

DURING THE YEAR 2017

(1). Setting up of a Stall by Telangana State Legal Services Authority i.e. Free Legal Aid and Advice Center in “77th All India Industrial Exhibition, 2017” at Nampally, Hyderabad:

In pursuance of spirited goal of “Access to Justice for All”, Telangana State Legal Services Authority has established a Stall i.e. Free Legal Aid and Advice Center in 77th All India Industrial Exhibition, 2017 at Nampally, Hyderabad on 05.01.2017 which was inaugurated by the **Hon'ble Sri Justice V. Ramasubramanian**, Judge, High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad and Executive Chairman, Telangana State Legal Services Authority. For purpose of rendering free legal advice and legal aid to the needy, the Telangana State Legal Services Authority has nominated 2 panel lawyers every day to attend the said stall and to render free legal services to the needy in an effective manner and the same was regularly monitored by Telangana State Legal Services Authority. In order to spread legal awareness among the public at large the TSLSA has got distributed the brochures and pamphlets on various laws, enactments and schemes including seven NALSA Schemes, 2015 to the visitors of the said stall. The said task taken by Telangana State Legal Services Authority was carried on from 05.01.2017 to 15.02.2017. As per the status report **1275 visitors from various places were benefited** by the free legal services that were rendered by the panel lawyers. Telangana State Legal Services Authority was even awarded **special prize** by the Exhibition Society.

(2). LEGAL SERVICES TO SENIOR CITIZEN:

DLSA, Medak received a petition from Smt. Yadamma (aged about 60 years) R/o Gomaram village informing that she is having three daughters (all married) and one son and that one of her daughter is blind, and that, her husband is conceding the words of his son and daughter-in-law and necked her out of the house.

She further informed that her husband is not looking after their

daughters also and given away the property to their daughter-in-law, as such, she requested for help. Upon receiving the petition, on the request of the petitioner, Para Legal Volunteers – Fareeda, Gangadevi and Manga were directed to do necessary counseling in this matter. The said PLVs approached the husband of the petitioner and counseled him. Further counseling was done by this Authority and during the counseling session, it was found that basis for this problem was the illegal intimacy between the husband of the petitioner with one of the daughter-in-law's mother. Hence, the respondent who is aged about 65 years, was given the necessary counseling as a result of which he promised to look after the wellbeing of his wife (petitioner herein) and also their daughters.

3. LOK ADALATS:

a) Petitioner by name Md.Shabuddin aged 68 years and Smt. Bhanu Bee aged 45 years, R/o. Kandi filed a petition before this Authority against V.Badhya Naik stating that Mohd. Amjad Ali who is the son of the petitioners died in a motor vehicle accident due to the rash and negligent driving of the respondent. The petitioners also informed that the deceased used to look after the welfare of the family and due to his death, they are put to severe mental pain and agony. Even after request, the respondent refused to pay compensation to them, as such they approached this Authority. After registering the case as Pre-Litigation case and issued notice to the respondent. Respondent appeared before this Authority and after counselling respondent has paid an amount of Rs.4,00,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs only) to the petitioners.

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4) LEGAL AWARENESS ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING ACTIVITIES ON NALSA'S SCHEMES AND PLVS SUCCESS STORIES)

DLSA, Medak Conducted awareness programmes at Siddipet on 22.02.2017 and at Deccan Development Society, Pasthanur Zaheerabad on

28.02.2017 and on 02.03.2017 at Shivampet and enlightened the women farmers about various alternatives modes of livelihood apart from agriculture. They were explained that they can also earn income through dairy farming apart from cultivation; provided by government for self help group members. More particularly, the farmers were impressed not to resort to suicides as it is not the solution to their problems and further, they were urged to motivate the male members of the family also not to resort to suicide, instead to search for alternative ways of earning such as poultry farming, dairy development, cattle breeding, horticulture, etc. The farmers were explained about the advantages of using organic fertilizers instead of using chemical fertilizers which are hazardous to the lives of human being. They were motivated to develop their own seeds instead of depending entirely on the government and also fall prey to spurious seeds for cultivation.

