

# JAGRAN LAKECITY UNIVERSITY

## School of Law

### Legal Aid Clinic



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#### **Legal Aid Camp at Ishwar Nagar Slum**

Jagran Lakecity University's Legal Aid Clinic, School of Law organized a 'Legal Awareness Camp' on 21st January 2019 at Ishwar Nagar, Bhopal. Students of JLU School of Law under



the supervision of Ms. Ridhima Dikshit, Assistant Professor, addressed the topic of “Water Scarcity and Hygienic Lifestyle” through Survey and Sessions for the local people.

A survey was conducted to identify key factors involved in the wastage of water and unhygienic environment. This door-to-door campaign helped students in understanding the ground realities and use their intelligence to make people aware of their basic responsibility to have a healthy environment in their surroundings. The data gathered through the survey will be utilized by the Legal Aid Clinic in their further research and initiatives to help the local community.



## **Lecture on Right to Equality**

Jagran Lakecity University, School of Law had the utmost pleasure to host Honourable Mr. Justice Venkate Gopala Gowda, former Supreme Court Judge on February 22, 2019. He delivered a special lecture for the students on 'Right to Equality through the lens of landmark judgements'.

Justice Gowda started by explaining the basic role played by litigators in order to protect the right to equality. He urged students to first understand the dynamics of the nation and encouraged young students to join litigation so as to serve the nation by addressing the needs of society. He emphasized that a lawyer is not an ordinary man. If given an opportunity a lawyer can become an institution by arguing on behalf of those who seek the right to equality.

### **LEGAL AID CAMP AT MUGALIYACHAP VILLAGE**

The Legal Aid Clinic of Jagran Lakecity University School of Law has conducted an awareness camp at Mugaliyachap Village on 24/02/19. The camp was for creating awareness against the exploitation and harassment of women and children and cybercrimes. The students performed various street plays to spread the awareness; the first street play focused on child labour and child abuse, the second street play was based on women empowerment, domestic violence and eve teasing, and the third street play was themed to spread the awareness against the cybercrimes.





The gathering was also addressed by the Sub-Inspector on the precautionary measures to be taken against the cybercrimes.

In the last segment of the visit the District Collector addressed quires of the residents of Mugaliyachap village and informed them about the different redressal mechanism adopted by the courts and the government like mediation and lok adalats.

The visit and survey was organized and conceptualized under the supervision of Ms. Yash Tiwari, & Ms. Shamika Acharya, Faculty In-Charge, Legal Aid Clinic.

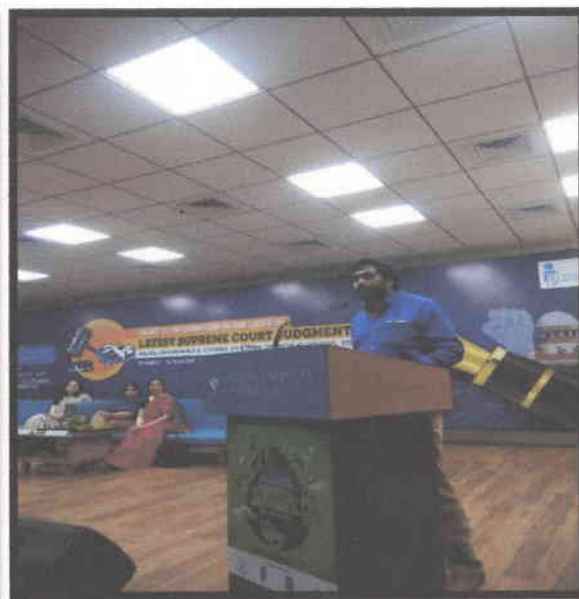
### **One Day Workshop on Right to Information**

Jagran Lakecity University, School of Law in collaboration with Suchna ka Adhikar Andolan recently organized a session on 22/04/19, titled 'Right to Information in light of latest Supreme Court Judgments. Noted RTI Activists Ms. Anjali Bhardwaj, Ms. Amrita Johri and Mr. Ajay Dubey and Associate Professor of NLIU Bhopal Dr. Raka Arya were the eminent speakers in the session.



Resource persons focused on contemporary issues and challenges pertaining to the right to information under the constitutional mandate and the Right to Information Act (RTI), 2005 vis-à-vis latest Supreme Court Judgments.

