Telangana State Legal Services Authority :: Hyderabad

Success Stories From January, 2021 to December, 2021 in the State of Telangana

• A News Item was published on 05.01.2021 in Eenadu Telugu Daily News Paper of GHMC Edition, reporting that due to COVID-19 Pandamic, the husband who is the office subordinate in a private college and resident of Uppal of Hyderabad city and his wife and three children came on to the road inview of shutting down of the schools & colleges. It is also reported them while the husband went to eakout his livelihood, his family were made to starve by city in a busstop at Nizam College.

On noticing the paper clipping, the Secretary, DLSA, Ranga Reddy instructed the Panel Lawyer to enquire into the matter. In coordination with the Inspector of Uppal Police Station, the DLSA, Ranga Reddy rescued the family and provided shelter in Amma Nanna Anandasharaman of Choutuppal on 05.01.2021.

• On 21.01.2021, the DLSA, Mahabubnagar received a representation from Chencu Trible Community regarding their livelihood and lack of infrastructure for marketing the fish caught by them. In this regard, the dlsa has took initiative and brought it to the notice of officials of fisheries department. With the initiation of DLSA, Mahabubnagar a meeting was organized with the Chenchu Tribals and the officials of the Department and Lead Bank officials for providing marketing facilities and financial support.

In response to the discussions held between the officials, the steps are being taken for providing marketing facilities to the Tribal people and the same will come to reality very soon. The petitioner Sri Pulkit Sharma, R/o Hyderabad, Telangana has married Smt. Pooja Sharma, W/o Pune, Maharashtra in the year 2016. The couple was blessed with a son. The petitioner's wife has left her husband on the allegations that her husband is an alcohol addict and went to Pune to stay with her parents.

On the advice of PLV of the City Civil Court Legal Services Authority, Hyderabad, the petitioner Pulkit Sharma has approached CCCLSA, Hyderabad for pre-conciliation in his matrimonial dispute, as several efforts through elders and mediation has failed.

The matter was taken up as PLC No. 85/2020 before the CCCLSA, Hyderabad and notices were issued to the parties. The presence of the respondent staying in Pune was secured over phone with the assistance of Front office. After few sittings, the petitioner has agreed to quit the habit of consuming alcohol and under took that his parents will not quarrel with his wife and with the efforts of CCCLSA, the respondent agreed to join and an award was passed before the Lok Adalat in terms of arrived by the parties. Thus, with the intervention of City Civil Court Legal Services Authority, Hyderabad the matrimonial dispute was resolved amicably for leading a peaceful family life.

• The District Legal Services Authority, Mahabubnagar has identified hike in child marriages, child abuse, child labour etc within their Jurisdiction. Taking note of the severity of these issues, targetting the stake holders working on children issues, organised workshops on child protection laws at Narayanapet and Wanaparthy on 18.02.2021 and 24.02.2021 respectively to the members of CWC, Dist Child Protection units, Members of Spl.Juvenile Police Units, Members of Bala Raskhna Samithi, Sakhi, Members of ICDS and ICPO and other.

A news item was published in Eenadu daily news paper, caption "Vethanalu Chellinchakapothe Dt.9.3.2021 under the Andholana Udhrutham" on non payment of the salaries to the Outsourcing employees working in Rajeev Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Adilabad by the Outsourcing Agencies pending from last three months. The same came to the notice of the Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Adilabad. Immediately, the Chairman, DLSA, Adilabad in order to avoid the suffering of the patients at RIMS, Adilabad directed the DLSA to take steps. The learned Chairman directed the Director, RIMS to submit remarks in the above matter on the same day itself i.e. on 10.03.2021. Basing on the report of Director, RIMS, Adilabad, the DLSA has suo-moto registered Pre-Litigation case vide No.58/2021 against the outsourcing agencies. A meeting was held on 17.3.2021 with Labour Officer, Employment Officer, Outsourcing agencies and Union members of outsourcing employees with regard to nonpayment of salaries to the outsourcing employees for the last three months.

The DLSA, Adilabad has enquired with regard to funds allotted to the agencies and after due conciliation they have agreed by submitting their undertaking for payment of salaries within one week. The meeting resulted in calling off Indefinite Strike given by the Employees Union from 18.3.2021.

