

**KARNATAKA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY,  
BENGALURU**

**REPORT ON LEGAL SERVICES DAY  
PROGRAMME – KARNATAKA**

**09.11.2023**





**HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,  
KARNATAKA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, BENGALURU,  
HIGH COURT LEGAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH  
ADVOCATES' ASSOCIATION, BENGALURU**

*Commemoration of*

**LEGAL SERVICES DAY**

*On 09<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 at 05:30 pm*

**Venue:** PATRON-IN-CHIEF HALL, HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, BENGALURU

**INAUGURATION BY**

**HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE PRASANNA B.VARALE**

CHIEF JUSTICE, HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA &  
PATRON-IN-CHIEF, KARNATAKA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

**IN THE AUGUST PRESENCE OF**

**HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE P.S. DINESH KUMAR**

JUDGE, HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA &  
PRESIDENT, KARNATAKA JUDICIAL ACADEMY

**PRESIDED BY**

**HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE K.SOMASHEKAR**

JUDGE, HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA &  
CHAIRMAN, HIGH COURT LEGAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

**CHIEF GUESTS:**

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TREASURER,  
ADVOCATES' ASSOCIATION,  
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**SHRI T.G.RAVI**

GENERAL SECRETARY,  
ADVOCATES' ASSOCIATION,  
BENGALURU

**SHRI VIVEK SUBBA REDDY**

PRESIDENT, ADVOCATES'  
ASSOCIATION, BENGALURU

**~ All Are Cordially Invited ~**

**SHRI JAISHANKAR**

MEMBER SECRETARY,  
KARNATAKA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

**SHRI K.S. BHARATH KUMAR**

REGISTRAR GENERAL,  
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA



## **COMMEMORATION OF LEGAL SERVICES DAY AT STATE LEVEL**

The Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA) celebrated Legal Services Authorities Day on 9 November 2023 with great enthusiasm and fervor. This report aims to provide an overview of the events organized by KSLSA on this special day and convey the achievements and challenges faced by the legal services community in Karnataka.

The celebration commenced with an inaugural ceremony hosted by Shri Sharath Chandra N, Assistant Secretary and Public Information Officer, KSLSA. Shri Jaishankar, Member Secretary of KSLSA,

delivered the welcome speech. In his remarks, he highlighted that the authority had completed 26 years of providing free legal services. The Hon'ble Shri Justice Prasanna B.Varale Chief Justice, High Court of Karnataka & Patron-In-Chief, Karnataka State Legal Services Authority, did the Inauguration. In the august presence of Hon'ble Shri Justice P.S. Dinesh Kumar, Judge, High Court of Karnataka & President, Karnataka Judicial Academy. The event was presided over by Hon'ble Shri Justice K.Somashekar, Judge, High Court of Karnataka & Chairman, High Court Legal Services Committee. The Chief Guests who were invited were -

- Shri Vivek Subba Reddy President, Advocates' Association, Bengaluru
- Shri T.G.Ravi General Secretary, Advocates' Association, Bengaluru
- Shri Harish M.T. Treasurer, Advocates' Association, Bengaluru



Following the Inauguration, Shri Vivek Subba Reddy, President of Advocates' Association, Bangalore, gave a speech highlighting the importance of incentivizing lawyers and other stakeholders to provide legal aid to the poor section of society.

Shri Raghavendra Shettigar, Deputy Secretary of KSLSA, announced the names of the best panel advocates, paralegal volunteers, and legal services clinics who have done exemplary work and made extraordinary contributions to the cause of justice. The award for Best Panel Advocate in (Civil Side) was given to Sri N. Sudar Raj DLSA, Mysuru. The award for Best Panel Advocate in (Sessions Side) was given to Sri Amaranath R. DLSA, Bengaluru Rural. The award for Best Panel Advocate (Criminal Side) was given to Sri M.B. Bentur DLSA, Dharwad. The award for Best Panel Advocate (Matrimonial Side) was given to Sri Suresh Kumar DLSA, Bagalkot. The award for Best Panel Advocate (Other cases) was given to Sri N. Manjunath DLSA, Chikkaballapura. All the selected Panel Advocates have conducted maximum cases assigned to them with the highest success rate with dedication and commitment by upholding the principles of justice and equality. They have taken the initiative in organizing Legal Awareness Programmes and Workshops, campaigns, street plays, jathas, and jail visits. They have actively participated in Lok Adalats, provided legal aid and addressed legal issues with innovative and creative approaches.



