

LEGAL AID CENTRE

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Faculty Members: Dr Deepa Paturkar, Dr. Santosh Jaybhay, Dr. Tejaswini Malegaonkar, Dr. Nitish Nawsagaray, Dr. Dnyaneshwar Kendre, Dr. Shaila Daware, Dr. Swati Kulkarni, Ms. Rajalaxmi Joshi, Dr. Banu Vasudevan, Dr. Swatee Yogessh, Dr. Varsha Khandagale, Ms. Vindhya Gupta, Mr. Ashish Pawar, Ms. Mugdha Hedau, Ms. Isha Khopkar, Mr. Rohit Bokil, Ms. Sneha Bapat, Ms. Sneha Sabale, Ms. Bhumika Rathod, Mr. Akshay Ugale, Mr Pratik, Mr Rugved Gadage and Ms Manjusha Pawar

Student Coordinators: Pranav Kulkarni, Shraddha Dhanwate (both III LLB), Dattaram Bile, Prashik Rakshe (both V BA LLB), Pranav Karhad, Pradyumna Khirodkar, Tejas Kasar (all IV BA LLB), Abhishek Gharat and Parag Chaudhari (both I LLB)

Student Members: 400

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 provide socio-legal services to the needy and poor segments of the community. Over the years the Centre has diversified its activities and outreach by working tirelessly for 48 years with great zeal and dedication.

The Centre is actively involved in collaborating with diverse stakeholders, namely, Pune Municipal Corporation, Women and Child Development Department (Government of Maharashtra), District Legal Services Authority, Pune Municipal Corporation for Systematic Voter's Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP), community leaders, Law firms, schools, colleges, and village panchayats.

The objectives of the Centre are 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, organization of legal aid fest, participation in Lok Adalats, and the participation in the Regional Conference on Mediation organized by DLSA, Pune.

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.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Legal Aid Award by Knowledge Steez

ILS Legal Aid Centre bagged the Knowledge Steez Award of Excellence for Contribution in Social Justice and Legal Aid for the academic year 2022-23 for excellent services in Legal Aid and Social Service. Ms. Divya Mittal received this award on behalf of ILS Law College on October 8, 2023 at Indian Law Institute campus, New Delhi.

Participation in Street Play Competitions

Students of Legal Aid Centre represented the College in two street play competitions during the academic year, the details of which are as follows:

Name of the Competition and Organizer	Date	Position/ Rank	Student Participants
State Level Street Play competition on Mediation organized by Dr. D.Y. Patil Law College, Pimpri	September 9, 2023	Runners Up	Pranav Kulkarni, Shraddha Dhanawate, Aditya Shah, Jivika Chaudhary, Kashish Chaddha, Shriraj Shirke, Sayali Mitkari, Yogesh Somani, Manasi Kabir (all III LLB) and Devyani Kapse (III BALLB)
Jagruti Karandak Street Play Competition organized by Marathwada Mitra Mandal's Shankarrao Chavan Law College, Pune	March 28, 2024	Runners Up	Sakshi Waghmare, Shreya Pillai, Sanika Ambavkar, Manaswi Kedar, Devyani Kapse (all III BA LLB), Diksha Shirsath, Priya Thombare, Ashi Nema, Sara Pathan (all II BA LLB), Devyani Korgaonkar (I BA LLB)

Legal Aid Awards for Students

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:

Name of the Award	Recipient
Professor S P Sathe Legal Aid Award	Pranav Kulkarni (III LLB)
Raghavendra Phadnis Legal Aid Award	Shraddha Dhanawate (III LLB)
Legal Aid Centre Award	Dattaram Bile (V BA LLB)

ACTIVITIES IN YEAR 2023-24

This year the ILS Legal Aid Centre received an overwhelming response from the students of the College despite being a voluntary activity. At the beginning of the academic year itself, around 400 students registered themselves to be a part of the Centre. The registered students were divided into groups of 18-25, depending on the year of their study. Each such group was allotted an individual faculty member. Each group conducted various activities throughout the year to make legal education socially relevant and professionally desirable.

The academic year 2023-24 witnessed the following activities and collaborations undertaken by the ILS Legal Aid Centre:

Sr. No	Activity	Collaboration
1	Legal Aid Clinics: In-house and Off-campus	Deep Griha Society and Karve Institute of Social Services
2	Legal Literacy and Awareness Camps in Villages and Schools	Various Schools and Villages
3	Workshops on Prevention of Child Marriage and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences in PMC Schools	Pune Municipal Corporation and Women and Child Development Department, Government of Maharashtra
4	Organization of Voter Awareness	Pune Municipal Corporation for Systematic Voter's Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP)

5	Field Work and Internship	Yerwada Open Prison and Narmada Bachao Andolan
6	Participation in National Lok Adalats, Regional Mediation Workshop and Celebration of Mediation Week	District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Pune
7	Organization of Training Program for Students and Faculty of Gender Sensitization and Human Rights	–
8	Aikyam 3.0- State Level Legal Aid Fest	Lex Credence, a full-service law firm

1. LEGAL AID CLINICS

The ILS Legal Aid Centre runs in-house and two off-campus legal aid clinics. The in-house clinic operates from the Legal Aid Centre's Office. The off-campus clinic is situated at Deep Griha Society - Tadiwala Road. 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-** This in-house Clinic works 5 days of a week in Legal Aid Centre, ILS Law College as per the below mentioned schedule:

Sr. No.	Day	Timing	Faculty Coordinators	Student Coordinators
1	Monday	1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Dr Nitish Nawsagaray and Ms Isha Saxena	Pranav Karhad (IV BA LLB)
2	Tuesday	1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Mr. Dnyaneshwar Kendre and Mr. Akshay Ugale	Pranav Kulkarni and Shraddha Dhanawate (Both III LLB)
3	Wednesday	1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Ms Sae Tamhankar and Ms. Parul Raghuvanshi	Pradyumna Khirodkar (IV BA LLB)
4	Thursday	1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Dr Suvarna Nilakh and Ms Vindhya Gupta	Tejas Kasar (IV BA LLB)
5	Friday	1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Dr Tejaswini Malegaonkar and Ms. Divya Mittal	Abhishek Gharat and Parag Chaudhari (Both I LLB)

Total no. of cases	Settled through counseling, mediation or conciliation	Sent for adjudication to the Court	Pending
8	4	2	2

- **Off Campus Legal Aid Clinic at Deep Griha Society, Tadiwala Road -**

Faculty Coordinator: Dr. D.P. Kendre

Student Coordinators: Pranav Kulkarni and Shraddha Dhanawate (III LLB)

The Clinic operates under the able guidance of Dr. Kendre along with a group of students. They visit the clinic once in a month preferably on the second Saturday of each month to provide free legal aid, advice, counselling. They also attempt to settle disputes through the ADR mechanism. The clinic has addressed cases involving domestic violence, cruelty against women, divorce and other matrimonial disputes as well as issues related to senior citizens, matters related to succession, etc.

Total no. of cases	Settled through counseling, mediation or conciliation	Sent for adjudication to the Court	Pending
24	1	4	19

In addition to the regular visits for legal aid and advice, following awareness camps were also conducted by the faculty and students:

1. **Awareness Camp on “Rights of Senior Citizens” at Deep Griha Society, Ramtekdi, Pune**

Date: December 14, 2023

Faculty Coordinator: Dr. D. P. Kendre

Student Coordinator: Pranav Kulkarni (III LLB)

The objective of the camp was to raise awareness and provide knowledge to senior citizens about their legal rights. The team focused on providing information about various schemes of

government for the welfare of senior citizens and the Senior Citizens Welfare Act, 2007. Students delivered speeches on various topics:

Pranav Kulkarni talked about the ILS Legal Aid Centre and the Legal Services Authority Act, 1987. He explained the eligibility criteria for various legal aid schemes and the services that are typically offered at the Legal Aid Centres. Shraddha Dhanwate explained the need and purpose of the Senior Citizens Welfare Act, 2007. She explained the intended beneficiaries of the Act, the definition of 'Senior Citizens' and the circumstances in which the provisions of this Act can come to the rescue of senior citizens. Rushikesh Lohe explained the remedies offered by the Act of 2007. He further explained how a senior citizen can file a complaint before the sub divisional officer. The standard forms given in the Rules under the Act of 2007 were also discussed.

Mr. D. P. Kendre delivered a concluding address where he discussed the rationale behind appointing the sub-divisional officer as the adjudicating authority instead of a civil court. He discussed a landmark case which reversed the transfer deed of a property in favour of the parents where they were not maintained by their daughters.

Students Participants:- Pranav Kulkarni, Shraddha Dhanwate, Rushikesh Lohe (all III LLB)

Number of Beneficiaries: 30

2. Awareness Camp on “Rights of Children having Single Parent” at Deep Griha

Date: February 10, 2024

Faculty Coordinator: Mr. D. P. Kendre

Student Coordinator: Pranav Kulkarni (III LLB)

The objective of the camp was to raise awareness and provide knowledge to parents on their rights and duties, particularly concerning the right to education for their children. All participants, especially single parents, were encouraged to actively engage and seek clarification on the legal and social issues discussed during the sessions. Many attendees approached the volunteers to address personal concerns and seek guidance on matters related to name change in documentations, government schemes, Bal Sangopan Scheme and rights of widows. The interactive nature of the camp facilitated meaningful discussions and provided valuable insights to the participants.

Students gave information on the following topics -

- Legal aid centre Intro- Anavi Shirke
- Maintenance, Sec.125 Crpc - Kabir Ghangas
- Protection of Children from Sexual Offences - Prajakta Sanap
- Bal Sangopan Yojana- Purva Hargude
- Prevention of Child Marriage - Anchal Dube
- Legal provisions for adoption of single parent child- Nilam Rupnawar
- Right to education - Awantika Bajpai
- Right in the property - Aharon Pardhe

Students Participants:- Prajakta Sanap, Nilam Rupnawar, Kabir Ghangas (All from II LLB), Purva Harugade (IV BALLB), Anchal Dube (I LLB) Awantika Bajpai, Anavi Shirke, Pranav Kulkarni, Alim Hawaldar (All from III LLB), Aharon Pardhe (IV BA LLB)

Number of Beneficiaries: 35

3. Awareness Camp on “Rights of Children having Single Parent” at Deep Griha Society, Ramtekdi, Pune

Date: February 29, 2024

Faculty Coordinator: Dr. D. P. Kendre

Student Coordinator: Shraddha Dhanwate (III LLB)

The camp was organized by the Legal Aid Centre for the children having a single parent. The session commenced with a survey on the legal problems encountered by the parents and children.. A number of attendees approached the volunteers to address personal concerns and seek guidance on matters related to scholarships, government schemes for SC/ST, Bal Sangopan Scheme, Sanjiv Gandhi Niradhar Yojana, and Panjabrao Deshmukh Yojna. The interactive nature of the camp facilitated meaningful discussions and provided valuable insights to the participants.