As a consequence of the above conciliation efforts, the Spark Society, Mahalaxmi Man Power Society, Durgam SC Labour Cooperative Society have made payments for three months to the concerned outsourcing employees as agreed. As on 26.03.2021 (633) outsourcing employees of RIMS, Adilabad are benefited with the efforts of the District Legal Services Authority, Adilabad. The Shakti Society has requested time for one more week for payment of salaries to its outsourcing employees. • A News item published in Eenadu Telugu Daily News Paper on **04.04.2021** titled "Smasanamlo Signalla Veta", it came to know that students of Palle Cheleka Thanda of Ranga Reddy district are conducting to online classes at Cremation / Burrial Ground situated on the outskirts of thanda due to lack of cell phone / internet signals into the thanda (Hamlet).

Noticing that the DLSA, Ranga Reddy has addressed a letter to the DEO, Ranga Reddy and enquired about the incident. The Hamlet is located and surrounded by hills in a forest area about 25 km away from mandal centre, and as there were no signals in the Hamlet, the students are conducting online classes from the cremation ground area which is under construction and no cremations are yet taken place till today and that the location is clean and hygienic.

• On 08.04.2021, the Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Khammam came to know about the plight of an old lady, by name Kancherla Mangamma, living in Kistapuram Village of Kusumanchi Mandal. The Secretary, DLSA, Khammam has rushed to the Village and shifted the old woman to Sakhi Centre, Khammam and later placed the lady at Jeevanasandhya Old Age Home, Khammam.

Notices were issued to the sons of the old lady to see the prospects of an amicable settlement in the matter.

On 01-05-2021, as per the directions of the Secretary, DLSA, one Para Legal Volunteer of Kusumanchi has visited the old age home and enquired the well being of the Old lady. Fruits, masks and sanitizer were provided to her. On visiting her, the old lady felt very happy and expressed that she is also having someone to visit her. The Para Legal Volunteer, on behalf of DLSA has assured the Old Lady of necessary assistance.

- In this month, during the second wave of Covid 19 pandemic, several people has approached the City Civil Court Legal Services Authority for Medical assistance at Hyderabad. Accordingly, the secretary attended those cases and spoke to various hospital authorities and arranged beds, Plasma and oxygen and pursued to provide proper treatment to the patients timely and also monitored Covid vaccination and Covid tests to the needy time to time and coordinated with patients, their family members and medical team and rendered service. Several covid cases at Hyderabad who are family members of various Judicial officers working in Maharashtra, Odisha and Gujarat States were also attended by the Secretary City Civil Court Legal Services Authority, Hyderabad and they were provided beds and arranged PLASMA donation and except in one case all of them were recovered from Covid and discharged. Nearly 18 patients were attended by the City Civil Court Legal Services Authority, Hyderabad and more than 300 persons were vaccinated and 100 were got tested for COVID - 19.
- One Dolamani Meher, R/o Bolangir district, Odisha state has sent a complaint through e-mail to the DLSA, Ranga Reddy requesting to rescue migrant workers belonging to Odisha state, who are working in a brick kiln situated at Maheshwaram. The DLSA, R.R. district has addressed a letter to the Deputy Commissioner of Labour, R.R. district requesting to take necessary action and submit report.

Further, the Secretary, DLSA has also visited the work site and found some workers and their children at work place. Upon enquiry, the workers stated that they were not paid amount as per the work agreement and expressed their willingness to return to their native place in Odisha. The Assistant Labour Officer, Ibrahimpatnam has also conducted enquiry and sent (16) workers along with their (6) children to their native place in Odisha State by train with travelling expenses collected from the brick kiln owner. The Secretary, DLSA has also found another group of labour belonging to Odisha State working at the same work place and they did not complain anything and are comfortable with the facilities provided by the Brick Kiln Owner.

 On 13.05.2021, one women who is mentally retarded was found at Malakpet Metro Station, One of the staff member of MLSA, Hyderabad initamated to C.I, and Dy. Commissioner, GHMC. Initially, she was shifted to Police Hospital, Malakpet for conducting Covid Test and later she was admitted in Shelter for Homeless, Golnaka, Hyderabad.

One lady along with her son were waiting at MGBS Bus stop, Hyderabad to go to their native place at Wanaparthy. No buses were there at that time. One of the staff of MLSA spoke to the Guards of Bus stop and provided food and shelter untill they get the bus to go to their native place.