(5). COMPENSATION TO RAPE VICTIM (PLV Success Story) :

One Para Legal Volunteer Smt.Sharada who hails from IDA Bollaram was successful in helping a minor girl to receive victim compensation from the District Women & Child Development Department, Sangareddy. The parents of the victim girl are migrant labourers from Odisha residing at Jyothinagar Colony, IDA Bollaram of Jinnaram Mandal. The Victim girl was raped by her neighbour aged about 50 years. Upon coming to know about the incident the Para Legal Volunteer helped in taking necessary steps to get the accused booked for criminal offence and more particularly helped the victim girl and her parents to avail the benefits of government scheme relating to victim compensation. The accused was convicted with rigorous imprisonment for 10 years for the offence punishable under Section 6 of POCSO Act, 2012. The Volunteer was with the victim through out the proceedings and Bankers Cheque for Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only) was handed over in favour of the minor girl by the concerned department. The said amount is kept in Fixed Deposit in the name of the girl for her welfare.

(6). Rescue of victim lady by name “Rinku” from Aaramghar, R.R. district (home for physically handicapped and mentally challenged) from pathetic and inhuman situation and re-uniting her with her family in Bihar State

upon the initiation of Telangana State Legal Services Authority, Hyderabad :

On seeing the News Item published in Andhra Prabha District Edition dated 26.05.2017 with the caption "*Narakame Nayam (Hell is Better)*" wherein it was stated that a mentally challenged woman by name Rinku is confined in a dark room in Aaramghar, R.R. district (home for physically handicapped and mentally challenged) in most in-human situation in a naked condition by tying her legs with chains and she was abused sexually besides deprived of minimum daily necessities since past 5 years, then Telangana State Legal Services Authority, Hyderabad responded immediately and directed the District Legal Services Authority, Ranga Reddy District on 26.05.2017 to depute one Panel Advocate and Para Legal Volunteer immediately to look into the matter and for taking all necessary steps and to submit a detailed report to Telangana State Legal Services Authority as there is gross violation of Human Rights as well as Fundamental Rights Guaranteed under Indian Constitution.

In pursuance of the same the Chairperson, District Legal Services Authority, Ranga Reddy District has deputed one Panel Advocate Smt. G. Subhashini and one Para Legal Volunteer Smt. M. Anuradha to enquire into and to report and accordingly the said Panel Advocate and Para Legal Volunteer visited Aaramghar and submitted a detailed report to DLSA, Ranga Reddy stating that she was admitted in Aaramghar in the year 2014 and they further ascertained the living condition of the victim lady which is very pathetic as food and clothing is not properly provided to her and further stated that the video clippings shows that the victim was kept in a naked condition in un-hygienic place by tying her legs with chains and she belongs to Vyshali District, Bihar State. The said report was in turn submitted to Telangana State Legal Services Authority by concerned DLSA.

On considering the said report **Telangana State Legal Services Authority** instructed the District Legal Services Authority, Ranga Reddy district on 29.05.2017 to **take necessary steps for shifting of the said victim lady from Aaramghar to Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust, Mahila and Vikasa Kendra, Hydershawkot, Ranga Reddy district** for safe custody and further

instructed to depute one PLV to monitor the well being of lady in the said home every fortnight and report to the State Authority every month until her address is traced out. Accordingly, DLSA, Ranga Reddy district has taken necessary steps and the said **victim lady “Rinku” was shifted to Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust, Mahila and Vikasa Kendra, Hydershawkot for safe custody.**

Thereafter **Telangana State Legal Services Authority** addressed a letter to the Member Secretary, **Bihar State Legal Services Authority** on 29.05.2017 to **trace out the address particulars of the victim lady by name Rinku** who belongs to Bihar State so as to hand over her to her family members on which necessary steps were taken by Bihar State Legal Services Authority and the **address particulars of the victim girl were traced out through District Legal Services Authority, Hazipur** and in turn the brother of the victim girl by name Suboth Roy came down to Hyderabad as per the instructions of DLSA, Hazipur and approached the Telangana State Legal Services Authority through the Panel Advocate G. Subhashini and thereupon as per the directions of the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, Telangana State Legal Services Authority, a letter was addressed by TSLSA to the Chairperson, DLSA, Ranga Reddy on 14.06.2017 to handover the victim girl Rinku to District Legal Services Authority, Hazipur by deputing one panel lawyer and one para legal volunteer to accompany the victim girl Rinku along with her brother suboth Roy to Bihar so as to re-unite the victim girl with her family members. On 20.06.2017 the victim girl Rinku was handed over to her family members in Bihar State through DLSA, Hazipur and presently the victim girl Rinku is staying with her husband and daughter happily as per the report submission by DLSA, Ranga Reddy.

