

**1st NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
INTERLINKING OF LEGAL AID
CENTRES & LEGAL SERVICES
AUTHORITIES**

Organised by:

SYMBIOSIS LAW SCHOOL, NOIDA

In Association With

NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

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CONCEPT NOTE

Apropos to the spirit of Article 39-A of Constitution of India which was introduced in the Directive Principles of State Policy by 42nd Amendment, and, with the object of providing free legal aid, the Government of India had, by a resolution dated 26th September, 1980 appointed a Committee known as “**COMMITTEE FOR IMPLEMENTING LEGAL AID SCHEMES**” (CILAS) under the chairmanship of Chief. Justice P.N. Bhagwati to monitor and implement legal aid programs on a uniform basis in all the States and Union Territories. ‘CILAS’ evolved a model scheme for legal aid programs applicable throughout the country by which several legal aid and advice Boards were set up in the States and Union Territories.

The **NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY** is the apex body constituted to lay down policies and principles for making legal services available to the weaker sections of the society and also to frame most effective and economical schemes for legal services. Recognizing the growing importance of young legal professionals in facilitating access to justice by marginalized communities has become the prominent importance for every LAC to be set up in different colleges.

Almost every colleges and universities are able to conduct **LEGAL AID CENTRES** in the most effective manner and seeks to present a realistic methodology for doing this. It presents a string of ideas for building linkages with the Legal Services Authorities, Panchayat, municipalities and community based organizations for strengthening access to justice for the poor. This is where the NALSA functioning becomes apropos.

A project therefore, was orchestrated to determine and propose the role that law schools could play in mitigating the prevailing injustices, official apathy and raising the competence bar of the budding professionals and also upgrading the general level of legal awareness of the community. Now, the L.A.C. aims to connect all the L.A.C’s across India such that the services could be rendered in the real sense under the guidance of NALSA, SLSA, and DLSA.

The aim of the conference is to bring all of them to **interlink with each other** and make a one big platform in order to learn and grow with each other together. This will open up various horizons of different ideas and work plans for all the legal aid clinics. The perspective shared will make all the students work in unity towards the unheard voices of the society. As John Dickinson said “united we stand divided we fall”. We aspire to stand together and join hands to work as bigger force towards an equal society.

L.A.C AT SLS-NOIDA

The legal aid centre at Symbiosis Law School serves as an ideal platform to gain practical work-experience but also helps in creating a commitment towards fulfilling its ‘institutional social responsibility’ by securing space for discussion and information-sharing for the purpose of promoting and protecting the rights of individuals. The L.A.C., SLS-NOIDA has dealt with no. of issues like-

- ‘Rights of third-gender persons’
- ‘Dating abuse’,
- Filing of applications under the R.T.I. Act
- ‘Drunken driving’ not only in Delhi NCR region but across India like in places Kolkata, Gujarat, Vishakhapatnam, Chandigarh, and Mumbai.
- Advice to common man by visiting different places and bringing a linkage between lawyers and common man.

OBJECTIVE

The objective behind organising this conference is to interlink all legal aid centres from different universities who are providing free access to justice to the common man, hence bringing them to a common platform. Different successful LSCs from across the country shall share their expertise and methodologies to effectively tackle problems faced by the society at large.

The call for participation is more than mere debates and presentations, but extends out for involvement of all the LACs to achieve an efficient collaboration. The conference also looks out for excellent presentations by the different participants, who not only put out their ideas but also educate others their endeavours.

The final objective is creation of a pilot project to work upon in future, with the methodologies given by NALSA and other authorities that give all the LSCs countrywide, a platform to share, compare and view the work they pursue.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY-1

SESSION I:

- **INTRODUCTION TO CONFERENCE:UNITING OF LACs & LSAs TO SERVE GREATER PURPOSE**

Besides welcome note & facilitation of the guests, this session will introduce theme of the conference. The audience will be addressed by Chairperson of the Session; authorities from NALSA will also address the gathering while emphasizing upon need of creating inter-linking between & among all the participant LACs and the LSAs. This session will be of 1 hr. & 15 minutes.

SESSION II:

- **PRESENTATION BY L.A.C.’s**

The second session will start with presentation from Legal Aid Centres of participating colleges showcasing their working in their respective universities. This

sharing of their experiences will help all the participating LACs in learning different methodologies. This session will be of 1 hr. & 30 minutes.

SESSION III:

➤ **PRESENTATION'S BY L.A.C's**

The third session will be in continuation of IInd Session.

SESSION IV:

➤ **DISCUSSION ON THEME FOR NATIONAL PROJECT& MODEL FRAMEWORK**

This session will deal with the proposal that all the LACs should work upon a project within their districts under supervision & with guidance of the NALSA. It will be a national level project. Theme & issue on which this project will be launched at the conference is to be selected through consultation with all the participating LACs. During the running session, theme & issue will be introduced by NALSA. Further, 'model framework' as selected by NALSA will be introduced & discussed during this session.

(For details kindly see the next page on 'selection of theme & issue of national project')

*Any other issue is most welcomed and will be taken into consideration if possible.

THEME, ISSUE & MODEL FRAMEWORK OF NATIONAL PROJECT: SELECTION CRITERIA AND RULES

There will be transparent selection process for selecting the theme of the national project as well as for the model framework on which the national project will be implemented by the NALSA. The procedure with regard to the same is laid down as follow.

THEME SELECTION PROCESS

The theme selection will take place through the means of ‘voting’ among the participating universities/colleges. There will be four themes among which the voting will take place. Universities/colleges are requested to choose the theme of their choice on which they want to work at the National Project, and intimate the same to the organizers latest by 10th March, 2016. The selected theme as well as the voted responses will be intimated to all the universities/colleges via e-mail.

THEMES:

1. Legal Services for Under-trial Prisoners
2. Legal Services for Person Arrested in Lock Ups
3. Legal Services for Women/child Victim of Trafficking
4. Legal Services for Juveniles in Juvenile Justice System

MODEL FRAMEWORK SELECTION PROCESS

The intimation of theme will lead to model framework selection process wherein the universities/colleges are supposed to make a ‘model framework’ on the selected theme, and send the same to the organizers latest by 30th March, 2016.

All the received ‘model framework’ will be forwarded to NALSA for selection of best ‘model framework’. The selected ‘model framework’ will be introduced by NALSA during Session – IV of the conference; a discussion will be carried; suggestion will be welcomed. Finally, ‘model framework’, with any edit/amendments, will be adopted by all the participating LACs, and ‘national level project’ will be launched.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

The faculty convener of the Legal Aid Centre/Cell and 2 student representatives can constitute a team (2+1).

REGISTRATION

The registration fee is Rs. 1500 per team.

*Registration fees once paid shall not be returned under any circumstances.

ACCOMMODATION

The college would provide accommodation. It shall be additionally charged.

PAYMENT

The payment has to be made in the form of a 'Demand Draft' in the name of 'Symbiosis Law School, Noida'. The DD can be posted or directly submitted to us upon arrival for the conference. The team submitting the DD upon arrival would have to send a scanned copy of the DD. The e- mail id for the same is: lac@symlaw.edu.in .

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