Concluding the enlightening session, Shri Ajay Dubey motivated young law students to research on the contemporary issues pertaining to right to information and take it upon themselves to remove the wide gap that has been created between the people and the government.



### Dial 100 Visit

The Legal Aid Clinic of School of Law, Jagran Lakecity University organized a visit to the Dial 100 command centre at Bhadbada, Bhopal on 04/04/19. Ms. Saumya Shaji, Assistant Professor, Mr. Navshesh Bikram Kshetri, Assistant Professor and Mr. Ayush Pandey, Assistant Professor along with 30 students from School of law visited the command centre.

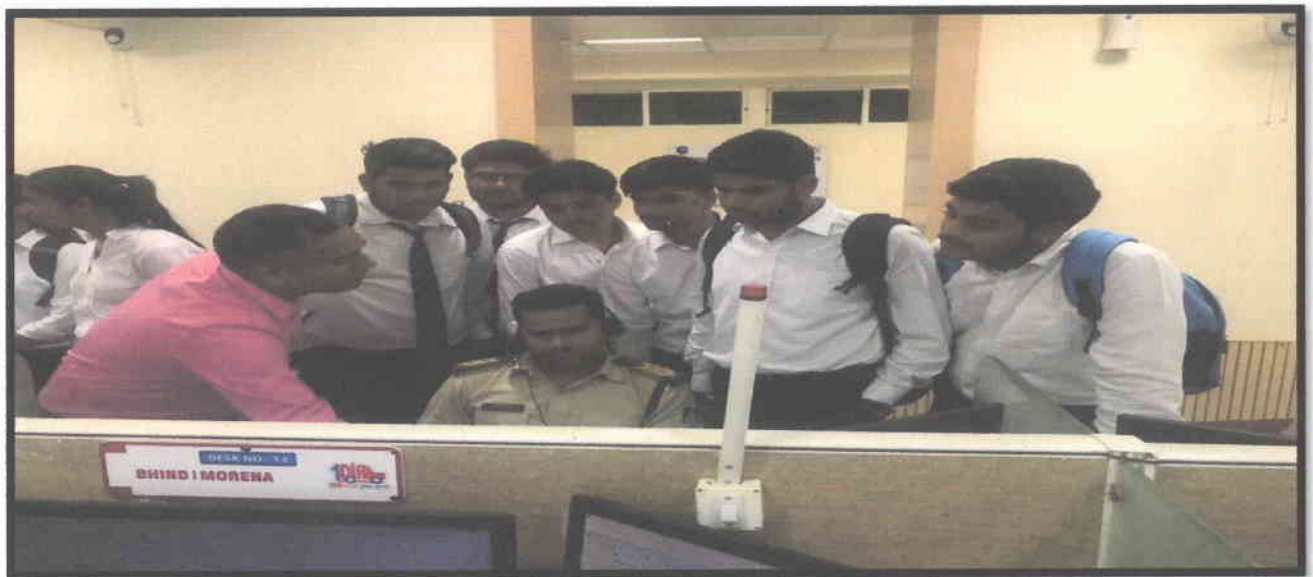
Mr. Amit Saxena, SP, interacted with the students about the evolution of the Dial 100 system and how the scenario has changed over time. He also discussed the changes in the crime rates post the introduction of Dial 100 system.

Mr. Gajendra, SI, explained the advantages of the new system equipped with the latest technology and how that has contributed in reducing the time taken to actually process a distress call. He also discussed how the system despite its many advantages was being



misused by the public as well as the officers themselves. The students were then taken around the command centre and were shown the processing of the distress calls that are received on a daily basis. The number of calls range anywhere between 20000-25000 per day.

Mr. Saket Kumar Pandey, SSP appreciated the efforts of the School of Law as well as the students for their keen interest in knowing the functioning of the Dial 100 system. He further encouraged the students to take up research in the area of Legality of Dial 100 and various associated aspects.



