

❖ PERMANENT LEGAL SERVICES CLINIC ❖

The Gujarat State Legal Services Authority stands tall for its pioneering concepts in Legal Awareness programmes among the people at large. It is the first State Legal Service Authority, which has started Permanent Legal Services Clinic, which runs ROUND THE CLOCK and is probably ***First of its kind in the World***. The Permanent Legal Services Clinic was inaugurated on 4th July 1999 by His Excellency the Governor of Gujarat, Shri Sundarsinghji Bhandariji and it is going to complete 26 years. The Permanent Legal Services Clinic has adopted newer ways and means for rendering free, competent and effective legal services **ROUND THE CLOCK AND 365 DAYS** to all those mentioned in Section-12 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

The Permanent Legal Services Clinic is providing 24 hours Legal Aid and Advice to the needy people. Various cell namely Women's Cell, Jawans' Cell, Pensioners' Cell, General Cell, Jail Cell, Earthquake Cell, Mentally & Physically ill Persons' Cell, etc. are functioning in the said Clinic. A Project Officer, in the cadre of Senior Civil Judge looks after the activities and functioning of Permanent Legal Services Clinic. Necessary legal services are being provided through Paid Consultants and/or Honorary Consultants. Services of Retired High Court Judges/ Retired Judicial Officers are also taken on Pro-bono basis for providing services to the needy people.

Recently, Sangathi – A Victimology Centre has been also made functional with effect from 6th March, 2025 with a vision to create a supportive

ecosystem for victims of crime and vulnerable individuals by providing legal, psychological, emotional and social support, thereby fostering healing, empowerment and reintegration into society.

❖ **FUNCTIONING OF PERMANENT LEGAL SERVICE CLINIC –**

- (i) Any person, seeking Advice or intervention in his disputes or problems relating to his/her rights, family disputes, Matrimonial matters etc., directly approaches this Clinic.
- (ii) Necessary application is taken from the applicant.
- (iii) The other side is contacted and asked to remain present on particular day. The grievances of both the sides are heard or examined so that an amicable solution or an acceptable formula may be worked out.
- (iv) If such negotiation fails, at the end or otherwise, and if the party is found entitled to Legal Aid and requires an advocate for the purpose of starting a litigation, necessary arrangements are made accordingly.

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