

### **Objects and important activities.**

Legal Services Authorities Act 1987 was enacted to constitute Legal Services Authorities for providing free and competent legal services to weaker sections of the society to ensure that opportunities for securing justice were not denied to any citizen by reason of economic or other disabilities and to organize Lok Adalat to ensure that the operation of the legal system promoted justice on a basis of equal opportunity.

“Access to Justice” for all is the motto of the Legal Services Authorities.

Kerala State Legal Services Authority(KELSA) is providing legal aid to poor, weak and the marginalized sections of the society for establishing their constitutional and legal rights. Many path breaking programmes like legal literacy classes at School and College levels and for Women’s Self Help Groups “Kudumbashree” are being conducted.

We have legal aid panels of senior advocates, junior advocates and lawyers specialised in various fields. The panels of lawyers are maintained by State Authority, HCLSC, District Legal Services Authorities, and Taluk Legal

Services Committees. These lawyers are rendering legal aid to those who are in need of legal assistance. They are also giving classes in various training programmes and school and college level literacy programmes.

The District Judges of 14 districts are officiated as Chairmen of District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) and 63 Taluk Legal Service Committees are being officiated by the senior most Judicial Officers of the respective centres for fulfilling the objectives of the Legal Services Authorities Act. In addition to this High Court Legal Services Committee under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pius C. Kuriakose is conducting regular Adalat on all working days.

Permanent Lok Adalat has started functioning at Thiruvananthapuram and Ernakulam under the Legal Services Authorities Act with respect to the Public Utility Services.

By the leadership of the Executive Chairman of KELSA, Hon'ble Mr. Justice C.N. Ramachandran Nair, KELSA is marching forward to achieve the set goal of "Access to Justice for all"