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## Legal Aid Committee

### 1.1. Introduction:

A Legal Aid Committee is a group, often part of a larger organization like a university or a legal services authority that provides free or low-cost legal assistance to individuals who cannot afford legal representation. These committees aim to ensure access to justice for everyone, regardless of their socioeconomic background. They offer various services, including legal advice, document drafting, and representation in legal proceedings.

### 1.2. Objectives:

- **Providing Free Legal Services:**

This is the core function of a legal aid committee. It involves offering legal advice, assistance in drafting legal documents, and representation in court for individuals who cannot afford legal representation.

- **Promoting Legal Awareness:**

Legal aid committees conduct legal awareness programs to educate people about their rights and responsibilities under the law. This can be done through workshops, seminars, and outreach programs.

- **Facilitating Access to Justice:**

Legal aid committees play a crucial role in ensuring that everyone, regardless of their socio-economic background, has access to the legal system.

- **Bridging the Gap:**

They strive to bridge the gap between the legal system and marginalized communities by providing them with the necessary legal support and guidance.

- **Empowering Individuals:**

By raising awareness and providing legal assistance, legal aid committees empower individuals to understand and assert their rights.



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- **Promoting Pro Bono Work:**

They encourage lawyers to take up pro bono cases and provide free legal services to those in need.

- **Resolving Disputes Amicably:**

Legal aid committees also work towards resolving disputes through alternative dispute resolution methods like Lok Adalats, aiming for amicable settlements.

- **Reaching Remote Areas:**

They aim to provide legal aid services to people living in remote areas or those facing geographical barriers.

- **Ensuring Equality:**

Legal aid aims to ensure that everyone is treated equally under the law and that no one is denied justice due to their inability to afford legal representation.

- **Promote awareness through:**

- ✓ Legal Literacy Awareness Program
- ✓ Legal Literacy Awareness Seminar
- ✓ Legal Awareness Drama
- ✓ Debate
- ✓ Guest Lecture on Legal Awareness

### **1. 3. Committee Roles and Responsibility:**

- **Identifying Needs:**

The committee identifies the legal needs of the poor and marginalized sections of society, including issues related to government benefits, evictions, domestic violence, and consumer rights.



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- **Providing Legal Aid:**

They offer legal advice, representation, and assistance to individuals who cannot afford legal services, potentially through traditional casework, summary advice, or self-help initiatives.

- **Organizing Legal Literacy Programs:**

The committee conducts legal literacy programs, including legal awareness camps, street plays, and workshops, to educate the public about their rights and legal remedies.

- **Promoting Alternative Dispute Resolution:**

They encourage the use of alternative dispute resolution methods like Lok Adalats, negotiation, arbitration, and conciliation to resolve disputes outside the formal court system.

- **Collaborating with Stakeholders:**

The committee works with various stakeholders, including government bodies, NGOs, law colleges, and other legal aid providers, to enhance the reach and effectiveness of legal aid services.

- **Monitoring and Evaluation:**

They monitor and evaluate the implementation of legal aid programs and schemes to ensure their effectiveness and identify areas for improvement.

- **Advocating for Policy Reforms:**

The committee may engage in policy reform initiatives to address systemic issues related to access to justice.

- **Training and Capacity Building:**

They may provide training to social workers, students, and other stakeholders on legal skills and knowledge to enhance their capacity to provide legal aid.



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**1.4. Activities Conducted by Legal Aid Committee:**

Sr.no	Name of the Activities (June – May) Any three
1	Awareness session in institutions on Legal Awareness
2	Poster and slogan competitions on Legal Awareness
3	Social media awareness posts of legal literacy awareness program
4	Formation of Legal Literacy Awareness Program Group
5	Formation of Theatre Club
6	Legal Literacy Awareness Program under Legal Aid Clinic
7	Sessions by District Legal Service Authority
8	Open forum meetings with students
9	Registration of Para legal Volunteers and awareness programs in interior areas of the Anand and Vadodara District
10	Two Legal Aid Clinic conducted (1) At Anand Law College (2) At Lambhavel, Before Hanumanji Temple
11	Legal Camp