Students gave information on the following topics -

- Introduction of Legal Aid Centre- Shraddha Dhanwate
- Right to Education- Awantika Bajpai
- Bal Sangopan Scheme- Janhavi Dahiphale
- Protection of Children from Sexual Harassment Act, 2012- Shraddha Dhanwate
- Punjabrao Deshmukh Yojana- Soham Raut
- Sanjiv Gandhi Niradhar Yojana- Shraddha Dhanwate

Student Participants- Shraddha Dhanwate, Isha Pai, Awantika Bajpai, Janhavi Dahiphale, Soham Raut, Varun Gowari, Sanket Nakave (all III LLB)

Number of Beneficiaries: 30

4. Awareness Camp on “Rights of Single Parents” at Deepgriha Society, Ramtekdi, Pune

Date: March 14, 2024

Faculty Coordinator: Dr. D. P. Kendre

Student Coordinator: Prajakta Sanap (II LLB)

The objective of the camp was to raise awareness and provide practical knowledge to parents on their fundamental duties, particularly concerning the right to education for their children. The camp aimed to educate parents about laws concerning child labour, as well as about opportunities such as higher education scholarships for girls and schemes like Saarthi Scholarship, government scholarships for SC/ST. Furthermore, the camp focused on enlightening parents about the rights of widows, the importance of preventing child marriage, and the various schemes available. By addressing these crucial topics, the camp aimed to empower parents with the necessary information to ensure the holistic development and welfare of their children.

Details of Speech

- Fundamental duty of parents and Right to education- Prajakta Sanap
- Child labour laws, Higher Education Scholarships for Girls - Khushi Agarwal
- Saarthi Scholarship -Nilam Rupnwar
- Govt of India scholarships for SC ST- Vaidehi Meshram
- Bal Sangopan Scheme - Shreyank Yembarwar
- Sanjiv Gandhi Niradhar Yojana and Rights of Widow -Akash Kharade
- 125 CrPc, Prévention of Child marriage- Harsh arora
- Panjabrao Deshmukh Yojna- Pranav Karhad

Names of Students participants: Prajakta Sanap, Nilam Rupnawar, Vaidehi Meshram, Shreyank Yembarwar (all II LLB), Pranav Karhad, (IV BALLB), Akash Kharade (III LLB), Khushi Agarwal, Harsh Arora (both V BALLB)

Number of beneficiaries: 45

5. Awareness Camp on “Rights of Single Parents” at Deepgriha Society, Tadiwala Road, Pune

Date: April 12, 2024

Faculty Coordinator: Dr. D. P. Kendre

Student Coordinator: Prajakta Sanap (II LLB)

The objective of the camp conducted through our college's Legal Aid Centre was to raise awareness and provide practical knowledge to parents on their fundamental duties, particularly concerning the right to education for their children. The camp was organized by the Legal Aid Centre of the college for parents of single children. All participants, especially single parents, were encouraged to actively engage and seek clarification on the legal and social issues discussed during the sessions. Many attendees approached the volunteers to address personal concerns and seek guidance on matters related to scholarships, Bal Sangopan Scheme, Sanjiv Gandhi Niradhar Yojana, rights of widows, and Panjabrao Deshmukh Yojna. The interactive nature of the camp facilitated meaningful discussions and provided valuable insights to the participants.

Details of Speech

- Fundamental duty of parents and Right to education- Anil Tiwari
- Child labour laws, Higher Education Scholarships for Girls - Khushi Agarwal
- Saarthi Scholarship -Nilam Rupnwar
- POCSO – Prajakta Sanap
- Bal Sangopan Scheme - Suresh Bhandwalkar
- Sanjiv Gandhi Niradhar Yojana, Rights of Widow and S.125 Crpc - Akash Kharade
- Panjabrao Deshmukh Yojna - Pranav Karhad

ILS Student Participants:- Prajakta Sanap, Nilam Rupnawar, Suresh Bhandwalkar, (all II LLB), Pranav Karhad (IV BALLB), Anil Tiwari, Akash Kharade (both III LLB), Khushi Agarwal (V BALLB)

Number of Beneficiaries: 45

LEGAL LITERACY AND AWARENESS CAMPS IN VILLAGES AND SCHOOLS

Following camps were conducted in schools and villages:

(A) Legal Aid and Literacy Camps in Villages

1. Legal Aid and Literacy camp at Kasari, Taluka-Shirur, Dist- Pune

Date: August 22, 2023

Faculty Coordinator: Mr. Akshay Ugale

Student Coordinator: Amit Todkar

Under the guidance of Mr Akshay Ugale, ILS students participated in the camp. With the objective creating awareness regarding various laws relevant to the rural areas and rural community. The Gram Sevak and Sarpanch also graced the camp.

Students gave information on the following topics -

- About ILS Law College and Legal Aid Centre - Sanket Madane
- Information about 7/12 and Various Farmer schemes - Kirankumar Hole
- Women Empowerment and various welfare schemes for women - Swati Dhadwad
- Information about law as a career - Amit Todkar
- Street play on Tantamukta Gaon - Kirankumar Hole, Atharva Kamble, Aditya Dhoble, Ashok Khaladkar

Siddhant Gophane compered the program. Mr. Akshay Ugale concluded the camp with a vote of thanks, appreciating the support from the local village administration for the organization of legal aid and literary camp and assured assistance and support from the ILS Legal Aid Centre.

Student Participants - Sanket Madane (V BA LLB), Kirankumar Hole, Atharva Kamble, Aditya Dhoble, Ashok Khaladkar, Sakshi Sabnis, Gargee Landge, Pavan Pandule, Om Kherodkar, Amit Todkar, Swati Dhadwad, Siddhant Gophane (I BA LLB)

Number of Beneficiaries: 100

2. Legal Aid and Literacy camp at Lavarde, Taluka-Mulshi, Dist- Pune

Date: October 13, 2023

Faculty Coordinator: Mr. Dnyaneshwar Kendre

Student Coordinators: Aashita Kumbhre, Asma Kshirsagar and Viraj Yeole (all IV BA LLB)

Under the guidance of Mr. Dnyaneshwar Kendre, ILS students participated in this camp. The students also prepared speeches on following topics, to create awareness and educate the people about their rights:-

- The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 - Tushar Paygude
- The Right to Information, 2005 - Om Gugale
- Prohibition of child marriage in India - Nikita Sukheja
- Domestic violence and punishment imposed on the offender - Ubaid Hashmi
- Sexual harassment - Anushka Garse
- 7/12 extract - Amruta Rawate
- The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 - Viraj Yeole

Student Participants : Aashita Kumbhre, Anushka Garse, Dwiti Nayak, Bhagyashri Mokashi, Anjali Ajmera, Ankita Sharma, Avani Bhole, Sneha Jaiswal, Christina Fernandes, Viraj Yeole, Bhakti Thakare, Shweta Kale, Sakshi Kinikar, Sharvari Markandeya, Smriti Kaushik, Simran Nindane, Shreya Singh Newar, Tejas Pardeshi, Akshobhya Pol, Pratik Duseja, Ubaid Hashmi, Vanshita Sargade, Mohak Khinvasara, Samrudhi Saka, Anugraha Jose, Nimish Dubey, Anamika Bishnoi, Smruti Mishra, Nikita Sukheja, Chhaya Bhatia, Riya Das, Anuprita Jadhav, Shivangi Phadke, Rashmi Gedam, Om Gugle, Som Dhirwani, Ujawal Nagarale, Vishal Hakke, Tushar Paygude, Amruta Rawate, Sachi Kudale and Asma Kshirsagar

- **Number of Beneficiaries:** 60

3. Legal Aid and Literacy camp at Ghodegaon Village, Tal. Ambegaon, Dist. Pune.

- **Date:** February 17, 2024
- **Faculty Coordinators:** Mr. Rohit Bokil and Mr. Rugved Gadge
- **Student Coordinator:** Prashik Rakshe (V BA LLB)

Under the guidance of Mr. Rohit Bokil and Mr. Rugved Gadge, ILS students participated in this camp. The Legal Aid camp took place in the premises of Judicial Magistrate First Class, Ghodegaon, Taluka Ambegaon, District Pune. Smt. M.A.K Shaikh, Judicial Magistrate First Class attended the camp and highlighted the importance of legal aid.

- Mr. Bokil gave information about the ILS Legal Aid Centre and right to legal aid. Pawan Pandule and Akshit Herkar gave information on Child Marriage.
- Students presented a *Bharud (folk-art)* on the issue of injustice to Women.

- Students performed two skits, one the topic of ‘Mediation’ written and directed by Prashik Rakshe and another skit on the topic of ‘Prevention of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 which was written by Shyam Ghule and directed by Prashik Rakshe.

Student Participants : Prashik Rakshe (V BA LLB), Anuja Bhujbal, Siddhee Kale, Rucha Mhaske, Rutuja Waghmode, Ganesh Surushe, Sangram Patil, Soham Kather, Sham Ghule, Pavan Pandule, Ashok Khaladkar, Kirankumar Hole (all II BA LLB), Akshit Herkar, Ranjit Thorave and Koras Nimje (all I BA LLB)

Number of Beneficiaries: 150

4. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at Village Lauki, Tal. Ambegaon, District Pune

Date: February 23, 2024

Faculty Coordinator: Dr. Santosh Jaybhay

Student Coordinator: Prashik Rakshe (V BA LLB)

Under the guidance of Dr Santosh Jaybhay, students of V BA LLB participated in this camp. Dr. Jaybhay gave information on land laws to the participants.

Main objectives of this camp were to educate villagers and underprivileged groups about their recourse to legal Aid as guaranteed by the Constitution and the NALSA Act; to throw light and make the people aware of the social evils of domestic violence and the legal remedies and provisions for the same. Further, this camp aimed to educate people on the laws relating to land, Right to information, OTP Fraud, Consumer Protection Act, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences, Rights of Senior Citizen and several other rights.

Students gave information on the following topics -

- About ILS Legal Aid Centre and Right to legal aid - Prashik Rakshe
- Consumer Protection Act- Aditya Shete and Ajinkya Bile

Students also presented a street play on the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006. The objective of this skit is to prohibit solemnization of marriage where either the groom or the bride is below the marriageable age (18 years in case of girls and 21 years for boys). The skit was written and directed by Prashik Rakshe

All residents, particularly women, were invited to interact and put forth any queries related to the legal or social topics discussed above. Some villagers even came to the volunteers and faculty to ask personal doubts and problems after the camp.

