

## **HISTORY OF DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT:**

An Act to constitute Legal Services Authority to provide free and competent legal services to the weaker sections of the society to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by reason of economic or other disabilities, and to organize Lok Adalats to secure that the operation of the legal system promotes justice on a basis of equal opportunity.

Article 39-A of the Indian Constitution directs the state to provide “free legal aid” and “equal justice” to all the citizens by suitable legislation of schemes.

The parliament has enacted the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 with the primary objective of providing free and competent Legal Services to the weaker sections of the society and to organize Lok Adalats for the purpose of achieving the said goals. Many of the provisions of this Act have been amended in the year 1994. The Legal Services Authorities Act has brought into force with effect from 09-11-1995.

In Vizianagaram District Lok Adalat Bench was constituted by the A.P. State Legal Services Authority in the year 1999. The District Legal Services Authority was fully established with the staff members in the month of July, 2000. A new building (Nyaya Seva Sadan Building) was constructed separately for holding Lok Adalats and for conducting other activities in the year 2003. The Principal District Judge of the District will be the office Chairman of District Legal Services Authority and one judge in the cadre of Senior Civil Judge will be deputed from the Judicial Department as Secretary of District Legal Services Authority.

### **CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY OF DLSA:**

1. Sri B. Sai Kalyan Chakravarthi,  
Principal District Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA, Vizianagaram

2. Smt. K. Nagamani,  
Secretary DLSA, Vizianagaram (Senior Civil Judge)

**NAME OF THE REMOTE POINT CO-ORDINATOR(RPC):**

1. Secretary DLSA, Vizianagaram  
Phone No:08822-255767, Mobile No:9440901062.

**NO. OF MLSCs IN VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT WITH LOCATIONS:**

There are 08 Mandal Legal Services Committees constituted in Vizianagaram District.

**Name of the MLSC Chairman Details**

- 1.Parvathipuram : II Additional District Judge-cum-Chairman, MLSC.
- 2.Bobbili : Senior Civil Judge-cum-Chairman, MLSC.
- 3.Salur : Junior Civil Judge-cum-Chairman, MLSC.
- 4.Srungavarapukota : Junior Civil Judge-cum-Chairman, MLSC.
- 5.Cheepurupalli : Junior Civil Judge-cum-Chairman, MLSC.
6. Gajapathinagaram : Junior Civil Judge-cum-Chairman, MLSC.
7. Kothavalasa : Junior Civil Judge-cum-Chairman, MLSC.
8. Kurupam : Junior Civil Judge-cum-Chairman, MLSC.

The District Legal Services Authority, Vizianagaram is organizing each and every programme from time to time as per the instructions of the APSLSA and reports also being sent in time.

**PROGRAMMES:**

Women's Day	- 8th March
May Day	- 1st May
World Day against Child Labour	- 12th June

Senior Citizens' Day	- 1st October
Gandhi Jayanthi	- 2nd October
World Mental Health Day	- 10th October
Legal Services Day	- 9th November
Children's Day	- 14th November
World Disability Day	- 3rd December
Human Rights Day	- 10th December

Spl. Lok Adalats and National Lok Adalats are also being conducted from time to time by the DLSA and MLSCs and good number of cases is being settled in the said Lok Adalats.

This Authority and MLSCs have running 23 Legal Aid Clinics in various places of the district. Further, this authority has been providing Legal Aid to the poor people. Apart from that Legal Literacy camps are being conducted.

## **LEGAL AID CLINICS:**

A Total number of 23 Legal Aid Clinics were established in Vizianagaram District, So far.

### **I. Vizianagaram [11]:**

1. Panchyat Office, Gantyada Village and Mandal.
2. Panchyat Office, Jonnada Village, Denkada Mandal.
3. Panchyat Office, Ramathirtham Village, Nellimarla Mandal.
4. Sub Jail, Vizianagaram.
5. M.V.G.R. Law College, Vizianagaram.
6. MIMS College, Nellimarla Village and Mandal.
7. Juvenile Justice Board, Dharmapuri Village, Vizianagaram Rural.
8. RDO Office, Vizianagaram.
9. Collector Office, Vizianagaram.
10. M.R. Government Hospital, Vizianagaram.
11. Tahsildar office, Vizianagaram.

