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PROVIDING A HEALING TOUCH
(VICTIMOLOGY CENTRE)
AN INNOVATIVE CONCEPT BY
GUJARAT STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

The endeavor on the part of any Legal services Institution is to identify the vulnerable and marginalized Sections of the Society; find out the welfare schemes proposed by Central or State Government; coordinate with individuals, Institutions or NGOs taking action for upliftment of such class of people coming from lowest Stata. Gujarat State Legal Services Authority, in this regard, has always taken appropriate initiative to sub-serve the interest of such marginalized or vulnerable section of the society.

Any person who belongs to the category of persons identified by NALSA as vulnerable section like – Specially abled children; Women victim of any crime including acid attack; Senior Citizens – dependent on society; Workers of unorganized sector; victims of natural calamities; Specially abled persons finding difficulty in extruding in the main stream; persons of Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe; Victims of sexual exploitation and human trafficking; victims of drug abuse and addiction, etc. can take recourse to comprehensive NALSA Schemes, which facilitates the beneficiary to reach out to welfare mechanism provided by Central and State Government. In order to see that victims of above referred categories when required assistance and when a person who is dragged to litigation physically or mentally suffers any trauma or injury, timely appropriate relief and the compensation can be provided, there is an effective and efficient platform like Victimology Centre.

Apropos various legislations define victim in the context of the injury for loss suffered by a person in particular course of action. There is definite need to have a one stop specific *Restoration Care Victimology Centre* where the problem of

the victim is identified, the issues the victim faces are understood, the legal remedies available to him / her are conveyed and most importantly, the guidance, counselling for motivation required from the motivational expert, psychologist, counselor, subject expert is provided.

‘સંગાથી’ in this regard, is an attempted solution of above where a trained PLV would take down instructions from the victim and after interacting with him / her thoroughly will lead him/her to corrected path of restoration by referring him / her to proper resource person. Gujarat State Legal Services Authority proposes to inaugurate the above Victimology Centre in the name “સંગાથી” from 24th February, 2023.

It is proposed to spread awareness about this Institution through all the stakeholders including law students of various Law Colleges, Para Legal Volunteers of DLSAs, Panel Advocates, NGOs and all associated with Legal Services Institutions. Applications of interested experts inclined to offer their services will be invited and processed by GSLSA and same will be finalized as a Panel of Expert and detailed guidelines will be formulated with respect to honorarium to be paid to the experts for the services and logistic facilities that can be offered by GSLSA and other ancillary things. The Centre is developed at First Floor, Room No.108, GSLSA Building and the concept is to put into action the suggestion made at Annual Meet – The All India State Legal Services Authorities Meet at Jaipur, on 16th -17th July, 2022, by Hon’ble Mr. Justice U. U. Lalit, Former Chief Justice of India.

