vulnerable class, generally abandoned and

left out by their families. Hence, they shall be taken care of on priority basis.

- The Special Units shall identify the addicted street and urban slum children and make arrangement for admitting them to De-Addiction Centre(s) or Rehabilitation Centre(s), as the case may be.

#### **vi) Co-ordination with De-addiction/Rehabilitation Centres**

- DLSA shall co ordinate with the De-addiction/Rehabilitation Centres for treatment of the victims.
- DLSA may prefer virtual counselling of patient, if there is no need for physical presence
- The Special Units will arrange and organize periodical awareness camps for the victims at the Centre . Cultural and other Socially Active Groups may be associated in such awareness camps with an aim to bring the victims to the main stream of the society.

#### **vii) Association of Reformed Drug Addicts.**

The Special Units shall identify former drug addicts in their areas and associate them in the awareness camps to share their experiences.

#### **viii) Anti Drug Clubs**

- The students of Legal Literacy Clubs of JHALSA shall be groomed to be role models for making their colleagues and family members aware of ill effects of drugs.
- The Special Units shall organize sensitization programmes through Legal Literacy clubs .

### **5. Guiding Principles**

- Our Constitution mandates us to ensure that the people live with human dignity.
- Children, women and elderly people are always most vulnerable in the family of drugs or substance addict.
- No Person can be allowed to remain a drugs or substance addict. He needs counselling and treatment.

- Legal Services Authority has duty to assist the victims to leave drugs/substance abuse.
- Legal Services Authority has solemn duty to work in close co-ordination with the Civil Administration to eradicate the menace of drugs/substance abuse or consumption of Hadia/Wine.

## 6. COMMUNITY ACTION

JHALSA shall involve the village community in bringing about an eco system as desired. This strategy provides :

- Involvement of Village Level Child protection Committee in identification of vulnerable persons/families;
- Co ordinating with the Gram Panchayat to play an active role in the awareness, counselling and treatment;
- Awareness drive amongst women and elderly persons for encouraging the victim to opt for treatment and rehabilitation;
- Involvement of the members of Legal Literacy Clubs and Legal Cadets of JHALSA in identifying the vulnerable persons in their surroundings;

## 7. Maintenance of Records

It shall be the duty of the Secretary, DLSA to maintain the records of the :

- Persons assisted;
- Kind of assistance;
- How the DLSA or the Vulnerable person reached the other;

Such record is highly helpful in evolving the best practices for JHALSA and also for the guidance of future generations.

## 8. Capacity Building of the work force

JHALSA shall commence e-learning programme for the PLVs, Panel Lawyers and other persons involved in actualization of this Project. At least one e- Training Programme shall be held on bi-monthly basis.

## 9) Any person in need of assistance may contact :

Member Secretary, JHALSA on his Mobile No. 8986601912 (this is whatsapp no. as well) or on email- jhalsaranchi@gmail.com

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