

ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022



Access to Justice for all



Legal Aid Clinic

LEGAL AID CLINIC

ABOUT LEGAL AID CLINIC

The NLIU - Legal Aid Clinic ("LAC"), which is driven by the ethos of Article 39A of the Indian Constitution, has been established under the aegis of the National Legal Service Authority. It is a student-run initiative, which aims to provide free legal aid to the marginalized sections of the society. Our aim is to provide pro bono legal representation and advice to the weak and downtrodden. Additionally, we also organize various legal literacy workshops and training programs to spread legal awareness to further the cause of legal literacy. All this has been made possible by the constant support of our collaborators:

1. Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority,
2. District Legal Services Authority
3. Deconstructing Disability Blog
4. Committee for Legal Aid to Poor
5. Haryana State Legal Services Authority

LAC would like to extend its deepest gratitude to our Vice Chancellor, Dr. V. Vijaykumar, who is always a source of inspiration and guidance. We would also like to express our utmost gratitude to Mr. Sandeep Sharma, Secretary of the District Legal Service Authority (DLSA), Bhopal for providing a boost to our initiatives and collaborating with us and helping our project touch more lives in an efficient manner.

We would also like to thank Smt. Giri Bala Singh, Member Secretary, MPSLSA who has always been a pillar of support. Our special thanks to the entire MPSLSA team and the DLSA team, who have been willing to collaborate with us, enrich the project with their vast expertise in the field and helped our project flourish.

NOTE FROM FACULTY-IN-CHARGE

“The NLIU Legal Aid Clinic, established under the aegis of National Legal Services Authority, is a student-run initiative aimed at providing legal assistance to socially and economically backward and marginalized sections of society who have difficulty in accessing the judicial system. LAC is driven by the ethos of Article 39A of the Constitution of India and strongly believes that law is for public good.



The Clinic, which is driven and managed by our students, has provided legal assistance by conducting extensive research on legal issues and problems that affect the general public, thereby representing them at appropriate forums.

The Clinic is not restricted in its scope by merely providing pro bono litigation rather it, inter alia, endeavours to undertake legal literacy initiatives, spread social awareness and conduct prison reform activities as well. NLIU-LAC has been consistently engaged in creating awareness through legal awareness drives and social media platforms on a diverse range of issues including Domestic Violence, Rights of Street Vendors, Cyber Bullying etc. and overall promoting the culture of legal aid in the country.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my entire team of Legal Aid Clinic, which under the leadership of the Ms. Prashasti Singh (Convener 2021-22) and Mr. Parth Tyagi (Co Convener 2021-22), has worked hard to achieve its objectives. I also sincerely hope and wish that the Legal Aid Clinic's journey continues and that it further serves the legal needs of society's underprivileged groups with a stronger sense of devotion and compassion.”

Dr. Uday Pratap Singh
Professor, NLIU
[Faculty-in-charge LAC-NLIU]

COLLABORATORS AND SPONSORS

Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority: NLIU Legal Aid Clinic is proud to announce its collaboration with The Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (MPSLA) to provide free online mediation services under Project Saarthi.

Haryana State Legal Services Authority: NLIU - LAC also collaborated with Haryana State Legal Services Authority (HALSA) under our Project 'Bail'. We are assisting them to remodel their existing bail manuals in accordance with the recent trends. Simultaneously, we have their support and guidance with respect to our pro-bono cases falling under their realm.

M.P. STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY



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F.No. 85 / LAC / MPSLA / 727 / Jabalpur, dated- 30/06/2020

To,
Ms. Kavita Singh (Associate Professor),
Faculty-in-Charge, Legal Aid Clinic,
NLIU (Bhopal)

Sub: Collaboration between MP SLA & Legal Aid Clinic (NLIU) under Project Saarthi.

Ref: Your letter dated 28th June 2020.

With reference to the aforementioned letter on the subject mentioned above, it is to apprise that the Hon'ble the Executive Chairman has been pleased to approve your proposal for collaboration of LAC- NLIU with MP SLA. Further, for smooth functioning of the Legal Aid Cell, services of empanelled mediators on pro-bono basis can be availed for redressing disputes through online modes.

Further, as approved by His Lordship, we would be ready to discuss the possibilities of mediation sessions for students of NLIU.

You are requested to collate data on the activities performed by the cell on a monthly basis and send the same to this Authority regularly. The annual report of the Cell is also expected at the earliest.