Students Participants:

Prashik Rakshe, Vaishnavi Kakade, Tanaya Deokate, Ujef Shaikh, Neelam Zende, Shantanu Gaikwad, Pranav Deshmukh, Ritika Kantharia, Tejas Meshra, Sanmay Meshram, Vishwajeet Deshmukh, Gaurav Takale, Prasad Langote, Deepal Khude, Sumit Nikam, Shruti Swami, Ajinkya Bile, Aditya Shete, Keyur Jaju, Shaunak Parulekar, Rutuja Ahire, Aayushi Musale (All from V BA LLB) Akshit Herkar, Aarati Aandhale, Ganesh Surushe, Siddhee Kale, Rucha Mhaske, Manasi Saraikar (III BALLB), Sangram Patil (II BA LLB)

Number of Beneficiaries: 60

5. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at Gahunje, Tal: Haveli, Dist: Pune

Date : March 2, 2024

Faculty Coordinator: Dr. D P Kendre

Student Coordinator: Anavi Shirke (III LLB)

Under the guidance of Dr D. P. Kendre, ILS students participated in this camp. Dr. Kendre gave information on land laws to the participants. Main objectives of this camp were to create awareness on issues relating to senior citizens rights, consumer protection, protection of children, and right to information.

Students gave information on the following topics -

- Right to legal aid and ILS Legal Aid Centre- Anavi Shirke
- 7/12 Extract - Akash Kharade
- OTP Fraud - Anavi Shirke
- Protection of Children from Sexual Offences - Prajakta Sanap
- Laxmi Mukti Scheme - Alim Hawaldar
- Rights of Senior Citizens - Devyani Kapse

- Section 44 AA of Bombay Public Trust Act- Harshada Waghmare
- Consumer Protection Act- Yashwant Chaudhari
- National Rural Livelihood Mission - Shruti Paradhi
- Right to Information- Mahek Saraf, Asit Potbhare
- FIR awareness- Awantika Bajpai

Students also presented a street play on the issue of Domestic Violence including physical, financial and mental. It focused on the prevailing menace of domestic violence against women and how the same should be addressed. It also aimed to make them aware of their rights and the recourse available to them under the law. Participants were informed about the process of seeking help from the ILS Legal Aid Center. The skit was written and directed by Sham Ghule, and Kirankumar Hole and led by Prajakta Sanap and others from II LLB and II BA LLB.

All participants, particularly women, were invited to interact and put forth any queries related to the legal or social topics discussed above. Some villagers even came to the volunteers and faculty to ask personal doubts and problems after the camp.

Student Participants : Prajakta Sanap, Nilam Rupnawar, Ratnamala Chate, Shubham Suryawanshi Harshada Gatawe, Rutuja Chorghe, Harshada Waghmare (all from II LLB), Sham Ghule, Vaibhav Gavhale, Viswesh Sarangkar, Kirankumar hole, Soham Lambe, Swati Dhadwad, Srushti Ladke, Sangharaj Shelar, Shruti Paradhi (II BA LLB), Mahek Saraf, Asit Potbhare, Devyani Kapse (III BA LLB), Yashwant Choudhari, (IV BA LLB), Akash Kharade, Anavi Shirke, Alim Hawaldar, Rushikesh Lohe, Sanket Nakave, Varun Gowari, Pankaj Notani, Shraddha Bhalerao, Awantika Bajpai, Soham Raut, Shraddha Dhanwate, Pranav Kulkarni (all from III LLB)

Number of Beneficiaries: 60

6. Legal Aid and Literacy camp at Kumbhargaon Village, Tal. Indapur, Dist. Pune.

Date: April 13, 2024

Faculty Coordinators: Mr. Rohit Bokil

Student Coordinator: Pradyumna Khirodkar (IV BA LLB)

Under the guidance of Mr. Rohit Bokil, students from I to IV BA LLB participated in this camp. Mr. Bokil gave information about the ILS Legal Aid Centre and right to legal aid. Shridhar Madne (I BA LLB) spoke about the importance of Girls' Education. Students performed skits on POCSO Act 2012, Mediation and Voting Awareness and covered the importance of mediation as a method for dispute settlement and the importance of exercising the right to vote.

Student Participants: Atharva Taware, Abhishek Randhave, Mugdha Lohar, Pradyumna Khirodkar, Lenyadri Gode, Aarti Surkule, Mahesh Mudalkar, Shreyas Bapte, Pranav Karhad, Srushtee Jadhav, Priyanka Mandge (all IV BA LLB), Siddhi Kale, Rutuja Waghmode, Rucha Mhaske (all III BA LLB) Siddharth Deshmukh, Omkar Satyapal, Ganesh Surushe, Sarthak Jadhao, Kirankumar Hole (all II BA LLB), Ranjeet Thorve, Ashok Khaladkar, Shridhar Madane (all I BA LLB)

Number of Beneficiaries: 40

7. Legal Aid and Literacy camp at Takrarwadi Village, Tal. Indapur, Dist. Pune.

Date: April 13, 2024

Faculty Coordinators: Mr. Rohit Bokil

Student Coordinator: Pradyumna Khirodkar (IV BA LLB)

Under the guidance of Mr. Rohit Bokil, students from I to IV BA LLB participated in this camp. Mr. Bokil gave information about the ILS Legal Aid Centre and right to legal aid. Shridhar Madne (I BA LLB) spoke about the importance of Girls' Education.

Students performed skits on POCSO Act 2012, Mediation and Voting Awareness and covered the importance of mediation as a method for dispute settlement and the importance of exercising the right to vote.

Student Participants– Atharva Taware, Abhishek Randhave, Mugdha Lohar, Pradyumna Khirodkar, Lenyadri Gode, Aarti Surkule, Mahesh Mudalkar, Shreyas Bapte, Pranav Karhad, Srushtee Jadhav, Priyanka Mandge (all IV BA LLB), Siddhi Kale, Rutuja Waghmode, Rucha Mhaske (all III BA LLB), Siddharth Deshmukh, Omkar Satyapal, Ganesh Surushe, Sarthak Jadhao, Kirankumar Hole (all II BA LLB), Ranjeet Thorve, Ashok Khaladkar, Shridhar Madane (all I BA LLB)

Number of Beneficiaries: 60

(B) Legal Aid and Literacy Camps in Schools

1. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at SNBP International School, Rahatani, Pune.

Date : July 25, 2023

Faculty Coordinator : Ms. Ishika Choudhary

Student Coordinator : Revati Kore

Brief Description about the Camp : Under the guidance of Ms. Ishika Choudhary, students of I LLB and I BA LLB participated in this camp and addressed the issue of prevention of drug abuse

Students gave information on following topics

- Anchoring – Hardit Singh
- Introductory speech on drug abuse - Ketaki Sahatrabadhe
- Information about different provisions made by law to stop drug abuse, NDPS act – Revati Kore
- Performed skit on topic of drug abuse – Atharva Desai, Adnan Navakar, Kaif Kamal, Tejas warkar
- Interactive session with children – Anusha Mishra

Name of Student Participants with class : Revati Kore, Ketaki Sahastrabadhe, Anusha Mishra, Shreeram Jadhav, Akanksha Wankhade, Gajanan Deshmukh (all from I LLB) Adnan Navakar, Atharva Desai, Kaif Kamal, Tejas warkar, Hardit Singh (all from I BA LLB)

Number of Beneficiaries : 150

2. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at SNBP International School, Rahatni, Pimpri

Date: July 28, 2023

Faculty Coordinator: Isha Khopkar

Student Coordinator: Omkar Satyapal

The camp was conducted under the guidance of Ms. Isha Khopkar in order to spread awareness on girl education. Students performed four skits and took an interactive session with the students of 8th and 9th standard of the school. The importance of equality and women empowerment was explained to the students along with the information about employment opportunities available to women and the schemes provided for them. A question-and-answer round was taken at the end to revise all the

topics covered. Posters were used throughout the presentation to make it more appealing. Issues related to female feticide, importance of girl education and women empowerment were addressed.

Number of Student Participants: 12

Student Participants: Omkar Satyapal, Vrunda Kulkarni, Sarvadnya Dikshit, Shravani Revankar, Hardit Singh, Soham Lambe, Anuradha Lavankar, Shalaka Shirsalkar, Riya Doshi, Saniya Bhat, Quilin Talukdar (all II BA LLB)

Number of Beneficiaries: 150

3. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at Bharat English School, Shivajinagar, Pune

Date : July 28, 2023

Faculty Coordinator: Ms. Mugdha Hedau

Theme: Environmental Awareness and Environmental Laws

The camp was conducted under the guidance of Ms. Mugdha Hedau with the objective of creating awareness of the environment and environmental laws among the students and to make students aware of the basic concepts related to the environment and terminologies related to environmental law.

In this camp, surveys to assess the degree of awareness among the students of 9 A and 9 B were conducted independently. ILS Law College Students (Mr. Kartikey Dwivedi, Ms. Megha Shree, Ms. Rhea Shrivastav and Ms. Aishwarya Ray) prepared a questionnaire consisting of 12 questions in both English and Marathi Language. After the completion of the survey, the answers to the questions were discussed through which some of the important terms of Environmental Science like greenhouse gases, global warming, acid rain, etc. were discussed. Along with that some of the environmental protocols, agreements and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change were also discussed. After making the students aware of Waste Segregation, a game of segregating the Waste into Dry, Wet, Hazardous and E-waste was played. For the game, Various images were shown to the students and they were asked to segregate the objects in Green, Blue and Red Bins. Students were asked to make Posters based on their learning. Posters were collected after 2 days and winners were also declared.

Ms. Aishwarya Ray has prepared two posters on Environmental Awareness which were gifted to the school. Later on, the school displayed them on the main noticeboard.

Students gave information on following topics:

- A brief introduction to the Key Concepts of Environment (Ecosystem, Biodiversity Conservation, etc.), the history of environmental law, its importance in contemporary times.- Sakshi Tambe
- Waste Management, Waste Segregation and RRR (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)- Shriya Barve and Sharvari Sutaone

Student Participants: - Sakshi Tambe, Aishwarya Ray, Anushka Kalaskar, Megha Shree, Riya Risbud, Kartikey Dwivedi, Rhea Shrivastava, Sharvari Sutaone, Shriya Barve, Ujjwal Kamble (all I BA LLB)

Number of Beneficiaries: 120

4. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at KC Thackeray Vidya Niketan School, Pune

Date: August 9, 2023

Faculty Coordinator: Ms. Isha Khopkar

Student Coordinator: Omkar Satyapal (II BA LL.B)

The camp was conducted under the guidance of Ms. Isha Khopkar for spreading awareness on the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. Students performed skits, conducted engaging games and also gave speeches on general information of the act and its relevance in day-to-day life for the students of 8th and 9th standard.

- The presentation began with a brief introduction of the students and ILS Law College Legal Aid Center by Omkar Satyapal.
- It was followed by a highly interactive speech on ‘What does Consumer Protection Act mean?’ by Sanket Kodape and Shrawani Revankar.
- The presentation continued with insights on what are the important elements of the act, along with explanation of the terms Consumer, Rights, Protection, MRP, Tribunal, Penalty by Anugrah Joshi and Sanika Patil.
- The camp was concluded by a summary and vote of thanks by Omkar Satyapal and faculty Coordinator Isha Khokar Ma’am.

- The Prin. Shalini Sachdev gave a token of appreciation on behalf of the school to the group.

Student Participants - Omkar Satyapal, Sanket Kodape, Shrawani Revankar, Anugrah Joshi, Sanika Patil, Ashi Nema, Yash Jadhav, Vaishnavi Jadhav, Sahil Shinde, Aryan Awasthi, and Amrita Yadav (all II BA LLB).

