REPORT 2022-23

"CNLU LEGAL AID CELL"

EVENT 1:

The Chanakya National Law University, Patna, Legal Aid Cell on 20th August, 2022 conducted a legal awareness program for the children of Nalanda District who gathered at Brothers Association for Solidarity and Empowerment Society (BASE), situated at Maghra, Biharsharif. Rev. Brother Lawrance and Brother Arockia Arun graced the occasion and they assisted actively to conduct the program with the support of BASE staff.

The Cell members undertook training sessions to reach the underprivileged children who gathered from 16 villages with the help of BASE volunteers. The children were made aware of the Fundamental Rights of The Constitution of India, 1950. They were distributed copies of the Preamble and the recitation of the Preamble was made by all the participants. The children learned about their Fundamental Rights enshrined under Part III of the Constitution, particularly the Right to Education, the Right to Equality, etc. Further, the children were made aware of the Constitutional Remedies available in the Constitution of India.





EVENT 2:

The Legal Aid cell of Chanakya National Law University, Patna in collaboration with the CNLU Child Rights Centre (CRC) and Sehgal Foundation on 11th October, 2022 organized a seminar to commemorate the auspicious occasion of International Day of the Girl Child. The principal aim of this seminar was to interact and share with students the challenges faced by the girl child in India, raise awareness of the solutions and the work done by the Sehgal Foundation in encouraging Girl children to obtain self-reliance. A grassroots worker, Ms. Mintu Devi, leader of the 'Meri Beti Mera Abhiman' campaign, shared with the gathering her inspiring story of entrepreneurial spirit and self-reliance in the rural setting of Bihar. Ms. Geeta Devi, also a leader of the campaign, thanked the Sehgal Foundation and shared her experiences of spreading awareness about the resources available to women to assist in their quest of being self-reliant.

Ms. Mamta Devi, another leader of the campaign and member of the Sehgal Foundation reflected on the difference created by the Foundation, and the change in the attitude of the people of her village in Muzaffarpur towards the girl child, which presently is supportive and encouraging towards girls pursuing education, employment, etc. Lastly, Prof Dr. SP Singh presented awards to felicitate social workers and reformers who have made unparalleled contributions to protecting and promoting girl children.



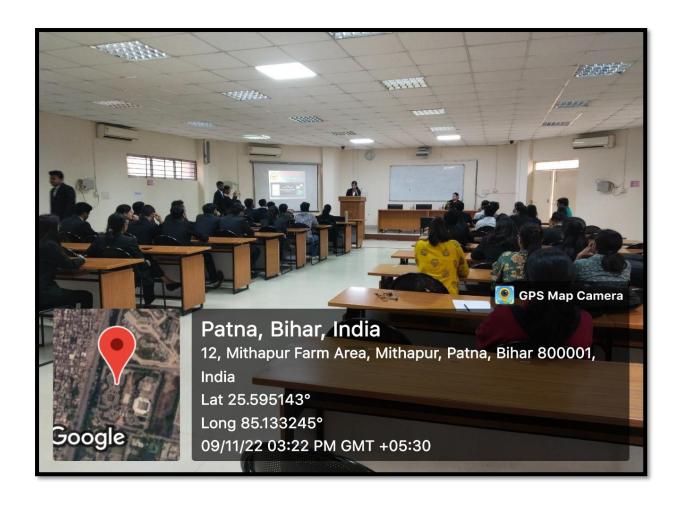


EVENT 3:

On 9th November 2022, The Legal Aid cell of Chanakya National Law University, Patna in collaboration with Bihar State Legal Services Authority, organized an extensive workshop on "the effective conduction of a legal awareness camp" to commemorate the auspicious occasion of the National Legal Services Day, 2022. Ms. Dhriti Jasleen Sharma, Joint Secretary, and in-charge Member Secretary of Bihar State Legal Services Authority was the speaker and guest of honor at the event. The function was organized with the noble objective of apprising the students about the effective conduction of a legal awareness camp along with encouraging the first-year students of the University in participating effectively in the CNLU legal aid cell. The workshop was enthusiastically attended by the students of the Chanakya National Law University including the members and faculty members of the legal aid cell of the university.

