

## PRESS NOTE

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### The Chief Justice Of India Inaugurates Front Office of Supreme Court Legal Services Committee

Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. V. Ramana, Chief Justice of India and Patron-in-Chief SCLSC inaugurated Front Office of Supreme Court Legal Services Committee today in the august presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice A M Khanwilkar, Chairman SCLSC. On the occasion were also present Hon'ble Mr. Justice U U Lalit Chairman NALSA , Justice Abhay S. Oka, Justice Jitendra Kumar Maheshwari, P.S Narasimha, Justice Jamshed Pardiwala and other Supreme Court Judges. The Front Office has been re-structured in consonance with the Vision Statement of Supreme Court Legal Services to act as one stop centre for legal aid seekers. The Front Office will render various legal services for the purpose of Supreme court to those in need of legal assistance. The functions of Front Offices will include legal services such as Legal advice, attending legal aid helpline, receiving and maintaining record with regard to legal aid applications, uploading legal aid applications on Web Portal of SCLSC, maintaining up-to-date data of court based matters on digital platform and informing Legal Aid Beneficiary about particulars of a Panel Lawyer to whom his matter is assigned . The Front Office has been re-structured and re-oriented in such a manner that it will facilitate confidential interactions between a legal aid seeker and a panel lawyer. A comfortable waiting area has also been provided. The Front Office has been fully equipped with computer and electronic hardware to leverage technology and to make use of the recently developed and launched SCLSC's Web Portal and digital platform. The front office has got interconnectivity with the Main Office of SCLSC Jail and other Legal Services Authorities and also facilitates Video Conferencing of the legal aid applicants with the authorities of SCLSC or the concerned official dealing with the matter. The Supreme Court Services Committee has taken action towards the implementation of the vision statement prepared under the guidance of Hon'ble Mr. Justice A M Khanwilkar to enhance the quality of legal services rendered to reach , facilitate and enable the weaker and marginalised sections of the society.