Legal Aid and Awareness Camp(Alipur) Report –15th Feb,2022

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School of Legal Studies of K. R. Mangalam University organized a "Legal aid" Campaign on Feb 15th, 2022, in which **16 students** participated and along with our faculty by our side together made the event a big success

The camp was organized in village Alipur, Sohna, Gurugram, Harvana

The legal aid team was led by and run under the guidance of Mr. Dharmveer Yadav, Asst. Professor at school of legal studies, K. R. Mangalam University and Ms. Sakshi Dudeja, Asst. Professor at school of legal studies, K. R. Mangalam University.

The entire event consisted of two parts.

- 1) Legal awareness (NukkadNatak)
- 2) The Legal Aid

The Nukkad Natak team performed a small play on the topic of "Marital Rape" or "Vaivaahik balaatkar" and it was shown at 2 different cross-road locations in Alipur to raise and spread awareness about the same Many people were intrigued while some had their own questions regarding the play. Our legal team helped the villagers understand what the issue was and why it should be a crime unlike its status right now

The play was well received by the villagers and the members of the panchayatin the presence of SarpanchMrKuldeep Singh who had all gathered together to watch the play

There were a total of 2 legal aid teams consisting of 8 members and each team had a leaderwho had more experience to help the young budding lawyers grow and understand how and what to do during a legal aid tour.

The main aim behind the Legal Aid tour was to spread awareness about the rights and powers that the people had, and to educate them on certain policies that the government has made for them which might not have been made available to them.

All the legal aid teams went Door-to-Door during this visit, asking people around them if they faced any legal issues or needed help for an is. ie they were facing currently

The villagers were also informed about DLSA (District Legal Service Authority) and given their contact information, so that they could contact the concerned official as and when needed. They were also told about the legal aid camps that were held at our universities and how they could connect with us in case they needed any Legal guidance

At certain times, the villagers were hesitant to tell us about their problems, but the teams under the leadership of their seniors tried their best to create a comfort zone for them so that they could talk about all that was harming them.

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K.R. Mangulam University Selina Road, Gurugram (Haryana) A big issue that seemed to be common among most of the villagers was the issue of BPL Cards (Below Poverty Line). Without BPL cards, the ration for the households was stuck

So a BPL Drive should maybe underway for the villagers so that everyone who's eligible is entitled to the benefits.

During all of our interactions we gave them legal advice on topics we could help them out with, and also gave them directions and instructions to get in touch with DLSA so that their problems could be solved legally, and they get their issues resolved.

During the entire tour, the sarpanch and the people of the villages were all very kind and supportive towards us.

The legal aid camp was organized with a goal to educate our law students about the reality of life and to give them a real-life exposure to the problems people face, and to help them enhance their communication skills and their legal knowledge to help them in the future.

Attendees

Students of SOLS (16) and Residents of Alipur Village (19)

Activity Outcomes

While talking to the villagers, we found out about the many common issues that plagued them be it clean water or sanitation facilities and we had the students make a note about the same.

The Main problems that the village people faced were that of: -

Clean drinking water

The Ground water being contaminated has led the villagers to drink salty water as there is no alternative to have clean water, one common R.O. Plant is also not sufficient to fulfill the needs of the village.

Proper Sanitation Infrastructure

Even with schemes like "Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan" the problem of Proper sanitation Infrastructure still grimly looms largely over the heads of these poor Alipur residents.

Though laws are made, and schemes are announced, unless they can be made available for the weakest rungs of the society, the work so done will never be complete.

Safety of women

Protection of women is a fundamental concept we need to strengthen so that our entire country can go forward with time. If our women do not feel safe at home or outside, we as a country will and may never be able to prosper.



Appropriate measures should be taken by the Sarpanch and the panchayat members as a whole so that anyone who harms, makes remarks, or outrages the modesty of a woman is seriously punished

Open sewage drains and drainage problems

When we interacted with the villagers, another grave problem they seemed to be facing was drainage issues

The drains as was visible to us all were open and poorly maintained and due to these conditions the monsoon seasons seemed to be worst for these people. The rain apparently makes the drains rise and overflows into their homes, denying them hygiene and effectively stripping of them of their fundamental right to a clean and healthy lifestyle.