Awards were also given to the best Community PLV, Student PLV and PLV in prison and also to the best Legal Services Clinic in Law College

and School. The award for Best Community Para Legal Volunteer was given to Dr. Sanjay Nayaka T.J.

DLSA, Tumakur, who is a dentist by profession, has participated in door-to-door campaigns and a number of Legal Services Activities, given awareness programs on FM and Television, and has organized several free dental health camps to the jail inmates, free health camps and blood donation camps. He has also addressed the legal issues faced by the community members and effectively coordinated with all the organizations to enhance the delivery of legal services to the community. The award for Best Student Para Legal Volunteer was given to Sri Galava Kumar MV DLSA, Bengaluru Rural. He is a student of Alliance University and has participated in several legal awareness programmes, workshops, and campaigns. He has assisted the District Legal Services Authority with his commitments and has contributed the best for the upliftment of the marginalized sections of society.

The award for Best PLV in Prison was given to Sri Uday S/o Ayyappa CTP No. 10132, who is a convict serving a sentence in Central Prison, Parappana Agrahara. He assists the jail in visiting Panel Advocates and acts as a bridge between the jail inmates and the Legal Services Authority. The award for the Best Legal Services Clinic in Law College was given to Ramaiah College of Law, Bengaluru DLSA, Bengaluru Urban. The Ramaiah College of Law, under the guidance of the Principal and Faculty Coordinator, has established the Legal Services Clinic in the College, organized several legal awareness camps workshops and conducted surveys by adopting the villages. An 'Access to Justice Conclave' conducted by the College through Legal Services Clinic by providing opportunities to all Legal Services Clinics

established in various Law Colleges under one roof is one of the remarkable programmes. The student para legal volunteers have actively participated in the legal services activities of KSLSA and DLSA. The award for the Best Legal Services Clinic in School was given to Government Empress Girls High School, DLSA, Tumakur. Under the guidance of the Principal, the School established the Legal Literacy Club and conducted several legal awareness programmes and street plays. It also organized Legal Aid Campaigns at the School level.

The entire event was presided over by Honorable Shri Justice K Somashekhar, who also addressed the gathering. In his speech, he threw light on the critical fact that everyone was gathered there to commemorate principles established in the dynamic preamble of the constitution, which is reinforced in Articles 14, 21 and 31(A). Honourable Shri Justice PS Dinesh Kumar also addresses the gathering regarding the reinforcement and enhancement of free legal aid services.

The Honorable Chief Justice of the High Court of Karnataka, Shri Prasanna B Varale, addressed the eager gathering. He brought to the spotlight the objectives, history, and challenges faced by the justice system, demonstrated how this authority could reduce the burden on the legal system, and promoted the effective implementation of ADR. The event was concluded by Smt. Kaveri, Secretary of the High Court Legal Services Committee, rendered the vote of thanks, thanking one and all who attended and presided over the event, making the event a successful one.

The occasion served as a platform to ensure that legal services are available and accessible to every individual in the state, especially

those from marginalized communities or facing socio-economic challenges. It also helped create awareness about the importance of legal services through various channels such as Mobile Vans, newspapers, and social media and highlighted the role legal services play in ensuring justice and equality for all citizens. This event served as a platform to improve legal literacy among the public through workshops, seminars, and awareness campaigns and to educate people about their rights, legal procedures, and available services. The achievements and success stories of legal service authorities and their beneficiaries were celebrated, and the occasion helped highlight the positive impact of legal services in resolving disputes, protecting rights, and promoting social justice.

### **LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED ON THE OCCASION OF LEGAL SERVICES DAY**

KSLSA organized a series of legal awareness campaigns across the state, reaching out to remote and underserved areas. These campaigns aimed to educate people about their rights, legal remedies, and the availability of free legal aid services. Interactive sessions, workshops, and street plays were organized to make legal concepts more accessible to the common person. KSLSA conducted legal literacy programs in schools and colleges to empower the younger generation with legal knowledge. Interactive sessions and competitions were organized to make learning about legal rights engaging and informative. The aim was to instill a sense of legal awareness and responsibility in the youth.

