

MISSION

BLAST's mission is to make the legal system accessible to the poor and the marginalized.

VISION

BLAST envisions a society based on the rule of law in which every individual, including the poor, marginalized and excluded, in particular women, children, peoples with disabilities, *adivasis*, and *dalits*, have access to justice and in which their human rights are respected and protected.

OBJECTIVES

In view of the above vision and mission statement, BLAST's specific objectives are:

1. To provide free legal aid and to undertake public interest litigation and advocacy activities to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any person for any reason;
2. To administer a trust fund for establishing and maintaining legal aid and services units supported by the grants from the Trust;
3. To establish legal aid/assistance and human rights protection units in the bar associations and in different localities of the country, including rural areas;
4. To conduct special training programmes through which relevant skills and expertise can be imparted to lawyers, activists and others;
5. To coordinate the activities of the units with other organizations, including NGOs working in related fields;
6. To publish original research articles and reports about matters useful to lawyers;
7. To promote improved legal education, including awareness of responsibility for providing legal aid to disadvantaged persons, and to promote, establish and maintain national institutions for legal education;
8. To organize seminars, symposiums and extension lectures on various law subjects for advocates, teachers, law students, and to promote participation in international conferences, workshops, and training and educational programmes.