**Khushal Naunihal : A Initiative for Begging free Childhood (02/08/19)**

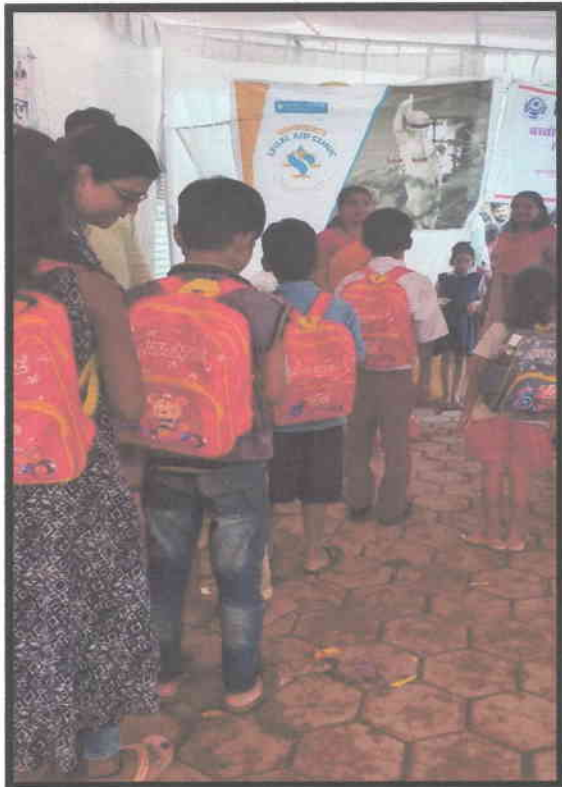


It's no surprise when we say sharing smiles is the greatest pleasure in the world. A visit to Shyam Nagar Slum by the first year students of the Jagran Lakecity University, School of Law, as an activity of Legal Aid, provided them with an in-depth view to the life of people residing in the area. The visit aimed to join hands with the initiative **Khushal Naunihal - A begging free childhood.**

The students were exposed to the stark reality of the slum. Students interacted with slum people and identified various existing problems like garbage disposition ,drinking water issues, poor condition of aganbadi etc.

The conclusion to the visit was rendered by the interaction of the slum children with the esteemed dignitaries, Mrs. Kalpana Shrivastava, IAS, Commissioner of Bhopal Division, Mr. Ashutosh Mishra, ADJ Secretary District Legal Services Authority, Mrs. Upasana Behar, Coordinator MP Lok Participation Forum, Mr. Ram Gopal Yadav, Assistant Director Women and Child Development Department, Mr. Kripa Shankar Chaube, Member, Child Welfare Committee, Mrs. Usha Punde, Senior social worker, and Dr. Yash Tiwari, Assistant Professor, Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal. Dr. Tiwari enlightened the slum children by her words and made them take an oath to stop begging and start studying. School going kits consisting of bags, bottles, and other essentials were distributed to every child. Food packets were dispensed at the end of the event.





**Orientation Day Legal Aid Clinic**

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The Legal Aid Clinic organized an orientation session for the 1<sup>st</sup> year students comprising of B.A.LL.B.(Hons) as well as B.B.A.LL.B.(Hons) on 06/08/2019. The speaker for the session was Mr. Abhay Jain, Advocate, Zenith Legal Aid Clinic, Shivpuri, M.P.

Mr. Abhay Jain is a Public Interest Fellow working under Prof. Shamnad Basheer, IDIA. He is the Founder of Zenith-Society for Socio-legal Empowerment, Shivpuri, Fellow, SRUTI. He is also the Founder of Kalam Community Library, Shivpuri. Mr. Abhay Jain is associated in different capacities with HRLN; MP State Biodiversity Board;



Department of Tribal Welfare(Govt. of M.P.); M.P. Silicosis Victims Forum; World Wildlife Fund; various other Civil Society Organisations. He has researched on 19000 cases heard and decided by Prof. M. Sridhar Acharyulu. He has also represented India as Delegate, BRICS Youth Summit-2016. He is the Founder Member, Informal Discussion Group (NLU Odisha) and LexTech-Centre for Law, Technology & Entrepreneurship(NLUO)

He shared his projects involving prisoners' rights, Right to Education and minimum wages to our students. He interacted with the students by sharing his experience as a student and as an advocate. He acquainted the students with the challenges faced whilst working at the

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grassroot level. He further discussed the importance of Legal Aid and the need for it in a law student's life. He emphasized on the charity versus empowerment debate and said that



empowerment is the need of the hour wherein people should focus more and work on empowerment of the underprivileged rather than charity or donation for the same while offering legal aid.

The students interacted with Mr. Abhay Jain and shared with him their ideas for the betterment of the underprivileged, the roadblocks they have faced and continue to face while implementing their plans for empowerment and creating awareness amongst the people.