Legal awareness was spread through-

- Legal Literacy Awareness programmes at schools, colleges and Mobile vans

- Newspapers, Social Media, TV and Radio
- Workshops and Rallies

### **BANGALORE URBAN**

In **Bangalore Urban district** 1922 Legal Literacy Awareness programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 1,92,200 participants.



## **BANGALORE RURAL**

Whereas in the **Bangalore Rural District** 1848 Legal Literacy Awareness programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 70,870 participants.





## **BAGALKOTE**

In the district of **Bagalkote** 895 Legal Literacy Awareness programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 32,000 participants. Two Legal Workshops were conducted with a turnout of 500 people. Legal Awareness was also spread through social medias and newspapers.





### **CHAMARAJANAGARA**

In **Chamarajnagar** district 794 Legal Literacy Awareness programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 80,450 participants. One Legal Workshops were conducted with a turnout of 220 participants. The district also conducted a Rally where 8750 people participated.





## **CHIKKABALLAPURA**

In **Chikkaballapur** district 850 Legal Literacy Awareness programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 32,250 participants. Six Legal Workshops were conducted with a huge turnout of 2000 participants.





## **D K MANGALURU**

In the district of **D K Mangaluru** 967 Legal Literacy Awareness programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 1,04,229 participants. Eight Legal Workshops were conducted with a turnout of 676 people. The district also conducted 2 rallies with 230 participants.





## **DAVANAGERE**

In **Davangere** district 110 Legal Literacy Awareness programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 11,100 participants. The district also conducted 5 rallies with a huge turnout of 1450 participants.





## **KOLAR**

In **Kolar** district 331 Legal Literacy Awareness programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 47,950 participants. The district also conducted 2 rallies with a huge turnout of 5600 participants.





## **TUMAKURU**

In the district of **Tumakuru** 1962 Legal Literacy Awareness programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 2,29,865 participants. Three Legal Workshops were conducted with a turnout of 1565 people. The district also conducted 2 rallies with 230 participants. Legal Awareness was also spread through 2 mobile vans.



## **SHIVAMOGGA**

In **Shivamogga** district 2834 Legal Literacy Awareness programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 2,60,350 participants. One Legal Workshops were conducted with a turnout of 850 people. Legal Awareness was also spread through 372 mobile vans making it the highest in all districts. Awareness was also spread through social media, radio and newspapers.



## **HASSAN**

In the district of **Hasan** 3213 Legal Literacy Awareness programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 2,47,927 participants. Legal Awareness was also spread through 264 mobile vans.



## **BELAGAVI**

In the district of **Belagavi** 78 Legal Literacy Awareness Programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 9,551 Participants.



## **BALLARI**

In the district of **Ballari** 175 Legal Literacy Awareness Programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 17,500 participants.



## **BIDAR**

In the district of **Bidar** 906 Legal Literacy Awareness Programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 92,871 participants. Awareness was also spread through newspapers.



## **CHIKKAMANGALURU**

In the district of **Chikkamagaluru** 415 Legal Literacy Awareness Programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 62,244 participants. Awareness was also spread through newspapers.



## **CHITRADURGA**

In the district of **Chitradurga** 96 Legal Literacy Awareness Programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of

23,685 participants. One Legal Workshop Conducted with 195 Participants.



### **DHARWAD**

In the district of **Dharwad** 120 Legal Literacy Awareness Programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 12,300

participants. Awareness was also spread through newspapers, Social Media.



## **GADAG**

In the district of **Gadag** 1095 Legal Literacy Awareness Programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 1,09,500

participants. One Legal Workshop Conducted with 50 Participants. One Rally was conducted witnessing around 100 Participants. Legal Awareness was also spread through one mobile van.



**HAVERI**

In the district of **Haveri** 520 Legal Literacy Awareness Programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 56,193 participants.



**KODAGU**

In the district of **Kodagu** 204 Legal Literacy Awareness Programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 16988 participants. Legal Awareness was also spread through 27 mobile vans.