Thus with the active initiation and efforts made by Telangana State legal Services Authority, Hyderabad and Bihar State Legal Services Authority with the active coordination of DLSA, Ranga Reddy and DLSA, Hazipur the victim girl Rinku was rescued from in-human and pathetic situation and re-united with her family after long lapse of 12 years and thereby the Human Rights and Fundamental Rights of the victim girl are well protected.

(7). Setting up of a stall i.e. Free Legal Aid and Advice Centre from 01.05.2017 to 03.05.2017 by Telangana State Legal Services Authority, Hyderabad in First National Law Exhibition cum Workshop organized by Osmania University of P.G. College of law, Hyderabad :

Telangana State Legal Services Authority upon the prior approval of the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, TSLSA has set up a stall i.e. "Free Legal Aid and Advice Centre" from 01.05.2017 to 03.05.2017 in First National Law Exhibition cum Workshop organized by Osmania University of P.G. College of law, Hyderabad so as to create and spread legal awareness and for rendering free legal advice to the needy.

In this connection, Telangana State Legal Services Authority has deputed four Panel Advocates viz. Sri A. Balakrishna, Sri Thrigunathma, Smt. S. Nanda and Sri G. Narayana for rendering necessary legal services in the said Free Legal Aid and Advice Centre.

The First National Law Exhibition cum workshop was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Sri Justice B. Subhashan Reddy, Lokayuktha, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and where as the stall i.e. Free Legal Aid and Advice Centre set up therein by TSLSA was inaugurated by Hon'ble Sri Justice V. Eshwaraiah, former Judge, Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad.

From 01.05.2017 to 03.05.2017 about **232 visitors** of various categorizes viz. Students, law students, professors, various people from rural and urban areas has visited the stall and about **150 visitors** availed free legal advice through the panel lawyers in the said stall and are benefited.

Telangana State Legal Services Authority also distributed the legal literacy material i.e. brochures on Lok Adalat, Legal Aid, Mediation, Ragging, POCSO Act and NALSA Schemes etc. to the visitors of the stall for spreading legal awareness. Thus the task taken up by the Telangana State Legal Services Authority to carryout the objective of "**ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL**"

was successful completed.

(8) Legal Aid / Services to Convict Prisoner by DLSA, Khammam :

Sisa Ithu, belongs to Orissa state has been convicted in NDPS Case for 10 years by the Special Court at Khammam. Against the said judgment, he filed appeal before the Hon'ble High Court where he was granted Bail. But the convict doesn't know about the bail. By noticing the same, the Jail authorities at Warangal transferred the convict to Khammam District Jail. The legal aid counsel of Khammam Mobile JFCM Court noticed the same and contacted the elders of convict and informed them about Bail. At last the convict was released on Bail.

(9). LOK ADALATS:

One Senior Citizen by name **Shaik Jaanbee** (70 Years) who was neglected by her children approached the police for necessary relief. The police referred her case to the District Legal Services Authority, Khammam. Then, DLSA, Khammam took up the matter as PLC No. 39/2017 and upon conciliation and Efforts made by the DLSA, Khammam the matter was settled, the matter was settled in Lok Adalat and award was passed on 11.05.2017 wherein the children of Shaik Jaanbee agreed to provide maintenance of Rs. 1,00,000/- each to their mother towards full and final settlement of her maintenance claim.

