

## **ILS LEGAL AID CENTER**

**(Estd. 1976)**

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**Student Coordinators:** Madhavraje Patwardhan, Chetan Rakshe (both V BA LLB), Pravan Kulkarni and Shraddha Dhanawate (both II LLB)

**Student Members: 450**

### **ABOUT ILS LEGAL AID CENTRE**

The ILS Legal Aid Centre was established as early as 1976 to impart Clinical Legal Education to the students and socio-legal services to the needy and poor segments of the community.

The Legal Aid Centre has been tirelessly working in this direction for the last 47 years with great zeal and dedication. The Centre is actively involved in collaborating with the various stakeholders, namely, the students, academicians, community leaders, schools, colleges and, the village panchayats. This has been achieved through the organization of various activities like Legal Aid and Legal Literacy camps in schools, colleges and villages across the Pune district, legal aid clinics, research work, preparation of literacy material, participation in Lok Adalat and public hearing.

The Legal Aid Centre has added many feathers to its cap since its inception, and this year was no exception. It is evident from the detailed report of the activities mentioned below.

### **ACTIVITIES OF 2022-23**

This year the ILS Legal Aid Centre received an overwhelming response from the students of the college, in spite of being a voluntary activity. More than 450 students registered themselves to be a part of the Centre. The registered students were divided into groups of 15-20, depending on the year they studied. Each such group is allotted an individual faculty member. Each group conducted various activities throughout the year.

To make legal education socially relevant and professionally desirable, the following activities were conducted by ILS Legal Aid Centre in this academic year:-

- Collaborations with community leaders
- Legal Aid Clinics – In-house and Off-campus
- Legal Literacy and awareness camps in rural areas and schools
- Visit to Social Institutions- Yerwada Open Prison, Maher Ashram
- Internships and Field work
- Participation in National Lok Adalats
- Collaboration with Social Institutions- SWISSAID, Lokayat NGO, Dr Vithalrao Vikhe Patil school of Cooperative Management
- Collaboration with Pune District Legal Services Authority
- Research work
- Participation in National level Legal Aid Conference at Gujarat National Law University
- Translation Work
- Legal Aid Centre Awards for students

## **COLLABORATION WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS**

The ILS Legal Aid Centre has collaborated with following organizations for providing legal aid:-

- District Legal Services Authority, Pune
- Deep Griha Society, Market Yard
- Deep Griha Society, Tadiwala Road
- Kagad Kach Patra Kashtakari Panchayat, Pune

- Bandhkam Mazdoor Sabha, Maharashtra
- Swissaid

## **LEGAL AID CLINICS**

The ILS Legal Aid Centre runs in-house and two off-campus legal aid clinics. The in-house clinic works from the Legal Aid Centre's Office. Our two off-campus clinics are situated at Deep Griha Society - Tadiwala Road and Market Yard offices. Legal grievances of a wide variety, like domestic violence, divorce, dowry prohibition, cruelty, land acquisition, etc. are addressed through conciliation, mediation, or adjudication. These clinics are attended by faculty members and students. Report of the clinics is as follow-

- **In-house Legal Aid Clinic-** Legal Aid Centre, Law College Road, Pune

This in-house Clinic works on 5 days of a week as per the schedule below.

<b>Sr No</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Faculty Coordinators</b>	<b>Student Coordinators</b>
1	Monday	1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Ms Mugdha Hedau and Ms Sneha Sable	Tejas Teli  V BA LLB
2	Tuesday	1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Mr. Dnyaneshwar Kendre and Mr. Akshay Ugale	Madhavraje Patwardhan  V BA LLB
3	Wednesday	1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Dr Banu Vasudevan and  Ms. Parul Raghuwanshi	Mihir Gowande  V BA LLB

4	Thursday	1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Dr Suvarna Nilakh, Ms Ninawari Ware and Ms Isha Khopkar	Chetan Rakshe  V BA LLB
5	Friday	11:00 AM to to 12:00 Noon	Ms. Ishika Choudhary and Ms. Divya Mittal	Deveesha Tudekar  V BA LLB

**The report of the cases dealt by the clinic is as follows:**

<b>Total no. of cases</b>	<b>Settled through counseling, mediation or conciliation</b>	<b>Sent for adjudication to the Court</b>	<b>Pending</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	–	–

- **Off -Campus Legal Aid Clinics**

**I. Deep Griha Society, Tadiwala Road**

**Faculty Coordinator- Mr. D. P. Kendre**

**Student Coordinator- Madhavraje Patwardhan (V BA LLB)**

Mr. D.P. Kendre coordinated the legal aid activities of this Clinic. He visited this clinic on the fourth Saturday of every month. Along with the faculty coordinator, students also visited this clinic for providing free legal aid and settling the dispute through the ADR mechanism.

<b>Total no. of cases</b>	<b>Settled through counseling, mediation or conciliation</b>	<b>Sent for adjudication to the Court</b>	<b>Pending</b>

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**Session on “ The Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace” at Deepgruha Society, Tadiwala Road, Pune**

**Date- May 15, 2023**

**Faculty Coordinator- Mr. D. P. Kendre**

In addition to regular visits to the clinic, the faculty coordinator and student members also conducted a session on “Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace” for the employees of Deep Griha Society on 15th May 2023. This session was attended by more than 20 employees of Deep Griha Society.

**Paralegal Volunteer Training program on “Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007” for employees of Deep Griha Society**

**Date- May 15, 2023**

**Faculty Coordinator- Mr. D. P. Kendre**

This Para legal volunteer training was held with the volunteers of Deep Griha society. This training helps in spreading social awareness about the senior citizens rights, maintenance as well as conducting counseling sessions for senior citizens and their family. This training will prove crucial in resolving existing disputes, avoiding future disputes and having amicable family relations in general.

**II. Deep Griha Society, Market Yard**

**Faculty Coordinator- Dr. Deepa Paturkar**

ILS Law College in collaboration with Deep Griha Society, an NGO working in slum areas of Pune City, runs a Legal Aid Clinic in Ambedkar Nagar, Market Yard, Pune. The Clinic at Market Yard provided support to the needy clients coming from Prem Nagar Vasahat, Gultekadi and Ram Tekadi, Hadapsar.

## **LEGAL AID AND LITERACY CAMPS**

### **Legal Aid and Literacy Camps in Villages**

#### **1. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at Khanote Village, Tal. Daund, Dist. Pune.**

**Date: December 17, 2022**

**Faculty Coordinator: Mr. D. P. Kendre**

**Student Coordinators- Madhavraje Patwardhan (V BA LLB) and Pranav Kulkarni (II LLB)**

Under the guidance of Mr. D.P. Kendre, students of V BA LLB and II LL.B. participated in this camp. Mr. Kendre gave information about the ILS Legal Aid Centre and right to legal aid.

Students gave information on the following topics -

- 7/12 Extract - Pranav Kulkarni
- Rights of Senior Citizens - Jayati Tandon
- The Consumer Protection Act, 2019 for Farmers- Shirraj Shirke & Isha Porje
- OTP fraud awareness- Pragati Rathod and Vishakha Goyal
- Lakshmi Mukti Scheme by Maharashtra Government - Vivek Masram
- Section 41 AA of the Maharashtra Public Trust Act, 1950 - Mr. D.P. kendre
- The Inter-State Migrant Workmen Act, 1979 - Sayali Mitkari and Abhishek Jadhav

Students performed a skit on the topic of Domestic Violence and covered the issues like physical, financial, mental violence and the need for women empowerment through education.

