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DEPARTMENT OF
JUSTICE

17th June, 2021

Legal Awareness Programme

Access to Justice (A2J)
Tele Law & Nyaya Bandhu

DISHA (A₂J)

Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice

- Ensuring “Sabka Nyaya”;
- Tele-Law, Nyaya Bandhu, Nyaya Mitra & Legal Literacy and Awareness;
- Dedicated Information, Education and Communication (IEC) on A2J initiatives;





TELE-LAW

Reaching the Unreached

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वंचित लोगों तक पहुँच





OVERVIEW

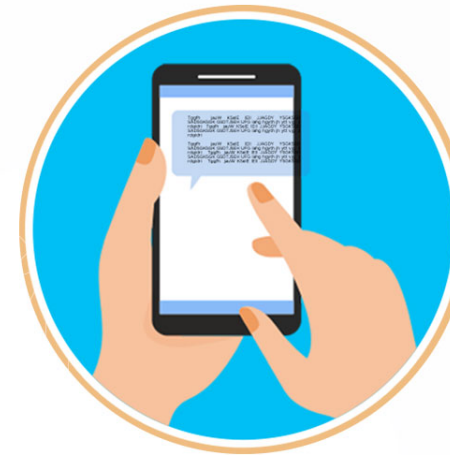
- Tele-Law is an effort to strengthen pre-litigation in India. It aims to make legal aid accessible to marginalised communities and citizens residing in rural areas;
- The service seeks to provide legal assistance to citizens at their doorsteps through the infrastructure of Common Services Centres (CSCs) present in rural locations; It utilises communications and information technology for the delivery of legal information and advice;
- Tele-Law is essentially a form of e-interaction between lawyers and people (beneficiaries) through video-conferencing infrastructure and telephones, available at CSCs;

Tele-Law : 5 Steps to Legal Advice



1

PLV meets beneficiaries
pre-register case



2

Confirmation of
scheduled date/time



3

Beneficiary
visits CSC



4

Legal advice rendered
by panel lawyer



5

Beneficiary
served





OVERVIEW

- People entitled to free legal aid u/Section 12 of Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 (women, children, members of SC/ST community etc.) are also entitled to seek legal advice free of cost. Tele-law also available to other people at ₹ 30/- per consultation;
- Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs): First point of contact for citizens/applicants who require legal advice/consultancy. Are associated with CSCs of the locality. Help pre-register cases and connect people to the CSCs;
- Panel Lawyers: Legal advice rendered by a Panel of Lawyers stationed at the State Legal Services Authorities and CSCs;
- Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs): Run and operate the CSCs and provide for tele-law service.