(Gintala Singh)
Member-Secretary

हरियाणा राज्य विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण

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Sec. 5078 / Clerk-1/2020/MS/HALSA

From:

Member Secretary,
Haryana State Legal Services Authority,
Institutional Plot no. 5, Sector-14,
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To:

Sh. Prangal Agarwal
Convener/Legal Aid Clinic
Class of 2021, B.A. LL.B (Hons),
National Law Institute University,
Distt. Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)
(Email: legalaidclinic@nliu.ac.in)

Distt. Panthikola, the 22.7.2020.

Subject: Regarding proposal for collaboration with HALSA.

Please refer to your email dated 09.07.2020 and 15.07.2020 on the subject cited above.

In this regard, it is informed as follows:

1. Learned District & Sessions Judges cum-Chairmen pays monthly visits in their respective central/district jail and tells after that if the required basic facilities including legal assistance are being provided to the jail inmates or not.
2. Learned Chief Judicial Magistrate cum-Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities (DLSA) holds monthly Jail Box Aarti on first Wednesday of every month in their respective central/district jails. Besides that L.S. Secretaries also visit jails one to two times.
3. Panel lawyers pay four visits in a week to assist the jail inmates.
4. Convict/Jail PLVs in different jails help in providing Legal assistance to the under trial prisoners or other convicts.
5. Appeals/bail applications of the convicts are being filed in a time bound manner.
6. All the jail going Panel Advocates and PLVs working in jails would be available as and when required.

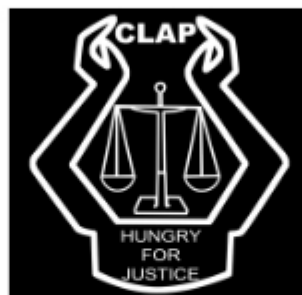


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District Legal Service Authority, Bhopal: The District Legal Service Authority, Bhopal (DLSA) had collaborated with NLIU - LAC under Project Saarthi which provided a boost to our legal aid services with the continuous guidance and assistance of the DLSA advocates.

Committee for Legal Aid to Poor: The oldest public interest law organisation in India, Committee for Legal Aid to Poor ("CLAP") has collaborated with NLIU-LAC for the PIL Drafting Competition. CLAP aims to provide pro-bono legal services to the marginalised and undertakes judicial advocacy for legal reforms. We were honoured to have their experienced empanelled advocates judge the Competition and help us in our endeavour to spread legal literacy.

Jan Sampark: Jan Sampark is the Public Relation Department of Government of Madhya Pradesh charged with disseminating information on various activities of the Government to the people through media. NLIU-LAC was honoured to have them as our collaborators and sponsors for the NLIU Constitution Day Celebration, 2021.



EMPANELLED ADVOCATES

1. Bhavil Pandey
2. Shashank Jain
3. Kapil Duggal
4. Amitesh Martin
5. Manav Tanwani
6. Suriti Chowdhary
7. Shantanu Srivastava
8. Hussain Ali
9. Ankit Gupta
10. Pratipal Singh Gupta
11. Harpreet Singh Gupta



EMPANELLED MEDIATORS

1. Neena Khare

2. Divya Singh

EMPANELLED MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLORS

1. Romy Amlin
2. Varsha Arora Singh
3. Dyutima Sharma
4. Ramneek Kapoor
5. Vandana Patil



PROJECT SAARTHI

The initiative was divided into three sections:

- 1) Legal Aid:** Dedicated to the administration of civil and criminal affairs in general, with a special emphasis on domestic abuse cases.
- 2) Mediation:** Aimed at providing online mediation and other ADR services by certified mediators.
- 3) Mental Health Counselling:** Aimed at providing free counselling by professional psychologists.



प्रोजेक्ट सारथी

राष्ट्रीय विधि संस्थान विश्वविद्यालय, बीपार के विधिक सहायन केन्द्र(LAC) की एक पहल



इस मुक्ति लक्ष्य में अकल्पित हो- के लिए हम एक **विशाल समर्पित हेल्पलाइन** की स्थापना कर रहे हैं।
सारथी हेल्पलाइन के निम्न कार्यक्षेत्र हैं-



कानूनी सहायता

हमने पूरे अखिल भारत में 24x7 रात भर से कार्य करने वाले कानूनी सहायता केंद्रों की स्थापना की है। हमने कानूनी की सुविधा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए जो कानूनी सारथी में 24x7 कर सकते हैं। जैसे-
 डी.डी. बैंक, विमान-टिकट, ऑनलाइन विवाद-
 अदि।



