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On the eve of International Women's Day on 08.03.2022, the RSLSA launched a comprehensive campaign for empowerment of women folk and its economical upliftment. The idea was inspired by the theme of 2022, i.e. ***"Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow"*** as declared by the United Nations.

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. International Women's Day has occurred for well over a century, with the first IWD gathering in 1911 supported by over a million people. Today, IWD belongs to all groups collectively everywhere. IWD is not country, group or organization specific.

Indian Constitution forms the bedrock of gender justice by stressing upon Equality and Non-Discrimination for women. In spite of appropriate legislations the fight for women's rights is far from over. The implementation of the legislation leaves much to be desired. The Indian Constitution is a quantum leap in women's rights and provides for upliftment of women folk even by treating it a class apart.

It not only provides for affirmative action in favor of women, but also prohibits discrimination against them and casts obligation on society to renounce practices derogatory to women.

Campaign was to be commenced with the celebration function at some Taluka preferably in comparatively less developed area





celebrating the achievements of local women in different spheres of life by bestowing appropriate awards/distinctions and also by granting appropriate rewards/prizes; Celebration was to be inspired by the spirit of building a gender equal society. A society free of bias, stereotypes and discrimination. A society that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A society where difference is valued and celebrated.

*Together we can forge women's equality.
Collectively we can all #Break the Bias#*

Campaign included Celebrate women's achievements. Raise awareness against bias. Take measures for ensuring equality.

As said by **Gloria Steinem**, world-renowned feminist, journalist and activist "The story of women's struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist nor to any one organization but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights."

The message from Hon'ble Executive Chairman RLSA was to make International Women's Day your day and do what you can to truly make a positive difference for women and '*Break the Bias*

With the above objective in mind the Celebration Function was to be followed by launch of inter-alia, a multi-faceted activities like:

- ❖ Awareness campaign to empower the women folk through spread of knowledge of constitutional provisions aiming at ensuring gender equality and enabling provisions giving space for making laws for women's overall betterment, their enhanced representation and increased participation in public life;
- ❖ Awareness about Fundamental Duty of all the citizens to renounce practices derogatory to the dignity of the women, predominantly the menace of female foeticide, child marriage, cruelty for dowry and Bride Burning;
- ❖ Awareness campaign about their various statutory and proprietary rights;
- ❖ Statutory protection under various criminal laws;

- ❖ Awareness about various empowerment and welfare schemes of the State aiming at overall betterment of women;
- ❖ Glorifying the esteemed positions secured by women at Local, State and National Level;
- ❖ Exploring the feasibility of establishing independent Support Groups or making functional the groups from amongst Women Self Help Groups/Anganbadi Workers/Female Health Workers and alike. It is with a view of ensuring instantaneous support to the women in difficulty and safeguarding their person and property at the threshold. Such groups were to be established/made functional at every Panchayat HQ/Municipal Ward level;
- ❖ Providing legal services to all women including those are victim of any crime by launching a special drive for the day;
- ❖ Special focus on monitoring and managing the progress of the Court based cases in which legal services are provided to the women, through "Monitoring and Mentoring Committee" already functional in every DLSA;
- ❖ Grant of compensation to the women who are victims of any crime by launching a special drive for the day;
- ❖ Visit of Nari Niketans and other places of abode where women in difficulty are boarded and ensuring their well-being and early restoration with their families;
- ❖ Visit of Jails and ensuring the well-being of women inmates, both under-trials and convicts;
- ❖ Exploring early release of women under trials on bail in appropriate cases, which deserve such approach on account of some women centric difficulties or difficulties of undeserved want;
- ❖ By undertaking other activities, similar or context appropriate, as per requirement of the area concerned and of course subject to your convenience.



All the above actions were directed to be initiated in effective co-ordination/collaboration with the local administration, especially the Women and Child Development Department and Directorate of Women Authority, in view of resources constraints at RLSA's end and also to keep the entire campaign a budget friendly activity.

In the Action Plan 2022-23, the RLSA has dedicated the month of January, 2023 exclusively to girls aiming to build a society free from Gender Bias.

Investing in girl's well-being makes all countries healthier, wealthier, safer and more prosperous. Yet every day, women folk, especially the girls faces barriers against fully participating in societal activities, which the boys do not.

Persistent gender inequalities and abuse, including sexual & gender- based violence, have deprived us of a more just and better world.

24th January, the National Girl Child Day is celebrated across the nation to create awareness about the rights a girl owns and to give them opportunities like everyone else and to support the girl child of the nation and remove gender-based biases.

Adolescent girls have the right to a safe, educated, and healthy life, not only during these critical formative years, but also as they mature into women. If effectively supported during the adolescent years, girls have the potential to change the world.