**1.5. Schedule of Legal Aid Committee Meetings and Audits:**

**Committee Meetings:**

The Legal Aid Committee meetings will be conducted, on the **29<sup>th</sup> July, 2025** as per the following schedule:

- July 29, 2025
- November 22, 2025
- May 24, 2026



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*Note: Dates are subject to minor changes if they fall on holidays or under exceptional circumstances.*

### **Legal Aid Compliance Audits**

Internal audits to assess the effectiveness of anti-ragging measures and complaint redressal will be held on:

- Monday, September 1, 2025
- Monday, January 6, 2026
- Monday, April 7, 2026

*Audits will review records, meeting minutes, awareness activities, complaint status, and preventive measures taken by the committee.*

### **1.6. COMPLAINT MECHANISIM:**

#### **Whom to Report:**

- Complaints must be reported **immediately** to the Legal Aid Committee member.

#### **Modes of Complaint Submission:**

Complaints can be made through any of the following:

- Written application
- Phone call (to member of Legal Aid Committee)
- Email
- WhatsApp

#### **Who Can File the Complaint?**

- **Members of Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes:** Upon producing a certificate as proof.



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- **Victims of human trafficking or begar:** As defined in Article 23 of the Constitution.
- **Women and children:**
- **Persons with disabilities:** As defined in relevant disability legislation.
- **Individuals facing underserved circumstances:** Including victims of mass disasters (e.g., floods, earthquakes), ethnic or caste violence, and industrial accidents.
- **Industrial workers:**
- **Persons in custody:** Including those in protective homes, observation homes, or psychiatric hospitals/nursing homes.
- **Individuals with limited income:** Specifically, those with an annual income less than a prescribed limit (which varies for different courts), according to the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).

### **Confidentiality and Action:**

- All complaints will be handled with **strict confidentiality**
- **Immediate action** will be taken as per **UGC regulations**

### **You can register your complaints with the following:**

- Individuals can approach the nearest legal services institution, such as the
- Taluk Legal Services Committee,
- District Legal Services Authority, or
- State Legal Services Authority, depending on the nature and jurisdiction of the complaint.
- These authorities are responsible for providing free and competent legal services to those who qualify, ensuring access to justice for all citizens, especially those facing economic or other disabilities.

**(The Complaints made to be the Legal Aid Cell will be Confidential and not made public in any manner.)**



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**1.7. ACTION TAKEN AGAINST THE PERSON FOUND GUILTY:**

• **Withdrawal of Legal Aid:**

**The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) states** that legal aid can be withdrawn if the aided person is found to possess sufficient means, obtained services by misrepresentation or fraud, or if they fail to cooperate with the legal services authority.

• **Reimbursement of Costs:**

Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, section 13 (2) states: the person found guilty may be required to reimburse the costs of legal aid services.

• **Other Legal Consequences:**

Depending on the case and jurisdiction, a guilty verdict may result in penalties, imprisonment, or other legal actions.

• **Recovery of Compensation:**

In some cases, if compensation was provided to the individual based on a recommendation from a court (e.g., for a false allegation), it may be recovered from the individual.



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**1.8. Members of Legal Aid Committee:**

Sr. no	Name	Designation	Representative
1	Dr. Amitkumar Parmar	Director, Anand Law College. Anand	Chair Person
2	Dr. Rekhakumari R. Singh	NAAC Co-ordinator, Anand Law College, Anand	Convener
3	Ms. Nidhi Adhwaryu	Co-ordinator, Anand Law College, Anand	Co-ordinator
4	Ms. Krishna Gohel	Member	Faculty Member
5	Ms. Radhika Vyas	Member	Faculty Member
6	Adv. Mamta Rajput	Practicing Advocate At District & Sessions Court, Anand	Member
7	Adv. Charuben Patel	Practicing Advocate At District & Sessions Court, Anand	Member
8	Padhyuman Sengar	Member	Member
9	Vidhi Pandya	Member	Member