

**PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY BY STATE LEGAL SERVICES
AUTHORITY**

During the 12th All India Meet of the State Legal Services Authorities at Lucknow in March, 2014 it was resolved to hold a 3-tier Essay Competition on Fundamental Duties by all the State Legal Services Authorities.

Accordingly, the State Legal Services Authority, A & N Islands in collaboration with the State Institute of Education (SIE), Port Blair conducted a 3-tier Essay Competition on the theme – “*Fundamental Duties of a Citizen*” for elementary level (up to class VIII), “*Fundamental Duties: Essence of a Good Citizen*” for secondary level (up to class IX to XII) and “*Importance of Fundamental Duties in Nation Building*” for college level.

The State Legal Services Authority organized a Prize Distribution Ceremony on 6th December, 2014 at 4.00 pm in the premises of the Circuit Bench of Calcutta High Court Complex, Port Blair. On the occasion, Hon’ble Mr. Justice Soumitra Pal, Executive Chairman, State Legal Services Authority was the Chief Guest, Hon’ble Mr. Justice Joymalya Bagchi, Judge, High Court Calcutta presently holding Circuit Bench at Port Blair was the Guest of Honour. Mr. G. Theva Nidhi Dhas, Secretary Law/Tribal Welfare, A & N Administration, Director Mr. R. Devdas, State Institute of Education (SIE) and many other dignitaries were also present.

Addressing the gathering, Justice Soumitra Pal, Executive Chairman of the SLSA, enlightened the students about the importance of Fundamental Duties enshrined in our Constitution. He also said, like Fundamental Rights the Fundamental Duties are equally important. Hon’ble Mr. Justice Joymalya Bagchi observed during his speech that duties are to be seen as an opportunity to serve the nation and its people with utmost sincerity and diligence. It is the duty of every citizen to develop scientific temper and effort to excel and the fundamental rights empower us to have the essence of the Fundamental Duties.

On the occasion, Ld. District & Sessions Judge and other Judicial Officers were also present.

All together 1093 students from all over the Andaman and Nicobar Islands participated in the competition which was held in 9 educational zones of this Union Territory.

The first 3 candidates from each category were selected for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. That apart, the next 5 candidates from each category were selected for consolation prizes. The winners were felicitated with a cash prize and certificates.

The prize money for elementary level (up to class VIII) was Rs. 2000/-, Rs. 1500/- and Rs. 1000/- respectively along with Rs. 500 as consolation prize for the five students.

For the secondary level (class IX to XII) – Rs. 2500/-, Rs. 2000/- and Rs. 1500/- respectively along with Rs. 750 as consolation prize for five students and college level – Rs. 3000/-, Rs. 2500/- and Rs. 2000/- respectively along with Rs. 1000/- as consolation prize for five students.

Mr. Sudip Niyogi, Registrar, High Court, Member Secretary, SLSA welcomed the gathering in the programme which concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Asit Kumar Dey, District & Sessions Judge/DLSA, Port Blair .

Prize Winners of the 3-tier Essay Competition on the Topic “*Fundamental Duties*” held by the State Legal Services Authority, A & N Islands in collaboration with the State Institute of Education, Port Blair are as under:

Elementary Level (up to class VIII)

Topic : Fundamental Duties of a Citizen

Sl. No.	Name of Student	Class	School to which attached	Rank
1.	S. Selina	VIII A	GSSS Campbell Bay	1st
2.	K. P. Aashna Miraz	-	BMMS Rangat	2 nd
3.	Anurag Roy	-	VKV Rangat	3 rd
4.	Dalia Sikdar	VII EM	GSSS Havelock 3	Consolation - 1
5.	K. Latha	--	GSSS Nimbutala	Consolation - 2
6.	P. Naseeba Bibi	VIII E	GSSS Model Port Blair	Consolation – 3
7.	Mohammed Atha	VIII B	Ummat Public School, Port Blair	Consolation – 4
8.	Deepshikha Mistry	VIII	VKZPV Pahalgaon	Consolation - 5

Secondary Level (up to class IX-XII)

Topic : Fundamental Duties : Essence of a Good Citizen

Sl. No.	Name of Student	Class	School to which attached	Rank
1.	Megha Joshy	XI A	Kendriya Vidyalaya-2	1st
2.	Nazia Praveen	IX B	GMSSS Mayabunder	2 nd
3.	Sampa Mridha	XI Arts	GSSS Havelock-3	3 rd
4.	S. Pratheeba	XI A	VKV Port Blair	Consolation - 1
5.	V. Purni	XI B	GSSS Model Port Blair	Consolation - 2
6.	Nantheni G. S.	XII C	GSSS Subashgram	Consolation – 3
7.	Mamta Suthar	X B	NCS, Port Blair	Consolation – 4
8.	M. T. Aliya Mustaba	IX B	Carmel Port Blair	Consolation - 5

College Level

Topic : Importance of Fundamental Duties in Nation Building

Sl. No.	Name of Student	Class	Institution to which attached	Rank
1.	Princy Priya	B. Sc. B. Ed (Maths) 2 nd year	TGCE	1st
2.	Pratima Devi	3 rd yr Maths	TGCE	2 nd
3.	K. Samina Moosa	B.A. English	ANCOL	3 rd
4.	Shankar Singh Yadav	2 nd yr B. Sc. B. Ed (Maths)	TGCE	Consolation - 1
5.	Sandeep Sarkar	B. Sc. Geography	JNRM	Consolation - 2
6.	Sneha Illayadarshini	BPE 2 nd yr	JNRM	Consolation - 3
7.	Anand Rao	1 st year	DIET	Consolation - 4
8.	Jay Chander	1 st year	DIET	Consolation - 5