KERALA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY (KeLSA)

NOTIFICATION INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR ADVOCATES VOLUNTEERS FOR VRC SCHEME (2026-27)
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The Kerala State Legal Services Authority hereby invites applications from advocates practicing before the High Court of Kerala for engagement as Advocates Volunteers for VRC scheme a period of Two Years.

Victim Rights Centre is a platform to ensure access to justice and fair treatment of victims. It aims at an integrated action with the co-operation of Government, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations to provide assistance and support, sociological, psychological and legal to the victims and streamline them to their respective remedies. The main beneficiaries are women, children, transgender person in general and those women, children and transgender persons belonging to ethnic communities, SC and ST, women prisoners in jail/prisons in Kerala along with children living with them and children in conflict with law and children in need of care and protection and those who are mentally ill by providing them legal, emotional and sociological support with an aim to transform the victim to a survivor.

Position: Advocates volunteers (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 Notified: Maximum 18 Advocates Volunteers

Eligibility: Advocate actively practising before the High Court of Kerala and knowledge of social welfare legislations

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: 31.10.2026
- Applicants shall submit:
    1. Duly filled Application Form
    2. Curriculum Vitae (CV)
    3. One-page Note explaining motivation to volunteer in VRC

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

KERALAM STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, KOCHI-682031

Member Secretary
Kerala State Legal Services Authority

Annexures:

Ann. 1 - Application Form

Ann. 2 - Rules and Guidelines for Advocate Volunteers

APPLICATION FORM

ADEVOCATES VOLUNTEERS FOR VRC SCHEME (2026-27)

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 VRC

- Have you previously served as a VRC 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 VRC

6. Declaration

I declare that the information furnished above is true and correct. I have read and understood the Rules and Guidelines of the VRC 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 ADVOCATES VOLUNTEERS FOR VRC SCHEME

1. The engagement of Advocate Volunteers under the VRC Scheme shall be purely voluntary and on a pro bono basis.

2. No honorarium, remuneration, allowance, or reimbursement (except TA) 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 two years, unless terminated earlier in accordance with these guidelines.

5. Advocates Volunteers_shall attend and conduct all sessions assigned to them with due diligence and commitment.

6. Habitual absence, lack of preparedness, or failure to perform assigned duties shall be treated as non-performance.

7. Advocates Volunteers_shall:
   a. Uphold the dignity and ethics of the legal profession at all times.
   b. Maintain a respectful, inclusive approach in all interactions.
   c. Adhere to all instructions issued by KeLSA or coordinating authorities.

8. The performance of Advocates Volunteers_shall be subject to periodic review and assessment by KeLSA.

9. 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.

10. KeLSA reserves the right to disengage any Resource person and court mentor at any stage, without assigning reasons, including but not limited to:
    a. Absence beyond the permissible limit
    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.

11. The decision of KeLSA in all matters relating to selection, engagement, performance evaluation, and disengagement shall be final and binding.

12. Any matter not specifically covered herein shall be decided by KeLSA.

13. Submission of application and participation in the Programme shall be deemed to constitute acceptance of these Rules and Guidelines in full.

Member Secretary
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