## **KOPPAL**

In the district of **Koppal** 98 Legal Literacy Awareness Programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 24633 participants.



In the district of **Mysore** 1203 Legal Literacy Awareness Programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 184487 participants. Awareness was also spread through newspapers, Social Media.



**RAICHUR**

In the district of **Raichuru**, 35 Legal Literacy Awareness Programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 9880 participants.



**RAMANAGARA**

In the district of **Ramanagara** 1766 Legal Literacy Awareness Programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 235780 participants. One Legal Workshop Conducted with 350 Participants. Awareness was also spread through newspapers, Social Media.



In the district of **Udupi** 2583 Legal Literacy Awareness Programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 163570 participants. Legal Awareness was also spread through 73 mobile vans. Awareness was also spread through newspapers, Social Media.



In the district of **U.K.Karwar** 857 Legal Literacy Awareness Programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 73725 participants. Awareness was also spread through newspapers, Social Media.



## **VIJAYAPURA**

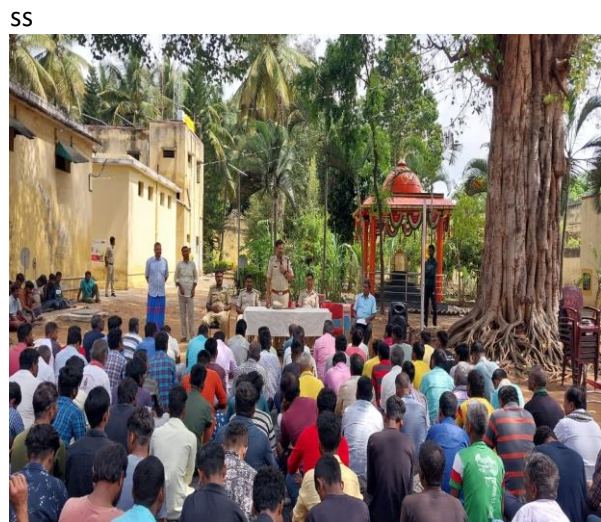
In the district of **Vijayapura** 3344 Legal Literacy Awareness Programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 343348 participants.



In the district of **Yadgir** 357 Legal Literacy Awareness Programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 52240 participants. Rally was also an element of the program.



In the district of **Mandya** 400 Legal Literacy Awareness Programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 22250 participants. One Rally was conducted with 150 Participants.

