TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

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ADVT/TISS/PRAYAS/ LEGAL FELLOW /2026 **11 NOVEMBER , 2026**

Vacancy for the position of Female Legal Fellow at Prayas, a field action project, The Centre for Criminology and Justice, School of Social Work, TISS, Mumbai

Prayas is a field action project of the Centre for Criminology and Justice, School of Social Work, initiated in 1990. It is a response to the needs of disadvantaged groups being processed by the Criminal Justice System. It aims at socio-legal and economic rehabilitation of persons who are at risk of being criminalized, exploited for commercial sex, and those in destitute states.

Prayas invites applications from interested candidates eligible for the position of Female Legal Fellow at Prayas on a contractual basis for the period of One Year.

Post: Female Legal Fellow – 1 position
Nature of Appointment: Contract basis (One Year)
Location: Thane Central Prison (Thane District, Maharashtra)
Salary: Rs. 30000/ - (Including field work allowance) per month

Qualification, Role and Responsibility Requirements:

- LLB degree
- Sanad for practicing in Maharashtra
- Field experience in legal aid and criminal justice is desirable.
- Ability to read, write and speak in Marathi, English and Hindi.
- Familiarity with the use of MS Office, Excel, emails, and the internet.
- Preference may be given to lawyers with 2-3 years of legal practice.
- Ability to work effectively in teams as well as independently.
- During the contract period, Fellow shall not take up any other employment without the prior permission of the employer. Access to legal aid (District Courts and for High Court for bail matters)
- Assess and support appeal matters of convict prisoners.
- Coordinate with High Court Legal Services Committee, DLSA, Legal Aid Defense Counsels, Legal Aid Panel lawyers, and Prison Authorities.
- Support post-release reintegration through referrals.

<u>Other conditions:</u>

- The Institute reserves the right to relax qualification and working conditions of the candidate based on the work experience and to relax age in the case of persons already holding comparable positions in a University/Research Institution of repute.

- The Institute reserves the right to invite persons for interview who may not have applied as per the above procedure and not fill up the vacancy advertised

- Since applications received may be short-listed, merely possessing the prescribed qualifications and the requisite experience would not entitle a person to be called for interview.

- The post is unreserved, but candidates belonging to the reserved category can apply. No queries or correspondence regarding issue of call letter for interview/selection of candidates for the post will be entertained at any stage and canvassing in any form is strictly prohibited and will lead to the candidate being debarred from consideration for the post

- No TA/DA is payable for appearing for the interview

- **In case of any inadvertent error in the advertisement and in the process of recruitment, which may be detected at any stage, even after issue of appointment order, the Institute reserves the right to modify/withdraw/cancel any communication made to the candidate(s).**

Application process and interview:

1. Interested eligible candidates are requested to send their updated resume and certificates of education qualification and experience to: ***prayas@tiss.ac.in***

2. Candidates also applying have to fill up the Google Form pasted below. Those who do not fill the Google Form may not be considered. https://forms.gle/ZsLgsFV5riYymMen8

3. The last date of submitting the application is **November 25, 2026.**

4. Only Shortlisted Candidates will be informed over e-mail and/or phone to appear for the Written Test/ Interview (offline / online).

Note: The selected candidate has to join within 15 days of intimation of selection.

Sd/-
Project Leader,