

Our Activities & Achievements.

I feel privileged to present this issue before our esteemed readers. Last time was published in 2005. This year has been full of achievements, thanks to leadership of our visionary Chief Justice/Patron-in-Chief Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.N. Gokhle and the Plans executed meticulously by our Executive Chairman Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.R. Alam.

Article 14, 21, 22 and 39-A have made "Access to justice for all" equally, the fundamental right and treating Legal Aid not a charity but a pious obligation, with an underlying idea to resolve the disputes lessening the burden of Courts, enabling them to decide only triable, genuine controversies and educating people about their legal rights; State Authority has designed its programme, with a view to reaffirm our commitment of "Justice to the people" as envisaged in the Constitution.

The State Authority is implementing schemes and various legal service programmes under the Act through 70 District Legal Services Authorities, 300 Tehsil Legal Services Committees, 2 High Court Legal Services Committees and 2 Mediation Centres.

- A. Mediation Centres have been established in Allahabad High Court as well as Lucknow Bench.
- B. Bagpat, Auraiya and Sant Kabir Nagar have been notified as District Legal Services Authority.
- C. Seven Tehsil Legal Services Committees have been notified at Iglas, Tahrauli, Palia, Tundla, Behat, Rudhauli & Tanda.
- D. Permanent Lok Adalats have been notified at Agra, Azamgarh, Kanpur Nagar, Gorakhpur, Jhansi, Moradabad, Meerut, Lucknow, Varanasi, Shaharanpur, Faizabad, Bareilly, Basti, Mirzapur, Gonda, Allahabad, Chitrakoot, Aligarh, Ghaziabad, Bulandshahar, Kanpur Dehat, Shahjahanpur & Raebareli in first phase.
- E. Mediation Centres in 11 Districts Lucknow, Kanpur Nagar, Allahabad, Meerut, Agra, Gorakhpur, Varanasi, Bareilly, Aligarh, Jhansi & Moradabad are going to be opened shortly.
- F. Website of State Authority has been inaugurated by Hon'ble Executive Chairman on 10.3.2008.

24.7.2008 at all the District Head Quarters of the State. It gave good response. 1911 cases were settled in which an amount of Rs. 8,29,04,516.00 was paid. 3rd Special Lok Adalat is proposed to be held on 30.11.08.

- I. A Special Lok Adalat for settling cases under the Indian Succession Act is going to be held on 30.11.2008.**
- J. This authority is also coordinating with the Rashtriya Mahila Ayog as well as Rajya Mahila Ayog to organize Mahila Lok Adalats/Camps in the districts. More than 100 couples were united at Gorakhpur Camp in one day.**
- K. In 24 departments Lok Adalats have been constituted. In P.W.D., Jal Nigam, Bal Vikas Pushthahar & Entertainment Tax, large number of cases have been disposed off. We were encouraged by the presence of three retired Judges of the High Court Hon'ble Mr. Justice D.K. Trivedi, Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.C. Saxena & Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.K. Singh.**
- L. Under the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court issued in the cases of Sarthak Society, R.D. Upadhyaya & Bachhe Lal, State Authority is taking care of Jail inmates, infants in Jail with under, trial mothers and mentally challenged persons.**
- M. Recently Hon'ble Allahabad High Court has entrusted new responsibilities to the State Authority in case of Vishnu Dayal Sharma Vs. State of U.P. and others pertaining to the "missing children" . In another case (Wirt Petition NO.16212/2008 Balraj Vs. State of U.P. and others) too State Authority has been entrusted with task of monitoring. This shows the trust Hon'ble apex court and High Court have reposed in the State Authority.**
- N. Apart from above insistence of our Hon'ble Executive Chairman to concentrate on remote areas for spreading legal literacy has made our presence felt in those areas. Hon'ble Executive Chairman himself attended a literacy camp organized in the border village Partawal of district Mahrajanj which manifests his concern. We have targeted five most backward villages of each tehsil with a view to ensure cent-percent Legal Literacy and making them "Vadvihin". District Collectors have earmarked those villages .**
- O. For the first time A.G.M's have been held in District Authorities. Tehsil Legal Services Committees have been asked to hold A.C.M's. Idea is to sensitize & motivate the people & other**

compulsorily. We have asked employees to mention their grievances in respect of working condition & work place . We will be attending their grievances shortly because unless our house is clean & in order we can not excel in performance. Bio-data of all the employees have been computerized.

- Q.** We have held meeting with Bank officers and officers of Insurance Companies. Matter has been taken up with the C.M.D's of Insurance Companies for enlisting their active support as we had been experiencing difficulty in settling claim cases under Motor Vehicles Act.
- R.** Our endeavor is to provide Legal Aid to Jail inmates especially for "Plea-bargaining" in a big way.
- S.** Legal Aid Clinics are being opened in all the Districts & High Court. Banaras Hindu University Varanasi, Allahabad University, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia University and Khaitanji Law College, Sitapur have shown keen interest.
- T.** Bar Council of State has been requested to give support in spreading Legal Awareness. Advocates are provided our literature "Series of Gyan Mala" at the time of registration, thanks to the imitative taken by Sri Amrendra Singh Chairman, Bar Council.
- U.** Special Lok Adalat for settling cases of mutation pending either before Revenue Courts or before Nagar Panchayat/Nagar Nigam are being organized. Matter has been taken up with Principal Secretary, Revenue & Principal Secretary Nagar Vikas.
- V.** Special Lok Adalats for settling cases regarding child labour, electricity theft are also going to be organized shortly.
- W.** We would also like to extend legal aid to larger number by raising ceiling of annual income. In the A.G.M. 2008, a resolution to raise the ceiling upto 1,00,000/- under section 12 (h) of Act has been passed. Matter is resting with the State Government.
- X.** State Government is being requested to clear the proposal of creating post of Secretary for each District Authority.
- Y.** Workshop on "ukjh mRihM+u ,oa efgyk l'kDrhdj.k" was held on 13.3.2008.

- Za. Visit to various Shelter Homes like; Prem Niwas, Karunalaya, Ashralaya at Jyoti Nagar, Mohanlalganj Lucknow, Missing children Home run by Don Bosco at Mohanlalganj & Missing children Shelter Home run by N.G.O. “Ehasas”, Missing Girls Shelter Home run by N.G.O. “Manisha Mandir” & Chetna school for mentally retarded children near Aliganj, Lucknow.**
- Zb. Inauguration of Legal Aid cum Literacy Clinic by Hon’ble Chief Justice/Patron-in-Chief Allahabad High Court, through Video Conferencing on 9th November, 2008 in all the District Authorities as well as Hon’ble High Court Allahabad & Lucknow Bench.**

These are some of projects, many more are in the process, but there is no room for complacency as state being biggest state of India with more than 18 crore population, task before us is really Herculean, but under the captaincy of our patron-in-Chief and guidance of Hon’ble Executive Chairman we are striving to achieve our objects.

Although case has been taken to ensure precision and quality, yet errors are found to be there which are sincerely regretted. View & suggestions for improving the functioning of Authority are welcome.