

## **DURING THE YEAR 2020**

### **(1). ALL INDIA INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION (AIIE):**

A Free Legal Aid and Advice Centre was established in the 80<sup>th</sup> All India Industrial Exhibition which was inaugurated by Sri G.V. Subrahmanyam, Member Secretary, Telangana State Legal Services Authority on **09-01-2020**. The Administrative Officer and Staff Members of TSLSA, Advocates, Office Bearers of Exhibition Society, Press and Electronic Media and visitors have attended the Inaugural function.

The flexies with different information about the legal services activities were kept in the stall for the benefit of the visitors. Pamphlets, Brochures, Booklets, Application Forms for legal aid, Applications for Lok Adalat etc., in vernacular language have been distributed to the visitors. The schemes promulgated by NALSA have been announced through the public address system for the benefit of visitors. Thousands of visitors have visited the Centre and about one thousand visitors have entered their particulars in the visitors register placed at the Centre.

### **(2). REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES :**

As directed by the Hon'ble Patron-in-Chief and Hon'ble Executive Chairman, Telangana State Legal Services Authority, all the District Legal Services Authorities in the State of Telangana have conducted several rehabilitation measures in coordination with NGOs and Governmental bodies. In view of the Pandemic of COVID-19 several migrant labours of different states have left Hyderabad and other districts in the State of Telangana on foot to go to their native place because of lack of transport facilities. As per the directions of State Legal Services Authority, all the DLSAs have provided shelter, food and transport facility to the migrant labours to reach safely to their native places. More

particularly, the DLSA, Medak has taken the initiative in this regard and provided food and shelter to several migrant labour for a longer period.

All the DLSAs have equally done several rehabilitation activities in the State of Telangana. As per the directions of Hon'ble High Court in the PIL, the Secretary, DLSA, Ranga Reddy has visited Medchal area and found several migrant labour awaiting for transport facility to reach their native places and accordingly, he submitted the report to the Hon'ble High Court. Finally, as per the directions of the Hon'ble High Court migrant labours were shifted to their native places by arranging trains.

The DLSA, Mahabubnagar visited the Children home and observed shortage of rice stock and due to the intervention of DLSA the matter was brought to the notice of District Revenue Officer and was resolved by issuing adequate rice quantity to the children's home.

### **(3). TIMELY RESCUE OF SENIOR CITIZENS BY THE DLSAs:**

On the basis of news paper clipping and as per the directions of the Hon'ble Patron-in-Chief, TSLSA, all the DLSAs in the State of Telangana have extended support to the Senior Citizens who are staying in the shelter homes or who were thrown out by their children into the streets. One of the incidents is that the oldage couple were left in the bus stand by their children in Warangal District. Immediately, the DLSA, Warangal swung into action and summoned the sons of the oldage parents. After due counselling, the sons received their old parents for their care and custody.

Similarly, as per the directions of the Hon'ble Portfolio Judge of Karimnagar district, the DLSA, Karimnagar went to the house of one old woman who was not allowed by their children to enter the house after her return from Maharashtra, suspecting that she might have contacted COVID-19. Due to intervention of the DLSA, Karimnagar and other officials of Government, COVID test was done. As the result was negative, due to intervention of the DLSA the

children allowed their mother into the house, after giving assurance to take care of her.

The DLSA, Khammam also rescued two migrant labour (women) with children who were stranded at Khammam. Due to intervention of DLSA, Khammam they were shifted to Annam Seva Foundation, Khammam for short stay and there after they were shifted to their native place Rajahmundry, by arranging transport facility. Similarly, the DLSA, Khammam helped the person who was cured from mental illness and provided transport arrangements to reach his native place at Orissa. The DLSA has taken initiative in arranging transport facility in coordination with police and DLSA of Kalahandi district of Orissa State.

The City Civil Court Legal Services Authority, Hyderabad also had taken initiation and rescued old woman by name Balamani who was roaming in the streets at SR Nagar. The Secretary, City Civil Court Legal Services Authority summoned the children and after counseling was done and the son has agreed to take back her, for care and custody.

