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NOTICE

Subject: Intimation regarding participation in the National Photography & Art Showcase on the theme "Justice for All: Through the Lens of Legal Aid"

The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) is organizing a **National Photography & Art Showcase** to commemorate *National Legal Services Day*. The Showcase is aimed at documenting and highlighting the reach and impact of legal aid services in India through **photographs, paintings, sketches, and short videos (maximum duration of 1 minute)**.

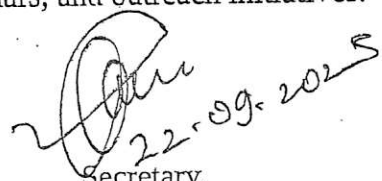
In line with the Concept Note, entries are invited under the following **categories of participants**:

- 1. Legal Aid & Justice Fraternity**– Members and stakeholders of Legal Services Authorities, Legal Aid Counsels, Para-Legal Volunteers, Judicial Officers, Court Staff, and associated institutions.
- 2. Students & Youth Creators** – School students, university/college students, and young individuals at the early stages of exploring photography or art.
- 3. Community Lens** – General public, including enthusiasts using mobile devices, reflecting everyday experiences of justice and rights.

All participants are encouraged to prepare their submissions in accordance with the prescribed **guidelines for entries** as circulated in the detailed Concept Note. Submissions must be made to the **District Legal Services Authority, Wardha, On or Before 30th September, 2025**

The shortlisted entries will form part of the **National Exhibition and Digital Gallery** and may feature in NALSA's publications, advocacy material, calendars, and outreach initiatives.

Date: 22 September, 2025
Place: Wardha.


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Concept Note

NALSA National Photography & Art Showcase:

Justice for All: Through the Lens of Legal Aid

1. Background and Rationale

Access to justice is the cornerstone of a democratic society. Legal aid, as guaranteed under Article 39A of the Constitution of India, ensures that the marginalized and disadvantaged are not denied justice due to socio-economic barriers. The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) has been at the forefront of providing free and competent legal services to the weaker sections of society, thereby actualising the promise of "Justice for All."

While significant progress has been made, the human stories behind these efforts often remain untold. Art, whether through photography, painting, sketches, or videos (*maximum duration 1 minute*), has a unique power to capture and communicate these narratives beyond language and literacy. A National Photography & Art Showcase on *Justice for All: Through the Lens of Legal Aid* will create a visual archive of how legal services impact lives across India.

This initiative aims to combine art with social justice, engaging photographers, legal aid professionals, students, and the wider public in narrating the story of access to justice.

2. Objectives

- To use visual art as a medium to document and highlight the reach and impact of legal aid services across India.
- To provide a platform for artists, photographers, students, para-legal volunteers, legal aid fraternity, and community members to showcase their perspectives on justice.
- To sensitize the public on the role of legal services authorities in addressing everyday struggles of marginalized communities.
- To build a visual repository that can be used for advocacy, awareness, and training by NALSA and State Legal Services Authorities.
- To commemorate National Legal Services Day through an innovative, creative, and participatory format.

3. Theme: *Unifying Theme: "Justice for All: Through the Lens of Legal Aid" & Indicative Sub-Themes*

All entries for the Showcase must connect with the **Unifying Theme**: "*Justice for All: Through the Lens of Legal Aid*." To guide participants, the Showcase is divided into broad **Categories** with indicative **Sub-Themes** in English and Hindi. These sub-themes are indicative and meant to inspire creativity and provide direction. Artists are free to choose either the English or Hindi version of the sub-themes while preparing their entries.

Category A: Voices of Dignity

- *Women turning rights into lived realities through legal aid.*
 - i. Her Right, Her Justice,
 - ii. उसका हक, उसकी ताकत
 - iii. समानता से सम्मान
- *Legal aid protecting innocence and shaping futures.*
 - i. Children First,
 - ii. Nourish to Flourish
 - iii. नन्हे कदम, बड़ा न्याय,
 - iv. बचपन सुरक्षित, भक्षिष्य सुक्षनक्षित
- *Persons with disabilities accessing equality and respect.*
 - i. Breaking Barriers,
 - ii. बाधाओं से परे, अधिधकार हमारे
- *Senior citizens finding protection and care through legal aid.*
 - i. Ageing with Respect,
 - ii. बुजुर्गी का सहारा, कानून का क्षकनारा
- *Indigenous and tribal communities safeguarding land and culture.*
 - i. Roots and Rights,
 - ii. जंगल, जमीन और न्याय
- *Legal aid as a bridge between despair and hope.*
 - i. Bridges, Not Walls,
 - ii. न्याय से आशा तक, एक सफ़र