Number of Beneficiaries: 70

5. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at Goodluck Chowk Kalakar Katta, Pune

Date: August 11, 2023

Faculty Coordinator: Isha Khopkar

Student Coordinator: Omkar Satyapal

The students created awareness about the importance of following traffic rules and wearing helmets. They highlighted the risks one would face by not following traffic rules and the danger it creates for oneself and others. They used posters, banners to make it more visible. Volunteers dressed up as Yamraj and Charlie Chaplin were a part of the group too. The students also assisted the Traffic Police for some time. Ms Sonali Patil, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority attended this Camp.

Student Participants – Omkar Satyapal, Mahi Jaiswal, Hardit Singh, Adnan Nhavarkar, Tejas Waikar, Sanket Sangle, Swami Ratnaparkhi, Vishwajeet Pawar, and Yash Deshmukh (all II BA LLB)

Number of Beneficiaries: 50

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

Date: August 11, 2023

Faculty Coordinator: Ms. Sneha Bapat

Student Coordinator: Khushi Verma (II BA LLB)

Theme: Fundamental Rights and Duties

The camp was conducted under the guidance of Ms. Sneha Bapat with the objective to spread legal awareness about Fundamental Rights and Duties enshrined in Part III and Part IV of the Constitution of India respectively.

Students gave information on the following topics :

- Presentation in English, Hindi and Marathi – Anish Padhye and Madhav Birari
- Quiz and games - Sharlika Chavan, Suyash Chaturvedi, Srushti Waghmare, Yashwardhan Singh Parihar
- Question and Answer Session – Khushi Verma, Anish Padhye, Madhav Birari
- Pledge to respect, uphold and follow the Constitution of India - Anish Padhye, Madhav Birari, Sharlika Chavan, Suyash Chaturvedi, Yashraj Khopade, Srushti Waghmare, Yashwardhan Singh Parihar, Sarthik and Khushi Verma
- Students performed a skit on the topic on Fundamental Duty of abiding by the Indian Constitution and respecting its ideals and institutions, the National Flag and National Anthem was enacted by the students. Total 9 students participated in this camp.

A pre and post-analysis questionnaire was prepared for the students to assess their knowledge about Fundamental rights and duties before and after the session.

Students Participants:- Anish Padhye, Madhav Birari, Sharlika Chavan, Suyash Chaturvedi, Yashraj Khopade, Srushti Waghmare, Yashwardhan Singh Parihar, Sarthik and Khushi Verma (all II BA LLB).

Number of Beneficiaries: 60

7. Legal Aid and Literacy Camp at Bharat English School, Shivajinagar, Pune

Date: August 11, 2023

Faculty Coordinator: Ms. Mugdha Hedau

Theme: Sustainable Development and Laws and Policies of the Indian Government related to Sustainable Development Goals

The camp was conducted under the guidance of Ms. Mugdha Hedau to create awareness of the concept of Sustainable Development and make them realise about intergenerational justice. An animated video explaining the intricacies of sustainable development was presented. It was crafted by Aishwarya Ray accompanied by a well-articulated voice-over provided by Anushka Kalaskar. This multimedia approach successfully conveyed the essence of sustainable development, capturing the attention and interest of the attendees. Aishwarya Ray and Shriya Barve in their presentation focusing on the topic of No Poverty and Zero Hunger, provided a

comprehensive insight into various schemes and initiatives aimed at eradicating poverty in India. They highlighted the significance of schemes like the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) of 2005, emphasizing their role in generating employment opportunities and promoting financial stability and the Mid-day Meal Program, which not only addresses hunger but also promotes education. She also touched upon the importance of consumer awareness. They advised the audience to be vigilant about the FSSAI mark and expiry dates when purchasing packaged foods, underlining the significance of food safety standards and responsible consumption in the fight against poverty and its associated issue.

Megha Shree and Sharvari Sutaone in their presentation shed light on the intrinsic connection between human health care and clean water and sanitation. She made the students aware about the fact that right to health is a fundamental right, guaranteed under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution and the duty of the state to ensure the well-being of its citizens. They then focused on various schemes adopted by the government to ensure the well-being of its citizens in detail such as Ayushman Bharat Yojna and Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadi Yojana and the students were encouraged to avail the benefits of such schemes. They also cast a light on the then-present wave of communication diseases like Dengue, Malaria and conjunctivitis and delved into some measures to prevent it. Students were informed about Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and briefed with the concepts of biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste and encouraged the students to throw waste in green, blue and red dustbins accordingly.

Riya Risbud and Rhea Shrivastava started by enlightening the students about how the right to equality has been recognized in the Constitution of India (Article 14 to 18). They explained to students how opportunities must be given to individuals based on their caliber or the ability to do it without discriminating on the grounds of gender, religion, caste, birth place etc. Later They shed light on the various provisions that have been made by the Indian Government in order to promote gender equality and reduce inequalities in the nation. Towards the end of their explanation, they had a small interaction with them about activists and women in history who have tried to prove that women should get equal opportunities as men do such as Savitribai Phule who started a school for women, Anandibai Joshi who was the first female doctor in India and so on.

Vishwesh Sarangkar and Taponidhi Pandey emphasized the pivotal role of education and sustainable economic practices in shaping a sustainable future for all. He discussed the free

government website Swayam for students to access quality courses and the influence of education on implementing schemes like the midday meal scheme. He also touched on educational laws like Article 21, talked about Kerala's high literacy rate and development, and explored the changing job market dynamics. He delved into the new education policy and its role in transforming traditional education.

To ensure active participation and assess the participants' understanding, an engaging game of tambola was conducted after the presentations. The tambola game on SDGs was crafted by Riya Risbud, Sharvari Sutaone and Shriya Barve and to make it successful the other members in the team contributed for its trial runs. This creative activity added an element of fun while serving as an effective assessment tool. The camp not only enriched the attendees' understanding of sustainable development but also fostered a sense of shared responsibility for creating a more equitable and ecologically balanced world

Students gave information on the following topics :

- A brief introduction to the concept of Sustainable Development- Anushka Kalaskar and Sakshi Tambe
- SDG 1 and 2- No Poverty and Zero Hunger- Aishwarya Ray and Shriya Barve
- SDG 3 and 6- Good Health and Well-being and Clean Water and Sanitation- Megha Shree and Sharvari Sutaone
- SDG 4 and 8- Quality education and Decent Work & Economic growth- Riya Risbud and Rhea Shrivastava
- SDG 5 and 10- Gender equality and Reduced Inequality - Vishwesh Sarangkar and Taponidhi Pandey
- SDG 13, 14 and 15- Climate action, Life below water and Life on land - Kartikey Dwivedi

Student Participants :- Sakshi Tambe, Aishwarya Ray, Anushka Kalaskar, Megha Shree, Riya Risbud, Vishwesh Sarangkar, Kartikey Dwivedi, Rhea Shrivastava, Sharvari Sutaone, Shriya Barve, Taponidhi Pandey (all II BA LL.B)

Number of Beneficiaries: 100

8. Legal Aid Camp at Veer Baji Prabhu Vidyalaya, Ekta Nagar Housing Society, Janwadi, Gokhale Nagar

Date: April 13, 2024

Faculty Coordinator: Ms. Bhumika Rathod

Student Coordinator: Sham Ghule (II BA LLB)

Brief Description about the Camp:

The camp was conducted under the guidance of Ms. Bhumika Rathod with the aim of educating and informing students about the risks associated with cybercrime and the importance of cybersecurity measures to protect themselves online. The camp also aimed at enhancing the understanding of students of relevant laws and regulations pertaining to cybercrime, cyberbullying, and data privacy.

Students gave information on the following topics:

- Swati Iyer talks about HTTPS or Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure
- Sarthik Pathak talks about Information which people share on social media and gaming platforms and its implications.

The skit has been divided into three parts. SCENE I was presented by Sarthik Pathak and Ved Aher. They shed light on the significance of IT act 2000 and the various cybercrime faced by women including cyber-Pornography, morphing etc. Scene II was presented by Anchal Pandey, Shubhankar Kulkarni and Sham Ghule. They shed light on the responsibility of both banks and account holders in ensuring the security of financial data and accounts. Furthermore, the process of seeking redressal involves filing a complaint under the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) Section 457. Scene III was presented by Shubhankar Kulkarni, Priyanka Khobragade, Sham Ghule, Ved Aher and Sarthik Pathak. They talk about being cautious while registering on websites or apps, avoiding sharing personal information or passwords, reporting suspicious activities, and using biometric authentication for added security.

Student Participants : Anchal Pandey, Priyanka, Sarthik Pathak, Sham Ghule, Shubhankar Kulkarni, Srushti Ladke, Swati Iyer, Swati Dhadwad, Ved Aher (all II BA.LLB)

Number of Beneficiaries: 48

SESSION AT TECH MAHINDRA SMART ACADEMY, MODEL COLONY, PUNE

In addition to legal aid and literacy camps in villages and schools, a session on Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace was organised at Tech Mahindra Smart Academy.

Faculty Coordinator: Mr D P Kendre

Student Coordinator: Pranav Kulkarni and Shraddha Dhanwate (both III LLB)

Date: July 20, 2023

The main objective of this workshop was to educate female employees about their recourse to Internal Committee under The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 as guaranteed by the Constitution, and to throw light on and make them aware of the actions that fall under sexual harassment and the legal remedies available for the same. Further, this workshop aimed to educate the working women on the laws relating to their protection and safe environment.

Details of Presentation:

- Introduction : Pranav Kulkarni
- Vishakha guidelines given by Supreme Court, making of Act in 2013: Shraddha Dhanwate
- Provisions of POSH Act, 2013, mandatory guidelines to be followed by workplaces, formation and composition of Internal Complaint Committee and Local Committee:- Fatma Zehra
- Documents required for complaint, Procedure of investigation by internal complaint committee:- Pranav Kulkarni

Mr. D.P. Kendre answered the queries of participants.

Students Participants : Pranav Kulkarni, Shraddha Dhanwate (both III LLB), Fatma Zehra, and Eesha Kaul (both II LLB)

Number of beneficiaries: 60

COLLABORATION WITH PUNE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA FOR 'CONDUCTING WORKSHOPS ON CREATING AWARENESS REGARDING PROHIBITION OF CHILD MARRIAGE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL OFFENCES' IN PMC SCHOOLS

Faculty Coordinator: Dr. Suvarna Nilakh and Ms Divya Mittal

Student Coordinators: Parth Pawar (V BA LLB), Pradyмна Khirodkar and Pranav Karhad (both IV BA LLB)

Marking its 100th year in a remarkable way, ILS Law College's Legal Aid Centre launched a new project to empower children. The initiative focused on raising awareness about two crucial topics on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, and the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006. These workshops were specifically designed and conducted for the students of Classes from VIII to X. To reach these children, ILS Law College collaborated with the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) and Women and Child Development Department (WCD), Government of Maharashtra. Recognizing the project's importance, both PMC and WCD readily provided the necessary permissions. PMC's Education Department helped us in identifying the schools within PMC for the conduct of these workshops. For the efficient conduct of this activity, the Joint Commissioner of PMC granted the Legal Aid Centre the permission to conduct the awareness workshops in 15 "Aadarsh Shala" selected by the PMC.

