

NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY (NALSA)
SAATHI Campaign, 2025
“Survey for Aadhaar and Access to Tracking & Holistic Inclusion”

PRESS RELEASE

New Delhi / 13 May 2025: NALSA Launches SAATHI Campaign for Destitute Children in Presence of Hon’ble Justices of Supreme Court

The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) today launched SAATHI — Survey for Aadhaar and Access to Tracking & Holistic Inclusion — a national campaign aimed at identifying and assisting destitute children across India in obtaining Aadhaar and other essential identity documents. The initiative seeks to restore legal identity and ensure access to education, healthcare, and welfare entitlements for children living on streets, in shelter homes, and other vulnerable situations.

The campaign was launched in the august presence of Hon’ble Mr. Justice B.R. Gavai, Chief Justice of India Designate, who presently serves as the Executive Chairman, NALSA and is set to assume office as the 51st Chief Justice of India tomorrow; Hon’ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Judge, Supreme Court of India and incoming Executive Chairman, NALSA; and Hon’ble Mr. Justice Vikram Nath, Judge, Supreme Court of India.

Hon’ble Justice Gavai emphasized the need for targeted outreach and institutional commitment to children who remain excluded from the formal system due to lack of documentation. Justice Surya Kant underscored the importance of convergence among legal services authorities, UIDAI, and child protection institutions to ensure every child’s right to identity and dignity.

Implemented through District Legal Services Authorities, SAATHI will operate in mission mode from 15 May to 15 August 2025, facilitating Aadhaar enrolment, legal aid, and linkage to welfare schemes.

Addressing the gathering, the dignitaries reaffirmed NALSA’s constitutional commitment to ensure that no child is left behind due to lack of identity. The initiative reflects NALSA’s evolving vision under the leadership of Justice Gavai, who has championed inclusive and technology-driven legal aid, and

will be further carried forward by Justice Surya Kant, with his deep commitment to child rights and systemic reform.

This campaign builds on NALSA's commitment to inclusive justice and marks a significant milestone in the journey towards safeguarding the rights of every child in India.

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