Category B: Justice Where Life Happens or Equal Rights for Ordinary Lives

- *Migrant workers rely on legal aid for wages, housing, and dignity.*
 - i. Migrant Voices, Legal Choices,
 - ii. सफ़र और सहारा,
 - iii. घर से दूर हक है जरूर
- *How documents open doors to survival and justice.*
 - i. Identity is Justice,

- ii. पहचान है अधिकार
- iii. अधिकार से आार
- *Workers, farmers, and laborers securing livelihoods through legal aid.*
 - i. Dignity of Work,
 - ii. मेहनत का मोल, न्याय का तोल
 - iii. “मजदूरी का मान, सम्मान न हँसान”
- *Victims of crime and families seeking healing and support.*
 - i. Justice for Survivors,
 - ii. न्याय के संग, नए सवेरे की ओर
- *Rural and urban struggles meet at the doorstep of justice.*
 - i. Two India's, One Justice,
 - ii. गाँव-शहर संग न्याय का सफ़र,
 - iii. गाँव हो या शहर, न्याय एक सहचर

Category C: Pathways of Justice

- *Undertrials and prisoners finding dignity and reform through legal aid.*
 - i. Justice Behind Bars,
 - ii. सलाखों के भीतर उम्मीद
- *Legal aid in prisons ensuring dignity, reform, and second chances.*
 - i. Chains to Change,
 - ii. Beyond Punishment, Towards Reform
 - iii. बेशर्त से बदला तक
- *Lok Adalats and mediation fostering dialogue, dignity, and shared solutions in the spirit of community justice.*
 - i. Justice Around the Table,
 - ii. संधि सुलह, न्याय संग,
 - iii. संधि समान
- *Lawyers, para-legal volunteers, and beneficiaries as the lifeblood of justice.*
 - i. Faces of Legal Aid,
 - ii. साथी, सहारा, न्याय का चेहरा
 - iii. Courts Wherever You Are

Category D: Horizons Ahead

- *E-Services and e-Lok Adalats expanding legal aid access everywhere.*
 - i. Digital Justice,
 - ii. Legal Aid Anywhere, Anytime
 - iii. स्क्रीन पर अदालत, क्लिक में सहारा
- *Digital justice bringing the court closer to the citizen.*
 - i. Nyay@click,
 - ii. न्यायका नया युग
 - iii. Rights at Your Fingertips
 - iv. Tech Connects, Justice Protects
- *Communities protecting the environment, land, and survival through law.*
 - i. Right to Land, Right to Life,
 - ii. रिक्तीसे ज़मीन, न्यायसे भक्षिष्य

NOTE: Participants may interpret freely to capture both challenges and stories of empowerment. Participants can only submit paintings/photographs/sketches/videos. The videos must not exceed **1 minute in duration**, and should be submitted in an **editable format** (e.g., MP4/MOV). A **maximum of three entries, including the video entry, shall be permissible to be submitted by each participant to DLSA WARDHA.** Entries sent directly to NALSA by participants will not be considered.

4. Categories of Participants:

- i. **Legal Aid & Justice Fraternity:** (Legal Services Authorities, Legal Aid Counsels, Para-Legal Volunteers, Judicial Officers, Court Staff, and associated institutions)
- ii. **Students & Youth Creators:** (School students, university/college students, and individuals in the early stages of exploring photography or art)
- iii. **Community Lens:** (Open category for the public, including entries captured through mobile photography to reflect everyday experiences of justice and rights)

5. Guidelines:

- i. Only Original, unpublished photographs/paintings/sketches/videos(*maximum duration 1 minute*) shall be submitted,
must carry a mandatory caption along with a small, brief explanation of the context and the chosen sub-theme