19 students participated in this camp.

**Student Participants-** Aditya Shah, Vishakha Goyal, Pragati Rathod, Ashish Rathod, Pranav Kulkarni, Jayati Tandon, Abhishek Jadhav, Shirraj Shirke, Mansi Kabir, Isha Porje, Awantika Bajpai, Sayali Mitkari, Vivek Masram, Akash Kharade, Jivika Choudhary, Lakole Vedant, Adiba Raza, Janhavi Dahiphale (all from II LLB) and Madhavraje Patwardhan (V BA LLB)

**Number of Beneficiaries- 150**

#### **2. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at Godumbre Village, Tal. Mawal, Dist. Pune.**

**Date – February 6, 2023**

**Faculty Coordinator – Dr. Deepa Paturkar and Ms Ishika Choudhary**

**Student Coordinators- Madhavraje Patwardhan and Deveesha Tudekar (both V BA LLB)**

Under the guidance of Dr Deepa Paturkar and Ms Ishika Chaudhary, students from V BA LLB participated in this Camp. Dr Paturkar informed the participants about the ILS Legal Aid Center. Students created awareness among participants through speeches and a skit. Students gave information on the following topics:

- Women’s election and her role as a Village Sarpanch - Chetan Rakshe
- Prohibition of Domestic Violence against Women - Tejas Teli
- Right to Free Legal Aid - Dr Deepa Paturkar and Tejas Bhonge
- The Consumer Protection Act, 2019 - Ms. Ishika Choudhary

Students also performed a skit on the issue of Domestic Violence and encouraged the viewers about girl’s education. 11 students participated in this camp.

**Student Participants-** Tejas Teli, Tejas Bhonge, Kuber Vaidya, Purva Mandekar, Chetan Rakshe, Ashish Vasave, Ritik Khobragade (all V BA LLB), Sanket Madane (IV BA LLB) and Akash Sarvade (II BA LLB)

**Number of Beneficiaries- 50**

### **3. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at Padvi Village, Tal. Daund, Dist. Pune.**

**Date – February 14, 2023**

**Faculty Coordinators – Ms. Divya Mittal and Mr Rohit Bokil**

**Student Coordinator - Dattaram Bile (IV BA LLB)**

Under the guidance of Ms. Divya Mittal and Mr. Rohit Bokil, 13 students participated in this camp. Ms. Mittal gave information about the ILS Legal Aid Centre and right to legal aid. Further, sessions were conducted by students on the following topics

- Dowry as a social issue and the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961- Rudrani Warad
- Various government schemes for women and senior citizens- Purva Kshatriya

Students also performed a skit on Right to free legal aid for women which dealt with the issue of torture and abuse of women, gender discrimination and dowry harassment. 13 students participated in the camp.

**Student Participants-** Dattaram Bile, Khushi Bagde, Ayush Ramachandran, Rudrani Warad, Sejal Bhandwalkar, Sahil Wadkar, Saniya Vinayan, Purva Kshatriya, Shubham Chavan, Khushi Agarwal, Chaitrali Gondhali, Shantanu Gaikwad and Kalyani Pungale (all IV BA LLB)

**Number of Beneficiaries- 50**

#### **4. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at Kusegaon Village, Tal. Daund, Dist. Pune.**

**Date – February 14, 2023**

**Faculty Coordinator – Dr. Tejaswini Malegaonkar**

**Student Coordinators- Pratik Jankar (IV BA LLB)**

Under the guidance of Dr. Tejaswini Malegaonkar, students from IV BA LLB and III LLB participated in this camp. The object of this camp was to spread awareness about the menace of domestic violence and rights of senior citizens. Students gave information on the following topics :-

- The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005- Prashik Rakshe
- Right to Vote and Rights of Voters - Shruti Swami
- Special Laws relating to Women- Madhavi More
- Digital Applications by Government for Farmers- Pratik Jankar
- Rights of Senior Citizens- Manasvi Sonawane

Students performed a Bharud (folk art) “*Porga Batla*” on the issue of rights of senior citizens. Total 17 students participated in this camp.

**Student Participants-** Pratik Jankar, Sanket Madane, Prakshik Rakshe, Mayur More, Tejas Meshram, Mayur Dongre, Prasad Langote, Shivani Mundata, Ayushi Yadav, Payal Chougule,



Tanaya Girap, Tanaya Patil, Deepal Khude, Krupa Husurkar, Shruti Swami, Madhavi More (all IV BA LLB), Manaswi Sonawane, Nikhil Jadhav, Bhaktraj Patil and Rohan Bhagat ( all III LLB)

**Number of Beneficiaries- 50**

**Number of cases handled- 04**

#### **5. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at Bhandgaon Village, Tal. Daund, Dist. Pune.**

**Date – February 14, 2023**

**Faculty Coordinator – Dr. Suvarna Nilakh**

**Student Coordinators- Satyam Surana and Madhavraje Patwardhan (V BA LLB)**

Under the guidance of Dr. Suvarna Nilakh, students participated in this camp. Dr Nilakh gave information about the ILS Legal Aid Centre and how to avail legal aid. Students gave information on the following topics -

- Importance of Legal Aid and the Legal Services Authority Act, 1987 - Satyam Surana
- The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005- Isha Todkar
- Female Infanticide and legal consequences - Rachana Sinnarkar

Through a skit students addressed the issue of Domestic Violence. 13 students participated in this camp.

**Student Participants-** Satyam Surana, Madhavraje Patwardhan, Tejas Teli, Isha Todkar, Rachana Sinnarkar, Tejas Rudey, Gauri Fatangare, Purva Mandekar, Shubhangi Zite, Bhumisha Lodaya, Dhanistha Kawale, Nirmohi Bansod and Anuja Bhukan ( all V BA LLB)

**Number of Beneficiaries-150**

#### **6. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at Kemsewadi Village, Tal. Mulshi, Dist. Pune.**

**Date – February 16, 2023**

**Faculty Coordinators – Ms. Ishika Choudhary and Adv. Sai Tamhankar**

### **Student Coordinator- Mihir Govande (V BA LLB)**

Under the guidance of Ms. Ishika Choudhary and Adv. Sai Tamhankar, the camp mainly focused on spreading awareness about domestic violence and rights of senior citizens. Students gave information on the following topics:-

- Introduction of ILS Legal Aid Center and its activities - Chetan Rakshe
- Rights of Senior Citizens under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 and Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 - Ms Ishika Choudhary
- Legal Protection of Consumers under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 - Mihir Govande
- The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 - Adv Sae Tamhankar

The Students performed two skits - one on the topic of Domestic Violence and remedies against it and second on the rights of Senior Citizens. 13 students participated in this camp.