### **II. Parvathipuram [01]:**

1. Sub Jail, Parvathipuram.

### **III. Bobbili [02]:**

1. Sub Jail, Bobbili.
2. Government Hospital, Bobbili.

### **IV. Salur [00]:**

### **V. Srungavarapukota [01]:**

1. Sub Jail, Srungavarapukota

**VI. Cheepurupalli [03]:**

1. Sub Jail, Cheepurupalli.
2. Alajangi Village, Cheepurupalli Mandal.
3. Government Hospital, Cheepurupalli.

**VII. Gajapathinagaram [01]:**

1. Tahsildar Office, Gajapathinagaram

**VIII. Kothavalasa [01]:**

1. Tahsildar Office, Kothavalasa.

**IX. Kurupam [03]:**

1. Panchayat Office, Kurupam Village and Mandal.
2. School Premises, Elwinpeta Mandal.
3. Police Station, Kurupam.

Total : 23

**PARA LEGAL VOLUNTEER SCHEME:**

Para Legal Volunteers are being trained by DLSA and MLSCs in the District.

As per the instructions of the APSLSA in letter ROC No.33 (1)/APSLSA/LSW/2011, Dt.18.12.2012 a refreshal programme was conducted to PLVs on 16.02.2023. At present, 132 PLVs are on roll in Vizianagaram District, who was imparted training on various Acts.



### **TRAINING TO POLICE OFFICERS UNDER JUVENILE JUSTICE ACT:**

Training programmes have been conducted to police officers under Juvenile Justice Act as per the instructions of the Hon'ble APSLSA under ROC No.95/APSLSA/LSW/2011, Dt.14.12.2011 in two sessions.

On 15.07.2022 1st Session training programme has been conducted to 45 police officers at Nyaya SevaSadan, Court Complex, Vizianagaram and on 22.02.2023, 2nd Session training programme has been conducted to 39 police officers at Nyaya SevaSadan, Court Complex, Vizianagaram.

### **FREE AND COMPETENT LEGAL SERVICES RETAINERS:**

A Scheme was introduced by NALSA "free and Competent Legal Services, 2010" under this scheme a retainer lawyer was available in the office of DLSA and MLSAs every day during the office hours to give advice to the needy people.

### **NREG SCHEME:**

Any person may complain in DLSA and MLSCs, if they not get benefit under NREG Scheme of Government.

### **TELE LAW RETAINER :**

Smt.P.V. Varalakshmi, Tele Law Retainer under Nyaya Bandhu has been attending regularly at DLSA, Vizianagaram to render necessary legal assistance to the seekers through telephone and on physical mode at DLSA office.

**PANEL LAWYERS :**

A Total number of 53 Panel Lawyers were enrolled/selected in Vizianagaram District.

1. Vizianagaram	---	15
2. Parvathipuram	---	05
3. Bobbili	---	07
4. Salur	---	04
5. Srungavarapukota	---	05
6. Cheepurupalli	---	03
7. Gajapathinagaram	---	05
8. Kothavalasa	---	05
9. Kurupam	---	04



## **LEGAL AID CLINICS:**

A Total number of 19 Legal Literacy Clubs were established in Vizianagaram District, So far.

### **I. Vizianagaram [05]:**

1. M.R. Government Sanskrit High School, Vizianagaram.
2. Z.P. High School, V.T. Agraharam, Vizianagaram.
3. Govt. Girls High School, Babametta, Vizianagaram.
4. Govt. Z.P. High School, Jonnavalasa, Vizianagaram.
5. Govt. Municipal High School, Cantonment, Vizianagaram.

### **II. Parvathipuram [01]:**

1. Government Junior College, Belagam, Parvathipuram.

### **III. Bobbili [03]:**

1. Raja R.S.R.K. Ranga Rao Degree College, Bobbili.
2. Satya Sai Junior College, Bobbili.
3. Govt. Girls High School, Bobbili.

### **IV. Salur [02]:**

1. A.P. Tribal Welfare Residential School, P. Konavalasa village.
2. Govt. Girls High School, Salur.

### **V. Srungavarapukota [02]:**

1. Sri Vivekananda Junior College, Srungavarapukota.
2. Govt. Girls High School, S.Kota.

### **VI. Cheepurupalli [02]:**

1. Saint Mother Theresa English Medium School,

Venkateswara Nagar, Cheepurupalli.

2. Government Girls High School, Cheepurupalli.

**VII. Gajapathinagaram [02]:**

1. Government Junior College, Puritipenta village,  
Gajapathinagaram Mandal.

2. Government Girls High School, Puritipenta village,  
Gajapathinagaram Mandal.

**VIII. Kothavalasa [01]:**

1. Z.P. Govt. High School, Chanduluru village, L. Kota Mandal.

**IX. Kurupam [01]:**

1. Govt. Z.P. High School, Kurupam.

**Total : 19**