A number of steps have been taken by the Government in this regard, by launching various schemes & campaigns, like:

- *Save the Girl Child,*
- *Beti Bachao Beti Padhao,*
- *Sukanya Samridhi Yojana*
- *Udaan Scheme for CBSE scholarship*
- *Free or subsidized education for girl child*
- *Reservation for women in colleges and universities*

Participation of Legal Services Institutions:

The end of violence is the prevention of violence. It is necessary to increase the awareness among parents for personal protection of girls, promotion of child protection policies in schools and prevention of sexual abuse of children at any place. Girl child, whether she is young or adolescent, is always vulnerable to defend herself. For them, specific methods have to be adopted to strengthen the protective role of families, folks and educational institutions. To end violence against girl child, it is essential to first understand the reasons behind it, and understand how those reasons are dominating the ways of eliminating them. Only then can new methods be found and the violence can be eliminated by applying the existing measures with full force. The Protection System seeks to address every aspect of the risk of child violence in the lives of all children and their families.

Every effort counts for changing the lives of girls and women for the better. The Legal services institutions can play important role by initiating programs to end gender-based violence and harmful practices; like child marriage and female feticide. DLSAs can accelerate action to achieve gender equality, women's participation and the empowerment of women and girls in all domains.

A good education is a tool that can help a girl child building a strong future for herself and her family. Access to even basic education can help empowering the girl children and help them stay abreast of the world they live in which requires masses being made aware through awareness camps to be organized at grassroots level to make aware about the importance of girl's education and to ensure their access to school.



Accordingly, the RLSA directed DLSAs and TLSCs all Rajasthan to initiate following actions :

1. A special campaign, to make people aware about the "*Beti Bachao Beti Padhao*" campaign to be initiated.
2. Meetings/workshops should be organized with the government officials of the Department of Women and Child Development to ensure the proper implementation of the various schemes launched by Govt. for benefits of the girl child.
3. In collaboration with the Department of Women and Child Development, gender equality, women empowerment, survival and protection of the girl child must be ensured.
4. Special awareness drive to be initiated aiming to eradicate practice of female foeticide.
5. Door-to-door campaign to be conducted to encourage girl child education with the help of Panel lawyers, PLVs, *Anganwadi* workers and NGOs.
6. Painting, Posters, Slogans, Essay writing competition depicting the glory of Girl Child Empowerment be held at School level, Taluka level and District level.
7. Timely Inspection Report with proper statistics be sent to this office.



RLSA has also directed DLSAs/TLSCs all Rajasthan to undertake following activities on particular days simultaneously:

02.01.2023 (Monday)	Bi-Monthly Inspection of Nari Niketan by Secretary. DLSA Monthly Inspection of One Stop Crises Centre's by Secretary, DLSA
04.01.2023 (Wednesday)	Legal awareness programmes related to-NALSA (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015
13.01.2023 (Monday)	Organize legal Literacy camps for girls (School Children), College Students (Women college) and Women on Protection of Rights of Women and Children, Domestic Violence Act, Dowry harassment, Property Rights, Marriage Laws & Right to Education.
23.01.2023 (Monday)	Legal awareness programmes related to - NALSA (Legal Services to the Victims of Acid Attack) Scheme, 2016
24.01.2023 (Tuesday)	Celebration of <i>Balika Divas</i> (Girls' Day): Awareness camps be organized in the schools/colleges at mass level focusing on important features of <i>Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao National Campaign</i> . Public at large should also be made aware of menace of female feticide and stringent legal provisions to curb the problem. A message of RLSA on this issue be sent through District Education Officer in all the schools across the State for reading out in morning prayers and assemblies.



Similarly, the RLSA has also dedicated the month of March, 2023 to Women Empowerment & upliftment and realizing the space to play a vital role by Legal Services Institutions and to initiate the following actions:

1. To run awareness and mass sensitization programmes about various Central and State laws and welfare schemes.
2. To conduct Meetings / Workshops in association with the Government Officials, entrusted a duty to ensure socio-economic development of women including Officers of the Women and Child Development Department, aiming at ensuring honest implementation of laws and welfare schemes run by the Government.
3. In co-ordination with the Women and Child Development Department, it must be ensured that Women are benefitted with various schemes of Government i.e. Swadhar, Working Women Hostel Support, Training and Employment Programme for Women, UJJAWALA, Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY), SABLA, BBBP and National Mission for Empowerment of Women (NMEW) Pravasi Shramik Majdoor Panjeekaran, Skill Register, Youth Registration, etc.
4. A team of women panel lawyer and PLV can be formed. This team can convene an informal meeting with the group of women at every panchayat to let them aware about the schemes issued by the Govt. for their upliftment. They can also enquire about the victims of domestic and sexual violence. The victims can be made aware about the legal remedies available to them and further legal help can also be provided, if needed.