**Student Participants-** Madhavraje Patwardhan, Harshal Kshirsagar, Purva Mandekar, Nirmohi Bansod, Anushka Ganjve, Tejas Teli, Gowridev Nair, Anoushka Gahilot, Rayan Ahmed Shaikh, Deveesha Tudekar, Aditya Grover, Chetan Rakshe and Shubhangi Zite (all V BA LLB)

**Number of Beneficiaries-100**

### **7. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at Bhimashankar, Tal. Khed, Dist. Pune.**

**Date – April 19, 2023**

**Faculty Coordinator – Dr. Tejaswini Malegaonkar**

**Student Coordinator- Prasad Jadhav (III LLB)**

Under the guidance of Dr. Tejaswini Malegaonkar, students from II LLB and III LLB participated in this camp. Dr Malegaonkar briefed the villagers about the right to free legal aid. The main object of this camp was to spread awareness about laws related to environment protection and rights of farmers. Students gave information on the following topics-

- Eco Sensitive Zones and the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 - Vishakha Goyal

- 7/12 Extract - Pranav Kulkarni
- Nistarpatrak and Wazib-ul-arz - Kaiwalya Borkar
- Law as a Career- Omkar Patil

Students performed skits on the following topics-

- Awareness about Right to Vote
- Government Schemes for the Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes

Students also performed a Bharud (folk art) on the Environment Protection Act, 1986 and the Indian Forest Act, 1927. 11 students participated in this camp.

**Student Participants-** Vishakha Goyal, Pranav Kulkarni, (both II LLB), Prasad Jadhav, Vedant Kulkarni, Devshree Kandalkar, Omkar Patil, Kaiwalya Borkar, Apoorva Yerule, Prajakta Gonte, Avinash Padwal and Alluri Puneet (all III LLB)

**Number of Beneficiaries- 50**

**Number of cases handled- 3**

## **8. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at Kharoshi Village, Tal. Khed, Dist. Pune.**

**Date – April 19, 2023**

**Faculty Coordinator – Mr. Rohit Bokil**

**Student Coordinator- Manasvi Sonawane (III LLB)**

Under the guidance of Mr. Rohit Bokil, students from III LLB participated in this camp. The aim of the camp was to spread legal awareness about domestic violence against women, rights of senior citizens and voting rights of the citizens. Students gave information on the following topics-

- Election Laws in India- Jeevan Jadhav
- Law as a Career- Uday Sharma
- 7/12 Extract, Khatepustika, Nistarpatrak and Wazib-ul-arz - Sanket Patange

Students performed a Bharud (folk art) on 'Rights of Senior Citizen' and a skit named, '**Tutleli Shapath**' dealing with issues such as Protection of women from Domestic Violence, Where and How to report the instances of domestic violence, Legal remedies and their rights. 9 students participated in this camp.

**Student Participants-** Manasvi Sonawane, Jeevan Jadhav, Pratap Dasud, Omkar Dhobale, Prasanna, Nabha Thakare, Uday Sharma, Sanket Patange and Raviraj Wagh (All III LLB)

**Number of Beneficiaries- 50**

**Number of cases handled- 4**

### **9. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at Avhat Village, Tal. Khed, Dist. Pune.**

**Date – April 19, 2023**

**Faculty Coordinator – Ms. Sneha Sabale**

**Student Coordinators- Siddhi Gawari (III LLB)**

Under the guidance of Ms Sneha Sable, students from III LLB participated in this Camp. It was organized to create awareness about the issues of Dowry, Domestic Violence, Rights of Senior Citizens etc. It aimed to spread knowledge among people about their land rights, voting rights and also how Law as a career could be pursued by the young generation. Students gave information on following topics-

- Rights of Voters and Election Laws in India- Vikranti Sonawane
- Nistarpatrak and Wazib-ul-arz- Rohan Bhagat
- Law as a Career- Shubham Shelar

Students performed a skit on Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 and The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 and a Bharud (folk art) on Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007. Total 8 Students participated in this camp.

**Student Participants-** Nikhil Jadhav, Siddhi Gawari, Bhaktraj Patil, Rohan Bhagat, Parag Sonar, Shubham Shelar, Vikranti Sonawane and Akshya Singh (all III LLB)

**Number of Beneficiaries- 30**

**Number of cases handled- 5**

**10. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at Chalegoan, Tal. Mulshi, Dist. Pune.**

**Date- April 20, 2023**

**Faculty Coordinators- Ms. Vindhya Gupta and Ms. Ishika Chaudhary**

**Student Coordinators- Devayani Thakur and Swapnil Sakhare (both III BA LLB)**

Under the guidance of Ms. Vindhya Gupta and Ms. Ishika Chaudhary, students from III BA LLB organized a Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at Chalegoan, Tal. Mulshi, Dist. Pune. The event mainly focused on Domestic Violence and important Government schemes along with Labour Laws.

Students gave information on the following topics-

- Important Labour laws in India and Rights of laborers- Shreya Salunkhe
- Important Agricultural Schemes for farmers- Tejas Kasar and Prajakta Shambharkar
- Other important Government schemes for villagers- Arya Doshi and Janhavi Kharade
- Good touch and bad touch- Devayani Thakur
- Introduction of ILS Legal Aid Center and its activities- Swapnil Sakhare

A skit was performed by all the students in the group on the issue of Domestic Violence. The skit was followed by some relevant facts and cases of Domestic Violence by Priyanka Kale, who engaged in a lively conversation with attendees about their experiences with domestic violence. Total 8 students participated.

**Student Participants-** Priyanka Kale, Shreya Salunkhe, Tejas Kasar, Prajakta Shambharkar, Arya Doshi, Janhavi Kharade, Devayani Thakur and Swapnil Sakhare (all III BA LLB)

**Number of beneficiaries- 50**

**11. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at Kudje Village, Tal. Haveli, Dist. Pune.**

**Date – April 29, 2023**

**Faculty Coordinator – Mr. D. P. Kendre**

**Student Coordinators- Madhavraje Patwardhan (V BA LLB) and Pranav Kulkarni (II LLB)**

Under the guidance of Mr. D P Kendre, students from II LLB and V BA LLB participated in this Camp. Mr. Kendre gave information about the ILS Legal Aid Centre and how people can approach us for free legal aid. Students gave information on the following topics-

- 7/12 Extract - Pranav Kulkarni
- The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 - Alim Hawaldar
- Forest Rights and related Laws - Kunal Shirgire and Anavi Shirke
- FIR Awareness- Shraddha Dhanwate
- OTP fraud awareness- Pragati Rathod and Vishakha Goyal
- Lakshmi Mukti scheme by Maharashtra Government- Sayali Mitkari
- Section 41 AA of the Maharashtra Public Trust Act, 1950 - Madhavraje Patwardhan
- Agriculture related Apps- Isha Porje

Two skits were performed by students - one on Domestic Violence showing physical, financial and mental facets of domestic violence and another skit highlighting the grim reality of female infanticide. A total of 18 students participated in this camp.

**Student Participants-** Madhavraje Patwardhan (V BA.LLB), Aditya Shah, Vishakha Goyal, Pragati Rathod, Ashish Rathod, Pranav Kulkarni, Alim Hawaldar, Shriraj Shirke, Mansi Kabir, Isha Porje, Awantika Bajpai, Sayali Mitkari, Shraddha Dhanwate, Adiba Raza, Sohan Raut, Shivani Gawde, Anavi Shirke and Kunal Shirgire (all II LL.B)

**Number of Beneficiaries- 50**

**Legal Aid and Literacy Camps in Schools**

**1. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at Shri Convent and High School, Nagpur**

**Date – December 12, 2022**

**Faculty Coordinator –Mr. Ashish Pawar**

### **Student Coordinators- Soham Thakare and Viraj Yeole (III BA LLB)**

Under the guidance of Mr. Ashish Pawar, students of III BA LLB conducted this camp at their native place during the semester break. The aim of this Camp was to spread the awareness of law and give its importance in today's world to the newer generation. Students took sessions on following topics -