• On 15-05-2021, the Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Nizamabad has received information from a N.G.O, that an elderly woman Smt. Pochamma, aged about 75 years was neglected and deserted by her sons due to which she was living along the road side of Nizamabad Town and suffering from ill health.

The Secretary, DLSA, Nizamabad along with Sakhi Centre, Police, Government Hospital Staff, Panel Lawyers, Para Legal Volunteer reached the place where the elder woman was residing, shifted her to the Government Hospital, Nizamabad for rendering required medical aid.

The Government Doctors have provided necessary first aid and opined that the old woman requires urgent eye surgery.

As follow up, the Secretary, DLSA, Nizamabad has informed the matter to the Secretary, Metropolitan Legal Services Authority, Hyderabad for providing necessary treatment to the old woman at Sarojini Devi Eye Hospital, Hyderabad. The old woman was then shifted to Sarojini Devi Eye Hospital, Hyderabad and was operated successfully on 18.05.2021. The old woman was provided with new clothes and is placed in Fatima Oldage Home at Hyderabad for her stay and to facilitate further medial check up at the Hospital.

- On 18-06-2021, One 81 year old person Sri D. Ramchandram, R/o Nizamabad has approached the office of District Legal Serviecs Authority, Nizamabad and requested to resolve the dispute and provide temporary shelter as his sons has deserted him. The Secretary, DLSA, Nizamabad upon receiving the application, addressed a letter to the Nirmala Bhavan requesting to provide shelter to Sri D. Ramchandran till the dispute is resolved. Accordingly, he was provided shelter at Nirmala Bhavan, Nizamabad.
- Upon seeing the news item published in Eenadu Daily on 22.06.2021, the Secretary, City Civil Court Legal Services Authority, Hyderabad has deputed PLVs to rescue one old woman namely Smt. Susheelamma who was abandoned by her family members. The old woman living on the streets was taken care by the

PLVs and she was provided food and medically examined. After conducting Covid test she was shifted to Mother Theressa Home for Sick and Dying Destitute.

- On 27.06.2021, basing on a news item about an old aged woman Smt. Balavva, who was found in the Bagalingampally area of Hyderabad city, the Secretary, Metropolitan Legal Services Authority, Hyderabad has instructed to rescue her. The PLVs has immediatley informed her family members and gave counseling to family members and later handed over to her children.
- One petitioner Sri Suryavanshi Satyajeet, R/o Adilabad has filed a PLC against his father who is residing in a house purchased by the petitioner for payment of due rents. Upon conciliation between the parties at the instance of DLSA, the respondent i.e. the petitioner's father have settled the dispute, and the petitioner has accepted to look after the welfare of his father and sisters. Thus the (PLC) family dispute was settled amicably.
- One Smt. Manjula has approached DLSA, Adilabad alleging additional dowry harassment by her husband and requested for amicable settlement. Conciliation was done at the instance of DLSA between the couple and as a result, the husband has agreed to look after his wife well in future without causing any inconvenience to her.
- An old aged woman Smt. K. Droupathi has approached DLSA, Adilabad alleging harassment by her daughter-in-law. The matter was taken up as PLC, and upon conciliation, the daughter-in-law has agreed to take care of her mother-in-law.

 One tribal woman Smt. M. Shyamala Namdev has approached District Legal Services Authority, Adilabad with regard to sharing of her late husband's service benefits who worked as Teacher at a tribal welfare primary school in the district.

Upon conciliatory efforts of the DLSA, the rival parties has agreed to share the pension benefits, appointment on compassionate grounds, sharing of gratuity fund and also to clear off the debts of husband, amicably.

- One petitioner Smt. Yakanpally Ramadevi has filed a petition before the DLSA, Adilabad stating that her father died on 12.11.2020 while working as Police Constable leaving behind the petitioner and her brother N. Ravi as legal heirs. The petitioner further submitted that her brother promised her to give 60% of death benefits of their father, but failed to to so. After issuing notice, both the parties appeared before the DLSA and after conciliation efforts, the brother of the petitioner paid the balance amount to the petitioner, and settled the matter amicably.
- On 28.08.2021, the PLV of City Civil Court Legal Services Authority, Hyderabad has rescued a senior citizen who was lying down on footpath and begging on the roads. After testing of CORONA-19, the PLV joined him in Good Samaritans India Old Age Home, Hyderabad for shelter.
- <u>Bharat Ka Amrit Mahotsav</u>: As per the directions of National Legal Services Authority, New Delhi, the Telangana State Legal Services Authority has instructed all the Legal Services Institutions in the State, that awareness programmes including Lok Adalats and other related seminars, webinars will be part of "Azadi ka Amrit

Mahotsav" and send report with colour photographs as soon as such events or programmes are conducted.

