



## **ANANTHA LAW COLLEGE CREATION OF LEGAL AID CELL**

### **ABOUT LEGAL AID CELL:**

The Legal Aid Centre at Anantha Law College, Hyderabad was constituted on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021, to provide free legal aid services and create legal awareness. The Centre believes in bringing change from the rural ethos that surrounds Anantha Law College, Hyderabad.

### **VISION:**

The Centre strives to impart legal services to the needy and under privileged people of the society. It is crucial to expose law students to the concrete and realistic aspects of the legal field as a study of law is a professional course. The Legal Aid Centre aspires towards accomplishing the objective of Sec.12 of Legal Services Authorities Act 1987 and alongside establishes a platform to serve the poor and needy.

### **MISSION:**

- TO enhance the legal awareness among the laymen and further the cause of social justice by providing legal aid to the underprivileged sections of the society.
- to amplify the consciousness among the public and empower neighborhoods to claim their rights
- To be able to provide quality and proficient legal services to secure an efficient access of justice to the poor and needy.
- To organize awareness drives and legal aid camps for propagation of legal knowledge and to make legal process a resourceful instrument of social development.

- To prepare the lawyers of tomorrow by developing legal skills in core specialized areas such as constitutional rights, consumer rights, women safety, child rights and also educational rights.

### **What is legal aid?**

Legal aid means granting free legal service to the people who are economically below poverty line who cannot afford the services of a lawyer for their justice. According to Art.39A of the Constitution of India, the State shall secure that the operation of the legal system promotes justice, on the basis of equal opportunity.

Article 14 is to ensure equal justice. The guarantee of equal justice is meaningless if the poor or illiterate or weak persons cannot enforce their rights because of their poverty or illiteracy or weakness.

Lawyers being social engineers owe a special duty to the society as far as awareness and enforcement of rights is concerned. It is with the object of discharging this social responsibly, the College has established its own "Legal Aid Cell" in 2021, to Provide legal aid to the poor, needy and disadvantaged sections of the Society, Cell has succeeded in achieving its goal by active participation of legal practitioners, Faculties and most important its students. It is a legal duty as laid down under Rule 31 of Bar Council of India's Rules of Legal practitioners and education and Rule 11 of Schedule III of the said 'rules'. The Right to Free Legal Aid is also mentioned under Article 39A of the Constitution of India. Legal Aid Cell not only serves the society, It also provides students with innumerable opportunities to hone their skills in law, informs them of the challenges in the profession and gives them opportunity to serve people who are in most dire need of their knowledge and skills above all it bridges the gap between theory and practice.

Free legal aid is one of the fundamental rights guaranteed to all the citizens of the country. The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) has been constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 to provide free legal services to weaker sections of the society.

## **AIMS**

1. To promote free legal aid to weaker section of the society.
2. To encourage students for the participation and to sensitize students.
3. To carrying out field surveys
4. To adopting village or slum areas for legal service activities.
5. To enhance legal awareness in the community
6. To provide client counseling
7. To establish facilitation and training centre

## **OBJECTIVES**

1. To give actual meaning of the mission of the welfare of the masses through legal aid cell.
2. To spread legal awareness among students and people at large through awareness camps, seminars, debates, legal counseling, posters making and street plays.
3. To ensure dissemination of justice equally all sections of the society.
4. Guiding the parties to the local legal service institution for litigation related assistance at the court or at the ADR centre

### **Networking of law colleges:**

Legal Aid is too big subject for any one institution or organization to work on single handedly. Therefore, we have tried to avoid being an insular body we will conduct Intra-state networking of law colleges.

- To associate with Legal Services Authorities, at various levels or NGOs organize legal literacy camps largely in rural and socio-economically backward areas, schools, and local community centers in inform the citizens about their legal rights, legal institutions and social welfare legislations which are meant for their economic and social benefit.
- To settle the disputes by employing alternative dispute resolution procedures.
- To help the clients who seek resolution from the forum to understand their goals and counsel clients to facilitate settlement.
- To conduct street plays to bring awareness
- To tailoring the plays depending upon the audience we are addressing.

**Publications:**

Publications for two reasons – to ensure those within the legal fraternity work and significance of legal aid and to ensure outside the legal fraternity do not find law to be an alien and disempowering discipline by translating legalese into ordinary language.

**Clinical Legal Education:**

Bar Council of India has made it a mandatory component of the curriculum for legal education since 1997 and the SC in its opinion in V.Sudeer vs Bar Council of India (1999) 3 SCC 176 has regarded it fundamental to improving the conditions of Indian Legal profession and judicial system.

Hence ALC has a strong emphasis on educating its students in professional skills and values.

**COMPOSITION OF THE CELL:****CHIEF ADVISORS:**

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