(10) Legal Awareness Programme on Tribal Rights :

DLSA, Adilabad conducted legal literacy camps in **Kothaguda Village and Shambhuguda village** on 20th May, 2017 on **tribal rights** and the participants are enlightened about rights of the tribals and constitutional guarantees available to tribals. During the course of said legal awareness camp it was brought to the notice of DLSA, Adilabad that in **Chapralla village there is scarcity of water** and in order to fetch water they have to travel 1 ½ kilometers to get water from the stream which is situated towards down side of the hillock and people of Chapralla village are living on the hillock consequently they are facing water problem and there is lack of transport facilities, education, health etc.

On that the **Secretary, DLSA, Adilabad** appraised them about the need to shift their residence from hillock and reside at Guttaguda Village and Shambhuguda village where there is road facility, transport facility, water facility and other amenities and on that the villagers of Chaprala village agreed to come down to Guttaguda Village and Shambhuguda village so as to lead life with necessary amenities. As such upon the initiation of DLSA, Adilabad the villagers of Chaprala village realized their rights to live with all necessary amenities.

(11). Extending Legal Services to the school children in Mandal Parisha Primary School, Marriguda Village Nalgonda district upon the initiation of Telangana State Legal Services Authority :

On receipt of representation which is referred by the office of **Hon'ble Chief Justice, High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad** in OCJ Rc. No. 3577, Dt: 08.08.2017 with regard to lack of minimum amenities like drinking water facility and toilets etc. in Marriguda Village Nalgonda district, Telangana State Legal Services Authority responded immediately and directed the DLSA, Nalgonda to cause discreet enquiry and take suitable steps for providing the **amenities to the said school children** and called for report.

As per the instructions of Telangana State Legal Services Authority, the Secretary, DLSA, Nalgonda made discreet enquiries and also visited the said school and found lack of toilets and drinking water facilities to the school children in the said school. **Upon the persuasion of DLSA, Nalgonda**, the District Educational Officer, Nalgonda directed the Mandal Educational Officer, Marriguda to complete the construction of toilets within 10 days and to establish RO Plant and in the meanwhile the students are to be provided with protected drinking water and are to be allowed to use two toilets which are existed in the school and are used by the teachers. As such the basic amenities are provided to the school children in the said school and basic rights of the children are well protected in persuance of the initiation of Telangana State Legal Services Authority.

(12.) Settlement of long pending Final Decree Petition for Partition in I.A.No.

217/1980 in O.S.No. 21/1978 on the file of Hon'ble Pri. District Court, Medak, in National Lok Adalat held on 09.09.2017 at Medak:

One Adi Reddy was the common ancestor and he had two sons namely, Sai Reddy and Govind Reddy. Jogi Reddy was the son of Sai Reddy. Ram Reddy was the son of Govind Reddy. Jogi Reddy had four sons namely, Kista Reddy, Ram Reddy, Veera Reddy and Mukund Reddy. Ram Reddy s/o Govind Reddy had a son by name Sai Reddy.

The said Sai Reddy had one daughter by name Rukkamma and one son by name Kista Reddy. Mukund Reddy went as illitom son in law of Sai Reddy as he married the daughter to Sai Reddy by name Rukkamma. Mukund Reddy had four sons namely, Ram Reddy, Laxma Reddy, Narasimha Reddy and Hanumanth Reddy. Narasimha Reddy who is one of the son of Mukund Reddy went in adoption to Kista Reddy.

Due to certain mis-understandings, **Narasimha Reddy** who is one of the son of Mukund Reddy filed a Suit in **O.S.No. 1/1956** against his three brothers for partition of properties of his natural father, (Mukund Reddy) and also made a specific claim for a share over the properties of his adoptive father, Kista Reddy by ignoring the family settlement in the year 1950. But, the said Suit was dismissed by the Trial Court on 5.5.1960.

Being aggrieved by the dismissal of the suit in O.S.No. 1/1956, an Appeal was preferred before the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad in A.S.No. 240/1960 and the same was allowed on 25.08.1964 wherein, it was held that Narasimha reddy being the adopted son of Kista Reddy, shall not be entitled to any share in the properties of his father, (Mukund Reddy) and further held that said Narasimha Reddy shall be entitled for half share in the properties belonging to Sai Reddy. In pursuance of the Preliminary Decree, passed in A.S.No. 240/1960, the branch of Narsimha Reddy got filed **I.A.No. 9 /1969 for passing of final decree** and a final decree was passed by which Narsimha Reddy and his branch were allotted half share in the properties belonging to Kista Reddy which are acquired by him from his father Sai Reddy.