Our Collaborators

- Pune Municipal Corporation
- Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Maharashtra

Total No of Workshops: 14

Objectives of the Workshop: These workshops aimed at:

Discussing the detrimental effects of child marriage on a child's physical, emotional, and educational development.

- Equipping students with a basic understanding of what constitutes child sexual abuse according to the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.
- Teaching students to identify potentially harmful situations and recognize inappropriate touch.
- Encouraging students to speak up about abuse and provide them with information on reporting mechanisms (helpline numbers, trusted adults, etc.).
- Helping students to break down any silence or stigma surrounding child sexual abuse.
- Inform students of the legal consequences of child marriage in India.

- Emphasizing the value of completing school education and pursuing future opportunities.
- Addressing potential social pressures surrounding child marriage, especially for girls.

Workshop Methodology:

These workshops engaged students in an interactive and informative manner by utilizing innovative approaches such as street plays and speeches. Street plays effectively conveyed the key provisions and significance of the aforementioned acts, making legal concepts accessible and relatable to the audience. In addition to street plays, students' speeches provided deeper insights into the legal frameworks and emphasized the importance of safeguarding children's rights and well-being. These speeches served to clarify doubts, answer questions, and inspire proactive engagement in promoting child protection within the community.

These workshops not only disseminated crucial legal information but also fostered a sense of empowerment and responsibility among the adolescent students. The initiative aimed to equip them with the knowledge and confidence to recognize, prevent, and report instances of sexual offenses and child marriage, contributing to the creation of a safer and more informed society.

- Topics Covered/ Issues Addressed -

1. The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012
2. The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006

Details of workshops are given below:

❖ Workshop 1

- **Name of the School: Krushnaji Balwantrao More Vidyalaya, PMC school Katraj**

Date: October 20, 2023

Faculty Coordinator: Ms. Divyashree Dacha

Student Coordinator/s: Abhishek Gharat

Student Participants: Abhishek Gharat, Parag Chaudhari, Omkar Gujar, Ashok Solanke, Jayesh Bhosale, Vyankatesh Karnewar, Mahesh Kanade, Vineeth Puliyaath, Shailesh Rathod, Oshin Sukhdeve, Prajakta Shahane, Mallika Vakharkar, Aishwarya

Shingare, Meenakshi Deshmukh, Sanjeevani Negi, Sumit Kondhalkar, and Dhairyasheel Misal. (All from I LLB)

❖ **Workshop 2**

- **Name of the School: Hutama Balveer Shirishkumar Vidyalaya, Police Line, Shivaji Nagar**

Date: October 23, 2023

Faculty Coordinator: Ms. Parul Raghuwanshi

Student Coordinator: Pranav Karhad

Student Participants: Abhishek Randhave, Mahesh Mudalkar, Prathamesh Chavan, Swapnil Sakhare, Priyanka Mandage, Anushka Garse, Prajakta Shambharkar, Samiksha Kamble, Nikita Pawar, Falguni Ghude, Pranav Karhad (IV BA LLB) Vijeta Kulkarni, Devesh Chavan. (II BA LLB)

❖ **Workshop 3**

- **Name of School: Smt. Anusayabai Khilare Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Erandwane**

Date: October 23, 2023

Faculty Coordinator: Ms. Parul Raghuwanshi

Student Coordinator: Pranav Karhad

Student Participants: Abhishek Randhave, Mahesh Mudalkar, Prathamesh Chavan, Swapnil Sakhare, Priyanka Mandage, Anushka Garse, Prajakta Shambharkar, Samiksha Kamble, Nikita Pawar, Falguni Ghude, Pranav Karhad (IV BA LLB) Vijeta Kulkarni, Devesh Chavan. (II BA LLB)

Workshop 4

- **Name of School: Subhedar Ramji Maloji Ambedkar Madhyamik Vidyaniketan**

Date: October 20, 2023

Faculty Coordinator: Dr. Tejaswini Malegaonkar

Student Coordinator: Pradyumna Khirodkar

Students Participants: Viraj Yeole, Akash Bagade, Akshay Chole, Atharva Taware, Arhat Dongardive, Lenyadri Gode, Shivangi Phadke, Prajakta Dhondge, Vanshita Sargade, Khyati Pandey, Pritesh Shende, Aarti Surkule, Omkar Aldar, Shreyas Bapte,

Pradyumna Khirodkar (IV BA LLB), Ganesh Surushe, Om Taware, Sanika Patil (II BA LLB)

❖ Workshop 5

- **Name of School: Shantabai Dhole Patil School**

Date: October 20, 2023

Faculty Coordinator: Dr. Tejaswini Malegaonkar

Student Coordinator: Pradyumna Khirodkar

Students Participants: Viraj Yeole, Akash Bagade, Akshay Chole, Atharva Taware, Arhat Dongardive, Lenyadri Gode, Shivangi Phadke, Prajakta Dhondge, Vanshita Sargade, Khyati Pandey, Pritesh Shende, Aarti Surkule, Omkar Aldar, Shreyas Bapte, Pradyumna Khirodkar (IV BA LLB), Ganesh Surushe, Om Taware, Sanika Patil (II BA LLB)

❖ Workshop 6

- **Name of School: Dr Nansahab Parulekar Vidyalaya, Yerawada**

Date: October 18, 2023

Faculty Coordinator: Ms. Parul Raghuvanshi

Student Coordinator: Prashik Rakshe

Students Participants: Prashik Rakshe, Tejas Meshram, Sanmay Meshram, Prasad Langote, Sahil Wadkar, Shruti Swami, Sumit Nikam, Tanaya Deokate, Anish Kikle, Arati Andhale, Aditya Shete, Gaurav Takale, Ritika Kantharia, Nilam Zende, Niti Jaiwar, Shantanu Gaikwad, Deepal Khude, Dattaram Bile, Shaunak Parulekar, Atharva Katak, Piyusha Gaikwad (all V BA LLB)

❖ Workshop 7

- **Name of School: Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Yerawada**

Date: October 18, 2023

Faculty Coordinator: Ms. Parul Raghuvanshi

Student Coordinator: Prashik Rakshe

Students Participants: Prashik Rakshe, Tejas Meshram, Sanmay Meshram, Prasad Langote, Sahil Wadkar, Shruti Swami, Sumit Nikam, Tanaya Deokate, Anish Kikle, Arati Andhale, Aditya Shete, Gaurav Takale, Ritika Kantharia, Nilam Zende, Niti

Jaiwar, Shantanu Gaikwad, Deepal Khude, Dattaram Bile, Shaunak Parulekar, Atharva Katak, Piyusha Gaikwad. (All from V BA LLB)

❖ **Workshop 8**

- **Name of School: Smt. Savitribai Phule Prashala and Jr. College**

Date: October 21, 2023

Faculty Coordinator: Ms. Divya Mittal

Student Coordinator: Parth Pawar

Students Participants: Snehal Mastud (III BA LLB), Shaikh Abdul Haq (IV BALLB), Ujef Sadik Shaikh, Khushi Agarwal, Shubham Pawar, Swarangi Dhoble, Harsh Arora, Tanya Deokate, Payal Chougule, Padmakshi Kulkarni, Samruddhi Chandgude, Pranav Apar, Akshada Dhamale, Siddhesh Balwar, Prasad Kelkar, Amol Londhe, Parth Pawar, Harshad Bavane, Bhushan Potale and Abha Dalal (V BA LLB).

❖ **Workshop 9**

- **Name of School: Baburao Sanas High School, Mangalwar Peth**

Date: October 23, 2023

Faculty Coordinator: Mr. Pratik

Student Coordinator:- Parth Pawar

Student Participants: Snehal Mastud (III BA LLB), Shaikh Abdul Haq (IV BALLB), Ujef Sadik Shaikh, Khushi Agarwal, Shubham Pawar, Swarangi Dhoble, Harsh Arora, Tanya Deokate, Payal Chougule, Padmakshi Kulkarni, Samruddhi Chandgude, Pranav Apar, Akshada Dhamale, Siddhesh Balwar, Prasad Kelkar, Amol Londhe, Parth Pawar, Harshad Bavane, Bhushan Potale and Abha Dalal (V BA LLB)

❖ **Workshop 10**

- **Name of School: Shri Sant Namdev Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Maharshinagar**

Date: October 20, 2023

Faculty Coordinator: Ms. Vidhya Gupta

Student Coordinator: Shantanu Ghule

Student Participants- Shantanu Ghule, Gunvanti Deore, Pratik Paradhi, Kanika Pawar, Sagarika Nair, Aanchal Dubey, Harshdeep Bansode, Riddhi Gajabi, Anjali Harwani,

Shubha Ranjan, Shivam Mishra (I LLB), Pranav Kulkarni and Shraddha Dhanwate (both III LLB).

❖ **Workshop 11**

- **Name of School: Yashwant Rao Chavan Madhyamik Vidyalaya**

Date: October 21, 2023

Faculty Coordinator: Ms.Divyashree Dacha

Student Coordinator: Abhishek Gharat

Student Participants: Abhishek Gharat, Parag Chaudhari, Omkar Gujar, Ashok Solanke, Jayesh Bhosale, Vyankatesh Karnewar, Mahesh Kanade, Vineeth Puliyath, Shailesh Rathod, Oshin Sukhdeve, Gunvanti Deore, Mallika Vakharkar, Aishwarya Shingare, Meenakshi Deshmukh, Sanjeevani Negi, Siddhant Kshirsagar. (all I LLB)

❖ **Workshop 12**

- **Name of School: Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan Prashala**

Date: March 15, 2024

Faculty Coordinator: Dr. Suvarna Nilakh

Student Coordinator: Abhishek Gharat

Student Participants: Abhishek Gharat, Parag Chaudhari, Omkar Gujar, Jayesh Bhosale, Vyankatesh Karnewar, Shailesh Rathod, Siddhant Kshirsagar, Shubham Kenekar, Lakshman Chaugule, Gunvanti Deore, Nikita Lahoti (I LLB), Sakshi Tambe (II BA LLB) Sonam Bhoje and Disha Karpe (I BA LLB)

❖ **Workshop 13**

- **Name of School: Mahatma Phule Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Hadapsar Gadital, Pune**

Date : March 18, 2024

Faculty Coordinator: Dr. Suvarna Nilakh

Student Coordinator- Abhishek Gharat

Student Participants: Abhishek Gharat, Parag Chaudhari, Omkar Gujar, Jayesh Bhosale, Vyankatesh Karnewar, Shailesh Rathod, Siddhant Kshirsagar, Shubham Kenekar, Lakshman Chaugule, Gunvanti Deore, Nikita Lahoti (I LLB), Sakshi Tambe (II BA LLB) Sonam Bhoje and Disha Karpe (I BA LLB)

❖ Workshop 14

- **Name of School : Dr. Vasantdada Patil Vidyaniketan, PMC School Sukrawaar Peth, Pune**

Date: March 30, 2024

Faculty Coordinator : Mr. Rugved Gadge and Ms. Divyashree Dacha

Student Coordinator: Shantanu Ghule

Student Participants: Shantanu Ghule (I LLB), Kirankumar Hole, Vaibhav Gavhale, Rudrani Dhange, Swati Dhadwad, Sham Ghule, Ranjeet Thorvepatil, Krushna Yadav, Aditya Chippalkatti, Nihira Chaudhari, Shrushti Ladke. (II BA LLB)

ORGANIZATION OF VOTER AWARENESS IN ASSOCIATION WITH SYSTEMATIC VOTER'S EDUCATION AND ELECTORAL PARTICIPATION (SVEEP) AND PUNE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Faculty Coordinators : Dr Suvarna Nilakh and Ms Divya Mittal

Student Coordinators : Abhishek Gharat and Parag Chaudhari (both I LLB)

Taking forward the centenary celebrations, ILS Law College collaborated with the Pune Municipal Corporation to create awareness on the importance of voting and elections as a part of the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initiative.

