

## **HISTORY OF DLSA IN WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT:**

An Act to constitute Legal Services Authority to provide free and competent legal services to the weaker sections of this 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 citizen 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 all Districts the District Legal Services Authorities were constituted by the Andhra Pradesh State Legal Services Authority in the year 1999. The District Legal Services Authority, West Godavari was fully established with the staff members in the month of July, 2000. A building was constructed separately for holding Lok Adalaths and for conducting other activities in the year 2003. The Principal District Judge of the District will be the Ex-Officio Chairman of District Legal Services Authority and one Judicial Officer in the cadre of Senior Civil Judge was deputed from the Judicial Department as Secretary of District Legal Services Authority.

## **Mandal Legal Services Committees in West Godavari District:**

There are 9 Mandal Legal Services Committees constituted in West Godavari District.

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Mandal Legal Service Committees</b>	<b>Contact Number.</b>
1.	The Chairman -cum- IX Additional District Judge, MLSC, Kovvuru.	08813 - 231188
2.	The Chairman -cum- X Additional District Judge, MLSC, Narasapuram,	08814 - 273900
3.	The Chairman -cum-III Additional District Judge, MLSC, Bhimavaram	08816 - 231133
4.	The Chairman -cum- IV Additional District Judge, MLSC, Tanuku	08819 - 241133
5.	The Chairman -cum- Senior Civil Judge, MLSC, Tadepalligudem	08818 - 225700
6.	The Chairman -cum- Principal Junior Civil Judge, MLSC, Palakol	08814 - 227677
7.	The Chairman -cum- Principal Junior Civil Judge, MLSC, Jangareddigudem	08821 - 227155
8.	The Chairman -cum- Principal Junior Civil Judge, MLSC, Chintalapudi	08823 - 223555
9.	The Chairman -cum- Principal Junior Civil Judge, Nidadavole	08813 - 223799

- The District Legal Services Authority, West Godavari is organizing each and every programme from time to time as per the instructions of the APSLSA and reports also being sent in time. As per calendar of activities designed by the Hon'ble Andhra Pradesh State Legal Services Authority and Hon'ble NALSA, New Delhi, the DLSA & MLSCs have to organize Legal Awareness Camps on NALSA Schemes, Observation days and also conducting Training Programmes, Meetings etc.,

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Observation Day</b>	<b>Date</b>
1.	Women's Day	: 8 <sup>th</sup> March
2.	May Day	: 1 <sup>st</sup> May
3.	World Environment Day	: 5 <sup>th</sup> June
4.	World Day against Child Labour	: 12 <sup>th</sup> June
5.	Senior Citizens' Day	: 1 <sup>st</sup> October
6.	Gandhi Jayanthi	: 2 <sup>nd</sup> October
7.	World Mental Health Day	: 10 <sup>th</sup> October
8.	Legal Services Day	: 9 <sup>th</sup> November
9.	Children's Day	: 14 <sup>th</sup> November
10.	Anti-Dowry Day	: 26 <sup>th</sup> November
11.	Law Day	: 26 <sup>th</sup> November
12.	World Disability Day	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> December
13.	AIDS Day	: 1 <sup>st</sup> December
14.	Human Rights Day	: 10 <sup>th</sup> December

- Special Lok Adalats and National Lok Adalats are also being conducted from time to time by the DLSA and MLSC and good number of cases are being settled in the said Lok Adalats as per schedule given by the Hon'ble NALSA & A.P.S.L.S.A. In addition to the DLSA/ MLSCs has been conducts Regular Lok Adalats on every day.

- As per the instructions of the APSLSA in ROC No.33(1)/APSLSA/LSW/2011, Dt.18.12.2012 a refresher programme was conducted to all the PLVs.

During the last year, 147 PLVs were trained by DLSA and MLSCs in the West Godavari District.

- **TRAINING TO POLICE OFFICERS UNDER JUVENILE JUSTICE Act:**  
The DLSA, W.G.Dt have been conducted training programmes 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, **two times in every Year.**

- **FREE AND COMPATENT LEGAL SERVICES TO THE POOR PEOPLE – APPOINTMENT OF RETAINER LAWYERS IN FRONT OFFICES OF DLSA AND MLSCS:**

A Scheme was introduced by NALSA "**Free and Competent Legal Services, 2010**" under this scheme a retainer lawyer was available in the Front Office of DLSA and MLSAs every day during the office hours to give advice to the needy people, drafting of petitions, Notices etc., to the needy and litigant Public with free of cost.