Pension Problems

Pension of many households is either delayed or has been reduced and this has led to big problems for the people as most of the villagers are above the age of 60-65, and many of them have retired from government jobs, and for some of them pension is the only source of income

For example, an old lady we met was eligible for Old-age Pension, but was yet to receive anything from that scheme due to the slow process and red-taping of Process

Unemployment

With unemployment touching sky-high, its effect can be seen here when people, educated people sit at home, without a job to their name and wasting their time. Without a source of income, households also tend to come to a standstill Job creation and the introduction of MSME's should be prioritized by the panchayat and the sarpanch so that other problems of the villagers can be solved simultaneously by the introduction of such ideas

Lack of health clinics for the womankind

The lack of health clinics nearby has led to the women of the village having to suffer a lot during their pregnancies and r 'ated issues. Institution of such clinics is fundamental for the development of the society as whole

Lack of women participation in the panchayat

People in the village, mainly women, had talked about the visible non participation of women in the panchayati elections. The main difficulty this problem raised was "If there's not a woman who understands our problems, in the panchayat, there will be no way to talk to the government about the same." Hence, it is deemed necessary from a growth perspective to have the women of the village participate more actively in the activities of the panchayat and the government.

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Conclusion

Legal Aid is the simple concept of providing justice to all the citizens of a nation. It is meant especially for the ones who cannot afford to hire lawyers and fight for justice. Moreover, legal aid concentrates on those people who are not even aware of their legal rights. In Alipur village students and faculty member of SOLS interacted with residents and made them aware of their legal rights and facilities that they are entitled to claim as citizens of India.

Further Scope

In collaboration with DLSA the Legal Aid Committee of K R Mangalam University strengthens the ability of the students and promotes the welfare of the society. The legal aid committee pledge to organize the legal aid and awareness camps with effective outcomes.

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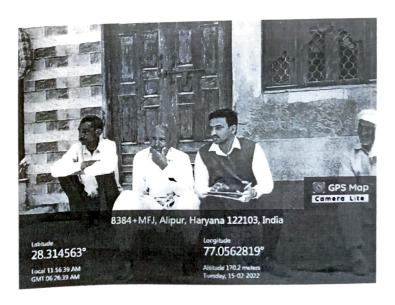
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Picture 1: The Faculty Coordinator and student in charge of the Camp.



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Picture 2: Faculty interacting with the Members of the Alipur Village.

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Picture 3 & 4: The Arrival at the Destination and conduct of Nukkad Natak



Picture 5 & 6: The Interaction with the Villagers of the Alipur by the Faculty and students





Picture 7,8 & 9: The Group Photos of Nukkad Natak Group

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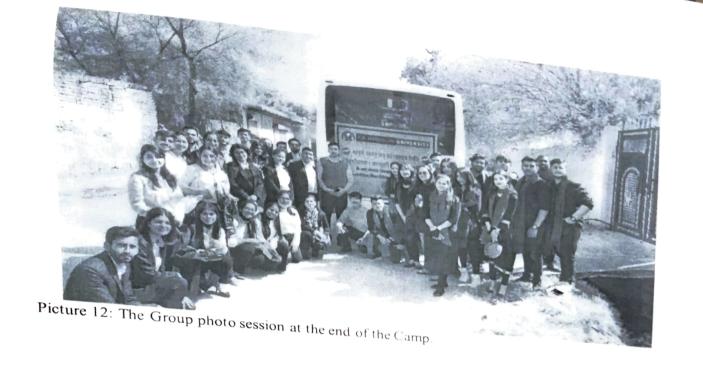


Picture 10: The Conduct of Awareness drive by the students of KRMU and a photo with Panel advocate of the DALSA



Picture 11: The Interaction of Student with Villager of the Alipur

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