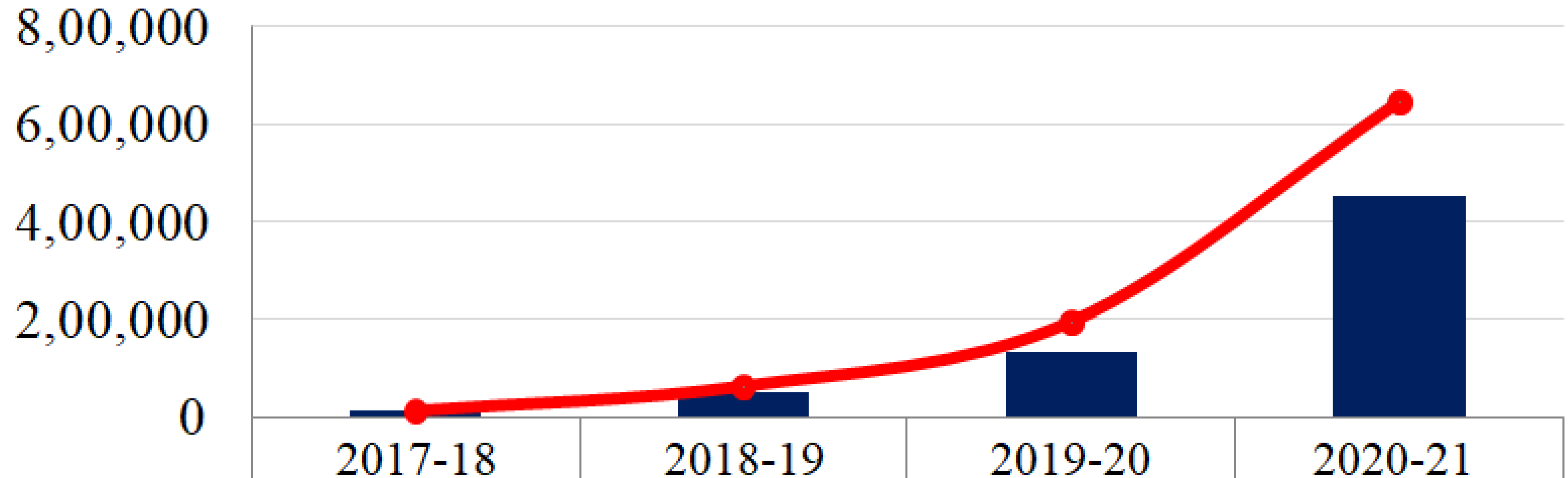


VOICES OF BENEFICIARIES

- 80-year old widow from Bhullar, Punjab living with her drug-addict son and three minor grand-daughters. Girls used to be regularly beaten/tortured by their father and even thrown out of the house . Father was forcing one of his daughters (aged 14) to marry a 35-year old man;
- Despite lodging an FIR, there was no help from the police. Beneficiary approached Tele-Law to help with legal advice. VLE briefed the Panel Lawyer on behalf of the Beneficiary;
- Lawyer advised the Beneficiary to re-submit her complaint to the SSP and file another application with the Dept. of Child Development and Social Justice;
- Based on legal advice, and with the aid of the Panel Lawyer, Beneficiary's son and the potential 'husband' of the girl were arrested. Beneficiary now lives peacefully with her grand-daughters, with assurance and security from the village officials.



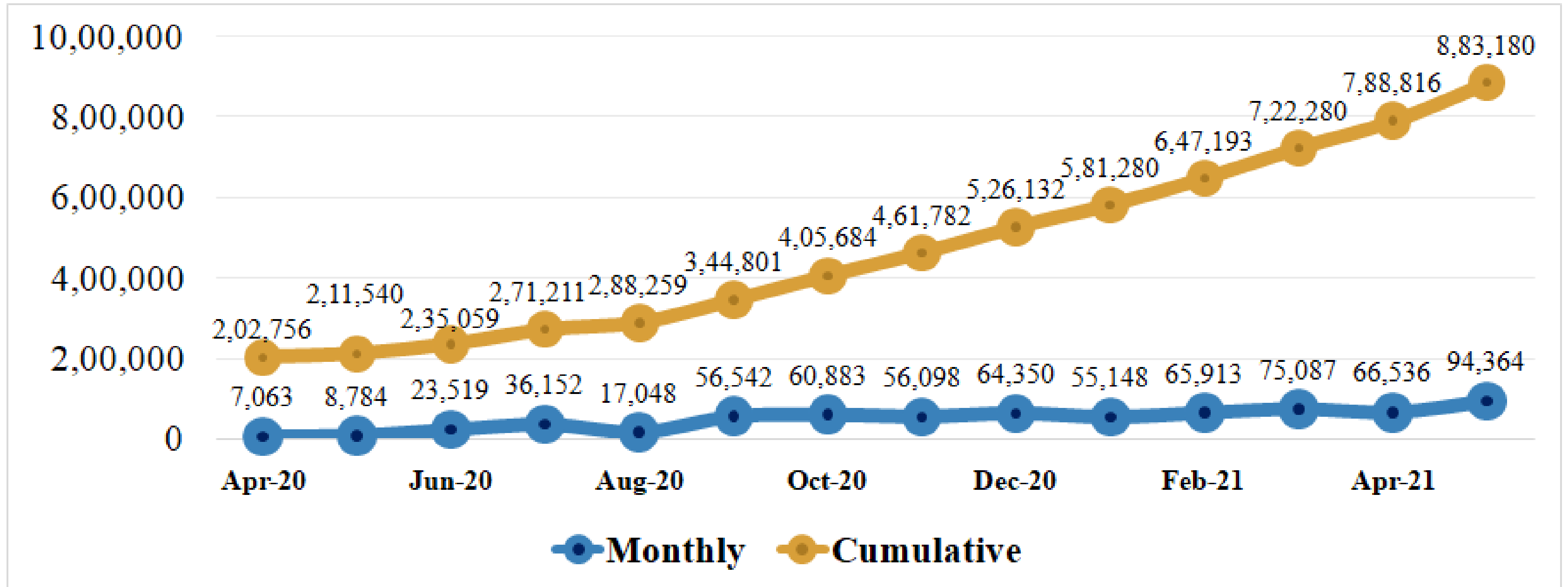
ADVICE ENABLED (ANNUAL)



