

# DISHA

Designing Innovative Solutions for  
Holistic Access to Justice



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## NYAYA BANDHU (PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES)

First Pan India Dispensation Framework  
on Pro-Bono Legal Services



*Dear Citizens,*

I feel privileged to introduce Department of Justice's **Nyaya Bandhu (Pro Bono Legal Services Programme)** – an endeavour to create an eco system for pro bono culture in the country.

Friends, millions in our country face obstacles in effectively accessing justice mechanisms, one reason being their inability to afford quality legal representation and assistance.

Reiterating the vision of Mahatma Gandhi who exhorted lawyer's duty to pursue the truth and to pursue societal interest above self-interest, **Nyaya Bandhu** initiative is a step towards bridging this gap, connecting *pro bono* lawyers with marginalised beneficiaries.

On this monumental occasion of **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**, it is underscored that the pro bono work undertaken by our nationalist lawyer's leaders have created legends out of lawyers throughout the Independence struggle.

In taking forward the sagacity and foresight of our founding fathers and freedom fighters, as Minister of Law & Justice, it is my constant endeavour to ensure that our justice system reflects & realizes values and ideals enshrined in the Constitution for each one of us. I appeal to all my comrades in the legal fraternity to connect in this **Nyaya Bandhu** movement and contribute significantly in facilitating administration of justice, thus ensuring that a sustained pro bono work and promising opportunities for lawyers and beneficiaries, in building impacts and scaling up access to justice, to serve the last mile are created. I endorse that technology is one such catalyst to enhance access to justice for all, through innovation and adaptation. And **Nyaya Bandhu** is a significant manifestation of this vision and efforts. In this, I seek your blessings & continued support.

**Shri Kiren Rijiju**  
Minister of Law and Justice

### AIM



**CREATE**

Database of Pro Bono Advocates



**CONNECT**

Pro Bono Advocates with Registered Beneficiaries



**ADVANCE**

Pro Bono Culture in the Country



### OUTREACH



Available on  
Android/ iOS and  
UMANG platforms



Constitute  
Pro Bono clubs in  
Law Schools



Creation of Nyaya  
Bandhu Panel in  
High Courts



Collaboration with Legal  
Service Authorities, CSO,  
Law Firms Legal Start-ups

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1 DOWNLOAD THE MOBILE APP

REGISTER PROFILE 2

3 AUTHENTICATION BY DEPT. OF JUSTICE

ADD CASE DETAIL 4

5 ASSIGN CASE TO  
ADVOCATE

Reassign case  
to another  
advocate

7 ACCEPTANCE  
BY ADVOCATE

REJECTION  
BY ADVOCATE 8

9 EXCHANGE  
REGULAR UPDATES  
WITH ADVOCATE

CASE MARKED  
AS COMPLETE BY  
ADVOCATE 10

## WHO IS AN APPLICANT?

Any person falling under Section 12 of the  
Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987

### Section 12 Categories Proof of Eligibility

Member of a Scheduled Caste	Government issued ID identifying category
Member of a Scheduled Tribe	Government issued ID identifying category
Victim of trafficking in human beings or beggar as referred in Article 23 of the Constitution	Any legal/government document certifying this status
Woman or a Child	Government issued ID identifying category
Person with disability	Government issued disability certificate
Person in custody An industrial workman	Court order/documents
Victim of a mass disaster, ethnic violence, caste atrocity, flood, drought, earthquake or industrial disaster	Employment ID/certification
Person with annual this status specified under law	Any legal/government document income less than as certifying Income certificate
Other	

\*Applicant must submit proof of eligibility at the time of registration on the Nyaya Bandhu Mobile App.

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ACCEPT / REJECT (WITH REASON)  
CASE OF APPLICANT 4

5 EXCHANGE REGULAR  
UPDATE WITH APPLICANT

MARK CASE AS COMPLETE 6

### WHO IS AN ADVOCATE?

A lawyer with a valid practicing license issued by any State Bar Council **Advocate must submit enrollment number and certificate at the time of registration on the Nyaya Bandhu Mobile App**

### DO YOU KNOW?

- From where to download Nyaya Bandhu App?**  
The Nyaya Bandhu Mobile App can be downloaded on any Android Phone and iOS from Google Play Store and Apple play store or through a link available at [www.probono-doj.in](http://www.probono-doj.in) (free of cost).
- Whether the applicant required to make any payments in cash or kind for availing Pro Bono Legal Services under this scheme?**  
Pro Bono Legal Services are free. However, based on mutual understanding between the applicant and the advocate, the applicant may be required to incur incidental expenses like photocopying, posting and typing charges.
- Whether certificate or identification card issued to advocates registered under the programme?**  
No (The list of Registered Advocates are available at: <https://probono-doj.in/list-of-advocates.html>)

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