Aggrieved by the allotment made in I.A.No. 9/1969, Laxma Reddy s/o Mukund Reddy got filed a suit in **OS.No. 21/1978** on the file of Prl.District Court, Medak **for re-partition and for equalization of shares between the three brothers** and for allotment of his 1/3rd share in the suit properties and for eviction of Legal Heirs of Narsimha Reddy from Schedule IV A lands as mentioned in the plaint as Laxma Reddy was made to surrender more extent of land from his possession than that of his two brothers.

The said suit in OS.No. 21/1978 was decreed on 31-03-1979 and 1/3rd share was allotted to each of the sons of Mukund Reddy viz., Ram Reddy, Laxma Reddy and Hanmantha Reddy and Legal heirs of Narsimha Reddy were directed to pay mesne profits to the above persons in respect of the lands covered under Schedule IV A of the plaint as all the three brothers who are the sons of Mukund Reddy were also given a share in Schedule IV A Lands.

Aggrieved by the Judgment and decree in OS.No. 21/1978 the branch of Narsimha Reddy preferred Appeal Nos 647, 1122/1979 by way of cross objections and CRP 5317/1980 before the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad and the Hon'ble High Court by its order dated: 16-09-1987 remitted the matter to the Court below and directed to pass a final decree in OS.No. 1/1956 and it was further observed that the decree passed in OS.No. 21/1978 was set aside except for items Nos. 1 to 4 of Schedule IV A Lands. Meanwhile the legal heirs of Laxma Reddy filed I.A.No. 217/1980 in OS.No. 21/1978 requesting the court to ascertain the mesne profits for Schedule IV A lands coupled with allotment of their 1/3 rd share in schedule I,II , III ,IV A and 1/4th share in Schedule V.

During the pendency of these proceedings, the Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Medak took initiative and made efforts to bring amicable settlement between the parties for which the counsels on record and the parties were enlightened about the legal issues and the proceedings may further prolong even after lapse of **six decades** on which a settlement was arrived in between the

parties after due deliberations. The legal heirs of the respective branches agreed to forego the mesne profits over the properties and entered into an amicable settlement and the long standing dispute pending for almost six decades came to an end and award was passed in the National Lok Adalat on 09.09.2017 in accordance with the terms of settlement arrived in between the parties.

(13). Success stories on Mediation pertaining to Hyderabad Mediation centre (City Civil Court Legal Services Authority , Hyderabad)

1. One Divorce OP is filed by one K.Arjun against his wife Anusha before the family Court ,Hyderabad in OP.No. 1046/2017 which was referred for Mediation and the matter is resolved through Mediation and both the parties have agreed to live together along with their child and to lead happy Matrimonial life. As such through mediation process , the strained relations in between the spouses came to an end and resulted in their re-union and the welfare of their child is also properly safeguarded .

A suit was filed for recovery of money in OS.No. 298/2011 on the file of Chief Judge, City Civil Court, Hyderabad and the same was referred for Mediation and through the process of Mediation the matter was settled and the defendant agreed to pay Rs. 6,00,000/- (Rupees Six lakhs) to the plaintiff towards full and final settlement of the claim .

(14). Campaign for Senior Citizens “You are not alone”:

The Hon'ble Executive Chairman, Telangana State Legal Services Authority has launched a campaign for senior citizens with the caption“ **You are not alone**” during the course of State Level Convergence Meet held on NALSA (Legal Services to Sr. Citizens) Scheme, 2016. For implementation of the said campaign throughout Telangana State, Telangana State Legal Services Authority issued a circular on 01.07.2017 and directed all the District Legal Services Authorities to carryout the said campaign for a period of 10 days in each district commencing from 14.07.2017 to 25.07.2017 and accordingly the said campaign

was carried out in all the 10 districts in the state of Telangana enlightening the Senior Citizens about their rights and entitlements and welfare schemes available to them and signature campaign is also conducted as part of said campaign in the districts of Nalgonda, Medak and Warangal and Sr. Citizens are sensitized about their entitlements.