■ Annual	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
	12,692	50,069	1,32,932	4,51,500
● Cumulative	12,692	62,761	1,95,693	6,47,193



MONTH-WISE TREND





ENGAGEMENT

Involvement of Students, Lawyers, Judges, Academics

- Multi-stakeholder collaborative engagement
- Expanding Tele Law to urban areas
- Building infrastructure
- Leveraging resources

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AN APP EMPOWERING COMMON MAN

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A pro bono legal services programme ensuring free legal aid to needy litigants



The App connects litigants with lawyers willing to offer pro bono service

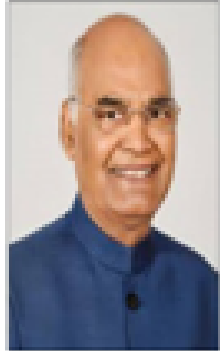


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(<https://probono-doj.in/>)

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA, SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND ON THE OCCASION OF INAUGURATION OF CONSTITUTION DAY

New Delhi : 26.11.2020



Address by the President of India

I am happy to be speaking with you on the occasion of the Constitution Day. I would have been happier to interact with you all in person, but the pandemic has imposed restrictions.

Today is the 71st anniversary every year on a call by the Government decided to celebrate it as Constitution Day.

I believe we are blessed to be the first of the fact that they were not only the Constitution, the Constitution included some path-breaking measures during its evolution over 70 years and have given justice to our every citizen in our country. Over 55,000 citizens sat in the visitors' gallery over a period close to three years and watched the debates, according to the records.

Thus, what we have before us is – if I may say so – a document truly of the people, by the people and for the people. The Supreme Court has said I can say with conviction that this document, a creation of Indian genius and ingenuity, too shall not perish from earth, as citizens continue to repose faith in it.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Our Constitution is said to be the lengthiest document of its kind. But then, as the President of the Constituent Assembly, B.R. Ambedkar, rightly observed, its bulk is not an issue if its provisions are well thought-out. This spirit of the epic of our times, however, is elegantly captured in the Preamble. Its mere eighty-five words, it spells out the core values that propelled the Freedom Struggle, the values of our Founding Fathers, the dreams and aspirations of every Indian. Many of these solemn words were discussed threadbare by the learned members on 4th October of 1949.

3 Years back on 23rd November 2017, our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Dedicated the UMANG App to the Nation



- Nyaya Bandhu : Applicant Registration, Advocate Registration, View your Account, FAQs

PM Modi pushes legal fraternity for more 'pro bono' work

ANI | New Delhi [India]
Last Updated at May 10, 2017 15:02 IST

PRO BONO IN NEWS

Lawyers' promotion should be based on pro bono legal services: Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad

Pro bono legal services rendered by a lawyer must be taken into consideration before he/she is given a promotion, Union Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said here on Thursday.



Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad (File | FTD)

"When I talk of pro bono lawyering, I am very clear I mean legal aid with empathy and compassion and not for publicity," Prasad said, adding that he was sure the senior judges were "seasoned enough to segregate as to which lawyer is giving legal advice as a proforma compliance and who is giving with commitment".

