



# VISWA BHARATHI COLLEGE OF LAW



## **About Legal Aid Cell**

The Legal Aid center at Viswa Bharathi College of Law Hyderabad was inaugurated on the 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 2022. It helps the poor and needy by providing free legal services and creates Legal awareness through legal Aid Cell established by college.

The team of Legal Aid Cell of Viswa Bharathi College of Law believes in bringing change from the rural ethos.

## **Vision and mission**

Providing legal assistance to the poor and needy persons of society for the cause of social justice.

It is our aim to increase public awareness of legal rights of individuals and help communities to assist them.

The purpose of this project is to organize awareness campaigns, training programs, legal aid camps, as well as to carry out research studies in order to promote legal knowledge through our students at our college.

## **What is legal aid Cell**

Legal Aid scheme was first introduced by Justice P.N. Bhagwati under the Legal Aid Committee formed in 1971. The concept of Public Interest Litigation (PIL) was brought by Justice P.N. Bhagwati and is supported by Justice Krishna Iyer. According to P.N. Bhagwati, “the legal aid means providing an arrangement in the society so that the missionary of administration of justice becomes easily accessible and is not out of reach of those who have to resort to it for enforcement of its given to them by law” the poor and illiterate should be able to approach the courts and their ignorance and poverty should not be an impediment in the way of their obtaining justice from the courts.

Constitution of India has provided under Article 39A, “the State shall ensure that the operation of the legal system promotes justice on an equal basis, and to ensure that citizens are not denied access to justice because of economic or other disabilities, the State shall provide free legal aid, through appropriate legislation and schemes to protect Human Rights Obligation. Moreover, Articles 14 and 22(1) of the Constitution require the State to guarantee equality before the law and to ensure that the legal system promotes justice on the basis of equal opportunity for all citizens.

## **Aims**

According to the Indian judiciary, the concept of legal aid is one of the most fundamental aspects of the legal system to protect Fundamental Rights.

As a basic human right, the right to legal assistance has been enshrined in many constitutions.

As part of the administration of justice, the legal profession is expected to play an increasingly dynamic role.

### **Objectives**

To operate an independent, efficient and cost-effective legal aid service;  
To ensure that no one accused of a criminal offense or with reasonable grounds is deprived of legal representation due to a lack of resources;  
To enhance the quality of legal aid services while ensuring maximum cost-efficiency.

### **Clinical Legal Education**

The clinical legal education is necessary to bridge a gap between theory and practice. A link between expressed legal aid and legal education reforms was published in 1970 by the expert committee on Legal Aid of the Ministry of Law and Justice. The legal education system must be socially relevant and more professionally competent so that lawyers and other legal professionals can fulfil the constitutional mandate of ensuring access to justice.

As a result, VBCL strives to educate its students about the skills and values related to their professions in an effective and supportive manner

### **Composition of the cell**

#### **Chief Advisors**

Sri Ravi Anantha    **Correspondent**  
Ms Dr M Bhavani    **Principal**

#### **Committee Members:**

**R. C Ramya Sree    Faculty**  
**Teja Saptogi        Faculty**