अपवादना

कॉपीराइट / लेटरिंग और के साधन में हमारे प्रशिक्षित कर्मियों (वॉलंटियर्स) द्वारा विवाद सुलझाने में मदद की जाएगी।



मानविकि सहायन परामर्श सेवा व निश्चितता

अपवादना व मानविकि सहायन के विवाद को अपने अपने के लिए अवसरों (RAC) में प्रशिक्षित परामर्शदाता व को-ऑर्डीनेटर कर्मियों कर रहे हैं।

किसी भी कानूनी में व्यवसाय अधिकारियों को ध्यान में रखते हुए, उन पर लागू व उचित सहायता 24 घण्टों में देने के लिए हम प्रसिद्ध हैं।
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LAC provided legal aid under 32 cases throughout the year. The matters mainly comprised of domestic violence, property disputes, execution of will and bail applications. In all the cases, paralegals from LAC provided mediation, answered queries, and provided legal assistance. Apart from these, it also provided mediation in one case and mental health aid in another case.

LAC also released instructive posters on social media to raise awareness as part of the project, with the support of practising lawyers, legal scholars, and psychologists. The posters were created to promote the spirit of 'Right to Life' as enshrined in the Indian Constitution.



PROJECT SAARTHI

AN INITIATIVE BY THE LEGAL AID CLINIC OF NATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE UNIVERSITY, BHOPAL



We run a dedicated free helpline to support the underprivileged in these difficult times. The Saarthi helpline has three verticals to it -



LEGAL AID

Both legal aid and support by our empanelled advocates especially for issues due to the lockdown such as domestic violence, rent, industrial disputes etc.



MEDIATION

Our empanelled certified mediators will help solve disputes via telephone/ video call.



MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLING AND THERAPY

Our empanelled RCI certified counsellors & psychologists will help take care of your emotional and mental wellness.

We commit to provide relief/advice within 48 hours subject to the complications involved in the case.

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LOK ADALAT

On 11th September, 2021 a National Lok Adalat was organised across the Country. District Court Bhopal had also contributed to it by organising the same at the District & Sessions Court Complex with the help of District Legal Service Authority (DLSA), Bhopal.

Mr. SP Singh Bundela, on behalf of the DLSA, Bhopal had extended an invitation to the NLIU Legal Aid Clinic. Para legal volunteers of NLIU-LAC were invited to attend and witness the court proceedings in order to understand the functioning of the Lok Adalats.



A team of 12 students who were primarily in the first & second year of their study visited the District & Sessions Court Complex, Bhopal to witness the Lok Adalat. The Judicial Officers especially Mrs. Giribala Singh, Chairperson, DLSA, Bhopal & Mr. SP Singh Bundela, Member Secretary, DLSA, Bhopal were very hospitable and enthusiastic to meet the students from NLIU-LAC.

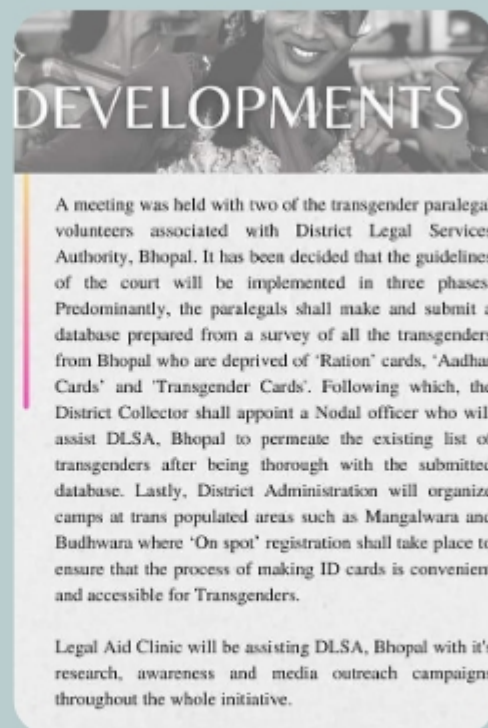
The volunteers were made aware of the need for frequently organising such Lok Adalats and how this helps in quick dispensation of justice to the poor, needy & underprivileged sections of the society.



