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S.K. SINGHI
Founder & Managing Partner

India, a country with a population of over 1.4 billion, has made significant strides in economic growth and development since its independence. This progress, though substantial, is not the end of the road. We are committed to furthering this growth and ensuring that all sections of society, particularly the marginalised and disadvantaged, can benefit from it.

Legal services ensure access to justice, a fundamental right enshrined in the Constitution of India. The legal aid movement in India, which began in the 1950s, is a testament to the power of collective action. It aims to provide free or subsidised legal assistance to those who cannot afford it, and we at S.K.Singhi & Partners LLP are proud to be a part of this movement.

Legal services empower marginalised communities, including Women, Dalits, Tribals and persons with disabilities, by promoting awareness of their rights and entitlements. The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, provide critical protections for vulnerable groups.

At S.K.Singhi & Partners LLP, we firmly believe that Legal services help individuals navigate complex government programs, ensuring they receive essential benefits, such as pensions, scholarships, and healthcare. Legal aid enables individuals to secure their rights to land, property, and resources, promoting economic stability and security. This is a crucial aspect of our work that we are dedicated to enhancing.

We will continue to work in the aforesaid area and will soon launch a new initiative with innovative ideas and actions.

As the festival season has commenced, we wish all our readers and stakeholders a very happy festival season.

Happy Reading!

Best wishes



Legal Outreach Desk

Announcement of Establishment of a Legal Outreach Desk at S.K.Singhi & Partners LLP

It is with great pleasure that we announce the establishment of a Legal Outreach Desk at our New Delhi office. This initiative is specifically designed to cater to the needs of emerging, mid-sized, and other law firms across India, facilitating seamless access to the Supreme Court and other judicial forums in Delhi. Our aim is to empower you to manage cases and client matters with increased efficiency.

About S.K.Singhi & Partners LLP

S.K.Singhi & Partners LLP is a full-service law firm headquartered in Kolkata, with additional offices strategically located in New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and satellite offices in Gurugram and Bhubaneswar. Our offices are equipped with an International Desk, led by a Senior Associate and supervised by a Partner, to provide comprehensive support to peer law firms and lawyers globally. We assist in understanding the opportunities and challenges of India's fast-growing economy, offering market intelligence, resources, and tailored solutions for setting up operations in India.

Leadership and Expertise

The Legal Outreach Desk will operate under the esteemed supervision of Mr. Akshay Singhi, Senior Partner, and be led by Mr. Jaiprakash Singh, Advocate, who brings over 25 years of post-qualification experience in the Supreme Court and various other courts and tribunals. He will be supported by a dedicated team of professionals, including Advocates, Advocate on Record (AoR), Chartered Accountants and former Bankers.

Our Services

Our Legal Outreach Desk offers a wide array of services to our peer law firms, including but not limited to:

- Filing and representation before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, High Courts, and other courts & tribunals.
- Research and drafting assistance for Delhi-specific cases.
- Coordination with local counsel and experts.
- Access to our New Delhi office for meetings and client consultations.
- Regular updates on court judgments and legal developments.
- Any other specific assistance that may be required.

Your Extended Office in New Delhi

The Legal Outreach Desk functions as your extended office in New Delhi, enabling you to:

- Expand your reach and client base in New Delhi without the need for a physical office.
- Leverage our local expertise and understanding of jurisdictional courts and tribunals.
- Enhance your capabilities in handling matters before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Courts at New Delhi, and Tribunals.

Commitment to Transparency and Confidentiality

We are committed to ensuring complete transparency and confidentiality in all our dealings. The Legal Outreach Desk and the designated associate responsible for interacting with you will engage exclusively with you and your authorized representatives, maintaining the highest standards of ethical practices and client confidentiality.

We invite you to learn more about our Legal Outreach Desk and explore how we can support your firm's growth in New Delhi. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us for any inquiries or further information.

To learn more about our firm, please visit us at <https://skspartners.law>.



Contribution of Legal Services towards India's GDP

-By: Akshay Singhi, Senior Partner

A series of cross country econometric studies systematically reveal the importance of legal rules. They claim that legal origins are centered to understanding the divergence in living standards across regions and countries worldwide. Law plays a very significant role in the development of a nation's GDP. While the contribution of legal services to India's GDP is currently modest at 1-2%, it is crucial in supporting economic activities. This sector has significant potential for growth, and by focusing on customer service areas, it can increase its contribution to the national GDP while also enhancing overall economic growth and access to justice.

While the available data doesn't explicitly state the contribution of Law to the Indian GDP, it's crucial to recognize this sector's potential. Among the sectors contributing to India's GDP, the service sector is the most significant contributor at 54.86%, followed by the industry sector at 27.55% and the agriculture sector at 17.59%.