- Information about ILS Law College and its Legal Aid Centre -Pritesh Shende
- Core Principles of Law, Law and its Historical background, Types of Law - Soham Thakare
- Constitution, 3 pillars of Constitution, Features of Constitution- Viraj Yeole
- Borrowed Provision of Constitution- Anushka Garse
- Judiciary and its applicably and various other law - Prasanna Chavhan

**Student Participants-** Soham Thakare, Viraj Yeole, Prasanna Chavhan, Anushka Garse, Pritesh Shende ( all III BA LLB)

**Number of Beneficiaries- 60 students and 10 teachers**

### **2. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at Sardar Kanhoji Angre English Medium School, Shukrawar Peth, Pune**

**Date: January 30, 2023**

**Faculty Coordinator: Mr. Akshay Ugale**

**Student Coordinators- Niranjana Ram (II BA LLB)**

Under the guidance of Mr. Akshay Ugale students of II BALLB made a presentation on the Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012. The students explained what is good touch and bad touch, what amounts to sexual offenses, what is the punishment. and what provisions are there under the POCSO Act. The students also gave information about the different platforms where they can seek help, organizations, and helpline numbers. The main aim was creating awareness about the POCSO Act and gender sensitization amongst the school students. 11 students participated in this camp.

**Student Participants-** Piyush Thakur, Divyarth Goyal, Sakshi Jadhav, Hifza Shaikh, Zainab Bharpurwala, Avani Litake, Rucha Mhaske, Remya Gupta, Abhishek Joshi, Aafreen Ali and Shreya Basu (all II BA LLB)

**Number of Beneficiaries- 65**

**3. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at Sardar Kanhoji Angre English Medium School, Shukrawar Peth, Pune**

**Date: January 30, 2023**

**Faculty Coordinator: Ms. Bhumika Rathod**

**Student Coordinator- Bibisarah Shaikh (II BA LLB)**

Under the guidance of Ms. Bhumika Rathod, students of II BA LLB performed a skit for the students of sixth and seventh grade and their parents. The skit was a dramatic picturization on the topic of Cyber Bullying covering aspects like phishing, trolling, and bullying on social media platforms. The students presented in the format of day-to-day situations which appealed to both the students and parents equally. 13 students participated in this camp.

**Student Participants-** Utkarsh Singh, Prapti Shelke, Aviral Dongre, Swami Phadke, Tejal Jadhav, Ovee Mane, Pranay Borkute, Gaurishaa Khot, Koonjal Hatewar, Bibisarah Shaikh, Manpreet Singh Chugh, Akhata Kolte and Aaditya Khandelwal (all II BA LLB)

**Number of Beneficiaries- 50 students and 10 parents**

**4. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at Kai. Anusuya Khilare Government School, Pune**

**Date – January 30, 2023**

**Faculty Coordinator – Ms. Isha Khopkar**

**Student Coordinators- Mahek Saraf and Jatin Bajaj (both II BA LLB)**



Under the guidance of Ms. Isha Khopkar, students of II BA LLB participated in this camp. The aim was to create awareness about laws relating to protection of women against sexual harassment and gender sensitization. Camp was conducted on what is good touch and bad touch through games to identify the touch. One-on-one interactions with the students regarding personal issues and experiences were conducted followed by undertaking a pledge. 12 students participated in this camp.

**Student Participants-** Mahek Saraf, Jatin Bajaj, Asit Potbhare, Khushi Jaiswal, Shubham Khandare, Digvijay Mankar, Amruta Khande, Kanishka Chavhan, Kamal Vidhani, Muskan Bhojgar and Manisha Pawar (all II BA LLB)

**Number of Beneficiaries- 35**

#### **5. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at Sau. Pratibha Pawar Vidyamandir Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Pune**

**Date – February 2, 2023**

**Faculty Coordinator – Ms. Sneha Sabale**

**Student Coordinators- Swara Chaudhari, Kartikey Pandey (both II BA LLB)**

Under the guidance of Ms. Sneha Sabale, this camp was conducted to educate students regarding their rights in the cases of sexual harassment, modesty of women and the POCSO Act, 2012. Further, ways by which the child victims can avert or escape such situations was also discussed. Students were made aware about good touch and bad touch, offense of assault under the IPC, the difference between abuse and intimidation and real life reference was given through a short film (Komal, Winner 62nd National Film Festival- 'Best Educational Film').

**Student Participants-** Swara Chaudhari, Sanika Ambavkar, Tanvi Jambulkar, Varad Joshi, Avinash Singh, Digvijay Salunkhe, Kartikey Pandey, Yash Choudhary, Sana Kulkarni, Piyusha Deshmukh and Tanvi Srivastava (all II BA LLB)

**Number of Beneficiaries- 100**

## **6. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at Panditrao Agashe School, Pune**

**Date – March 21, 2023**

**Faculty Coordinator – Ms. Sneha Bapat**

**Student Coordinators- Vrunda Nabira and Vaishnavi Tamaskar (both II BA LLB)**

Under the guidance of Ms. Sneha Bapat, students of II BA LLB came up with an informative presentation on Menstrual Health and Hygiene and the importance of teaching the said topic in schools to both boys and girls. They conducted games and activities to spread awareness about Menstruation and the stigma associated with it. They covered aspects like healthy lifestyle, balanced diet, symptoms and importance of hygiene. There was a demonstration on where and how to seek help and support. The activities of the camp were interactive and engaging. The school students participated with great enthusiasm, asked questions and even shared their own stories.

**Student Participants-** Hunny Kumar, Ipshita, Aarish Shahid Khan, Vrunda Nabira, Devyani Kapse, Indu Priyadarshini Toomula, Urshita Wadhvani, Vaishnavi Tamaskar, Abhinav Dubey, Parul Trivedi, Siddharth Anant Deshpande, Mandar Akotkar, Shreya Pillai, Zainul Abideen Khan and Sakshi Waghmare (all II BA LLB)

**Number of Beneficiaries- 85 students and 6 teachers**

### **VISIT TO SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

One of the objects of the Centre is to make students learn about the functioning of various socio-legal institutions. Keeping this in mind ILS Legal Aid Centre organized 3 visits to 2 different social institutions.

### **VISITS TO YERWADA OPEN PRISON**

To better grasp the problems faced by convicts, inmates, and officers, two visits were organized to Yerwada Open Prison. The idea to visit the jail came from cases relating to cases of prisoners

which had come to the Legal Aid Centre. Further, it was believed that understanding the mindset of the police officers and prisoners was equally important to deal with the cases.

The Yerwada open prison was established in 1956 and has since been a model prison for the country. It is known for its focus on rehabilitating and reintegrating prisoners into mainstream society. This Open prison is a part of Yerwada Central Jail (built by Britishers in 1871).

### **1. First Visit to Yerwada Open Prison**

**Faculty Coordinator - Mr. D. P. Kendre**

**Student Coordinator - Madhavraje Patwardhan (V BA LLB)**

**Date - February 18, 2023**

Under the guidance and supervision of Mr. D. P. Kendre, 19 students visited the open prison to get a glimpse of its working. Jailer of the open prison **Mr. Hemant. D. Patil** gave valuable information to the students about the history, famous inmates and freedom fighters who were housed there and actual functioning of the open prison. He explained the importance of the restitution theory of punishment as opposed to the retributive theory and now the reformatory theory of punishment which is followed in the new modern age prison system.