Pro Bono legal service Nyaya Bandhu now available on Umang app

TIMESOFINDIA.COM | Nov 26, 2020, 15:41 IST

Ministry of Law and Justice

iOS version of the Nyaya Bandhu App and its onboarding on UMANG platform to be launched on Constitution Day

Onboarding of Nyaya Bandhu App on UMANG to enable over 2 Crore users to easily access mobile based legal service pro bono

Webinar on Constitution Day to be organised by Justice Department to deliberate on prevalent pro bono practices and its scope in India

Posted On: 25 NOV 2020 1:43PM by PIB Delhi



DLSA promotes Nyaya Bandhu app amid Covid crisis

GREATER NOIDA:

In view of Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) has started promoting the Nyaya Bandhu mobile application launched by the Centre in 2017 for providing free legal aid to needy persons.

Till now, only a few people are aware about the app that enables para legal volunteers (PLVs) to

20th April, 2017 Nyaya Bandhu
(Pro Bono Legal Services)
programme launched

As on 17th June 2021- Pro
Bono Lawyers Registered on
the Mobile Application- 2769,
Applicants Registered- 711
Cases Ongoing- 234
Cases Completed-130

OBJECTIVES

- To enable registration of Advocates, who are interested to volunteer their time and services for legal assistance;
- To facilitate their connect with the registered applicants seeking legal representation;
and
- To recognize pro bono legal work being provided by lawyers and legal professionals.

MEANING & PURPOSE

- The term pro bono, short for "*pro bono publico*", is a Latin term which means "for the public good";
- In practice, the term is used specifically in context of the legal profession- referring to the practice of giving voluntary legal advice to individuals and organisations that are unable to afford legal advice and/or cannot access legal aid;
- Those in genuine need of legal help are, thus, represented by lawyers for free – presenting them with an opportunity to meaningfully address their legal problems;
- It provides lawyers with an enriching platform for professional and personal development, by building credentials and networks in diverse fields of work;
- A flourishing pro bono practice also generates good publicity for the lawyer's practice;

VERTICALS

Nyaya Bandhu
Mobile
Application

Pro Bono Club
Schemes- Law
Schools

Nyaya Bandhu
Panel at High
Courts

PRO BONO CLUB SCHEME (PBCS)

- To improve efficiency & quality of pro bono legal services by providing assistance in research and drafting to the pro bono advocates through law students;
- To instil in young legal minds the philosophy & understanding of pro bono legal aid to marginalized communities by coming face to face with the problems experienced by the people of these communities;

Apart from the above mentioned objectives, scheme also aims at:

- Consolidating pro bono advocates for the programme by tapping into its alumni network;
- Helping to reach out to marginalized individuals through grassroots outreach activities in collaboration with non-governmental organizations in their respective areas;

MECHANISM/MODUS OPERANDI OF APP

- Vulnerable communities can avail legal services of a practicing lawyer free of charge, ranging from simple legal advice to representation before courts.
- Scheme works through a mobile application using which registered beneficiaries and lawyers connect with each other through a matching algorithm in the app.
- Lawyers work on a volunteer, pro bono basis.
- The app can be downloaded throughout the country and installed by lawyers and beneficiaries at no cost.

KEY FEATURES

APPLICANT

Citizens eligible under the Nyaya Bandhu Scheme

- Available free to the ten categories of individuals covered under Section 12 of the Legal Services Authority, Act 1987;
- Individuals belonging to any of these categories are required to provide proof of eligibility at the time of registering their profile through the Nyaya Bandhu mobile application;
- The category 'Other' is an open-ended category, whereby any citizen whom the DoJ deems fit to be covered under Section 12 can avail the benefits of the scheme, for eg. senior citizens and students;
- These are decided on a case-by-case basis on presentation of the case by the potential applicant;

KEY FEATURES

ADVOCATE

Eligibility criteria for advocates to register under the Nyaya Bandhu Scheme:

- Any practicing advocate registered with a State Bar Council is eligible to volunteer his/her legal services under the programme;
- It must be noted that age is no bar for a lawyer interested in providing his/her services under Nyaya Bandhu

Questions & Feedback

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