

DURING THE YEAR 2019

INAUGURATION OF FREE LEGAL AID AND ADVICE CENTRE :-

A Free Legal Aid and Advice Centre was set by Telngana State Legal Services Authority at Stall No. 2047 in the 79th All India Industrial Exhibition which was inaugurated by ***Hon'ble Sri Justice V. Ramasubramanian***, Executive Chairman, TSLSA on **04-01-2019** at 6.30 PM. Member Secretary, Administrative Officer, TSLSA, Advocates, Staff Members, Office Bearers of Exhibition Society, Press and Electronic Media and visitors have attended in Inaugural function.

The flexies with different information about the legal services activities was fixed in the stall for the benefit of visitors. Pamphlets, Brochures, Booklets, Applications for legal aid, Applications for Lok Adalat etc., in vernacular language have been distributed to the visitors. The information about the stall was announced frequently through the public address system for the benefit of visitors.

On the request of TSLSA, the Hon'ble High Court was pleased to nominate the Judicial Officers of City Civil Court Unit, City Small Causes Unit and Metropolitan Sessions unit, Hyderabad to sit in the Centre from 6.00 PM to 10.00 PM everyday who provided necessary legal advice and assistance to the visitors.

The Centre has functioned at the exhibition from 04-01-2019 to 15-02-2019 i.e., till conclusion of the exhibition. Thousands of visitors have visited the Centre among them about one thousand visitors have entered their details in the visitors register placed at the Centre.

COMPENSATION ON ACCOUNT OF DEATH OF SANITATION WORKERS

A news item was published in 'The Times of India' on 10.07.2019 with the caption of "Rupees 10 lakhs relief to the elude kin of workers" reporting that a majority of the families of sanitation workers who died at work in Telangana are yet to receive Rs.10 lakhs as compensation despite Supreme Court orders which states that the solatium must be paid in all the cases of Manhole Deaths. The said publication also reported that despite the efforts of the family members of the deceased workers they are not being paid the compensation from the officials of HMWS&SB and GHMC.

On the directions of Hon'ble Chief Justice, the Member Secretary, TSLSA contacted the representative of Safai Karmachari Andolan and they approached the Authority with a request to do the needful to the families of the deceased workers. Consequently, the families of deceased workers 11 in number approached the State Authority and given separate representations requesting to direct the concerned Authorities for payment of compensation and the same is under consideration.

VISIT OF INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH, ERRAGADDA, HYDERABAD

On the directions of the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, Telangana State Legal Services Authority, the Member Secretary, TSLSA along with other Officers visited the Institute of Mental Health, Erragadda, Hyderabad on 30.07.2019. During the visit the Superintendent, IMH brought to the notice of the Member Secretary that about 71 male patients and 34 female patients have recovered from Mental Illness and declared fit for discharge and are awaiting the orders from the respective Courts since long time. The Superintendent also handed over the list of patients recovered from mental illness and fit for discharge.

On the directions of the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, the State Authority requested all the Chairpersons of DLSAs while sending list of patients who have recovered from Mental Illness and declared fit for discharge and are awaiting the orders from the respective Courts to take up all the matter on priority basis and issue suitable instructions to the

concerned learned Judicial Officers to pass necessary orders for discharge of the patients by declaring them as free citizens and to hand over them to their family members wherever available. Concerned Courts are taking suitable steps in this regard and so far the IMH has received cases the Discharge Letters from the concerned Courts.

Rescue of Two mentally ill persons from Mental Health Institute, Thiruvananthapuram, Keral State and Handed over them to their family members at Hyderabad :

On receiving information from Kerala Legal Services Authority about the admission of one male and one female mentally ill persons belong to Telangana State in Mental Health Institute, Thiruvananthapuram, the Telangana State Legal Services Authority collected the details of the two persons i.e. Mr. Dasarath, aged between 25 and 30 years of Banala village, Belmur Mandal of Nagarkurnool district and one Smt. Shakuntala, aged about 70 years of Zaheerabad of Sangareddy district. After obtaining permission from the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, TSLSA and taking the help from the Police Department, this Authority rescued the above two mentally ill persons, brought them to this Authority on 27.11.2019 and handed over them to their family members in the presence of the Member Secretary, TSLSA.

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