Students were informed about the kind of work the prisoners do and the amount of wages paid to the prisoners, what they are to do if the wages are not paid, how this money can be used for the family members of the prisoners, and how they can use this money to purchase extra food and goods like shaving cream and other essentials for their benefit. An authorized seller brings food and other goods to the jail from whom these persons may purchase items. There are over 14 factories on the jail premises, which are spread over the area of 512-acre. The goods of the jail factories are supplied to various other manufacturing units like textile and utensils, carpentry Etc. Some items are also sold in the jail shop, which is open to the common public. Students were also informed about the food that the jail inmates receive and they were also invited to inspect the kitchen and taste some of the food.

**Student participants-** Madhavraje Patwardhan, Harshal Kshirsagar (both V BA LLB), Pranav Kulkarni, Shraddha Dhanwate, Pragati Rathod, Sayali Mitkari, Isha Porje, Manasi Kabir, Shriraj

Shirkr, Alim Hawaldar, Kunal Shirgire, Ashish Rathod, Abhishek Jadhav, Jayati Tandon, Vivek Masram, Aditya Shah, Anavi Shirke, Vedant Lakole and Vishakha Goyal (all II LLB)

## **2. Second Visit to Yerwada Open Prison**

**Faculty Coordinator- Mr. Ashish Pawar and Mr. Akshay Ugale**

**Student Coordinator - Soham Thakare (III BA LLB)**

**Date- March 4, 2023**

Students of the Legal Aid Centre of ILS law college, Pune, got an opportunity to once again visit Yerwada open prison under the guidance of Mr. Akshay Ugale. The Jailer briefed students about the daily activities, schedule, barracks and employment opportunities of the inmates and the following information was gathered from the same:

When prisoners have served most of their time in the central jail and no longer require high security, they are transferred to an open prison. This facility houses those inmates who have demonstrated good behavior, are healthy with both body and mind and are open to finding jobs. Over 170 inmates of open prisons grow organic vegetables, do various farming activities, handloom work etc.

Issues described by the official: Overcrowding is a common issue in many prisons worldwide, and Yerwada open prison is no exception. Despite being an open prison, it has faced overcrowding and shortage of personnel. The prison has struggled to maintain adequate staff members to manage the increasing number of inmates. This has led to issues regarding prisoner safety. 18 students participated in this camp.

**Student Participants:** Soham Thakare, Anugraha Jose, Khyati Pandey, Prasanna Chavahan, Anjali Chamediya, Pritesh Shende, Sneha Jaiswal, Shweta Kale, Christina, Nikita Sukheja, Ishwari Nyamane, Viraj Yeole, Ubaid Hashmi, Anushka Garse, Aniket Hilam, Preeti Jadhav, Payal Kabra and Atharva Hadawale (all III BA LLB)

## **VISIT TO MAHER ASHRAM**

**Faculty Coordinators :- Ms. Ninawari Ware and Ms. Mugdha Hedau**

**Student Coordinators: - Maitrayee Kalaskar and Anuja Bhujbal (both II BA LLB)**

**Date :- April 27, 2023**

**About Maher :-** Maher is a NGO, located 30 km from Pune, in the village of Koregaon Bhima. It provides shelter and assistance to people in need. The residents were in their early 20s and kids as young as two years old.

For kids aged 4 to 18, the group held a lesson on the right to education. An interactive session was held on different educational streams and future prospects. Additionally, information was given on the Right to Education Act of 2009 and its schemes that could be utilized by them. A session was held on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012. With the help of a little street play performed by the children, they were taught the difference between good and bad touch as well as what to do if someone tries to harass them. The adults were also instructed on how to handle youngsters who approach them with complaints of this kind of maltreatment. They were informed of the legal options available to them as well as the helpline number the kids might call in this situation.

Another workshop on domestic violence and workplace sexual harassment was organised for the ladies and older kids. Through a brief skit, they were informed about the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redress) Act of 2013 and the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act of 2005. Additionally, students were informed of the Dowry Prohibition Act of 1961 and its guidelines. They received instructions on how to contact the police and submit a complaint if something similar happened to them or someone else. The participants were also informed of certain significant rights accorded to women, including the right to maintenance, the right to equal pay, the right against arrest, the right to private defence, and the right to free legal aid. 25 students participated in this camp.

**Student Participants :** Dipti Jasud, Anushka Shelar, Pruthviraj Desale, Abhishek Kardile, Sanjana Giri, Sakshi Bahadurkar, Aditya Jaybhay, Sakshi Lipare, Avani Ashtaputre, Nisha Wagh, Pranav Dhebe, Surbhi Mundhe , Surbhi Joshi, Nikita Funde, Sonali Lotale, Gauri Jagadale, Gayatri Kurkute, Shruti Shelke, Vikram Katakthond, Sneha Bhosale, Manaswi Kedar, Asma Khan, Mitali Kasat, Maitrayee Kalaskar, Anuja Bhujabal (all II BA LLB)

## **INTERNSHIPS AND FIELD WORK**

The ILS Legal Aid Centre believes in making the legal education community responsive and socially relevant. Thus, the Centre provides an opportunity to student members to work with various stakeholders involved in fostering social responsibility through internships. These internships have promoted deeper interactions between Legal Aid Centre and local communities and have opened the doors of local knowledge and wisdom for students and teachers. During 2022-23, two such internship opportunities were provided to the students giving them first hand experience of working for a social cause.

### **1. Internship with Narmada Bachao Andolan**

**Duration : May 2-11, 2023**

**Student Coordinator : Madhavraje Patwardhan**

**Venue: Narmada Ashish, Navalpura, Barwani, Madhya Pradesh.**

#### **Introduction**

About Narmada Bachao Andolan : Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA) is an Indian social movement headed by native tribes (adivasis), farmers, environmentalists and human rights activists against a number of large dam projects across river Narmada which flows through the state of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. The Narmada Bachao Andolan has been involved in a prolonged struggle regarding the construction of a dam, which has posed one of the most enduring challenges since the country's independence. The primary point of contention revolves around the government's failure to adequately resettle and rehabilitate the individuals displaced by the project. As law students, our students took the responsibility to help social workers understand the relevant laws and how they apply in practice.

#### **Interaction with Medha Patkar**

Students got an opportunity to interact with Ms Medha Patkar. Her unwavering commitment to her work and passionate advocacy for the resettlement of project-affected individuals was evident throughout the conversation with her.

#### **Visit to Raj Ghat :**

On the first day, students visited a significant site known as Raj Ghat, renowned as the final resting place of Mahatma Gandhi. Students' visit involved an exploration of both the old and the new Ghat. Regrettably, the construction of the Sardar Sarovar dam in Gujarat has resulted in a substantial rise in water levels, encroaching upon the land by approximately 50 meters. Students learned that the new Ghat, though partially constructed, remains susceptible to submersion for a considerable duration of eight months each year.

#### **Visit to Chikalda :**

On the same day, an excursion was made to a village situated in close proximity to Raj Ghat, known as Chikalda. This village has witnessed extensive devastation, as a result of being fully submerged in water. Furthermore, the trees within the village had succumbed to decay due to prolonged submersion. All the residents have been rehabilitated, leaving behind a temple as the sole surviving structure within the village.

#### **Visit to Kheda :**

This village, too, fell victim to submersion caused by a flooded river. During this visit, students encountered a few villagers who were yet to be resettled. In order to document the situation, video footage was captured.