Electoral Literacy Workshops were successfully conducted in the 209- Shivajinagar Legislative Assembly Constituency under the 34 - Pune Parliamentary Constituency. The primary objective of these workshops was to enhance voter awareness and increase voting turnout among citizens.

Workshop Methodology

The highlight of the workshop was a captivating street play performed by the enthusiastic students of ILS Law College. Through the medium of theatre, students creatively conveyed the importance of democratic participation and the significance of each individual's vote in shaping the future of the nation.

The Voting awareness skit delved into various issues around voting, citizens responsibility, and voter's enrollment procedure. Divided into 4 parts, the skit included messages for young

voters, first time voters as well as for those who refuse to exercise their right to vote. The first part of the skit focussed on the significance of voting in the form of a dialogue between a young boy and his grandparents. The second part of the skit explained the procedure for voter enrolment through a discussion between an 18 years old girl and an election officer.

The third part of the skit was placed in a housing society where the members decided to use their holiday on the day of the voting to plan a trip instead of exercising their right to vote. The last part of the skit highlighted the malpractices surrounding elections through depiction of a scene from the slum where the voters were deceived to vote for a particular candidate in exchange of cash or gifts.

Through these skits students effectively explained the significance of elections and voting rights given to the citizens. These skits were written by Parag Chaudhari and directed by Abhishek Gharat and Parag Chaudhari.

Additionally, the voter's awareness camps also featured insightful speeches delivered by students. Their words resonated with the audience, emphasising the civic duty and responsibility that comes with the right to vote. They stressed the pivotal role of informed decision-making in the electoral process and encouraged active participation from all eligible voters.

Details of Workshops:

1) Workshop 1

- **Venue : Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Auditorium, Ghole road, Shivajinagar Pune**

Date : March 27, 2024

Faculty Coordinator : Dr Suvarna S Nilakh and Ms Divya Mittal

Student Coordinators : Abhishek Gharat and Parag Chaudhari (both I LLB)

Chief Guest : Mr. Dadasaheb Gite (Deputy Collector & Assistant Election officer), Mr.

Ravi Khandare (Additional Assistant Electoral Registration Officer), Ms. Sayali Dhas

(Naib Tehsildar), Mr. Deepak Kadam (SVEEP Nodal Officer), Mr.Sagar Kashid

(SVEEP Co-ordinator).

Number of Attendees - 150

2) Workshop 2

- **Venue : Fergusson College Road, Near Rupali Restaurant, Pune**

Date : April 13, 2024

Faculty Coordinators : Dr. Suvarna Nilakh and Ms Divya Mittal

Student Coordinators : Abhishek Gharat and Parag Chaudhari (both I LLB)

Chief Guest : Mr. Ravi Khandare (Additional Assistant Electoral Registration Officer), Mr. Deepak Kadam (SVEEP Nodal Officer).

Number of Attendees : 90

3) Workshop 3

- **Venue of Camp : Kalakar Katta, Fergusson College Road, Pune**

Date : April 14, 2024

Faculty Coordinators : Dr. Suvarna Nilakh and Ms Divya Mittal

Student Coordinators: Abhishek Gharat and Parag Chaudhari (both I LLB)

Chief Guest : Mr. Nitin Udas (Deputy Commissioner, PMC), Mr. Ravi Khandare (Additional Assistant Electoral Registration Officer), Mr. Deepak Kadam (SVEEP Nodal Officer), Ms. Bichukale (SVEEP Nodal Officer), Mr.Sagar Kashid (SVEEP Co-ordinator).

Number of Attendees : 150

4) Workshop 4

Venue : Industrial Training Institute, Aundh, Pune

Date : April 26, 2024

Faculty Coordinator : Ms Bhumika Rathod

Student Coordinators : Shreeya Mulye (I BA LLB)

Chief Guest : Mr. Shashikant Sabale (Vice-Principal, ITI Aundh), Mr. Deepak Kadam (SVEEP Nodal Officer)

Number of Attendees : 150

5) Workshop 5

- **Venue of Camp : Industrial Training Institute, Aundh, Pune**

Date : April 30, 2024

Faculty Coordinators : Dr. Suvarna Nilakh and Ms Divya Mittal

Student Coordinators : Abhishek Gharat and Parag Chaudhari (both I LL.B)

Chief Guest : Mr. Rajeev Nandakar (Deputy Collector, Pune), Mr. Deepak Kadam (SVEEP Nodal Officer).

Number of Attendees : 150

6) Workshop 6:

- **Venue of Camp : Yashotsav, Hotel Management Institute, Government of Maharashtra, Senapati Bapat Road, Pune**

Date : May 1, 2024

Faculty Coordinators : Dr. Suvarna Nilakh and Ms Divya Mittal

Student Coordinators : Abhishek Gharat and Parag Chaudhari

Chief Guest : Mr. Shrirang Godbole (Writer & Film Director), Mr. Vishwesh Kulkarni (Head, Yashasvi Group), Mr. Deepak Kadam (SVEEP Nodal Officer).

Number of Attendees : 100

Student Participants : Abhishek Gharat, Parag Chaudhari, Omkar Gujar, Ashok Solanke, Jayesh Bhosale, Vyankatesh Karnewar, Siddhant Kshirsagar, Kunal Warade, Saurabh Ghuge, Shailesh Rathod, Gunvanti Deore, Nikita Lahoti (all I LL.B), Sonam Bhoje, Akanksha Malusare (both I BA LL.B), Shreeya Mulye, Devesh Satawalekar, Rugved Gambhir, Mrudool Bhojar, Aakriti Sinha, Khushi Jain, Sham Ghule, Ved Aher, Aanchal Pandey (all II BA LL.B), Piyush Thakur (III BA LL.B), Pradyumna Khirodkar and Pranav Karhad (both IV BA LL.B)

Impact

These Electoral Literacy Awareness workshops proved to be a significant step towards fostering a culture of electoral awareness and participation in the community. By empowering citizens with knowledge and motivation, it aimed to contribute towards building a stronger and vibrant democratic society and commitment towards shaping a better tomorrow through informed and empowered voters.

FIELDWORK AND FIELDWORK

- **VISIT TO YERWADA OPEN PRISON**

Venue of the Camp: Open Prison Visit, Yerwada Jail Pune.

Faculty Coordinator: Mr Ashish Pawar

Student Coordinator: Kapil Chavan (I LL.B)

Date : September 1, 2023

Objective:

The primary objective of the visit was to understand how the open prison system contributes to the mental and physical well-being of inmates. We sought to investigate the unique aspects of open jails that promote rehabilitation, mental health, and overall inmate well-being.

Report:

The students of I LLB under the guidance of Mr. Ashish Pawar visited the open prison at the Yerwada Jail with the objective of getting insights into the working of open prisons.

Mr. Kokane, the jail superintendent shared insights into the functioning of Yerwada Jail, emphasizing on reformation and rehabilitation rather than punishment. The students also got insights into several skill development workshops within the jail premises. Inmates were actively involved in vocational training programs, including carpentry, tailoring, and agriculture. Yerwada Jail has implemented various physical and mental health initiatives, including yoga sessions, counseling services, and access to medical facilities. Inmates spoke highly of these programs, emphasizing the role they played in managing stress and promoting mental wellness.

The open prison visit to Yerwada Jail provided invaluable insights into the positive impact of open prison systems on inmates' mental health. Through community integration, skill development, and a focus on rehabilitation, open prisons offer a ray of hope to inmates seeking a second chance at life. The dedication of the prison staff, led by the honorable superintendent Mr. Kokane, was evident in the transformation of inmates into responsible, confident individuals.

List of Students: Siddaram Kotanur, Prajakta Sanap, Yogesh Dahiphale, Suyash Ghanawat, Lokesh Lichade, Asmin Shaikh, Sanjaykumar Ramdasi, Kaushal Padir, Suresh Bhandwalkar, Vishakha Nikam, Nilam Rupnawar, Mansi Kaka, Sabiha Sheikh, Dipti Mishra, Kapil Dinesh Chavan, Shubham Suryawanshi, Harshwardhan Jadhav (all I LLB) (2022- 23 batch)

- **INTERNSHIP WITH NARMADA BACHAO ANDOLAN**

Faculty Coordinators: Dr. Suvarna Nilakh and Ms. Divya Mittal

Student Coordinator: Pranav Kulkarni (III LLB)

Dates: January 17 - February 2, 2024

Name of Students : Pranav Kulkarni, Shraddha Dhanawate, Soham Raut, Pankaj Notani, (all III LLB), Priyanka Kale, Pranav Karhad, Pradyumna Khirodkar, Anushka Garase and Dakshaja Langhi (all IV BA LLB)

A team of 9 students participated in a two-week internship program at Barwani, Madhya Pradesh, where they visited around 25 villages, most of them being tribal and around 7 Rehabilitation Colonies of people affected from the Sardar Sarovar Project (SSP) in the states of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat. The main objective of these visits was to study and understand the impacts of the SSP and get insights into the ground reality of the rehabilitation work in the Narmada valley.

The students undertook the task of conducting surveys in the areas where the Project Affected Families (PAFs) reside to understand the pending rehabilitation work and the basic needs of these PAFs of which they are deprived. On the very first day of the internship, Ms. Medha Patkar gave a brief about the work of the Andolan in the Narmada valley, the issues before them and the way ahead. Further, students had an opportunity to visit the actual project site and flood affected villages in the region. The team visited around 15 villages and interacted with activists of Narmada Bachao Andolan to understand the work.

Legal Awareness Camp at Pichodi : Pichodi is a tribal village in the Barwani district. It is one of the flood affected villages due to changes in the backwater line of the Sardar Sarovar Dam. Residents in Pichodi are mainly dependent on fishing. But, after the construction of the SSD, an increase in sedimentation has affected their livelihood. Our team conducted a legal awareness camp on laws relating to women, including the Dowry Prohibition Act, POCSO Act, Protection of women from domestic violence, etc.