 On 23.09.2021, as per the instructions of the Secretary, City Civil Court Legal Services Authority, Hyderabad, one PLV found one minor girl E. Swapna, aged about 14 years at Siddipet and rescued her on enquiry the girl stated that she was married forcibly to one Mallesh, aged about 40 years, Siddipet district and was harassed by her in-laws both mentally and physically and as a result, she left her in-laws house.

The PLV lodged a Zero FIR in the Police Station and the minor girl was sent to Rehabilitation Centre of Bharosa, and later shifted to girls homes.

• Insurance Cards provided to Building Workers :

As part of the Pan India Awareness and Out reach Programme on 01.11.2021, on noticing that the Building Workers were not provided Insurance Cards, the MLSC Madhira, made efforts and provided the Insurance Cards to the building workers in coordination with the Officials of the Labour Department.

<u>Divorced woman got maintenance of Rs.9 lakhs from her</u> <u>husband :</u>

As part of the Pan India Awareness and Out reach programme a divorced woman has approached the Special Team Members during the village visit on 02.11.2021, requesting for payment of maintenance from her husband, who has refused to pay on the ground that their marriage was dissolved.

The matter was taken up as PLC SR No.360/2021 by DLSA, Khammam and after prolonged negotiations, the divorced husband has paid an amount of Rs. 9,00,000/- to the woman and an award was passed accordingly.

• <u>Neglected parents are taken care of by son :</u>

On the occasion of Pan India Awareness and Out reach Programme as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahostav, District Legal Services Authority, Karimnagar has conducted a programmes at Manakondur Mandal. Manakondur team has received a phone call on 06-11-2021 evening from Pachunur Village of Manakondur Mandal, Karimnagar District to the effect that one Mudagana Komurariah was not look after his parents.

The team members have visited the village on 07.11.2021 and conducted counseling with the cooperation of the local police, wherein the son agreed to look after his parents well thereafter.

• <u>Old woman got wheel chair with the help of DLSA :</u>

During the Pan India Awareness Campaign, an old aged woman has approached the DLSA, Warangal for providing wheel chair to her and on the efforts made by DLSA, the District Welfare Officer sanctioned the wheel chair and the same was distributed to the old woman during the Module Camp conducted on 13.11.2021.

• <u>Neglected woman brought to SAKHI Shelter Centre :</u>

On 13.11.2021, a news item was published in Enadu Telugu under the caption "Nyayam Cheyalani Vrudduralu Vedukolu" wherein it was reported that one Anasurya has two daughters who are reside at Konapur Village of Sarangapur Mandal and another is in Bhupalapalli District and after some time, neither of them looked after her and then she approached the Surpanch of the village to join her in a Old age home.

On noticing the said new item, the Chairman, Mandal Legal Services Committee, Jagtial, requested Sri Illaiah, Advocate and Akula Jamuna, Sarpanch to attend the issue. Then both of them went to the village and got admitted Anasurya in the SAKHI Centre at Jagtial.

• Amicable settlement between the parties in a criminal case :

During the Pan India Awareness Campaign, the complainant Karrolla Srinivas approached the MLSC Gajwel for settlement for the offence u/Sec. 420 IPC filed against the accused. After negotiations with the both parties, the matter was settled and the case was referred to Lok Adalat where an award was passed on 11.11.2021.

• The plaintiffs in OS.No.19/21,20/21,21/21 and 22/21 have filed suits for specific performance of the contract Dt. 21.01.2019 and for Perpetual Injunction pending on the file of Hon'ble II Addl. District and Sessions Judge's Court, Mahabubnagar.

At the stage of trial, the Court identified that there is chance of settlement in the Lok Adalat and the matter was referred to Lok Adalat. The Presiding Officer upon conciliation, settled the matter amicably and both the parties who filed Joint Memo in all the four (04) suits and the parties, agreed to receive a huge amount of Rs. 1,85,00,000/-.