#### **Visit to Hilly (Pahadi) areas :**

Students got an opportunity to visit hilly (pahadi) areas wherein they visited villages like Bhitada, Anjanwara, Jalan Sindhi, Jalsindhi, Maal, Dhadgaon, Chikli office of the NBA, Jeevan Nagar Jeevan Shala etc.

During their visit to the hilly areas and tribal regions, the team interacted with the local residents. They reviewed essential documents, including Aadhaar cards and reports issued by the local government. It was discovered that a significant number of individuals in these regions lack Aadhaar cards altogether. Furthermore, for families possessing Aadhaar cards, their cards indicated discrepancies in age and various other inaccuracies.

#### **Visit to Sondul tin sheds and Jahangarwa :**

In 2019, an unforeseen flood swept through the region, prompting government action to reset and rehabilitate the villages that had not been anticipated to fall within the command area of the dam.

Hastily constructed tin sheds were provided to each family, offering temporary shelter until the Narmada dam authority issued directives regarding land allocation or financial compensation. However, a number of individuals still await the fulfillment of their entitlements, necessitating their continued residence in these makeshift dwellings. Our team engaged with the villagers produced a documentary shedding light on the challenges they face. One significant concern revealed through our interactions was the intense daytime heat that renders the tin sheds inhospitable. The existing civil amenities, serving around 300 families, fall short of the standards mandated by the court. While a lone police officer is present, the promised school remains unoccupied, and although a government-established hospital operates on a weekly basis, its schedule is subject to the discretion of the attending doctor.

### **Reading of judgements and books :**

In order to gain a deeper understanding of the challenge, students were given the task to read court judgments in favor of the Narmada Bachao Andolan from various judicial entities, including the National Green Tribunal, High Courts, and the Supreme Court. After carefully studying the judgements the following observations are made by the students:-

- The existing laws pertaining to compensation for the flood victims are insufficient, thereby limiting the Supreme Court's ability to provide optimal relief. It is worth considering that the arguments presented by the NBA may not have been persuasive enough to override the application of the Utilitarian theory, which influenced the court's decision-making process.
- Compensation is granted to both land owners and landless laborers.
- Land owners are entitled to receive a minimum of two hectares of land, up to a maximum of eight hectares, depending on the extent of submergence.
- In cases where the provided land is unsuitable for agriculture due to inadequate irrigation or other reasons, farmers have the option to receive compensation of 30 lakhs per hectare to facilitate the purchase of alternative land.
- Affected individuals are also eligible for housing plots measuring 60 by 90 feet, along with an allowance of 580,000 for construction purposes, in addition to various other allowances.
- One significant concern is the substantial distance between the allocated housing plots and farmland, making it impractical for farmers to cultivate their land effectively. In some instances, the distance can span between 50 to 100 kilometers.



- While some individuals have managed to cope with the challenges and make the necessary adjustments, others continue to face difficulties.

It is noteworthy that farmers encounter a significant problem due to the increased prices of land since the grant of compensation. Finding land at the designated price becomes challenging as the compensation is released incrementally, making it difficult for farmers to secure suitable land when the need arises.

### **Visit to Icalgara village**

This village is struggling with the issue of illegal sand mining, and students conducted extensive interactions with the affected villagers to understand the challenges they face. Students delved into the geological significance of the river and closely examined the process of sand extraction. They got first hand insight into the unlawful practices of sand mining occurring along the riverbanks.

### **Visit to Tapu Village**

Located on the banks of the Narmada River and in close proximity to Raj Ghat, this village is surrounded by water on all sides for several months of the year. While the affected families have been provided with land in Gujarat, the allocated house plots are situated at a considerable distance from the agricultural fields and the land is not arable. Despite this, the villagers continue to reside on their original land, expressing their concerns regarding the aridity of the provided farming areas.

**Student participants** - Madhavraje Patwardhan (V BA LLB), Snehal Sambhare, Kaustubh Rahekar (both III LL B), Prashik Rakshe, Vaishnavi Kakade, Nilam Zende and Ujef Shaikh (IV BA LLB)

## **2. Internship - Social Audit For Building and Construction Workers (BOCW) in Maharashtra in association with Lokayat, NGO**

**Faculty Coordinator: Ms Vindhya Gupta**

**Student Coordinator : Indraneel Gurjar and Deepen Kadam (both I LLB)**

The social audit task started with the volunteers' meeting in Lokayat Hall, Pune, on the 26th & 27th December, 2022. This meeting was attended by different organizations working for the welfare of the construction workers. On the first day, a briefing about Social Audit was done, and

problems regarding the registration of BOCW and problems of unorganized sectors were discussed. Volunteers representing different organizations such as SAFAR (Social Accountability Forum for Action and Research), CFAR (Centre For Advocacy & Research), CYDA ( Centre for Youth Development & Activities), Khelghar, DALSA (District Legal Services Authority), Bandhkam Majur Sabha, Shramik Haq Andolan, Aajeevika Bureau and ILS Law College, Pune were also present. On the second day, i.e. December 27, Mr. Khush Vachhrajani and Mr. Paras Banjara, both members of SAFAR, presented on the Jansunwai, which was done earlier in Rajasthan and discussed the different schemes of BOCW.

The basic idea of Jansunwai was to confirm whether the people of the identified areas have applied for the benefit of the scheme as well as create awareness about the schemes and execution of the same. Also there was a task to check if the relevant information received from the workers was in an app designed for the said purpose

From the 9th to 15th of January, actual groundwork in the form of Jansunwai was conducted. A group of 4-6 volunteers regularly visited Vishrantwadi and Yerwada in the morning and evening. Volunteers met and explained to the construction workers who were unaware of the schemes launched by the government for labour welfare, what Maha BOCW is and what benefits they may get from the worker card given to them. It was also noticed that there were many discrepancies and delays in receiving their e-shram cards. All the data collected by each group was compiled, and the draft was prepared.

The Jansunwai was conducted on January 15 at 10.00 am in Shahid Abdul Hamid Urdu Primary School, Yerwada. Officers from BOCW and other social forums came together to hear and resolve the workers' queries. A veteran social activist Baba Aadhao was also present at the venue. The outcome of this Jansunwai was BOCW Pune has noted all the problems related to the delay in the registration process and issues faced by the building and other construction workers and promised to resolve them as soon as possible.

The benefit of this entire Social Audit & Jansunwai was that the construction workers who are generally unaware of the benefits and the application process to receive those benefits got to know about all the current labor welfare schemes and the process to apply as the grievance redressal mechanism. Our students learned about the salient features of the BOCW Act, 1996 and the use

of Social Audit in legal practice, such as while filing PILs and more which will surely help them while working for the betterment of the workers in future.

**Student Participants:** Indraneel Gurjar, Aditya Sawant, Kapil Chavan, Dipen Kadam, Richard Pardhe, Harshawardhan Gavankar, Lokesh Lichade, Dipti Mishra, Aqsa Mulani, Mayuri Lungare, Shashank Teli, Shubham Mahadik (all I LLB)

## **COLLABORATION WITH DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY**

### **I. PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL LOK ADALATS**

Alternate Dispute Resolution System (ADR) is a well accepted form of dispute resolution. The ADR mechanism is a speedy and informal form of settling disputes. For this reason, ILS Legal Aid Centre every year provides an opportunity to students to participate and volunteer for National Lok Adalats organized in Pune. Lok Adalats reduces the burden upon the Judiciary and grants fast redressal to the petitioners and the experience of assistance gives the volunteers a vivid observation of the functioning of the court system of our nation. This exercise aims to help the students to understand practically the various methods of resolving disputes through conciliation, negotiation or mediation.