Within the service sector are various sub-sectors, including Financial Services, Real Estate, and Professional Services, which include legal services. The service sector's contribution is:

Primary (Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Mining & Quarrying): 21.82%

Secondary (Manufacturing, Electricity, Gas, Water Supply, etc.): 24.29%

Tertiary (Services-including Legal Services): 53.89%

The salient strategies to Increase the contribution of Legal Services to GDP are as follows:-

Digital Transformation:

One key strategy to increase the contribution of Legal Services to GDP is through digital transformation. Implementing technology in legal practices can streamline operations and reduce costs. Online Dispute resolution, e-filing, and legal tech startups can significantly enhance efficiency.

Access to Justice:

Improving access to legal services, particularly for under privileged populations, can increase overall demand. The initiative can involve pro bono initiatives and legal awareness campaigns.

Specialisation:

Encouraging specialisation in emerging areas like Cybersecurity, Intellectual Property and Environmental Law can attract new businesses and clients.

Collaboration with Startups:

Legal tech collaborations can foster innovation and create new service models, making legal services more accessible and efficient.

International Expansion:

Indian law firms can explore opportunities in international markets, especially in countries having strong ties with India, enhancing service exports.

Educational Reforms:

Enhancing legal education and training programs to produce skilled professionals can improve the quality of legal services.

Policy Advocacy:

Advocating for regulatory reforms that simplify compliance is crucial. These reforms can significantly boost demand for legal services across various sectors, highlighting the urgency for change in the audience.

Awareness Campaigns:

Conducting campaigns to raise awareness about the importance of legal services in business operations and personal matters can drive demand.

Legal Process Outsourcing (LPO):

India can leverage its large pool of law graduates to provide legal services to global clients, creating new job opportunities and revenue streams.

Arbitration and Mediation:

Establishing India as a hub for International Arbitration and Mediation can attract Foreign Investment and boost the economy.

Legal Education and Training:

Improving legal education and training can enhance the quality of legal services, making India more attractive to foreign clients.

The contribution of legal services to India's GDP is significant and multifaceted. As the nation evolves, the legal sector fosters a stable environment for investment and economic development. With India's deeper integration into the global economy, demand for specialized legal expertise is on the rise, further boosting the sector's GDP contribution. Therefore, recognizing and supporting the legal services industry is essential for sustaining economic growth and promoting a robust legal framework that underpins India's development trajectory.

SKS LEGAL QUIZ OCTOBER 2024

We welcome young law college students to participate in this Quiz.

The winners shall be offered priority apprenticeship at any of our offices at Kolkata, New Delhi and Mumbai. For replies please click on this link : [October 2024 Quiz](#)

1. What is the primary source of criminal law in India?

- a) Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS), 2023
- b) Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023
- c) Bhartiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA), 2023
- d) Constitution of India, 1949

2. Which section of the Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita 2023 (BNS) defines murder?

- a) Section 299
- b) Section 302
- c) Section 104
- d) Section 307

3. What is the punishment for contempt of court under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971?

- a) Imprisonment up to 6 months or fine up to ₹2,000
- b) Imprisonment up to 1 year or fine up to ₹5,000
- c) Imprisonment up to 2 years or fine up to ₹10,000
- d) Imprisonment up to 3 years or fine up to ₹20,000

4. Which of the following offences is non-bailable under the BNS?

- a) Theft
- b) Cheating
- c) Murder
- d) All of the above

5. What is the age of criminal responsibility in India?

- a) 7 years
- b) 12 years
- c) 16 years
- d) 18 years

6. Which section of the BNS deals with kidnapping?

- a) Section 359
- b) Section 137 (1)
- c) Section 361
- d) Section 362

7. What is the maximum punishment for rape under the BNS?

- a) Life imprisonment
- b) Death penalty
- c) Imprisonment up to 10 years
- d) Imprisonment up to 20 years

8. Which of the following is a fundamental right of an arrested person?

- a) Right to bail
- b) Right to counsel
- c) Right to speedy trial
- d) Right to silence

9. What is the purpose of a chargesheet under the BNS?

- a) To initiate an investigation
- b) To file a complaint
- c) To frame charges against the accused
- d) To conclude the trial

10. Which court has the power to grant anticipatory bail?

- a) High Court
- b) Sessions Court
- c) Magistrate Court
- d) Supreme Court

Social Events



**Teacher's Day Celebration
at our Delhi Office**



**Birthday celebration of support
staff at our Kolkata Office**

एस.के. सिंधी तेरापंथ प्रोफेशनल फोरम के चीफ ट्रस्टी बने

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**Our Managing Partner took oath as Chief
Trustee of Terapanth Professional
Forum in presence of His Holiness Acharya
Mahashraman Ji**



**Celebrating International Coffee
Day at our Kolkata Office**

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