Visit to Nimola and Ekalbara : Both the villages are in Dhar district. The villages were severely affected by the flood of Narmada river. Surveys on damages occurred due to the flood were conducted by communicating with the people and a report was prepared in accordance with it.

Visit to Chikhaldia Rehabilitation Site : The original village has experienced extensive devastation, having been completely submerged in water. All the residents have been relocated, leaving only a temple as the sole surviving structure. A survey was conducted in the new village by visiting each house regarding compensation received by the people against their losses due to SSP from the MP government. Accordingly a report was prepared of those people who are

yet to get compensation from the government against the loss of agricultural land and damages to houses.

Visit to Kukshi, Kheda, Nisarpur, Katnera: The students conducted surveys of approximately 150 individuals affected by SSP, incomplete rehabilitation and the flood crisis on 17th September 2023. A detailed report was prepared on the basis of the information gathered from the survey.

Visit to Thikri: Shramik Kamgar Sangh headed by Ms. Medha Patkar is helping the employees of Century Mills at Thikri village to get the compensation against their illegal lay off by the Mill. Our team visited Thikri and interacted with employees. Employees shared their problems with the team which enabled the students to learn about the practical side of labour laws.

Visit to Kharya Bhadal: This is the first village in Madhya Pradesh on the Maharashtra border. It is a tapu village (one that is surrounded by water from all sides). After travelling to this village by boat, students conducted surveys on rehabilitation and livelihood aspects of residents. Students also visited Jeevanshala run by the NBA in the village. Jeevanshala means 'Schools Of Life Or Life Schools'. It is an institution playing a vital role in providing primary education to the children of remote tribal villages. They also had an opportunity to celebrate Republic Day there.

Visit to Rajghat: The students visited Raj Ghat, a significant site known as the final resting place of Mahatma Gandhi. Their visit included an exploration of both the old and the new Ghat. Unfortunately, the construction of the Sardar Sarovar Dam in Gujarat has led to a considerable rise in water levels, encroaching upon the land by approximately 50 meters. Many houses were damaged due to the flood on 17th september 2023 and many were demolished without providing them rehabilitation. Our students conducted a survey on these problems.

Visit to Sondul and Jhangarwa: Surveys were conducted on damages caused due to SSD and flood occurred due to changes in the Back Water Line. Many houses were completely damaged and there were no sources of livelihood left. Many individuals are still awaiting the fulfillment of their entitlements. Our team interacted with the villagers and produced a documentary highlighting the challenges they face.

Visit to Tin Shades

The villages of **Nisarapur, Chandkhedi, Narmada Nagar, Ganpur Sidhsi, Kadmal, Ekkalwara, Perkhed, Semldha, Bada Barda, Dharampuri, Sala, Sondul, Patnika, and Anjad** are now home to over 100 families living in 10x12 feet tin shades made from corrugated metal sheets. Our team visited these villages to learn about the problems of the people living there. Displaced by submersion, these individuals have been forced to leave behind their homes, culture, and livelihoods. The local government provides three meals a day, but living conditions are dire.

It was observed that residents face severe challenges, including extreme overcrowding, as the tin shades are too small to accommodate both people and their cattle. They suffer from a significant lack of amenities, with chronic shortages of water, electricity, and educational facilities—many have endured living without electricity for 2-3 years. The harsh environmental conditions exacerbate their plight: during summers, the metal sheets retain heat, making the living spaces unbearably hot, while financial constraints prevent the installation of fans or coolers. During monsoons, the low ground levels lead to rainwater flooding their living areas. The isolation of these settlements is another major issue, as the nearest main road and farms are 6 km away, and with no available transport, residents are forced to walk long distances to access essential services. Healthcare is also inadequate, with the nearest hospital being 5-7 km away and only operating once a week, leaving residents vulnerable during emergencies. Additionally, the proximity to the Satpuda mountains poses significant safety concerns, as wild animals frequently intrude into the settlement, further endangering the residents.

Residents demand the fulfillment of the 2017 Order, including:

- **Land and Financial Aid:** Provision of a 60x90 plot and 5.80 lakhs for building a new house.
- **Comprehensive Rehabilitation:** Immediate intervention to address the systemic gaps in rehabilitation, ensuring access to essential services and improved living conditions.

The team was tasked to prepare reports on various problems regarding rehabilitation and Sardar Sarovar Project, draft petitions on the irregularities and the issues faced in the registration of House Plots allotted by the PAFs and conduct surveys in flood affected villages. Students also drafted an application for the execution of a stay order in the High Court of Madhya Pradesh for the Illegal Sand Mining Activity persisting in the submergence areas of districts Barwani,

Dhar, Alirajpur, and Khargone, as well as in the villages of Picchodi, Nandgaon, Bhilkheda, and Pendra.

The team prepared reports on:

- Jha Commission findings of corruption
- Changes in the Back-Water Line and its impacts
- Tin shades and the issues faced therein
- Jeevanshalas run by the NBA
- Report on Resettlement and Rehabilitation Issues faced by Sardar Sarovar PAFs (in Madhya Pradesh)
- Reports on surveys conducted in villages

Three students namely Pranav Kulkarni, Pankaj Notani & Shraddha Dhanwate were selected to visit PAFs in Maharashtra and Gujarat. They travelled for about 2200 kms (via roads, rails & waters) across the Narmada Valley in the states of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat to study and understand the impact of SSP with regards to livelihood, environment, rehabilitation, business, etc.

Visit to Narmadanagar, District- Nandurbar, Maharashtra: The team of 3 students visited this rehabilitation colony in Taloda Taluka, Nandurbar. They checked the situation of various avenues offered in the rehabilitation like the hospital, school, hand pumps, community halls and interacted with the villagers understanding the difference between life in the hills and life in the colonies. They also attended the meeting of NBA workers to plan the Balmela, a combined annual cultural event of all the Jeevanshalas,

Visit to Jivan Nagar, District- Nandurbar, Maharashtra: The team visited a Jeevanshala to understand the education model of the Jeevanshalas and the vital role they play in bringing the Adivasis into the mainstream while preserving the cultural uniqueness. They interacted with the teachers, students and the support staff in their one night stay at the school.

Visit to Shri Nagai Devi Sugar Factory, District- Nandurbar, Maharashtra: The team attended a rotational indefinite hunger strike by the farmers for the pending Sugarcane bills. They tried to understand the issues in the lease deed which has transferred the rights to run this co-operative sugar factory to a private entity which has not paid the bills. They also witnessed the passage of a resolution which conferred Ms. Medha Patkar with the authority to decide and plan the future course of the mass protests at the site of the factory. This visit was a practical

experience to understand the importance and relevance of Satyagraha in the mass actions and democratic protests.

Visit to Manibeli, District- Nandurbar, Maharashtra: Manibeli is the first village in the revenue records of the state of Maharashtra. Situated right before the Sardar Sarovar Dam site in Akkalkuwa Taluka, Nandurbar district, Manibeli has the first voter in the voting lists and the first polling station of the state of Maharashtra. Our team reached the Jeevanshala of Manibeli on 25th of Jan, 2024 with Ms. Medha Patkar and Mr. Khemsingh, a NBA worker. They interacted with Mr. Naranbhai Tadavi, who had served Manibeli as a Sarpanch for around 25 years to understand the prevailing problems in the village. Connectivity of roads, mobile towers, access to electricity, access to schools and hospitals were the chronic issues in Manibeli, according to Naranbhai.

In the evening, they visited different Padas (hamlets) in the village with Mr. Khemsingh, they also visited the site of the old Shulpaneshwar Mahadev temple which stands completely submerged in the dam via a boat. They inspected a mobile clinic on a ferry and a building for a government hospital in the village, both of which were non- functional.

Next day, on 26th January, students participated in the Republic Day celebrations with the villagers. It started with an early morning Prabhatpheri in the village with the students of the Jeevanshala inviting all the villagers for the flag hoisting ceremony in the school. Mr. Gulab and Mr. Naranbhai Tadavi hoisted the tricolour while Ms. Medha Patkar hoisted the NBA flag. The student coordinator, Mr. Pranav Kulkarni addressed the gathering followed by a concluding address by Ms. Medha Patkar.

The flag hoisting ceremony was followed by a Gram Sabha where our team gathered the data of pending rehabilitation work and the list of PAFs who have not received the adequate compensation and who have deficiencies in their compensation.

Later, by enjoying the Republic Day feast with the students and villagers, our team left Manibeli for Gujarat, first to reach the Dam site by boat and then to reach Kevadiya Colony (Ekta Nagar) by road.

Visit to Bharuch, Gujarat: After Manibeli, students travelled to Bharuch, Gujarat. Bharuch was affected due to the flood on 18th september 2023. Our team visited flood affected areas in the Bharuch district to study its impacts, damages caused and relation with the SSD. Visiting

Shuklateerth, Bhругu Rishi Mandir, Mandir, Fish Market, Bharbhut helped our team to study impacts of the SSD in the downstream region. The SSP not only affected the lives of many families in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra but it is also having its devastating impacts in downstream areas of Gujarat. The issues with respect to E-flow, Sea Ingress, Fisheries, Agriculture, Industry, Groundwater which is necessary for drinking and irrigation, Health, Cultural Impacts and Sand Mining in the downstream region were studied by our team.

Accordingly, students prepared reports on:

- Downstream impact (in Gujarat)
- Environmental impact of Sardar Sarovar Project
- Resettlement and Rehabilitation in Maharashtra

7 reports prepared by the team are also placed before a People's Commission appointed to inquire into the pending rehabilitation of the PAFs and to arrive at a precise cost to benefit ratio after completion of the project. The Commission consists of retired Supreme Court judges, academicians and hydrology experts which have received the depositions from all parties including the government.

During this internship program, the students got well acquainted with the difficulties in the implementation of the laws, judicial orders, awards, judgements and the need of civil society in realizing their rights. All of the above reports & petitions, prepared & drafted by students were well appreciated by Ms. Medha Patkar and the reports were also sent to the People's Commission in order to contribute in their crucial findings on the issues of the SSP.

COLLABORATION WITH DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

1. PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL LOK ADALATS

The significance of Alternate Dispute Resolution System (ADR) is undeniable in the current times. The ADR mechanism serves as a speedy and informal method for the settlement of 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 are an attempt to reduce the burden upon the Judiciary and grant speedy redressal to the petitioners. This exercise aims to help the students understand practically the various methods of resolving disputes through conciliation, negotiation and 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. In a collaborative effort between the students of ILS Law College and the District Legal Services Authority, Pune, a significant stride was made towards legal empowerment and access to justice through participation in the Lok Adalat. The internship program provided an invaluable opportunity for students to gain firsthand experience and insights into the workings of the legal system, enriching their understanding of court proceedings, procedures, and advocacy skills.

