**SCHEME FOR STUDENTS LEGAL LITERACY CLUBS**

**MANIPUR STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY (MASLSA)**

**OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHEME**

**National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) –** It is one of the vision and plan of NALSA to establish Students Legal Literacy Club at Schools and colleges in order to create legal awareness, inculcate culture of obedience to law, and spread the philosophy of rule of law amongst the younger generation. Students are an integral part of our society, their participation is indispensable in creating a legally sensitized society. Students are our future, spreading awareness of legal rights and duties to the students will help in ensuring a better future.

The role of such Legal Literacy Club has been prescribed in the following schemes of NALSA;

* NALSA (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015.
* NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015
* NALSA (Legal Services to the victims of Drug Abuse and Eradication of Drug Menace) Scheme, 2015
* NALSA (Protection and Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme, 2015

**CONSTITUTION**

Literacy Club shall be established in every such High School and Colleges within the state of Manipur wherever it is expedient to do so. The club shall consist of 10-15 selected students, preferably from different classes above the standard of class VIII. One teacher shall be selected as **Teacher-in-Charge** of the literacy club to be nominated by the Principal of the school/ college. The District Legal Services Authorities shall supervise and regulate the functioning of the club situated within its respective jurisdiction. The Manipur State Legal Services Authority shall have overall supervision in all the Students Legal Literacy Clubs functioning in the state of Manipur.

**FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

Legal Literacy Class shall be organised at least once a month in every schools/ colleges where Legal Literacy club has been organised to be attended by members of Legal Literacy clubs, Teacher in charge and other students. Assistance of Advocates, Judicial Officers and Law Teachers may be taken to spread awareness on various Legal topics.

MASLSA or DLSA of the concerned district shall prepare booklets/ pamphlets suitable for distribution to the students.

The functions of School/ College literacy club include the following:

* To organise painting/ debate/ essay etc competition in their schools/ colleges on legal topics as part of legal literacy campaign
* To organise functions/ observance of special days as prescribed by DLSA/MASLSA
* To co-operate/ assist DLSA in organizing activities/ programmes involving students { NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015}
* To write about and discuss the trafficking issues with fellow students.{ NALSA (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015}
* To reach out to socially and economically backward children including tribal students to sensitize other students and teachers of the special needs of the socially and economically backward & tribal children.
* To conduct legal awareness and sensitization programme in schools and colleges in coordination with Special Unit constituted under the NALSA Scheme “NALSA (Legal Services to the victims of Drug Abuse and Eradication of Drug Menace) Scheme, 2015 to make students aware of the ill effects of drugs.
* To distribute pamphlets/ booklets on legal issues to the students or public for spreading awareness.
* To perform such function as DLSA/ MASLSA may direct in the interest of students from time to time.

**MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS**

Every Students Legal Literacy Club shall maintain the following Register apart from such other Registers that may be maintained for the sake of convenience by the respective club:-

* The Students Legal Literacy Club shall maintain a membership register for every academic year to be signed by all the members and the teacher in charge. A copy of the register shall be forwarded to MASLSA through DLSA at the end of every academic year.
* An Activity Register of the club shall also be maintained for every month stating details of the activities of the club, specifying the date, topic, members present and such other essential details as may be necessary.

***Preparation and distribution of books and reading materials:***

MASLSA will prepare booklets, reading materials, leaflets, pamphlets etc. in local language with contents appropriate to the objective of the scheme and functioning of the club and cause distribution of the same to the members of the Clubs for the purpose of awareness. The DLSAs shall help MASLSA in co-ordination with different departments such as, Education, Health and Family Welfare, Social Welfare Development, Forest & Environment, Law, Labour & Employment and other departments. Those Government Departments and N.G.Os may also render help in providing these materials, or collaborate with the MASLSA in organizing and sponsoring different legal aid programmes under the scheme.

***Supervision, Evaluation & Cash Award:***

MASLSA shall exercise supervisory function over the activities of the Clubs and shall assess and evaluate the work done by the individual clubs and may institute cash award for the Best Student at the School/College Level and also for Best Legal Literacy Club which deems fit by the Hon’ble Executive Chairman

**SAVING**

Notwithstanding anything contained hereinabove, Manipur State Legal Services Authority shall have power to alter any of the provision, introduce new provision or remove any of the provisions of the scheme or to issue guidelines to supplement or complement the provisions for the purpose of effective functioning of the club.

Sd/-

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