

## **SAMVADA**

*(Project for school students of the State of Kerala by the Kerala State Legal Services Authority, KeLSA under NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015.)*

### **MISSION.**

‘Catch them Young and Watch them Grow ’ is the phrase which probably fits the mission of this project which intends to inculcate value based, civic sense in students and equip them to resist the vices interalia nepotism and corruption in the system with a vision to mould them as responsible citizens of the country.

### **TARGET BENEFICIARIES**

School students of Grade VIII-Grade XII of the State of Kerala falling under State Board, CBSE and ICSE syllabi.

### **HOW SAMVADA WORKS**

*Samvada* functions under KeLSA in two levels in High Court and other courts in the state. A Steering Committee headed by a Honourable Judge, High Court of Kerala and consisting a Judicial Officer and a practising lawyer, all three nominated by the Executive Chairman, KeLSA will provide guidance and strategic assistance to KeLSA for the proper implementation of the scheme. The Honourable Judge so nominated by the Executive Chairman shall be the Chairman of the Steering Committee. The Member Secretary, KeLSA will convene the meetings of the steering committee as and when directed by the Chairman, Steering committee. There shall be state co-ordinator nominated by the executive chairman KeLSA who will co-ordinate the resource persons, guides and the psycho-social experts who are functioning under the scheme

## **High Court OF Kerala- Samvada-Part 1.**

**Lap 1:** Students assemble in the space provided by KeLSA and will start the session for the day with a segment imparting social and life skills. This segment will be handled by psychologists/counselors empanelled and approved by the Member Secretary, KeLSA

**Lap 2 :** Students will be afforded a Police station visit

**Lap 3:** Students will have a guided tour in the High Court of Kerala in the different court halls, libraries and administrative offices. Lawyers who have been selected as Resource persons by the Steering Committee through a call for applications, or who have been nominated by the Executive Chairman in consultation with the Steering Committee and the Member Secretary, will serve as Court Mentors to assist students during the guided

**Lap 4:** Students assemble back for a presentation session on lessons of law. The presentation will extend to 45 minutes. The module for presentation will be prepared on the basis of syllabi which is discussed and designed by the sub committee consisting of three lawyers and will include value based videos in addition to lessons on law. The sessions will be presented by Resource persons, who are lawyers selected by the Steering Committee through a call for applications as per the notification, or nominated by the Executive Chairman in consultation with the Steering Committee and the Member Secretary.

**Lap 5:** All participating students will be presented badges with a tag line, "I am a civic citizen".

**Lap 6:** The team will be afforded a 10minute interactive session with an Honourable Judge of the High Court of Kerala.

## **SYLLABI FOR THE MODULE PRESENTATION**

1. History of the High Court of Kerala
2. Hierarchy of Courts in the Judicial system
3. Rule of Law
4. Basic concepts of Dispute Resolution and Peer Mediation
5. Constitution of India
6. Law relating to Crimes and Punishment which include POCSO law, law relating to sexual offences, NDPS.
7. Environmental laws
8. Traffic laws
9. Laws relating to Senior citizens and parents
10. Laws relating to Right to Information
11. Laws relating to Juvenile Justice.
- 12.** Cyber crimes

### **NODAL OFFICER**

Additional Law Secretary, KeLSA or any other officer deputed/authorized by the Member Secretary, KelSA shall be the Nodal officer of this project. The schools shall contact the Nodal officer who in turn shall allot slots to the schools for their visit. The Nodal officer shall make necessary arrangements for the smooth conduct of the visit of the children in consultation with the High Court Registry. The Nodal Officer shall ensure that the students visiting the Court shall remain disciplined and that they abide the rules and regulations of the Institution.

### **CO-ORDINATOR**

Co-ordinator shall be a lawyer practising before the High Court of Kerala who is nominated by the Executive Chairman, KeLSA. He/she/they shall remain to be the coordinator until and unless he/she/they voluntarily delinks from the project/ removed from the project at the instance of the Executive Chairman of KeLSA. Executive Chairman can then nominate any other lawyer in consultation with the KHCAA as the coordinator in the place of the

delinked/removed co-ordinator. The co-ordinator shall have the following functions:

1. Co-ordinate with the school which has been allotted with a slot by the Nodal officer for the visit.
2. Co-ordinate with the subcommittee regarding the module presentation.
3. Coordinator shall assign Resource persons selected as Court Mentors and those responsible for presenting the module for each session.
4. Co-ordinator in consultation with the Member Secretary, KeLSA can take appointment of Judges (in turn) for interacting with the students during their visits.
5. Co-ordinate with the Nodal officer regarding the arrangements made for the visit of the students.
6. Co-ordinator in consultation with Resource persons can recommend addition/modification of the syllabi to the sub-committee which will be subject to the approval of the Executive Chairman.
7. Co-ordinator shall maintain a note on each visit of students which may be placed before the Member Secretary, KeLSA every three months.

### **SUB COMMITTEE**

Sub Committee consists of three lawyers who are the charter contributors of this Project and nominated by the Executive Chairman KeLSA has designed the module for this project on the basis of the syllabi provided above. The sub committee will be a permanent feature of this project. The three members of the sub committee will exist until and unless any of them voluntarily delinks from the project or is removed from the project at the instance of the Executive Chairman of the KeLSA. Executive Chairman can then nominate any other lawyer in consultation with the KHCAA to the sub committee in the place of the delinked/removed member. The Sub committee in consultation with the Member Secretary can revise and modify the module for presentation as and when the situation warrants subject to the approval of the Executive Chairman. They shall also consider the recommendations made by the coordinator in consultation with the Member Secretary and resource persons

to add to/modify the syllabi for module presentation which again will be subject to the approval of the Executive Chairman. The Sub committee shall help the coordinator for presenting the module and handling sessions if situations warrant.