TOWARDS PRIDE & WELFARE

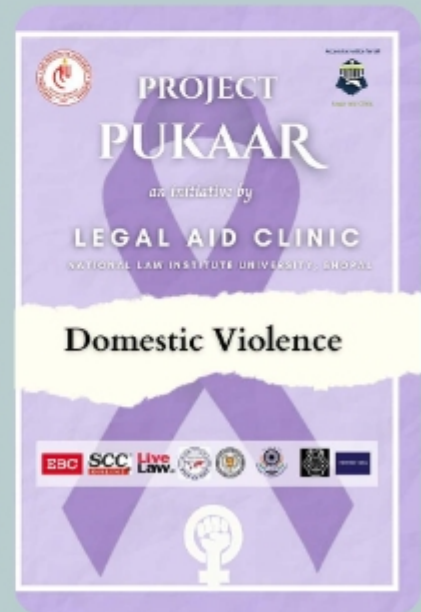
The High Court of Madhya Pradesh taking cognisance of the deplorable living conditions of the Transgender community in Indore, directed the State and District Legal Services Authorities to assist the community to gain access to basic amenities.

In furtherance of the same, the District Legal Services Authority, Bhopal, in consultation with two transgender paralegal volunteers, prepared an action plan for the implementation of the guidelines given by the Court. The action plan was implemented in three phases. NLIU-LAC assisted DLSA with research, awareness, and media outreach campaigns throughout the initiative.

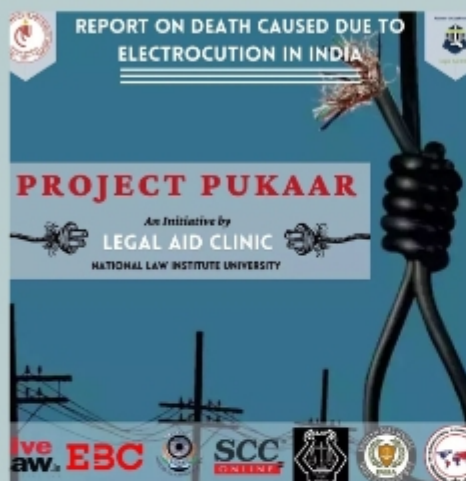


PROJECT PUKAAR

NLIU-LAC under the banner of Project Pukaar launched its first general awareness report of this year on “Domestic Violence”. This report stresses on the changes or improvements that can be made to prevent and alleviate the rampant surge of such violence. While there is no denying that attempts have been made to address the problem of domestic violence through the laws, there exists a need to spread awareness regarding the legal limitations and lacunae in these laws. NLIU-LAC has also put together a few suggestions and prospective improvements to the existing legal framework.

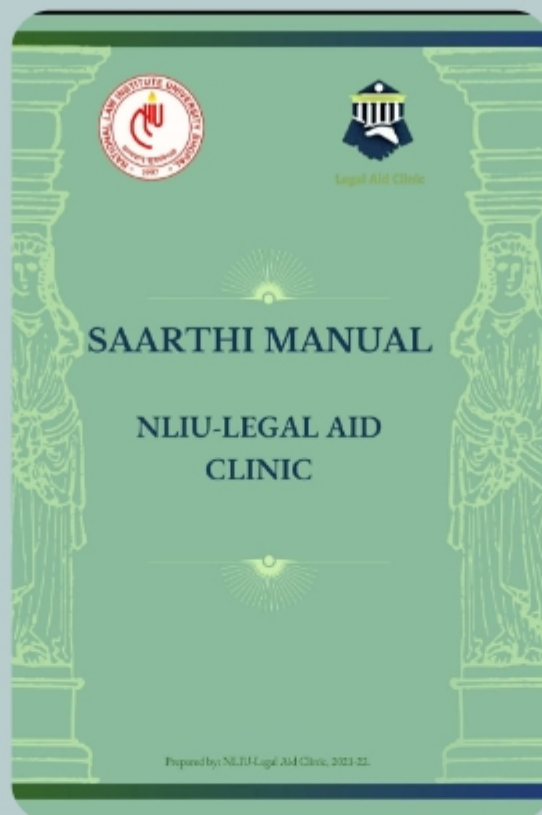


NLIU-LAC launched its second general awareness report on Deaths Caused Due to Electrocution in India. This report focused on how compensation is awarded in cases of deaths due to electrocution. Furthermore, the report elucidated upon the imposition of liability as a result of such deaths. The Legal Aid Clinic had also put forth suggestions and solutions to prevent injuries and deaths due to electrocution.