5. During such visits, all facets concerning women welfare must be observed and remedial measures must be recommended to the concerned department.
6. With the help of Aanganbadi Workers, Panel Lawyers and PLVs, Door to Door campaign to be organized for spreading awareness about Government Schemes.
7. Services of Aanganbadi workers and Asha Sahyoginis may be deployed in making women aware about the importance of health and nutrition.
8. Workshops or webinar may be organized with the experts about the cause and effects of domestic violence.
9. Skill development programs may be organized at Nari Niketans.
10. To promote women empowerment various competitions may be organized at the schools and girls' college on International Women's Day falling on 8 March, 2023.
11. Timely Inspection Report with proper statistics be sent to RSLSA.
12. A Mega Legal Literacy & Empowerment Camp in the remotest village of every DLSA has to be organized on the auspicious occasion of International Women's Day falling on 8 March, 2023

RLSA has also directed DLSAs/TLSC all Rajasthan to undertake following activities on particular days simultaneously :

01.03.2023 (Wednesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bi-Monthly Inspection of Nari Niketan • Quarterly Inspection of Maternity Home by Secretary, DLSA
02.03.2023 (Thursday)	Monthly Inspection of One Stop Crises Centres by Secretary, DLSA
08.03.2023 (Wednesday)	Celebration of <i>International Women's Day</i> by organize a mega legal literacy and empowerment camp in the remotest village of every DLSA
10.03.2023 (Friday)	Organize legal literacy camps for Women rights.
13.03.2023 (Monday)	Legal awareness programmes related to - NALSA (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015
21.03.2023 (Tuesday)	Legal awareness programmes related to - NALSA (Legal Services to Victims of Acid Attacks) Scheme, 2016
28.03.2023 (Tuesday)	To take steps to eliminate all forms of violence against the girl child

Contact Details of District Legal Services Authorities & Secretaries

S.N.	DISTRICT	STD Code	Office DLSA	Official Mobile	Help Line No.
1	AJMER	0145	2943811	9358865706	8306002101
2	ALWAR	0144	2940098	9358865707	8306002102
3	BALOTRA	02988	220970	9358865708	8306002103
4	BANSWARA	02962	241547	9358865710	8306002104
5	BARAN	07453	237186	9358865711	8306002105
6	BHARATPUR	05644	228870	9358865712	8306002106
7	BHILWARA	01482	230199	9358865713	8306002107
8	BIKANER	0151	2970623	9358865714	8306002108
9	BUNDI	0747	2442533	9358865715	8306002109
10	CHITTORGARH	01472	294210	9358865716	8306002112
11	CHURU	01562	294594	9358865718	8306002110
12	DAUSA	01427	223029	9358865719	8306002114
13	DHOLPUR	05642	220162	9358865720	8306002115
14	DUNGARPUR	02964	233078	9358865721	8306002116
15	GANGANAGAR	0154	2944888	9358865722	8306002117
16	HANUMANGARH	01552	294199	9358865723	8306002118
17	JAIPUR METRO-I	0141	2200576	9358865724	8306002119
19	JAIPUR METRO-II	0141	2947155	9358510180	8306006150
18	JAIPUR DISTRICT	0141	2203090	9358865725	8306002120
19	JAISALMER	02992	294676	9358865726	8306002123
20	JALORE	02993	294337	9358865727	8306002126
21	JHALAWAR	07432	294065	9358865728	8306002127
22	JHUNJHUNU	01592	294040	9358865729	8306002128
23	JODHPUR METRO	0291	2540351	9358865730	8306002021
24	JODHPUR DISTRICT	0291	2943451	9358865731	8306002129
25	KARALI	07464	251108	9358865732	8306002130
26	KOTA	0744	2321096	9358865733	8306002131
27	MERTA	01590	220110	9358865734	8306002132
28	PALI	02932	294035	9358865735	8306002166
29	PRATAPGARH	01478	220302	9358865736	8306002134
30	RAJSAMAND	02952	221000	9358865738	8306002135
31	SAWAI MADHOPUR	07462	294301	9358865739	8306002136
32	SIKAR	01572	270048	9358865740	8306002137
33	SIROHI	02972	294048	9358865742	8306002138
34	TONK	01432	294603	9358865743	8306002139
35	UDAIPUR	0294	2940382	9358865744	8306002022
36	RHCLSC, Jodhpur	0291	2888047	9358865703	8306002140
37	RHCLSC, Jaipur	0141	2227481	9358865702	8306002122

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नया अवतार

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रोकना होगा स्वयं के विरुद्ध अत्याचार

हर एक डर को जीत कर
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