### **RESOURCE PERSONS**

Resource persons, who are lawyers, will act as Court Mentors to assist students during the guided tour. They are selected by the Steering Committee through a call for applications as per the notification and/or nominated by the Executive Chairman in consultation with the Steering Committee and the Member Secretary. The qualifications required to serve as a Resource person shall be determined by the Steering Committee from time to time.

### **PSYCHO SOCIAL EXPERTS**

A panel of qualified psycho-social experts approved by the Executive Chairman in consultation with the Steering Committee and the Member Secretary will be handling this session of imparting social and life skills to the children based on a syllabi approved by the Executive Chairman

### **GENERAL FORMAT**

1. Each school can contact the Nodal officer with a team of 30 students (maximum) from Grade VIII-Grade XII
2. The Nodal officer will then allot a date for visit for the team. The school thereafter can contact the Coordinator for further details on the visit and further course of action.
3. More student teams from the same school are permitted to avail this project but on different dates allotted to them by the Nodal Officer.
4. Any changes in the syllabi for module presentation (both legal and social skills) , induction or removal of the Coordinator and members of the Sub Committee shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Chairman.

## **Other Courts**

### **Samvada-Part 2**

**Lap 1:** Students assemble in the space provided by DLSA/TLSC concerned and will start the session for the day with a segment imparting social and life skills. This segment will be handled by qualified psychologists/counselors empanelled and approved by the Secretary, DLSA concerned and /or the psychologists/counselors provided by the District Resource Centre and/or the District Child Protection Unit/NGOs or Other institutions.

**Lap 2 :** Students will be afforded a visit to a Police Station

**Lap 3:** Students will then have a guided tour in the different courts of the District Judiciary, Legal services Institutions and also the libraries and administrative offices.

**Lap 4:** Students assemble back for a presentation session on lessons of law. The presentation will extend to 45 minutes. The module for presentation will be the same as used in the sessions in the High Court of Kerala. **The sessions will be presented by resource persons, who are lawyers nominated by the concerned Bar Association and approved by the Chairman of the DLSA/TLSC or the Secretary of the concerned DLSA.**

**Lap 5:** All participating students will be presented badges with a tag line, "I am a civic citizen".

**Lap 6:** The team will be afforded a 10 minute interactive session with a judicial officer/Presiding officer of the court.

### **NODAL OFFICER**

The Section Officer of DLSA/Secretary TLSC or any other officer deputed/authorized by the Chairman DLSA/TLSC or Secretary, DLSA shall be the Nodal officer of this project in each District/Taluk Centre. The schools shall contact the Nodal officer who in turn shall allot slots to the schools for their visit. The Nodal officer shall make necessary arrangements for the smooth conduct of the visit as per the directions of the Chairman DLSA/TLSC and Secretary DLSA. The nodal officer may take assistance of the CMOs of

the courts concerned with the approval of the Chairman DLSA/TLSC. The Nodal Officer shall ensure that the students visiting the Court shall remain disciplined and that they abide by the rules and regulations of the Institution.

### **CO-ORDINATOR**

Co-ordinator shall be a practicing lawyer nominated by the Chairman, DLSA/TLSC concerned. He/she/they shall remain to be the coordinator until and unless he/she/they voluntarily delinks from the project/ removed from the project at the instance of the Chairman, DLSA/TLSC concerned. Chairman, DLSA/TLSC can then nominate any other lawyer in consultation with the Bar Association concerned as the coordinator in the place of the delinked/removed co-ordinator. The co-ordinator shall have the following functions:

1. Co-ordinate with the school which has been allotted with a slot by the Nodal officer for the visit.
2. Co-ordinate with the Coordinator in the High Court of Kerala regarding any queries on the module presentation.
3. Co-ordinate and allot Resource persons (out of the list provided by the Bar Association concerned and approved by the Chairman DLSA/TLSC or Secretary, DLSA concerned) for presentation of the module for each session.
4. Co-ordinator in consultation with the Chairman DLSA/TLSC or Secretary, DLSA/ concerned can take appointment of presiding officers/judicial officers(in turn) for interacting with the students during their visits.
5. Co-ordinate with the Nodal officer regarding the arrangements made for the visit of the students.
6. Coordinator in consultation with the Bar Association may request induction of new resource persons and/or eliminate the existing ones whenever situations warrant and place it before the Chairman DLSA/TLSC or Secretary, DLSA concerned for approval.
7. Co-ordinator in consultation with Resource persons of each district can recommend addition/modification of the syllabi to the sub-committee through the Coordinator in the High Court of Kerala.

8. Co-ordinator shall maintain a note on each visit of students which may be placed before the Chairman TLSC or Secretary, DLSA concerned every three months.

### **RESOURCE PERSONS**

Resource persons will be lawyers approved by the Chairman DLSA/TLSC concerned from out of the names nominated by Bar association concerned. The resource persons shall present the module prepared on the basis of the syllabi by the Sub committee (mentioned in Part 1) to the student team. The resource persons can make necessary recommendations to the subcommittee regarding additions/modifications of syllabi through the Coordinator in the High Court of Kerala. The selection norms of Resource persons outlined in these guidelines may be revised as necessary by the Executive Chairman in consultation with the Steering Committee, based on recommendations from the Chairman of the DLSA in consultation with the Secretary of the DLSA

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### **ROLE OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION**

Bar Association concerned in the centre shall nominate lawyers as Resource persons for this project. The Association shall also assist the DLSA/TLSC in the management of the project.

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3. More student teams from the same school are permitted to avail this project but on different dates allotted to them by the Nodal Officer.
4. Induction or removal of the Coordinator shall be subject to the approval of the Chairman DLSA/TLSCconcerned.

### **GENERAL STRUCTURE OF SAMVADA**

