



KERALA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY (KeLSA)
NOTIFICATION INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR
RESOURCE PERSONS AND COURT MENTORS FOR SAMVADA SCHEME (2026-27)

The Kerala State Legal Services Authority hereby invites applications from advocates practicing before the High Court of Kerala for engagement as Advocate Volunteers for the Samvada Scheme, for the period from 01.07.2026 to 30.06.2027.

“Samvada” is an initiative of KeLSA aimed at fostering legal awareness, constitutional values, and social responsibility among school students. The programme involves structured classroom sessions, interactive discussions, and guided court visits, enabling students to understand the justice delivery system and their rights and duties as citizens.

Position: Advocate Volunteer (Pro Bono)

Nature of Engagement

- Purely pro bono (no remuneration)
- A certificate of participation will be issued only upon satisfactory performance throughout the tenure

Number of Positions: Maximum 25 Advocate Volunteers

Eligibility : Advocate actively practising before the High Court of Kerala

Mode of Selection

- Selection shall be made on the basis of the documents submitted, including the Curriculum Vitae and the statement of motivation, and shall be finalised through an interview.
- The date(s) of the interview shall be intimated separately.

Application Submission

- Last Date: 10.06.2026
- Applicants shall submit:
 1. Duly filled Application Form
 2. Curriculum Vitae (CV)
 3. One-page Note explaining motivation to volunteer in Samvada

Mode of Submission: Applications, along with all required documents, shall be submitted via email to kelsakerala@gmail.com

Roles, Responsibilities and General Conditions: Selected Advocate Volunteers shall conduct legal awareness classes as per the approved Samvada syllabus, facilitate students during court visits, and assist Kerala State Legal Services Authority in promoting legal literacy. Selection is subject to verification of credentials. The engagement is voluntary and does not confer any right to employment. Performance will be assessed periodically, and the Rules and Guidelines shall be strictly adhered to. A Certificate shall be issued only upon successful completion of the term and satisfactory performance. KeLSA reserves the right to disengage any volunteer at any stage, including for absence beyond permissible limits, non-performance, or misconduct. The decision of KeLSA shall be final and binding.



Member Secretary
Kerala State Legal Services Authority

Annexures:

Ann. 1 - Application Form

Ann. 2 - Rules and Guidelines for Advocate Volunteers

APPLICATION FORM
ADVOCATE VOLUNTEERS FOR SAMVADA SCHEME (2026-2027)

1. Personal Details

- Name:
- Enrollment Number:
- Year of Enrollment:
- Contact Number:
- Email ID:
- Office Address:

2. Professional Details

- Years of Practice:
- Area(s) of Practice:
- Whether actively practising before the High Court of Kerala:
 - Yes / No :

3. Experience (if any)

- Experience in legal aid / pro bono work:
- Experience in teaching

4. Previous Association with Samvada

- Have you previously served as a Samvada Volunteer?
- Yes / No
- If yes, specify year(s) and details:

5. Documents attached with application form: (Tick (✓) the appropriate box)

- ☐ Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- ☐ One-page Note explaining motivation to volunteer in Samvada

6. Declaration

I declare that the information furnished above is true and correct. I have read and understood the Rules and Guidelines of the Samvada Programme and agree to abide by them. I confirm that all required documents are enclosed. I understand that the engagement is voluntary, without remuneration, and that certification is subject to satisfactory performance.

Date:

Signature:

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RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR ADVOCATE VOLUNTEERS

1. The engagement of Advocate Volunteers under the Samvada Scheme shall be purely voluntary and on a pro bono basis.
2. No honorarium, remuneration, allowance, or reimbursement shall be payable under any circumstances.
3. Such engagement shall not confer any right to appointment, employment, or continuation in any capacity under KeLSA.
4. The term of engagement shall be from 01.07.2026 to 30.06.2027, unless terminated earlier in accordance with these guidelines.
5. The Advocate Volunteers shall:
 - a. Conduct legal awareness sessions for school students strictly in accordance with the approved Samvada syllabus.
 - b. Participate in and assist with court visit programmes, including interacting with and guiding students.
 - c. Explain basic legal principles, court procedures, and the functioning of the justice delivery system in a clear and accessible manner.
 - d. Maintain punctuality, preparedness, and professional standards in all assigned activities.
 - e. Submit reports, feedback, or documentation as may be required by KeLSA from time to time.
6. Advocate Volunteers shall attend and conduct all sessions assigned to them with due diligence and commitment.
7. Absence from more than two assigned classes/programmes, without sufficient cause and prior intimation, shall render the volunteer liable for disengagement from the Programme.
8. Habitual absence, lack of preparedness, or failure to perform assigned duties shall be treated as non-performance.
9. Advocate Volunteers shall:
 - a. Uphold the dignity and ethics of the legal profession at all times.
 - b. Maintain a respectful, inclusive, and child-friendly approach in all interactions.

- c. Refrain from engaging in or promoting political, religious, or other controversial matters during sessions.
 - d. Ensure that all communications are appropriate to the age and understanding of students.
 - e. Adhere to all instructions issued by KeLSA or coordinating authorities.
10. The performance of Advocate Volunteers shall be subject to periodic review and assessment by KeLSA.
11. A Certificate of Participation/Completion shall be issued only upon: Successful completion of the full term; and Demonstration of satisfactory performance, including attendance, conduct, and contribution to the Programme.
12. KeLSA reserves the right to disengage any Advocate Volunteer at any stage, without assigning reasons, including but not limited to:
- a. Absence beyond the permissible limit specified in Clause 7;
 - b. Non-performance or unsatisfactory performance;
 - c. Misconduct or breach of these guidelines;
 - d. Any act prejudicial to the objectives or reputation of the Programme or KeLSA.
13. The decision of KeLSA in all matters relating to selection, engagement, performance evaluation, and disengagement shall be final and binding.
14. Any matter not specifically covered herein shall be decided by KeLSA.
15. Submission of application and participation in the Programme shall be deemed to constitute acceptance of these Rules and Guidelines in full.



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