### **Survey at Shyam Nagar Slum**

The Legal Aid Committee, visited Shyam Nagar slum on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 with an objective to identify the problems faced by the residents of the slum and come up with an effective plan to eradicate and solve the problems and uplift the residents.

The main issues identified by the committee are:

1. There are 5 pits which are filled with dirty water, garbage and construction material. The pits are big enough that the children swim and play in it throughout the afternoon, making them prone to accidents like drowning and diseases.
2. The cleanliness is also a big concern of the locals as the municipal corporation does not collect the garbage from the area daily, alongside the residents need to be made aware of the garbage disposal methods like segregation of waste.
3. The area does not have proper sewage system and the drains are choked.
4. The residents do not have Aadhar cards, ration cards and other documents.
5. The area has four *Anganwadi* out of which only two are functional and that too not properly. They do not have proper electricity and water supply, furthermore the quality of food provided to the children is very poor. There aren't sufficient toys for the children to play with.

Other than the above mentioned issues, the residents need awareness on the importance of education and personal hygiene and other social issues also need to be addressed. On the visit, we also met the members of a women self-help group.

### **Regional Consultation on Strengthening and Promoting Law School's Clinics**



#### **4<sup>th</sup> Regional Consultation on Strengthening and Promoting Law School Clinics in India**

The Jagran Lakecity University, School of Law Legal Aid Clinic in collaboration with Jindal Global Law School, Haryana organised the 4<sup>th</sup> Regional Consultation on Strengthening and Promoting Law School Clinics in India on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019. The event saw participation from 22 reputed Law Universities/ schools /collages including National Law Universities across Madhya Pradesh and Chattisgarh. The main objective of the consultation was to identify the challenges faced by law school clinics and to develop model law school's clinics for providing easy access to justice .The consultation was divided into four sessions namely Session 1: Inaugural, session II : Panel Discussion, Session III: Exepriance sharing by participants and Session IV: Valedictory.

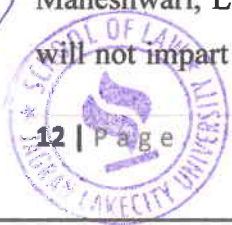


**Inaugural: The Guest for the Inaugural Session was Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha, Director, The Indian Law Institute, New Delhi as Chief Guest, Prof. Ajay Pandey , Executive Director, Clinical Programmes, Jindal Global Law School, Prof.(Dr.) Anoop Swarup, Vice Chancellor, Jagran Lakecity University, Prof.(Dr.) Vivek Khare, Registrar, Jagran Lakecity University Prof.(Dr.) Yogendra Kumar Srivastava, Dean Student Welfare and Director, JLU School of Law.**

Thereafter, there was a panel discussion regarding the law school clinic and legal aid challenges (funding, faculty work load, academic credits, etc.) and operational mechanism by Prof. Ajay Pandey, Professor & Executive Director (Clinical Programmes) at Jindal Global Law School, Haryana; Ms.. Kavita Singh, Associate Professor of Law, National Law Institute University, Bhopal and Advocate Abhay Jain, Zenith Legal Aid Clinic, Shivpuri. Prof. Kavita Singh in her address urged that in building a strong base for legal aid we must collaborate with governmental and non-governmental organisations and identify locally available advocates who are ready to work on pro-bono cases. Each law school should have exclusive law faculty for legal aid clinic. Advocate Abhay Jain shed light on Paramount practices at global level and their incorporation in Indian law school clinics (new model of legal aid clinics). He stated that to know the social and professional responsibility we must move from charity to empowerment. There is a dire need of legal aid clinics in revenue department. He also mentioned the challenges faced by law school and corrective models to overcome the challenges.

The last session includes experience sharing by different law schools emphasizing institutional strength and weaknesses in establishing and running law school clinics and way ahead. Legal Aid Clinics of different schools presented their present standing, challenges and future road map for strengthening legal aid. The major problem faced by most of the school is of fund and academic credit but this also shows encouraging signs as almost each college discussed concrete steps that they would take before the next consultation. This was followed by a online survey, conducted by Ms. Niti, Co- Principal Investigator, JGLS Project on Strengthening Law School Clinics in which the major bones of contention for different legal aid clinics were engraved.

