

OBJECTIVE

Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 is the foundation from where all the Legal Services Authorities originated, including District Legal Services Authority. The objective of the Legal Services Authority can clearly be seen in Article 39-A of the Constitution of India, which provides that the State shall secure that the operation of the legal system promotes justice on a basis of equal opportunity, and shall, in particular, provide free legal aid, by suitable legislation or schemes or in any other way, to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by reason of economic or other disabilities. Keeping this objective in view, the Legal Service has broadly three aspects:

- i) Extending free legal aid to persons who are living below the poverty line, to women, children, and members of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes, etc.
- ii) Holding of Lok Adalats to resolve disputes in respect of cases pending before the courts or any matter at pre-litigation stage;
- iii) Spreading legal awareness amongst the masses about their legal rights and duties by organizing legal literacy and awareness camps, mainly amongst the backward and weaker sections of our society.