The purpose of the Lok Adalat is well specified by its motto, which is 'Access to Justice for All' and is conducted under the Legal Services Authority Act, 1987. It mainly dealt with cases of Motor Vehicle Claims, Sec. 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, Property disputes, Land acquisition cases and the Indian Penal Code, 1860. Students participated in two National Lok Adalat under the guidance of Ms. M. D. Kashyap, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Pune.

The detailed report of the student's participation in Lok Adalat is given below:

#### **1. National Lok Adalat organized by Pune District Legal Aid Authority**

**Date: August 13, 2022**

**Venue: District and Sessions Court, Shivajinagar, Pune.**

**Faculty Coordinator: Dr. Suvarna Nilakh and Ms. Divya Mittal**

**Student Coordinator : Siddharth Jadhav (II LLB)**

The students began working from July 15, 2022 and continued till August 13, 2022, thus getting an exposure of nearly a month. The students zealously participated in assisting the judicial clerks in handling the files of the petitioners and registering the required information in written as well as in digital format. They also assisted the parties to the dispute in filling of the forms, answering the required question and understanding the 'modus operandi' of the Lok Adalat. It was a task which required the utmost sense of sensibility and responsibility which was exhibited by all the students in a disciplined manner. The students also observed and learned about the mannerisms and the professional conduct required in a court of law. 12 students participated in the Lok Adalat.

**Student Participants:** Siddharth Jadhav, Aditya Shah, Adiba Raza, Saumya Raj, Prakash Hiremath, Jivika Chaudhary, Adity Sinha, Jayati Tondan, Shakshi Swarnkar, Awantika Bajpai, Kunal Shirgire and Vishakha Goyal (all II LLB)

## **2. National Lok Adalat organized by Pune District Legal Aid Authority**

**Date: February 11, 2023**

**Venue: District and Sessions Court, Shivajinagar, Pune.**

**Faculty Coordinator: Dr. Banu Vasudevan**

**Student Coordinators:** Anusha mishra, Chaitanya Thosar, Prasad Sorte (all 1st L.L.B)

Pune District Legal Aid Authority organized National Lok Adalat on 11th Feb, 2023 in which students of the 1st L.L.B had participated as volunteers under the guidance of Dr. Banu Vasudevan.

Lok Adalat under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 is a dispute redressal system aimed at setting up a platform for parties to come and settle their disputes mutually. It was primarily introduced to reduce the burden on the judiciary by taking initiative to solve cases of family, insurance, motor vehicle claims, labour and industrial disputes, property disputes etc. It also allows settlement of criminal offences that are compoundable in nature. The Lok Adalat was organized

by the principal District Judge of Pune with the support of the Pune District Legal Services Authority. Students were divided into groups such that each panelist gets the required number of volunteers to coordinate with people, other panelists, and officers. Students were also required to assist and help litigants for coordination, guiding them to the right court, arranging and sequencing their documents etc. 61 students participated in this Lok Adalat

**Student Participants:** Yashwant Pravin Bhadbhade, Gajanan Sanjay Deshmukh Parth vikas Magdum, Avinash Solunke, Shripad Jaygude, Shardul Kamble, Ketaki Sahastrabudhe, Sanyukta Shinde, Kapil Dinesh Chavan, Rutuja Bhor, Pralobh Lohar, Gatawe Harshada, Rahul Shinde, Priyanka Waghmode, Mahesh vishnu Narwade, Chinmay Kale, Siddharth Bagul, Kabir Ghangas, Ritik Sunil Gawali, Aashansa Ann Rajeev, Virendra Garad, Smriti Sajeev, Riddhi chhablani, fatma Zehra, Anusha Mishra, Somil Jain, Rituraj Tripathi, Chaitanya Keshav Thosar, Prasad sorte, M. Nandana, Archit Pawar, Indraneel N Gurjar, Rutuja Chorghe, Shashank Teli, Richard Pardhe, Madhur Gupta, Harshavardhan S Gavankar, Lungare Mayuri B, Osho Korde, Mitali Iadvikar, Unnati Kalvani, Aditi Sharma, Eesha Kaul, Yash Chandanshiv, Janhavi Joshi, Jadhav Rushikesh Rajesh, Suyash Mahadeo Ghanavat, Saniya Vijay Naik, Dhanashri Paithankar, Drishte Ghai, Saurabh Sariputra, Yash Dev, Mitali Tikyani, Tejal kamat, Rohit Shinde, Nilam B. Rupnawar, Shubham Mahadik, Prashant Bhapkar, Ratnamala Bhagwat chate, Sushmeet Kaur Mokha, Revati Mallikarjun Kore (all I LLB)

## **II. REGIONAL MEDIATION CONFERENCE**

**Date : September 24, 2022**

**Faculty Coordinator: Mr Akshay Ugale**

**Student Coordinator: Yashwant Chaudhary (III BA LLB)**

Regional Mediation Conference was organized by District Legal Service Authority, Pune on September 24, 2022 at Ganesh Kala Krida, Pune. Students of ILS Law College took part in this event as coordinators and helped DLSA in arranging this event, managing accommodation and in overall helping to make this program a successful.

This conference was attended by trained mediator judges as well as trained mediator advocates and other law enthusiasts and students. The event was graced by Hon'ble Chief Justice of Bombay

High Court Justice Dipankar Dutta and other esteemed judges. Total 25 students participated in this event under the guidance of Ms. Akshay Ugale.

**Number of student participants- 25**

### **III. DISABILITY TRAINING CUM INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

**Date: - August 4-6, 2022**

**Venue: - District and Session Court, Pune**

**Faculty Coordinator: Dr. Banu Vasudevan**

**Student co-coordinator: Jayati Tandon (I LLB)**

Pune District Legal Services Authority and Motor Accident Claim Tribunal, Pune organized the MACT Disability Training cum Internship Program during 4-6 August, 2022 in which 18 students from I LLB. had participated as volunteers under the guidance of Dr. Banu Vasudevan. Motor Accident Claim Tribunal (MACT) is a tribunal that was established to adjudicate claims of victims of motor accidents. It is a part of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

The Disability Training cum Internship Program involved the issuing of Certificates of Disability by Motor Accidents Claims Tribunal in consultation with doctors from Sancheti Hospital, Pune. In the three-day program the disability certificates were issued to neuro and ortho patients who were victims of motor accidents depending upon the severity of their injury. The batch of 18 students was divided into groups such that each panel of doctors gets the required number of volunteers to coordinate with patients, other doctors, and the nurses examining the patients. Students were also required to assist and help the patients for coordination, guiding them to the right panel of doctors, arranging and sequencing their documents etc.

The program was organized by Mr. Kshirsagar, Additional Sessions and District Judge, Pune, with the support of the Pune District Legal Services Authority.

