

# NYAYA BANDHU

## (PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES)



*Dear Citizens,*

It is a matter of great privilege to introduce the Department of Justice's **Nyaya Bandhu (Pro Bono Legal Services Programme)** – an endeavour to create an ecosystem for pro bono culture in the country. It's an earnest step towards fulfilling the mandate of quality legal aid for all.

Formulated as part of the ministry's umbrella scheme of 'Designing Innovation Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice in India (DISHA)', Nyaya Bandhu is a pro bono legal service to give voluntary legal advice to individuals, and to help connect registered lawyers with registered beneficiaries belonging to the marginalised sections of society.

Friends, citizens in our country face obstacles in accessing justice mechanisms, one reason being their inability to afford quality legal representation and assistance. Reiterating the vision of Mahatma Gandhi who exhorted lawyer's duty to pursue the truth and to pursue societal interest above self-interest, **Nyaya Bandhu** is a step towards bridging this gap, connecting pro bono lawyers with marginalised beneficiaries.

I appeal to the legal fraternity and law students to connect with this **Nyaya Bandhu** movement and contribute in facilitating administration of justice. Your selfless act to serve the common citizen needing legal help would add a new dimension in activating access to justice for one and all. I endorse that technology is one such catalyst to enhance access to justice for all, through innovation and adaptation. And **Nyaya Bandhu** is a significant manifestation of this vision and efforts.

I, therefore, seek your kind support in furthering the movement of Pro Bono in the country .

*Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal*  
*Minister of State, Law and Justice (IC)*

# AIM



**CREATE**

Database of  
Pro Bono Advocates



**CONNECT**

Pro Bono Advocates  
with Registered  
Beneficiaries



**ADVANCE**

Pro Bono Culture  
in the Country



# OUTREACH



Available on  
Android/ iOS and  
UMANG platforms



Constitute  
Pro Bono clubs in  
Law Schools



Creation of  
Nyaya Bandhu Panel  
in High Courts



Collaboration with  
Legal Service  
Authorities, CSO,  
Law Firms Legal  
Start-ups

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on Pro-Bono Legal Services



## If you are an Applicant

**1** DOWNLOAD THE MOBILE APP

REGISTER PROFILE **2**

**3** AUTHENTICATION BY DEPT. OF JUSTICE

ADD CASE DETAIL **4**

**5** ASSIGN CASE TO ADVOCATE

Reassign case  
to another  
advocate

**7** ACCEPTANCE  
BY ADVOCATE

REJECTION  
BY ADVOCATE **8**

**9** EXCHANGE  
REGULAR UPDATES  
WITH ADVOCATE

CASE MARKED  
AS COMPLETE BY  
ADVOCATE **10**

## WHO IS AN APPLICANT?

Any person falling under Section 12 of the  
Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987

### Section 12 Categories Proof of Eligibility

Member of a Scheduled Caste	Government issued ID identifying category
Member of a Scheduled Tribe	Government issued ID identifying category
Victim of trafficking in human beings or beggar as referred in Article 23 of the Constitution	Any legal/government document certifying this status
Woman or a Child	Government issued ID identifying category
Person with disability	Government issued disability certificate
Person in custody An industrial workman	Court order/documents
Victim of a mass disaster, ethnic violence, caste atrocity, flood, drought, earthquake or industrial disaster	Employment ID/certification
Person with annual this status specified under law	Any legal/government document income less than as certifying Income certificate
Other	

\*Applicant must submit proof of eligibility at the time of registration on the Nyaya Bandhu Mobile App

STEPS  
to  
REGISTER



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## If you are an Advocate

**1** DOWNLOAD THE MOBILE APP

REGISTER PROFILE **2**

**3** AUTHENTICATION BY DEPT.  
OF JUSTICE

ACCEPT / REJECT (WITH REASON)  
CASE OF APPLICANT **4**

**5** EXCHANGE REGULAR  
UPDATE WITH APPLICANT

MARK CASE AS COMPLETE **6**

## WHO IS AN ADVOCATE?

A lawyer with a valid practicing license issued by any State Bar Council **Advocate must submit enrollment number and certificate at the time of registration on the Nyaya Bandhu Mobile App**

## DO YOU KNOW?

- a. **From where to download Nyaya Bandhu App?**  
The Nyaya Bandhu Mobile App can be downloaded on any Android Phone and iOS from Google Play Store and Apple play store or through a link available at [www.probono-doj.in](http://www.probono-doj.in) (free of cost).
- b. **Whether the applicant required to make any payments in cash or kind for availing Pro Bono Legal Services under this scheme?**  
Pro Bono Legal Services are free. However, based on mutual understanding between the applicant and the advocate, the applicant may be required to incur incidental expenses like photocopying, posting and typing charges.
- c. **Whether certificate or identification card issued to advocates registered under the programme?**  
No (The list of Registered Advocates are available at: <https://probono-doj.in/list-of-advocates.html>)

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