Throughout the internship, students were exposed to various aspects of the legal process, including trials, case filing, and the utilization of e-court facilities. Under the guidance of experienced legal professionals, the students acquired practical knowledge and honed their skills in report making and summoning for trial, enhancing their competencies in legal practice.

a. National Lok Adalat on September 9, 2023

Venue: District and Sessions Court, Shivajinagar, Pune

Faculty Coordinators: Mrs. Banu Vasudevan

Duration: July 17, 2023- September 9, 2023

Student Coordinators: Vedanti Chaudhari and Pradyumna Khirodkar

The National Lok Adalat Internship provided law students with practical experience in alternative dispute resolution. Over the duration of two months, interns learnt about the legal framework of Lok Adalats, assisted in organizing sessions, studied case resolutions, and engaged with legal professionals and the community. This hands-on exposure enhanced their dispute resolution skills, organizational abilities, and legal research and writing proficiency. Interns also gained insights into professional and ethical standards through interactions with judges and mediators. Students also faced challenges including managing numerous cases, addressing complex legal issues, and raising community awareness. Ultimately, the internship enriched legal education and promoted accessible justice in India.

Student Participants : Vedanti Chaudhari, Rutuja Ahire, Khushi Agale (all V BA LLB), Abhishek Randhave, Vanshita Sargade , Arya Choudhary, Sayali Chormale, Dakshaja Langhi, Gargi Gupta, Ranjana Kumari, Meghana Thakare, Riya Das, Chhaya Bhatia, Nikita Sukheja, Anuprita Jadhav, Christiana Fernandes, Sneha Jaiswal, Yogeshwar Pethkar, Parth Waghela, Yash Ghodichor, Priyanka Kale, Anjali Chamediya,

Prathamesh Chavan, Anushka Garse, Prajakta Shambharkar, Samiksha Kamble, Shreya Salunkhe, Swapnil Sakhare, Ashish Rathod, Vinayak Ghuge, Narendra Shelke, Neha Farakate, Mugdha Lohar, Dakshayani Donthu, Chaitali Ramdasi, Pradyumna Khirodkar (all IV BA LL.B) and Prithuviraj Lingayat (III LL.B)

b. National Lok Adalat, December 9, 2023

Venue: District and Sessions Court, Shivajinagar, Pune

Faculty Coordinators: Dr Suvarna S Nilakh and Ms. Divyashree Dacha

Duration: October 27 - December 9, 2023

Student Coordinators : Parag Chaudhari and Abhishek Gharat (both I LL.B)

During the National Lok Adalat, students actively participated in providing free legal aid services to citizens, demonstrating their commitment to serving the community and promoting access to justice for all. The experience garnered from the Lokadalat participation not only equipped students with practical legal skills but also instilled in them a sense of social responsibility and empathy towards those in need of legal assistance. This event marked a significant milestone in the pursuit of justice, with over 83,000 pending cases being successfully resolved.

Student Participants : Parag Chaudhari, Abhishek Gharat, Gunvanti Deore, Meenakshi Deshmukh, Krutika Rajemahadik, Aishwarya Shingare, Chaitanya Huprikar, Tejaswini Iyer, Chirayu Bapat, Mallika Vakharkar, Nikita Lahoti, Omkar Gujar, Shantanu Ghule, Aditi Shinde, Jayesh Sonawane, Sanskruti Sahu, Riddhi Gajabi, Rushabh Zanjurne, Swapnil Unde, Vaibhav Khedkar, Anushka Haraliker, Vaishnavi Khatal, Ajay Rupnawar, Shivam Suryawanshi, Lakshman Chougule, Garima Shrivastava (all I LLB)

c. National Lok Adalat, March 3, 2024

Faculty Coordinators: Dr Suvarna S Nilakh and Ms Sae Tamhankar

Duration: February 14, 2024 – March 2, 2024

Student Coordinators: Pratik Wankhade and Nidhi Yadav (both I LL.B)

The District Legal Services Authority provided the students a list panel allocation for the National Lok Adalat. The students set up a help desk and guided the litigants to the respective courtrooms. Further, some of the students assisted the court staff in carrying out the administrative activities required for the settlement of disputes. This exercise

provided the students with a hands-on experience of client counselling and mediation. This event marked a significant milestone in the pursuit of justice. The experience garnered from the Lokadalat participation not only equipped students with practical legal skills but also instilled in them a sense of social responsibility and empathy towards those in need of legal assistance.

Student Participants : Pratik Wankhade, Laxman Chaugule, Onkar Dheb, Abhilasha Kahalekar, Yukta Gaikwad, Akshada Dhamale, Samruddhi Imade, Dnyaneshwar Bhale, Swapnil Pawar, Saniya Momin, Dhairyashil Misal, Hussain Ali, Sagarika Nair, Bhushan Potale, Priya Sharma, Priyanshi Mishra, Oshin Sukhdeve, Parikshit Jalamkar, Vishwajeet Rai, Prathama RK, Harshadeep Bansode, Surbhi Agarwal, Shrishti Gupta, Shailesh Rathod, Chinmayee Kulkarni, Aditi, Isha Sinha, Raj Shrimali, Adrika Singh, Mansheka Kar, Shubhda Shirsat, Shivam SURyawanshi, Sachin Palwe, Yogesh Lekule, Pratik Pardhi, Harshawardhan Shinde, Prasad Kelkar, Sabir Mulla, Shubham Pawar, Shivam Mishra, Shivam Popalghat, Yash Khade (all I LLB)

2. COLLABORATION FOR ORGANIZATION OF REGIONAL MEDIATION CONFERENCE

Date: October 14, 2023

Venue: Ganesh Kala Krida Manch, Pune

Faculty Coordinators: Ms. Vindhya Gupta and Ms. Geethika Satti

Student Coordinators: Yashwant Chaudhary (IV BA LLB)

Regional Mediation Conference was organized by District Legal Service Authority, Pune on October 14, 2023, at Ganesh Kala Krida Manch, 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 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 Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya and other esteemed judges. 23 students participated in this event under the guidance of Ms. Geethika Satti.

3. PARTICIPATION IN MEDIATION WEEK

Faculty Coordinator : Ms Divya Mittal

Student Coordinators : Aditya Shah and Pranav Kulkarni

ILS students actively participated in the Mediation Week organized by District Legal Services Authority during November 27 - December 1, 2023. The students presented a street play on the topic of Mediation.

Student Participants: Aditya Shah (Director), Jivika Choudhary, Sayali Mitkari, Devyani Kapse, Kashish Chadha, Pranav Kulkarni, Shraddha Dhanwate, Shirraj Shirke, Manasi Kabir, Yogesh Somani (all III LL.B)

TRAINING PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTY

The Legal Aid Centre organized a two-day training program for faculty members and selected students of the College on “Gender and Human Rights” on October 28-29, 2023.

ORGANIZATION OF AIKYAM 3.0- STATE LEVEL LEGAL AID FEST

Faculty Coordinators : Dr. Suvarna Nilakh, Ms. Divya Mittal and Ms. Divyashree Dacha

Student Coordinators : Pranav Kulkarni, Shraddha Dhanawate (both III LL.B), Dattaram Bile, Aditya Shete, Anish Kikle, Shaunak Parulekar, Keyur Jaju (all V BA.LL.B), Pranav Karhad, Pradyumna Khirodkar, Swapnil Sakhare and Atharva Hadawale (all IV BA LL.B)

The ILS Legal Aid Centre successfully hosted a State-Level Legal Aid Festival centered around the theme of Labour Welfare in the Unorganised Sector. The fest, held on March 12-13, 2024 aimed at raising awareness about labour rights, promoting legal advocacy, and addressing issues pertinent to the welfare of workers. Students from all over Maharashtra participated in this competition. The competition was an all-inclusive event and welcomed participation from colleges of all backgrounds.

Three competitions were organized as a part of this year’s Aikyam:

- a. Elocution
- b. PIL Drafting

c. Nukkad Natak (street play competition)

The sub themes for the competitions were:

- Migrant and Displaced Labourers
- Gig Workers
- Child Labour
- Landless Labour
- Labour Welfare Schemes

This year's edition of Aikyam was conducted in collaboration with Lex Credence, a full service law firm based out of Pune. The firm is known to provide effective, strategic, and comprehensive solutions to its clients across all sectors through a multidimensional approach.

- a. **Elocution Competition:** The fest commenced with an elocution competition held on March 12, 2024, emphasizing the theme of Labour Welfare. A total of 40 participants from diverse backgrounds and institutions showcased their public speaking skills, discussing topics ranging from Migrant workers to child labour.

The judges for this competition were:

- Mr. Rahul Gangurde (Assistant Professor, Department of Law, Savitribai Phule Pune University)
- Ms. Shailaja Aralkar (Social Worker)

The winners of this competition were:

- **First Place:** Ms. Fatima Mujawar (A.K. Khan New Law Academy, Pune) - Awarded a cash prize of INR 3,000/- along with a trophy and certificate.
- **Runner Up:** Ms. Kanishka Khamkar (ILS Law College, Pune) – Awarded a cash prize of INR 2,000/- along with a trophy and certificate.

PIL Drafting Competition: Simultaneously, a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) drafting competition was held, focusing on issues concerning labour welfare. Twenty-four students participated, drafting petitions addressing labour exploitation, discrimination, and other injustices prevalent in the workforce. The competition provided a platform for students to delve into legal research and advocacy while addressing real-world challenges faced by workers.

The **judges** for this competition were:

- Ms. Sonali Renuse (Visiting Faculty, ILS Law College)
- Mr. Advait Randhir (Advocate, Pune District and Sessions Court)

The winners for this competition were:

- **First Place:** Khushi Agarwal (ILS Law College, Pune) - Awarded a cash prize of INR 5,000/- along with a trophy and certificate.
- **Runner Up:** Devyani Kapse (ILS Law College, Pune) - Awarded a cash prize of INR 3,000/- along with a trophy and certificate.

Nukkad Natak (Street Play): On the second day of the fest, a street play competition was organized centered around labour welfare issues. The competition witnessed the participation of nine teams portraying the struggles and triumphs of workers through dramatic performances. The street plays effectively conveyed messages of solidarity, fair treatment, and empowerment within the labour community, resonating with the audience and sparking discussions on labour rights.

The judges for this competition were:

- Mr. Akshay Ugale (Assistant Professor of Economics, MIT World Peace University)
- Mr. Arul Kanhere (Theatre Artist)

The winners for this competition were:

- **First Place:** Yashwantrao Chavan Law College - Awarded a cash prize of INR 7,000/- along with a trophy and certificate.
- **Runner Up:** Christ (Deemed to be University) Pune – Awarded a cash prize of INR 5,000/- along with a trophy and certificate.

The two-day fest concluded with the prize distribution and valedictory ceremony on March 13, 2024 graced by the presence of Dr. Deepa Paturkar (Principal ILS Law College) and Adv. S. V Abhang (founder, Lex Credence) This event served as an opportunity to recognize the outstanding contributions of participants and announce the winners of each competition. The two day fest served as an initiative for promoting legal literacy, empowering labour communities, and fostering a more just and equitable society.