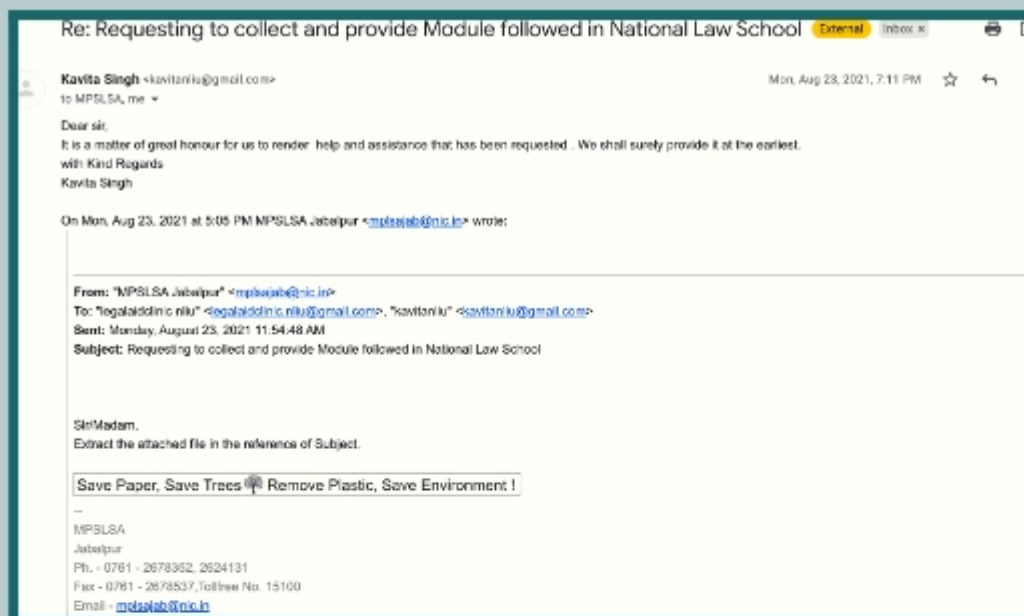
PROJECT NEEV

The aim of Project Neev was to help other budding colleges and newer NLUs to establish a Legal Aid Clinic in their respective colleges. The idea stems from the fact that a lot of new law colleges have come up, including various new NLUs; however, they do not have a functional Legal Aid Clinic, owing to various factors like lack of support from their respective administrations or lack of required knowledge and experience.



PROJECT NEEV

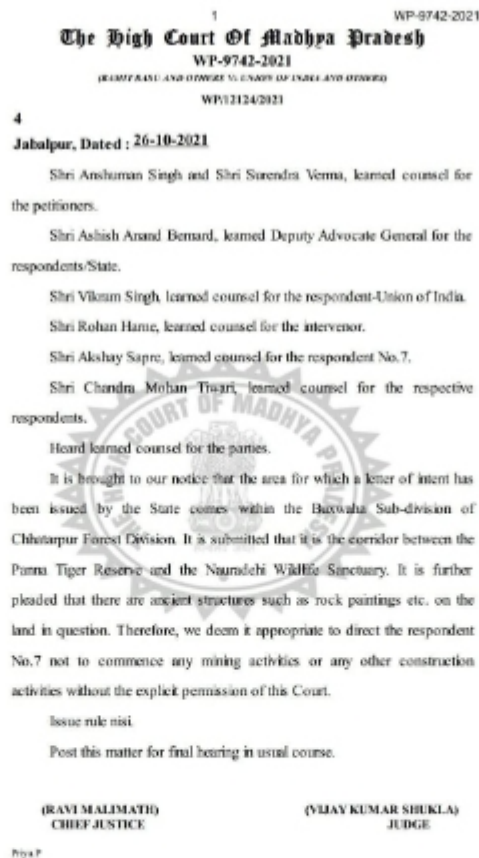
NLIU-LAC, on special request from the MPSLSA and Karnataka Legal Services Authority, shared its comprehensive Saarthi Manual on the modus operandi of our online helpline with NLSIU, Bangalore and extended assistance to the institution to make them aware of the intricacies and nuances involved in the operation of a dedicated helpline.



BUXWAHA FORESTS

NLIU-LAC has rendered its assistance in the ongoing matter related to Buxwaha forests last year. It is pertinent to note that this year the Hon'ble High Court of Madhya Pradesh has granted interim relief to us. Prior to commencing any construction activity, the contractor has to take explicit consent of the High Court.