#### **(4). BLOOD DONATION CAMPS DURING LOCKDOWN PERIOD :**

Most of the District Legal Services Authorities in the State of Telangana have conducted Blood Donation Camps throughout the State, more particularly for the purpose of Thalassemia patients in coordination with the NGOs and other Governmental bodies. The DLSA, Warangal in coordination with local charities and NGOs, supplied medicines worth of Rs. 2,00,000/- to the psychiatric patients during the lockdown period.

**(5).** A news item was published in Eenadu Telugu Daily on 25.07.2020 reporting that a 55 year lady resident of Film Nagar, Hyderabad who was returned to home after getting treatment for COVID-19, was necked out by her son. On noticing the said publication, the Secretary, City Civil Court Legal Services Authority, Hyderabad rescued the old lady and summoned her son and relatives.

In view of the counseling and steps taken by the Secretary, City Civil Court Legal Services Authority, Hyderabad, the son of the lady realized and received her with an undertaking to take care of her.

**(6).** A news item was published in Telugu Daily on 09.07.2020 reporting that an old woman was lying on street at Peddakothapally village & Mandal which is a remote place situated at Mahabubnagar district. The Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Mahabubnagar immediately responded and with the coordination of the officials of Woman and Child Welfare Department, Police and the Mandal Legal Services Committee, Kollapur, shifted the victim lady by name Janga Laxamma to Vishwashanti Welfare Society oldage home, Kollapur, where she was provided necessary medical aid, food, clothes etc.

**(8).** During the Pandemic situation, to identify the difficulties of tribals living in Nallamalla Agency on 07.08.2020, the Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Mahabubnagar had visited to Chenchu Pentas located in deep forest. The Secretary had visited Madimalakal, Sangatigundala and Bourapur villages located in deep forest and interacted with Chenchus. The Secretary, DLSA has reached to the last house located in deep forest. The DLSA has conducted camps and enlightened the habitants on their rights. The Secretary, DLSA has interacted with them on their difficulties and later, brought to the notice of the District Administration for effective delivery of services to the tribes, like nutrition supplements to children and pregnant woman.

**(9).** On 28.08.2020, the Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Mahabubnagar has visited the State Home, Mahabubnagar and enquired with the inmates on the facilities provided to them. It was found that one of inmates was with COVID-19, symptoms and later on the instructions of DLSA Covid Test was done and found positive. Immediately on the instructions she was shifted to hospital and further tested all the inmates who found negative. The DLSA

conducted an enquiry and found improper treatment from home incharge and as well as deficiencies in the services. The DLSA had brought them to the notice of District Collector and recruited them.

(10). On 04.09.2020, one Johnson a Social worker from Odissa Brick Klin received a telephonic information about detaining of (23) Bricklin workers by the owner of the Bricklin at Peddapalli. Immediately, he requested the DLSA to save the workers from the clutches of the owner. On receiving the information, the Chairman-cum VI ADJ of Mandal Legal Services committee, Godavarikhani directed the police to inspect the Bricklin and the police found the workers in the unit.

The owner agreed to send the workers to their Native Place in Odissa with his own expenses and accordingly the owner sent the (23) workers to Odissa and the issue was solved.

(11). A news Item under the caption “**Intinunchi Gentesharu, Nyayam Cheyandi**” was published in Eenadu Telugu News Paper on 10-09-2020 at Laxmidevipally V/o Gangadhara Mandal, Karimnagar District. As per the News Item one Shankamma and Narsaiah who are residing with their daughter Maheshwari’s were thrown out by their daughter from the said house. As per the directions of the Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Karimnagar, the Secretary, DLSA, Karimnagar visited the place and enquired about the facts with Shankamma and Narsaiah. After due counseling to their daughter and explained her about the Senior Citizen’s rights by the DLSA, as such their daughter realized and agreed to look after them.