The following day was ended by a valedictory session which was addressed by Shri Bharat P. Maheshwari, Law Officer to Government of Madhya Pradesh. He urged that mere listening will not impart growth to legal aid clinics, implementation of corrective models unavoidably





in rural areas is also important. The main focus should be that section of society to whom the benefit of scheme is not extended.

The concluding remarks were made by Dr. Ajay Pandey, Professor & Executive Director (Clinical Programmes) at Jindal Global Law School, Haryana. In his remarks, he stated that always choose language as a tool to reach to the local people. He quoted that, "Lacking ethics in citizens led to government deficits". He also stated that to volunteer legal aid clinics strong will is required more than resources and feasibilities.

The outcome of the consultation was to develop co-operative strategies for its implementation. Through the course of consultation, we sought to examine some very pressing and oft-ignored issues in legal aid and sought to reach realistic and co-operative solutions.

### **Old Age Home Visit**

The Legal Aid Clinic of JLU- School of Law organized a visit to Anand Dham Aashram (an old age home in Bhopal) on 08/11/19. The students spent time with senior citizens of the country, interacted with them and also gifted them with a token of love & respect. This experience left a lasting impression on the minds of students and made them realize the importance of elders in society.







### “BAAL MELA”

*“Every child is a different kind of flower and all together make this world a beautiful garden.”*

On the occasion of Children’s Day, Legal Aid Clinic, JLU School of Law organized ‘Baal Mela’ in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority, Bhopal, for the Children of Shyam Nagar Slum. Students of the Clinic performed Street Play on *Good Touch - Bad Touch* and spread awareness about their rights. Students of the Clinic also put up a stall titled “Best out of waste” where they made the children learn origami, how to make pen stand holders, paper bags and pot planters out of waste material. Children of the slum participated enthusiastically in all activities including recreational activities. The Clinic also donated Drawing Kits to slum children. For this purpose, the fund was collected by the students and Faculty members of School of Law. The event was graced by the presence Shri. B.M. Singh,

District Legal Aid Officer, Shri. Rajeev Jain, Shri, Kripa Shankar Choubey, Ms. Nivedita Sharma, members, CWC, Shri. B.L. Sharma, Commissioner, Scout and Guide, Shri. Brijesh Sharm, M.P. State Child Rights Protection Commission.



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## Ruthless activity done by famous dancing cop, Indore

A final year student **Samyak Jain** wrote: "He has no right to beat that poor auto driver even it is his fault. Would he do the same thing with a car owner or an SUV owner?"

"And if somebody says that he is very honest for his duty even though he has no rights to do this unlawful activity. His senior must take some action against him," he added.

Another user wrote: "Rather than behaving like that, legal action with polite words can be effective. We do not know what happened just before this action so we can't blame him directly. Maybe the driver misbehaved with him before that action therefore he got angry on him."

## Auto drivers up in arms against dancing cop

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Indore: Members of Indore auto rickshaw union on Tuesday held a demonstration in front of traffic police station to protest against constable Ranjeet Singh for allegedly thrashing a driver on Monday.

The association members alleged that the auto rickshaw driver was thrashed brutally by the constable for a silly mistake. "He has no right to beat up any individual. We don't want any inquiry into the matter, but action against Ranjeet Singh for his act," said the association president Rajesh Biddkar during protest.

They even accused officials of trying to save the constable. "He has levelled false allegations on auto driver without giving any proof," they claimed.

In a video that had gone viral on social media on Monday, the constable was seen pulling an auto-rickshaw driver by his ear, kicking him twice and hurling abuses at him right in the middle of the function where



Indore auto rickshaw union staged protest on Tuesday demanding action

### 2 law students complain to state rights panel

Two law students of Bhopal lodged a complaint on Tuesday with Madhya Pradesh State Human Rights Commission against traffic constable Ranjeet Singh for allegedly thrashing an auto-rickshaw driver at High Court Tri-Circle on Monday.

Complainants Samyak Jain and Sanidhya Nema said that the cop had thrashed the driver after he mistakenly entered into no entry zone. A video of the incident also went viral on social media. They sought action against the cop.

claimed that the driver was coming from wrong direction (a video of which has also gone viral) and drove the vehicle on his leg, which made him react. The association members sub-

against Singh. ASP (traffic) Mahendra Jain said that an inquiry into the matter has already been launched before the auto-rickshaw union's demand. "Action would be taken