Ms. Dhriti Jasleen Sharma, Joint Secretary and in-charge Member Secretary of Bihar State Legal Services Authority enlightened the gathering with a novel idea of seeing legal services as legal social responsibility (LSR) similar to the corporate social responsibility (CSR) as a potentially effective way of looking at the duty of providing legal services. Ms. Dhriti emphasized the need for lawyers to take up pro-bono cases and highlighted the appreciable efforts of NALSA which has resulted in a legal aid scheme to deal with almost all the social aspects such as old age, financial failure, etc.





EVENT 4:

The Legal Aid cell of Chanakya National Law University, Patna in collaboration with Sehgal Foundation went to Muzaffarpur villages namely Parsad Kadika, Ratanpura, and Karika, to collect data and spread awareness about the different Government schemes like 'Naaail Jail Yojna', 'BPL card', 'Virdha Pension Ujwala Yojana', 'Indira Awas Yojana, etc. The awareness session also applauded the efforts of the Sehgal Foundation in empowering women and making them aware of their rights to boost their confidence to raise their grievances and stand collectively.

A team from CNLU Legal Aid Cell also went to village Karika with the same objective of spreading awareness about different Government schemes announced for their benefit. Ms. Babita Devi resident of kharika, shared her experience and the assistance that she received from Sehgal Foundation to subsist her Family. The data collected by the team of Legal Aid cell about the level of awareness of Women due to the efforts of Sehgal Foundation was presented and discussed by the members on the auspicious day of International Day of Girl Child i.e, on 11th October, 2022.





EVENT 5:

On 25th January, 2023 Chanakya National Law University, under the aegis of CNLU Legal Aid Cell in collaboration with CNLU Probono Club, conducted a Legal awareness drive, at the Gharaunda Vikasaarth, Rainbow Home managed by the Vikasaartha Trust in the august presence of Mrs Sunita Singh, Secretary cum Project Incharge of the trust. The inmates of Rainbow Homes present there graced the occasion with enthusiasm and great zeal for learning.

The CNLU students organised this event with the help of revered professors Father Dr. Peter Ladis Francis and Ms. Preety Anand. The awareness campaign was conducted via short stage play that enlightened the inmates about their Constitutional Rights. The inmates of the Rainbow Home were also educated about the historical significance of Republic Day and prominent role it played in making of our Constitution.

At the conclusion of the event, National Flags and Stationery Kits were distributed amongst the inmates of the Rainbow Homes, to promote their keenness and avidity.





EVENT 6:

On 29th January, 2023, student members of CNLU Legal Aid Cell and CNLU Pro Bono Club engaged session on the fair condition of work for domestic workers at Bihar Domestic Workers Welfare Association, Patna.

Student members educated the domestic workers on various topics which includes Fundamental Rights under the Constitution of India, Government Schemes like Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, Pradhan Jan Dhan Yojana, etc. They were further informed about Sexual Harassment, physical abuse, mental abuse, and economic abuse in form of non-payment of wages, pay- below minimum wages, and unpaid work. At last, they were enlightened about the Rights of Domestic workers through a short engaging video.





EVENT 7:

Under the aegis of Bihar Legal Services Authority and the guidance of the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Patna, student members of the CNLU Legal aid cell attended a Lok Adalat which was organized on 11th of February, 2023 on the premise of the Hon'ble Patna High Court. The students got to know about the procedure of disposal of Lok Adalat cases

and learned about the practical application of various provisions of the Civil Procedure Code, Legal Services Authority Act, 1987, Criminal Procedure Code and other laws.



EVENT 8:

On 13th March 2023, The Legal Aid cell of Chanakya National Law University, Patna in collaboration with Bihar State Legal Services Authority, organised a session for the students of Chanakya National Law University on mediation and its requisite skills with special reference to Lok Adalat.