This commendable feat was achieved with the cooperation and assistance of Advocate Anshuman Singh & our empanelled advocate Anuj Shrivastava.



AAPKE ADHIKAR INITIATIVE

'Aapke Adhikar' is a series initiated by NLIU-LAC to spread legal awareness and legal literacy. In this academic session, Aapke Adhikar initiative aimed at addressing:

- 1. Rights of Street Vendors** - Street Vendors make up one of the most deprived sections of our country's unorganised sector. They face issues of eviction, lack of basic amenities and poor social security. Hence, NLIU-LAC in its Aapke Adhikar series brought "Rights of Street Vendors" to empower the community with essential knowledge of the laws.
- 2. Vaccination Guidelines** - NLIU-LAC also brought COVID Vaccination Guidelines with the intention of updating the masses with all the major developments in legal and social spheres.

आपके अधिकार
STREET VENDORS CANNOT BE EVICTED
WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

The Supreme Court has held that forcible eviction of hawkers without prior notice is infringement of their Right to Life, provided under the Constitution.

A street vendor cannot be relocated or evicted from the place specified in the certificate of vending unless he/she has been given thirty days prior notice by the appropriate government.

Olga Tilloo Chao v. Shree Municipal Council [2015 AIR 1415 (SC) 183], The Union of India v. Association of Free and Fair Trade Regulators of Street Vendors (2018)

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VACCINATION GUIDELINES

The nature of vaccination drive should only be convincing in nature and not be forced, or misguided. The mandate of vaccination requirement for opening shops and businesses is violative of the fundamental rights of the citizen. The High Court of Meghalaya directed the shopkeepers to put a VACCINATED/ NOT VACCINATED sign at a noticeable place.

(Registrar General, High Court of Meghalaya v. State of Meghalaya, AIR 2021 Megh 40.)

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VIDEOS TO PROMOTE LEGAL AID

NLIU - LAC prepared two videos for MPSLSA this year. The first video was about the 'Benefits of Lok Adalat' which was played during the opening ceremony of Lok Adalat in September 2021. The second video focussed on the 'Evolution of Mechanism of Legal Aid and Efforts of MPSLSA in Providing Free Legal Services' thus far. It was played during the Legal Services Week (8-14 November, 2021). Both these videos were played at Bhopal and Habibganj railway stations as well.



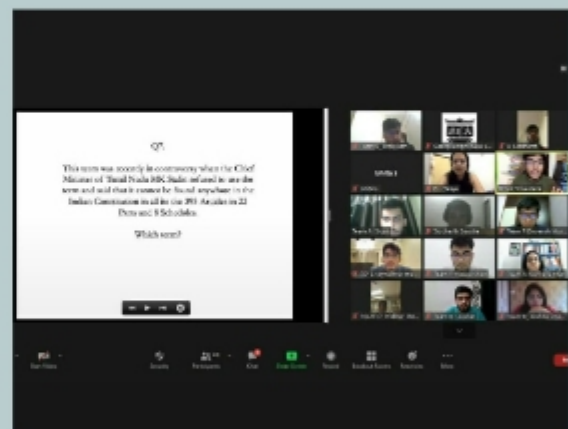
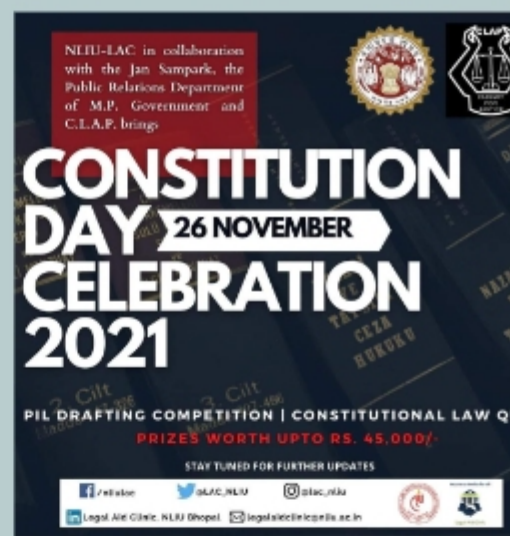
CONSTITUTION DAY

To celebrate Constitution Day, NLIU LAC has been organising competitions for the last two years. This year, we organised the PIL Drafting Competition and the Intra NLIU Constitution Law Quiz.