(12). On 21-09-2020 a news item was published in Eenadu State Edition to the effect that one old women returned to her son’s house after recovery from

COVID-19, but her son and his family members did not provide shelter to her. Immediately the Chairperson, DLSA, Nizamabad directed the Secretary, DLSA, Nizamabad to visit the house and do the needful. The Secretary, DLSA, Nizamabad with her staff members proceeded to the victim's house and enquired the old woman about the pathetic situation. She stated that she was admitted in hospital for COVID-19 treatment and that her son is working as Assistant Engineer in Electricity Department. He refused to receive her after she has returned from hospital. Her son locked the house and went away by leaving her outside the house.

The DLSA registered a Pre-Litigation Case, suo-moto and issued notice to her son and secured presence of her son, daughter-in-law, husband, daughter, son-in-law and other relatives of the old woman on the same day. Then immediately counseling was given to all the members of the family in coordination with two Panel Lawyers. After day long counselling the parties could reach to an amicable settlement on the same day and executed terms of settlement and as per their settlement an award was passed for providing all facilities to the old woman.

**(13).** The Secretary, City Civil Court Legal Services Authority, Hyderabad has visited the Children Home i.e., Sishu Gruha on 18-09-2020 situated at Yousufguda, Hyderabad and verified the facilities being provided there. The said Children Home is run by Woman & Child Development. In Sishu Gruha, there are 226 children (90 male and 135 female) who are aged between days babies to 6 years. All the infants are kept in rooms. On verification, the Secretary satisfied about the arrangement made in the Home.

**(14).** City Civil Court Legal Services Authority, Hyderabad has rescued flood victims of heavy rains at Shaikpet Nala and they were given shelter in Government High School, shaikpet and provided dry ration to them. Government

also provided Rs.10,000/- monetary benefit to the flood victim who suffered partial damages. 65 persons were benefited in the programme.

**(15).** The mental ill patient Sri. Shashi Kumar (Arruri Shekar), S/o. Venkataiah (Late) was missing from Warangal due to mental ill stability and later reached State Mental Health Hospital, Sendri, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh State. On receiving information from Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority in coordination with Telangana State Legal Services Authority, Hyderabad, District Legal Services Authority, Warangal helped Sri. Shashi Kumar (Arruri Shekar) in reuniting with his mother after more than one year on 03-10-2020.

**(16).** On 02.11.2020, the District Legal Services Authority, Mahabubnagar has received a petition through online on illegal detention of workers at Bricklin situated at Devunibandatanda. The District Legal Services Authority, Mahabubnagar took cognizance of it. The Secretary, DLSA proceeded to the spot and interacted with the workers and Employer.

A camp was conducted and enlightened the workers on their rights and right of free legal services to the workers. Thereafter all the workers were freed and shifted to Shadnagar in a vehicle and later they were sent to their native places situated in Orissa State.

**(17).** On 24.11.2020, Mandal Legal Services Committee, Kamareddy received a petition through mail from Sri Thabira Baig, R/o Orissa State requesting to rescue the detained migrants brick kiln worker. On 25.11.2020, the Chairman, Mandal Legal Services Committee, Kamareddy, Nizamabad district visited ARB Mark Bricks Klin personally along with Asst. Labour Officer, Nizamabad and Sub Inspector of Police and enquired with the migrant labourers about their working conditions and alleged harassment by the owners. The migrant labourers

reported that they were detained and are not willing to stay at their work place and interested to go to their native place. After conciliation and discussions with the owner of ARB Mark Bricks by the Chairman, MLSC, in coordination with Labour Department and Police Department, (35) migrant labourers including their children were sent to their native place in Orissa State.

**(18).** On 29.12.2020, on receiving the information about child trafficking, smt. P. Eshwaramma, Para Legal Volunteer (PLV) of Hyderabad district rescued a minor girl by name Zainab and minor boy Abbas. She produced both the minor children before the Child Welfare Committee, Hyderabad and later admitted the girl child to Auxillium Navajeean Orphan Home at Bhoiguda, Secunderabad and admitted the boy child to Manchikalalu Organization, West Marredpally, Secunderabad, after counseling their parents.

**(19).** With the intervention of City Civil Court Legal Services Authority, Hyderabad and in coordination of Para Legal Volunteer Sri P. Rama Rao, the dependants of labour who died in an accident were sanctioned Rs. 6 lakhs from the Labour Department.

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