

Board of Directors of Ladakh Legal Services Authority Approves Annual Expenditure for FY 2025–26

Leh, July 18, 2026: The Board of Directors of the Ladakh Legal Services Authority (LLSA) met today under the chairpersonship of Hon'ble Ms. Justice Sindhu Sharma, Judge, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, and Executive Chairperson, LLSA, at the Conference Hall of the Ladakh Legal Services Authority, Melongthang, Leh.



The meeting was attended in person by Sh. Tsewang Tharchin, IS & AS, Commissioner/Secretary, Finance Department, Administration of UT Ladakh, Sh. Baseer-ul-Haq

Choudhary, IAS, Secretary, Department of Information and Public Relation and Sh. Gonbo Stobgyal, President, Bar Association, Leh. The following Members participated virtually; Sh. Tahir Majid Shamsi, Assistant Solicitor General, Srinagar Wing; Sh. Vishal Sharma, Assistant Solicitor General, Jammu Wing; Sh. Tariq Ahmad Qureshi, Secretary, Department of Law & Justice; Adv. Talib Hussain; and Adv. Zarina Bano.

The Board considered the Annual Expenditure incurred by the Authority during the Financial Year 2025–26 from the Grants-in-Aid received from the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and the Administration of Union Territory Ladakh.

During the meeting, Ms. Spalzes Angmo, Member Secretary, LLSA, informed the Board that the Authority had received Grants-in-Aid from NALSA under the Legal Aid Programme (LAP) and the LADC Scheme. She further informed the Board that the Authority had also received Grants-in-Aid from the UT Administration of Ladakh during the Financial Year 2025–26. The Grants were utilized for implementing various statutory programmes and activities under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

The expenditure covered legal aid services, legal awareness and outreach programmes, Lok Adalats, victim compensation, the Legal Aid Defence Counsel System, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), capacity-building initiatives, and other statutory functions of the Authority. After detailed deliberations, the Board examined the Annual Accounts and Expenditure Statement, duly prepared and certified by the Chartered Accountant engaged by the Authority, and unanimously approved the Annual Expenditure for the Financial Year 2025–26.

Addressing the meeting, Hon'ble Ms. Justice Sindhu Sharma, Judge, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, and Executive Chairperson, LLSA, emphasized transparency, accountability, and prudent financial management in the implementation of legal services programmes. She appreciated the efforts of the Ladakh Legal Services Authority in ensuring the effective utilization of

public funds and strengthening access to justice through free and competent legal services across the Union Territory.