

Tele-law service to be made free of cost

July 20, 2022

In news– The Union Minister of Law and Justice has recently announced during the 18th All India Legal Services Meet at Jaipur that Tele-Law service is being made free of cost for citizens in the country from 2022.

About Tele-Law service-

- **Tele-Law means the use of communications and information technology for the delivery of legal information and advice.**
- Tele-Law **mainstreams legal aid to the marginalized** seeking legal help by **connecting them with the Panel Lawyers** through the tele/video-conferencing infrastructure available at Common Service Centres (CSCs) across 1 lakh Gram Panchayats.
- For easy and direct access **Tele- Law Mobile Application** (both Android and iOS) was launched in 2021 and it is presently **available in 22 scheduled languages.**



- Benefitting from this digital revolution, Tele-Law has widened the **outreach of legal services to 20 Lakh + beneficiaries in just five years.**
- During the event, the Department of Justice, **Ministry of Law & Justice and National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) exchanged Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Integrated Delivery of Legal Services.**
- Under the provision of the MoU, **NALSA would provide the**

services of 700 lawyers, in each district exclusively for the Tele-Law program.

- **These empanelled lawyers would now also act as referral lawyers** and also assist in strengthening the mechanism for dispute avoidance and dispute resolution at the pre-litigation stage.
- NALSA through its SLSAs(state level) and DLSAs(District level) is already working in this regard through **Under Trial Review Committee (UTRCs)** by **making available free legal aid/legal counsel** to the undertrials.
- **The Tele-Law initiative was launched on April 20, 2017 in collaboration with The Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice & the Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY)** with an aim to provide legal advice in the villages through CSCs.