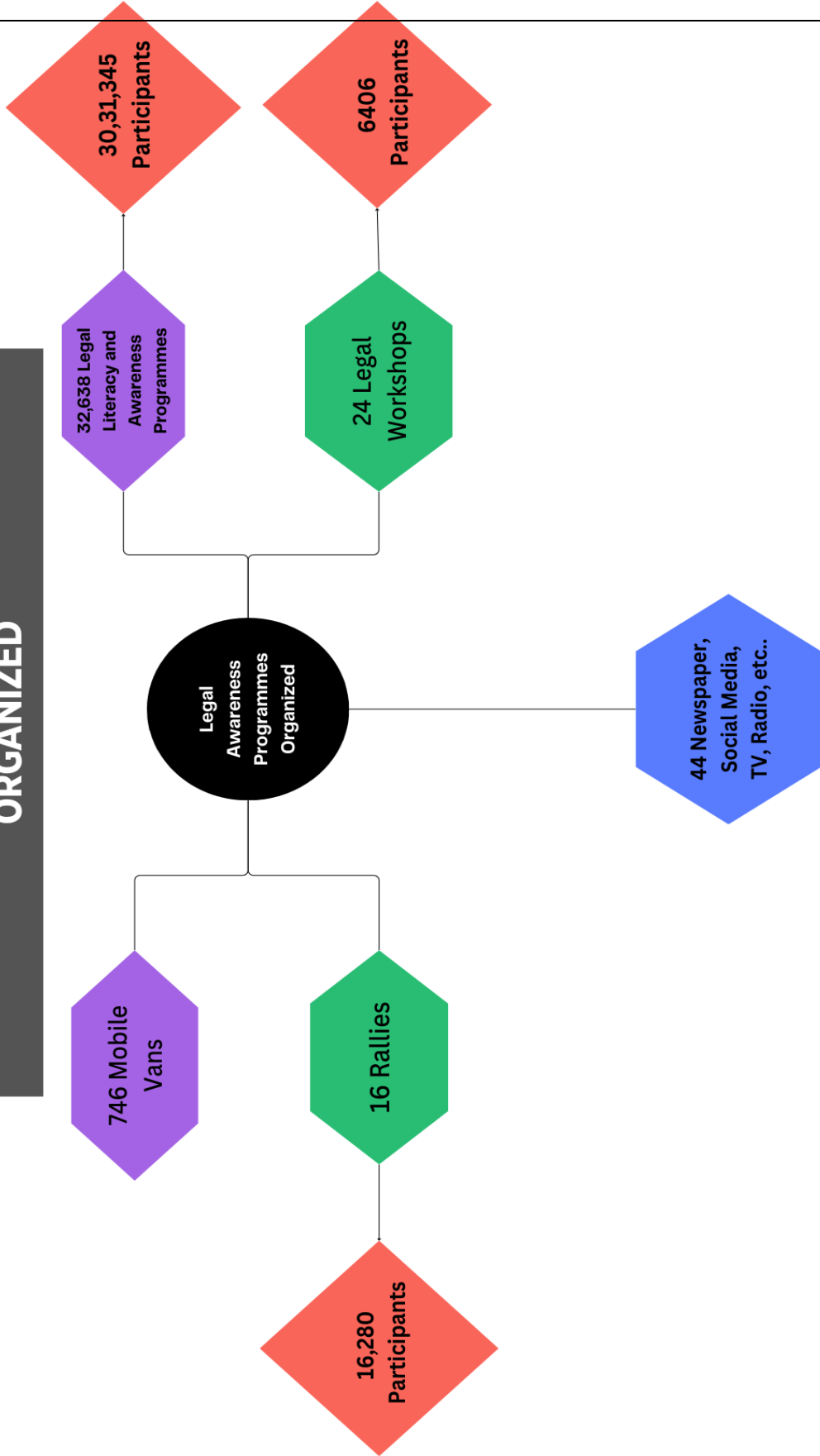


**KALABURGI**

In the district of **Kalaburagi** 2659 Legal Literacy Awareness Programmes were conducted at schools and colleges with a count of 210909 participants. Legal Awareness was also spread through 1 mobile vans. Awareness was also spread through newspapers, Social Media.



# LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED



## **CONCLUSION**

The commemoration of Legal Services Day at the state level by the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA) on 9th November 2023 was a resounding success, marked by fervor and enthusiasm. The event not only celebrated the 26 years of providing free legal services but also recognized and awarded individuals and institutions that made exemplary contributions to the cause of justice and equality.

The inaugural ceremony, graced by esteemed legal luminaries, set the tone for the day, emphasizing the significance of free legal aid services in upholding the principles enshrined in the constitution. The awards presented to outstanding panel advocates, para-legal volunteers, and legal services clinics underscored the dedication and commitment displayed by these individuals and organizations in delivering legal services to the community.

The legal awareness programs organized on the occasion of Legal Services Day demonstrated KSLSA's commitment to reaching every corner of the state. Through a multitude of initiatives, including legal literacy programs, workshops, rallies, and awareness campaigns, KSLSA effectively educated citizens about their rights, legal remedies, and the availability of free legal aid services. The extensive reach of these programs, as evidenced by the participation numbers across various districts, reflects the impact and success of these efforts.

Furthermore, the acknowledgment of the best legal services clinics in law colleges and schools, along with recognizing the contributions of para-legal volunteers in prisons and communities, showcased the holistic approach taken by KSLSA in promoting legal awareness and literacy at different levels of society.

In conclusion, the commemoration of Legal Services Day at the state level by KSLSA was not just a one-day celebration but a reaffirmation of the ongoing commitment to making legal services accessible to all, particularly to those in marginalized communities. The event celebrated achievements, addressed challenges, and served as a powerful platform to advocate for the importance of legal services in ensuring justice and equality for every citizen in Karnataka.

Sd/-  
Member Secretary,  
KSLSA