The PIL Drafting Competition was organised in collaboration with the Department of Public Relations of the Madhya Pradesh Government (Jan Sampark) and C.L.A.P. The PIL Drafting Competition was based on the theme of fostering research on contemporary legal and social issues of relevance.

The Intra NLIU Constitution Quiz was also hosted over a period of two days, in collaboration with Jus Cultura, the debating, quizzing and literary society of NLIU. The quiz was based on the Constitution, its history and the trivia related to it. It aimed to increase awareness and enthusiasm about Constitutional Law amongst students in a fun, zealous and competitive manner. Participation was open to all NLIU students, with cash rewards for the winners and runner ups.

Overall, the 2021 Constitution Day Celebration was a success. Despite being held online, the participation and enthusiasm of students and faculty was noteworthy.



PRO BONO CLUB SCHEME

The Department of Justice has come forward to implement its broader vision of helping those in need and promote the Pro Bono movement in the country via the newly constituted Pan India Scheme on Access to Justice titled “Designing Innovative Solutions and Holistic Access to Justice (DISHA).”

We, at LAC with the same mindset and under the guidance of Neha Sharma, who is a faculty co-ordinator for the Pro Bono Club Scheme, aim shall undertake the following activities in the forthcoming academic session:-



Ms. Neha Sharma
[Faculty co-ordinator, Pro
Bono Club Scheme]

Firstly, we will be implementing the agenda of Pro Bono Litigation Assistance with the help of advocates and alumni registered under Nyaya Bandhu Portal and organising mentoring sessions by senior advocates;



Pro Bono Club Scheme
An Initiative by Department of Justice 'Nyaya Bandhu'

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LEGAL AWARENESS DRIVE

Secondly, we will be conducting Community Care Legal Assistance (CCLA) by adopting a village and educating the masses about pro bono legal aid services; and

Lastly, we will be promoting Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanism with training sessions on mediation and client counselling for the pro bono associates and clients.

As a part of our legal literacy initiative, NLIU-LAC undertook its first legal awareness drive of the year under the Pro Bono Club Scheme. This is the first step in furtherance of our village adoption plan which the Clinic will be taking up soon. The members of the Clinic covered around 140 houses in the nearby villages of Mendori and Mendora. The awareness drive was aimed at educating the people on their right to free legal aid services.



CORE 2021-2022



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BATCH OF 2022

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Dixit | 4.Parth Tyagi |
| 2.Aman Yadav | 5.Prashasti Singh |
| 3.Jaisal Singh | 6.Shiuli Mandloi |
| | 7.Sneha Sanyal |

BATCH OF 2023

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| 1.Arunima Srivastav | 9.Payal Dubey |
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| 1.Akshay Ashok | 10.Pooja V |
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| 4.Geeta Moni | 13.Samavi Srivastava |
| 5.Harshit Agnihotri | 14.Udita Sharma |
| 6.Karan Khanduja | 15.Vijpreet Pal |
| 7.Namrata Gandhi | 16.Vinay Kumar |
| 8.Nandini Chouhan | 17.Yash Tayal |
| 9.Nrip Raj Singh | |

BATCH OF 2025

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| 2.Agrima Bajpai | 10.Saket Sharma |
| 3.Aniket Nighojkar | 11.Sarthak Wamne |
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| 5.Eshaan Luke Jacques | 13.Tarushi Solanki |
| 6.Harshali S. | 14.Vaishnavi S. |
| 7.Ida Bhatnagar | 15.Yashpal Jakhar |
| 8.Jayalakshmi | |

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BATCH OF 2026

1. Ishita Warghat
2. Pushpendra Dixit
3. Rashi Upadhyay
4. Ronit Rampuriya
5. Shirin Suri
6. Surbhi Jain



OUR TEAM



NLIU Legal Aid Clinic
Ethnic Day 2021

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CONCLUDING NOTE

We at NLIU-LAC thank our faculty-in-charge, administration of NLIU, empanelled advocates, collaborators and sponsors for supporting us with all our initiatives. Our little success in achieving our aims would not have been possible without them.

We are positive and excited for the academic session of 2022-23 and despite the various challenges which come in our way, we are committed to achieve our aim of access to justice for all.

Thank you for reading our report.

Sincerely and on behalf of the entire team of Legal Aid Clinic, NLIU:

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SIGNING OFF!

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