

DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) is the Central Authority to provide free legal aid to poor, weaker sections and people in distress. The objective of NALSA is to establish a nation-wide network for providing free competent and comprehensive legal services.

Major Functions of NALSA

- To issue guidelines for the State Legal Services Authorities to implement the Legal Aid programmes and Schemes throughout the country.
- Lay down policies and principles for making legal services available to the people.
- Undertake and promote research in the field of legal services with special reference to the need for such services among the poor.
- Take appropriate measures for spreading legal literacy and legal awareness amongst the people particularly the weaker sections.
- Encourage settlement of disputes by way of negotiations, arbitration and concillation.

For more details about NALSA please visit official website : www.nalsa.gov.in

Functions of Legal Services Authority at State Level

State Legal Services Authority, District Legal Services Authorities and Taluka/Sub Division Legal Services Committees have been assigned the task of discharging the two main functions on regular basis:

- To provide free Legal Services to the eligible persons.
- To organize Lok Adalats for amicable settlement of disputes.

For more details about Kerala State Legal Services Authority(KELSA) please visit official website : www.kelsa.nic.in

Eligible persons for free legal services include:

- Persons whose annual income does not exceed Rs.25,000/-
- Women and Children irrespective of economic status.
- Members of scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.
- Disabled persons.
- Industrial workmen.
- Victims of mass disaster, violence, floods, drought, earth quake, industrial violence.
- Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings or Begar.

How to make use of free Legal aid programme ?

An eligible person of this programme can approach or write to the Legal Services Authority at the state or Taluk/Sub Division Level with details of Legal case or dispute or any other Legal matter covered under this programme and make request for justice. if the case is accepted, the case of the victim will be taken up in the concerned court for which all expenses including the fees of the advocate will be

borne by the authority. Cases may also be referred to Lok Adalats for quicker justice. In either situation, the victim will get justice free of any charges.

DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY (DLSA), PATHANAMTHITTA

District Legal Services Authority is constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act 1987(as amended by Amendment Act 1994 (No. 59/1994) to provide a free and competent legal aid to the weaker section 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 organise Lok adalats to secure that the operation of the legal system promotes justice on the basis of equal opportunity.

District Legal Services Authority, Pathanamthitta is functioning under the chairmanship of Principal District Judge, Pathanamthitta.

	
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A Judicial member of the rank of Sub Judge designated as Secretary is leading all the functions of District Legal Services Authority, Pathanamthitta.

DLSA is conducting legal literacy classes in various laws and legal aid to the down trodden people. DLSA is active in conducting various legal literacy programmes as scheduled in the National Plan of Action by NALSA. DLSA have Para Legal Volunteers who are working in various fields. DLSA and TLSCs (Taluk Legal Services Committees) have a separate panel of advocates for Legal Literacy Classes, Legal Aid Counsel for civil and criminal cases and legal counsels to attend legal aid clinics. DLSA and TLSCs are conducting regular Lok Adalath on every second Saturday. Also conducts special Adalaths to settle pre-litigation matters and to settle all types of compoundable cases in various Courts.

Taluk Legal Services Committees

These are 4 Taluk Legal Services Committees (TLSC) in Pathanamthitta District. All the TLSCs are constituted under Chairmanship of Senior Judicial Officers. Every Taluk Legal Services Committee is maintaining a minimum of 25 Para Legal Volunteers.

1. Taluk Legal Services Committee, Kozhencherry is under the Chairmanship of Addl. District Judge-I, Pathanamthitta.
2. Taluk Legal Services Committee, Adoor is under the Chairpersonship of Munsiff, Adoor.
3. Taluk Legal Services Committee, Thiruvalla is under Chairmanship of Judge, Family Court, Thiruvalla.
4. Taluk Legal Services Committee, Ranni is under Chairpersonship of Munsiff, Ranni.

Contact Details of Taluk Legal Services Committees		
Taluk	Address	Secretay & Phone Number

Kozhencherry	<p>Kozhencherry Taluk Legal services Committee,</p> <p>Third Floor,</p> <p>Financial Complex,</p> <p>Mini Civil Station,</p> <p>Pathanamthitta – 689645.</p>	<p>Secretary: P.Manoj</p> <p>Phone: 04682220141</p> <p>MOB :9745808095</p>
Thiruvalla	<p>Thiruvalla Taluk Legal Services Committee,</p> <p>Municipality Building,</p> <p>Family Court,</p> <p>Thiruvalla – 689101.</p>	<p>Secretary: R.Ratheeshan</p> <p>Phone: 9400955242</p>
Adoor	<p>Adoor Taluk Legal Services Committee,</p> <p>Munsiff's Court,</p> <p>Adoor – 691523.</p>	<p>Secretary: Thampi (Incharge)</p> <p>Phone: 9400955241</p>
Ranni	<p>Ranni Taluk Legal Services Committee,</p> <p>Munsiff's Court,</p> <p>Ranni - 689672</p>	<p>Secretary: manu murali</p> <p>Phone: 9400955243</p>