

KERALA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

BEST PLV- 2018- Sri. P.C. Ragesh, DLSA, THALASSERY

A Para Legal Volunteer shall be a person with proper mind set to involve himself in social and legal issues so as to extend a helping hand to the persons who are in need of it. He shall the flair and initiative to dwell himself in issues of social importance and prominence. Sri. P.C. Ragesh will fit into this category through his methodical work and systematic approach to the duty he is supposed to do. A glance through his involvement in various issues will reflect upon the magnitude of the service he has provided as a Para Legal Volunteer. This was exactly the reason for the Hon'ble Executive Chairman to choose him as the Best Para Legal Volunteer of Kerala in 2018.

Report of activities from 1.9.2017 to 31.8.2018

1. Two women rehabilitated

- Two women abandoned with none willing to take care of them were accommodated at a rehabilitation centre by Sri.P.C.Ragesh.
- Both the women, having battered by fate, were of unsound mind. Having underwent treatment at Kozhikode both had regained their conscious mind but were staying at the mental hospital.

2. Women held captive in her own house-rescued

- The plight of 30 year old woman held captive in her own house came to the notice of Sri.Ragesh.P.C.
- With the help of Secretary, DLSA Kannur and police, she was rescued.

- Proper treatment was given to both the young lady and her mentally ill brother who held her captive.
- They, now, lead normal life.

3. Helping hand extended to man found unconscious

- Mr. Ragesh found a man unconscious at Kannur Bus Stand. Public, with a false conception of him being drunk, neglected him completely.
- He took him to the nearby hospital.
- After giving him proper first aid, took him to his house.

4. A psychopath having received proper treatment, back to normal life

- A 35-year old psychopath wandering in streets was taken to mental health care centre with the order of the Hon'ble CJM due to the intervention of Mr. Ragesh. P.C.
- He was given proper treatment for months.
- The guy regained his health and is back home sound and safe.

5. Victim of acid attack

- As an act of revenge over perceived rejection, Sri. Musthafa splashed acid on Smt. Rathi and also forced her to drink acid.
- Sri.Ragesh.P.C stood with her all through her treatment procedures. She is approaching the mid way point of her treatment plan.
- Due to his intervention, DLSA has recommended for interim compensation to her.
- He approached the school where her children are studying and made arrangements to make their education free of cost. He helped them in providing proper counselling.
- As her family is running out of savings, he informed the public about her plight through social media and newspapers and now with many helping hands extended towards her, she is slowly stumbling back to life.

6. Hold my hand big brother!

- Sasi's sister Rathi, a mentally challenged, is so attached to her brother that a lightning flash of rage always seized her if he left her side even for a moment. This made it impossible for Sasi even to earn a day's meal.
- Sri.Ragesh.P.C met all the shopkeepers of the area and convinced them to provide them meals on rotation basis.
- Due to his intervention, Rathi got disability certificate from medical board.
- He made them to apply for a Ration Card also

7. The gate opening to road making the area accident prone

- A house owner who had put up gate of his house in such a manner to open it towards the road at a dangerous U-turn making the area very vulnerable and accident prone had turned a deaf ear to the repeated request of Sri.Ragesh.P.C to keep the gate closed.
- Desperate, he then approached the Peralassery Panchayat.
- The Panchayat directed the house owner to keep the gate closed and to re-fix the gate so as to open it towards the house.

8. Miserable condition of the road

- **The** Muthukutti-Chal Temple road was broken at many places hindering the smooth run of transport.
- With the intervention of Sri.Ragesh.P.C the Panchayat have prepared the estimate for road repair and the repairing work would be started in the near future.

9. Absence of street lights-safety of pedestrians at stake

- The absence of illuminance at Chembilode Metta area had reduced pedestrian reassurance and increased fear of crime.

- Intervention of Sri. Ragesh. P.C in the matter had resulted in planting street lights in the area by the Panchayat authorities, consequently resulting in increased pedestrian street use in the dark.

10. Tumbled down two-stored building-a reason for panic to passersby

- A tumbled down two-storied building on the verge of collapse was a cause of concern to the passersby.
- Sri. Ragesh P C met the owner and convinced him that the building has to be either renovated or pulled down. The renovation of the building is now in progress and will soon be completed.

11. Water water everywhere

- Whenever it rains a fair amount, the lawn of Hariyambattu House, Onapparambu Road, Narath collects a pool of water leading the life of the members therein miserable.
- Sri.Ragesh.P.C P C visited the place to find that the problem lies in the drive way drainage.
- With his intervention, the Panchayath cleared the drain on the side of the road and unclogged it and thereby the problem is solved.

12. Psychopath in tumbled down house-rescued

- During the heavy rains, M.V. Rathika's (Chembilode, Kannur) house had collapsed partially and the standing portion of her house was on the verge of collapse.
- Rathika is mentally ill and always sat sunk in lonely despair.
- She was shifted temporarily to a rehabilitation centre by Sri.Ragesh.P.C and his efforts have paved way to the reconstruction of her house which will be completed in recent future.

13. Aged man manhandled by sons

- Sri. Azees, Chala, Kannur was manhandled by his sons.
- Sri. Ragesh.P.C talked to his sons and convinced them to take care of him and to deposit Rs.4000/- every month in his account.
- Azees is now being maintained by his sons.

14. Support to Smt. Devaki

- She is unmarried.
- Physical ailments gifted to her by her old age had partially hindered her mobility and she needed the help of another individual for activities of daily living like bathing, dressing or even using a toilet.
- Her siblings refused to take her responsibility.
- Sri.Ragesh.P.C intervened in the matter and convinced one of her brother to look after her. She is now being taken care of.

15. Old lady man handled by siblings

- An old lady of Chirakkal Grama Panchayath was man handled by her siblings.
- Sri. Ragesh P C met her brother and convinced him to take care of her.
- In the meanwhile she passed away on 23.08.2018.

16. Legal aid to Sri. Thankaraj

- He was wrongly accused of beating up his daughter and was remanded.
- Sri. Ragesh P C looked into the matter and was convinced that his daughter was forced by her mother to accuse him.
- Sri.Ragesh.P.C helped in arranging an Advocate for him. He, soon thereafter, obtained bail.

17. Counselling to a young girl

- A girl fled her parents' home to be with her lover, giving up her family and studies.
- Her lover cheated on her and she returned home mentally shattered.
- Sri. Ragesh.P.C directed her to Shastra Counselling centre.
- She is now stepping back to life.

18. Alerted public about a fake institution

- A fake institution by the name People's Mediation Centre offered free life time-time legal aid if paid membership fee of Rs.150/-.
- Sri. Ragesh. P.C looked into the matter and having found the institution fake, informed the Kudumbasree members and other institutions of the area not to obtain membership.

19. Role in Legal awareness programmes

- He has arranged to conduct 17 Legal Awareness Classes and is active in all the activities of the DLSA and TLSC.

20. Kerala Deluge- 2018

- He actively took part in the flood relief works and in collecting various items to be distributed in Flood Relief Camps which includes 60 shirts worth Rs.600/- each.

21. Legal aid stall in Kannur fest

- He had taken a major role in arranging and running a Legal Aid Stall in the Kannur Fest from 16.08.2018 to 30.09.2018.