(15). Legal Awareness through Doordarshan (Yadagiri) :

Upon the initiation of Telangana State Legal Services Authority, Dooradarshan (Yadagiri) allotted a slot to Telangana State Legal Services Authority on every Thursday for 30 min. to telecaste Legal Service Programme i.e. “Nyaya Salahalu” live phone-in-programme from 06.04.2016 under public broadcasting free of charge. During the period from January, 2017 to December, 2017 total 30 live programmes were telecasted on every Thursday from 5.00 to 5.30 p.m. covering various legal aspects for spreading legal awareness among the public at large.

(16). Extending Legal Services to the neglected senior citizens upon the initiation of Telangana State Legal Services Authority

On seeing the news item dt: 03-11-2017 in _”Sakshi” news paper Main Edition, with the caption “**KODUKULA KARKOTUKALA**” as the old couple(senior citizens) by names Mutyalu and Mangamma of Laxmidevigudem were totally neglected and they are highhandedly necked out of the house by their sons on account of which they are forced to stay outside the house in the cool winter season without any kind of shelter and food, Telangana State Legal Services Authority responded immediately and directed DLSA, Nalgonda to depute one Panel Lawyer and one PLV immediately and to cause enquiries and extend necessary legal services to those senior citizens and to submit a report.

Consequently, DLSA, Nalgonda deputed one panel lawyer and one PLV and with the active efforts made by DLSA, Nalgonda, the matter was settled amicably and compromise was effected and their sons agreed to provide food and shelter to their parents. As such the rights of those senior citizens to have the basic

requirements for their sustenance are well protected upon the initiation of Telangana State Legal Services Authority.

(17). Rescue of Mentally Ill Woman and admitting her in Institute of Mental Health at Erragadda for Medical treatment by the Para Legal Volunteers of City Civil Court Legal Services Authority, Hyderabad :

On 11.10.2017 the Para Legal Volunteers by name Jyothi and Vara Lakshmi, City civil Court Legal Services Authority, Hyderabad rescued one wandering mentally ill woman by name Sonu Mousni and obtained reception order from the Judicial I Class Magistrate, Rajendranagar and admitted her in institution of mental health at Erragadda, Hyderabad for necessary medical treatment till her mental illness is cured.

(18). Disposal of long pending execution petitions in land acquisition matters upon the initiation of DLSA, Medak :

The State Government acquired Ac.3400 of land in the villages of Kyasaram, Eddu Mylaram and Indrakaran from the farmers in the year 1981 so as to establish ordinance factory and the land acquisition officer fixed compensation @ Rs. 4500/- per acre for dry land and Rs. 5500/- for acre for wet land. Aggrieved by the compensation awarded by the land acquisition officer reference was made before the court u/s 18 of Land Acquisition Act and the court enhanced the compensation @ Rs. 11000/- per acre irrespective of the nature of land and the matters were disposed of. Execution Petitions were filed from the year 1998 and they remain pending for several years as the compensation amounts were not deposited by the Government.

Thereupon the Chairman, DLSA, Medak along with the G.P. convened several meetings with Government machinery and also made correspondence and after constant persuasion the Government issued G.O. Rt. No. 1961, Dt: 04.12.2017 for Rs. 84,17,000/-, G.O. Rt. No. 982, Dt: 08.12.2017 for Rs. 45,77,059/- and G.O.Rt. No. 983, Dt: 09.12.2017 for Rs. 1,31,55,801/- and

deposited the amounts.

(19). Theater release of short films :

Telangana State Legal Services Authority is first of its kind in Telangana in taking steps for screening of the above said two Short Films i.e. 1. **“Maro Malupu” and “Parivarthana”** in Theatres throughout Telangana State through Telangana Film Development Corporation, Hyderabad for spreading legal awareness in a large scale through electronic media. The Short Film by name “Parivarthana” was released on 27.10.2017 (from 27-10-2017 to 02-11-2017) and the other short film by name “Maromalupu” was released on 03.11.2017 (from 03.11.2017 to 09.11.2017) in all Theaters throughout Telangana State.

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