**Student Participants:** Adiba Raza, Adity Sinha, Aniket Swami, Gauri Malawade, Hawaldar Shaikh Alim Musa, Isha Porje, Jivika Choudhary, Kaustubh Choudhary, Kunal Shirgire, Mansi Kabir, Prakash Hiremath, Sauradip Mukherjee, Shakshi Swarnakar, Shriraj Shirke, Vishakha Manish Goyal, Vivek Masram and Yogesh Somani. (all I LLB)

## **COLLABORATION WITH SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

### **1. SWISSAID**

#### **Two Day State Level Workshop on Prevention of Child Marriage**

**Date : August 12-13, 2023**

**Faculty Coordinators- Dr. Suvarna Nilakh, Ms. Varsha Khandagale, Ms. Ninawari Ware, Ms. Divya Mittal, Ms. Mugdha Hedau**

The Indian Law Society's ILS Law College in Pune organized a two-day state-level workshop on prevention of child marriage in collaboration with SWISSAID on August 12-13, 2022. Around 39 NGOs from across the State of Maharashtra, 9 Child Development Project Officers, 7 Police personnel and two other law colleges participated in the workshop. Students of ILS Law College also attended the workshop. Topics such as the socio-economic factors and impact of child marriage, violation of human rights, existing Indian legal scenarios on child marriage, government policies and schemes, and challenges faced by field workers were discussed. The workshop featured several resource persons who gave speeches, including Mr. Sanjay Deshmukh (Principal District Judge), Pune, Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi, Dr. Deepa Paturkar, Ms. Kavita Gandhi / Ms. Sneha Girdhari, Dr. Manisha Gupte, Dr. Vaijayanti Patwardhan, Mr. Santosh Shinde, Dr. Jaya Sagade, Ms. Alpa Vora, Dr. Nitish Nawsagaray, Ms. Manisha Biraris, Dr. Suvarna Nilakh, Dr. Nishit Kumar, Ms. Sarita Shankaran, Mr. Rahul More, Ms. Varsha Khandagale etc.

**Student volunteers-** Satyajit Khairnar (III BA LLB), Achalika Ahuja, Shraddha Dhanwate, Manthan Palsande (all II LLB)

### **2. Youth Awareness Session on Cooperatives in association with Dr Vithalrao Vikhe Patil School of Cooperative Management**

**Date : February 28, 2023**

**Faculty Coordinator: Mr. D. P. Kendre**

**Student Coordinator: Madhavraje Patwardhan (V BA LLB)**

The Legal Aid Centre deals with a large number of cases from cooperative societies. So to make the students better understand cooperative laws, a session was conducted on 28th February 2023 in collaboration with Dr Vithalrao Vikhe Patil School of Cooperative Management. Adv Abhay Limaye, from Dr Vithalrao Vikhe Patil school of Cooperative Management, delivered this Session. He discussed topics like meaning, formation and functioning of a cooperative, success stories of Cooperatives, New initiatives/steps taken by the Central Government to strengthen the Cooperatives and occupational Opportunities in Cooperatives

**Number of student participants- 150**

### **ORGANIZATION OF AIKYAM 2.0 - STATE LEVEL LEGAL AID FEST**

ILS Law College in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) organized the second edition of the Legal Aid Fest - 'Aikyam 2.0' on March 16-17, 2023.

The Legal Aid Centre of ILS Law College introduced the Legal Aid Fest last year, i.e. 2022, to mark the celebration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. The objective behind the organization of the Fest was to create awareness on socio-legal issues. The fest encouraged the participation of college students from all faculties across the Pune district to showcase their talents and create consciousness about the various issues in society.

The broad theme of the Aikyam 2.0 was: Media and Social Change.

In India, where we believe in 'Unity in Diversity, ' the media plays a significant role. Media, a mirror of our society, reflects the true ethos of democracy. In this land of diversity, media, apart from being a medium of entertainment, also provides an avenue to express opinions and make people socially and politically aware. Media helps us understand and respect pluralism and dissent.



"Aikyam" denotes unity, and this year, in our centenary year, we took this opportunity to celebrate these feelings of unity and togetherness by recognizing the role and importance of Media and its contribution to social change.

This year's Aikyam was inaugurated by Shri. K. P. Nandedkar, District Judge – 2 and Additional Sessions Judge, Pune and was graced by M.D. Kashyap, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Pune.

The following events were conducted:

- **Street Play Competition** (Nukkad Natak) Sub-topics: Free Speech and Expression, Democracy for Change, Media in Changing Times. Sinhgad College Of Engineering bagged the 1st prize, Bhartiya Vidyapeeth got the Runners up Position.
- **Rap Competition**- Sub-topics: Significance of Free Speech for Activism, Censorship. Several students from different parts of the state showcased their views and opinions regarding Media and Democracy in a free-flow poetry style. Ashish alias 'Ashstar' from Modern College impressed all with his lyrics and got the 1st prize, and Manjot Singh of MIT-WPU got runners-up.
- **Dance Competition** Sub-Topics: Mirror n Expression. Kanchi Parmar from Yashwantrao Chavan Law College was adjudged Winner and Akshaya Bayas from Modern Law College was adjudged runner up.
- **Debate Competition**- Sub-Topics: Media trials- A threat to the administration of justice. Manya Pande Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics won the competition while Aryan B from Abhinav Law College got the Runners Up Prize.

Cash prizes and trophies, and certificates were awarded to the winners. Law firms such as R.K. Dewan & Co., Brainiac IP Solutions, and Chambers Of Aman Vijay Dutta sponsored the event.

## **RESEARCH WORK**

### **I. Maharashtra Regional Town Planning**

The Legal Aid Center has been a forerunner in taking up research on the Maharashtra Regional and Town Planning(MRTP) cases where the student volunteers are encouraged to analyze the cases on the complex legal issues involved in the dispute.

The cases generally revolve around land records of both rural and urban nature, land consolidation issues, mutation entry issues to name a few. The disputes are centered around land measurements, title and ownership.

The case analysis equips the students to understand legalities involved in the various land laws applicable in Maharashtra and develop legal acumen necessary for the practice of civil laws.

Student coordinators- Madhavraje Patwardhan (V BA LLB), Pranav Kulkarni (II LLB), Shraddha Dhanwate (II LLB)

## **PARTICIPATION IN THE 4TH GNLU ANNUAL LEGAL SERVICES FORUM, AT GANDHINAGAR**

**April 14-15, 2023**

The ILS Legal Aid Centre had an opportunity to participate in the 4th Gujarat National Law University Legal Service Forum at Gandhinagar. Dr Suvarna Nilakh, Madhavraje Patwardhan (V BA LLB) and Dattaram Bile (IV BA LLB) represented ILS Legal Aid Centre at the conference.

## **TRANSLATION WORK FOR A LEGAL AID CLIENT**

**Faculty Coordinator - Dr Suvarna Nilakh**

**Student Coordinator - Chetan Rakshe (V BA LLB)**

A visually handicapped client was required to translate his service-related documents for filing a case in the Supreme Court. The ILS Legal Aid Centre helped him and translated his documents in English. There were around 200 documents related to the case which needed to be translated. This task was completed within a given time with utmost diligence and proficiency by a team of legal aid students.

**Student volunteers-** Harshal Kshirsagar, Madhavraje Patwardhan, Srushti Gosavi, Satyam Surana (all V BA LLB), Soham Thakre, Tejas Kasar, Payal Kabra, Yashwant Chaudhari, Seeya Gaurkar, Atharva Hadawale and Vandev Rathod (all III LLB)

**LEGAL AID AWARDS FOR STUDENTS**

Post Covid 19, this year witnessed commendable contribution of students to the various activities of the Legal Aid Centre. In recognition of their contribution, following awards were given:

<b>Name of the Award</b>	<b>Name of the Recipient</b>
Raghavendra Phadnis Legal Aid Award	Madhavraje Patwardhan (V BA LLB)
Legal Aid Centre Award	Pranav Kulkarni (II LLB)