

## JUSTICE GAVAI APPOINTED EXECUTIVE CHAIRPERSON OF NALSA

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The Hon'ble President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu has nominated Hon'ble Shri Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai, Judge, Supreme Court of India, as Executive Chairperson, National Legal Services Authority.

The Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjeev Khanna, the Chief Justice of India, was the previous National Legal Services Authority Executive Chairperson. As per convention, the post is occupied by the second-most senior Judge of the Supreme Court of India.

Before he was nominated as the Executive Chairperson of NALSA, Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai was the Chairperson of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee (SCLSC). As Executive Chairperson, Justice B. R. Gavai will lead NALSA's mission to provide accessible and free legal aid to all citizens, particularly those from marginalized and economically weaker sections of the society, PAN India. His leadership is expected to further NALSA's commitment to upholding the constitutional mandate of Article 39-A, ensuring that justice is not denied to any citizens due to financial or social barriers.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Surya Kant, Judge, Supreme Court of India, has been nominated as the Chairperson of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee (SCLSC) with immediate effect. The nomination has been made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, Justice Sanjeev Khanna.

The post was earlier held by Justice B. R. Gavai, who has now been nominated as the Executive Chairperson of NALSA. The Supreme Court Legal Services Committee ensures access to justice for all, particularly from marginalized and underprivileged sections of the society who may face financial or social barriers in accessing the Highest Court of the Country.

Justice Suryakant has vast experience on the judicial and administrative side, given the responsible positions of Advocate General and Chief Justice he held earlier. The nominations of Justice Gavai and Justice Suryakant are expected to boost the legal aid movement throughout the Country.

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