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From the Patron's Desk...



It gives me immense pleasure to release Volume II, Issue 1 of the Law Centre-II Newsletter, *Gatividhiyan*. The Newsletter is a half-yearly publication and reflects all the activities of the previous semester, such as Orientation Programme for newly inducted batch, Special Lectures delivered by Distinguished Personalities, Seminars, Conferences and Workshops, Moot Courts, Sports Activities, Legal Aid Activities, Social Outreach Programmes, and other Students' Achievements. The Newsletter also reflects inter alia, all Centre related activities, Teachers and Students achievements, etc.

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Orientation Programme 2018-19



The Orientation Programme for the LL.B. First Year Batch 2018-19 was conducted on September 1, 2018 at the Conference Centre, University of Delhi. Hon'ble Justice Mukta Gupta, Judge, Delhi High Court was the Chief Guest. Guests of Honour were Shri Suresh Chandra, Union Law Secretary, Government of India, Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha, Director, Indian Law Institute and Prof. B. T. Kaul, Former Chairperson, Delhi Judicial Academy. Prof. O. B. Lal, Officiating Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi delivered the welcome address. The Presidential Address was given by Dr. V. K. Ahuja, In-charge, Law Centre-II and Dr. Rajni Abbi proposed the Vote of Thanks.

The inaugural session was followed by another session to give the newly inducted students an overview of the various committees functioning at Law Centre-II. Shri Rakesh Khanna, Senior Advocate interacted with the students on Mooting



Skills. Ms. Geetanjali Goel, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Special Secretary, DSLSA interacted with the students on Legal Aid. The students were also informed on Gender Sensitization by Dr. K. Syamala, Associate Professor-cum-Director (Research and Training), National University of Study and Research in Law (NUSRL), Ranchi. The senior students also welcomed the first year students and organized various cultural programmes.



Second Lecture Series 'SAMVAD'

The Lecture Series 'Samvad' started in the Law Centre-II under the aegis of Dr. V. K. Ahuja, In-Charge, in the beginning of the academic session 2017-2018. It was taken forward in this new academic session and various lectures were delivered in this series.

The First Lecture in this series was delivered by Dr. Aniruddha Rajput, Member, International Law Commission of the United Nations on October 4, 2018. He interacted with the students and faculties on the ***Role of International Law Commission in the Codification and Progressive Development of International Law.***



Shri Govind Gaiha, Senior Advisor, Telecom Regulatory and Former Member, TDSAT and Shri Ilam Chand Kamboj, Registered Insolvency Professional and Former Associate Vice-President, Legal and CS at Hero Motor Corp Ltd. interacted with the students on the theme of ***Corporate Governance and Corporate Social Responsibility: Emerging Perspectives, Challenge and Opportunities*** on November 15, 2018.



Seminars and Conferences

CONFERENCE ON NEED OF POLICE REFORMS AND ROLE OF NHRC

Law Centre-II, in collaboration with Justice for Rights Foundation organized a Conference on *Need for Police Reforms and Role of NHRC* on August 24, 2018. The Conference was organized under the guidance of Justice Permod Kohli, Former Chief Justice, Sikkim High Court and Former Chairman, Central Administrative Tribunal. The Guest Speakers for the Conference were Shri P. K. Mishra, Former Director General, Border Security Force and Shri M. L. Sharma, Former Special Director, Central Bureau of Investigation and Former Central Information Commissioner. Advocate Sh. Harpreet Singh Hora represented Justice for Rights Foundation at the Conference. Prof. O. B. Lal, Officiating Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi presided over the conference. Dr. V. K. Ahuja, In-charge, Law Centre-II gave the welcome address and Dr. Pinki Sharma coordinated the program.



SEMINAR ON SECTION 377 AND THE ROADMAP AHEAD

Law Centre-II organized a Seminar on *Section 377 of Indian Penal Code and the Roadmap Ahead* on September 19, 2018 in collaboration with Reaching the Real India. The Seminar was organized post the landmark judgment of the Supreme Court of India in *Navtej Singh Jauhar & Others v. Union of India*, which declared Section 377, Indian Penal Code unconstitutional in so far as it criminalizes consensual sexual conduct between adults of the same sex, thereby upholding the rights of the LGBTQI+ community. The Resource Persons of the Seminar represented the cross sections of the society which included Mr. Danish Sheikh, Assistant Professor and Associate Director of Centre for Health, Law Ethics and Technology at Jindal



Global Law School and also a lawyer, Ms. Grace Banu, India's first Transgender Engineer and Activist, Dr. Karthik Bittu, Associate Professor of Biology and Psychology, Ashoka University and Trans-activist,

Mr. Suraj Sanap, Law Officer at Lawyers Collective which was at the forefront of the battle against Section 377 and also worked at the Humsafar Trust, providing legal representation to members of LGBTQI+ community and Ms. Rituparna Borah, Queer Feminist Activist and Member of 'Nazariya', a Queer Feminist Resource Group. The broad topics of the Seminar were: *Section 377: Unlearning our Prejudices; LGBTAI+ Community: The Unconvicted Felons; The Human Cost of Section 377; and Law v. Society: Confronting the Closet and the Way Forward*. The Seminar was followed by a Pride Parade.



NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON LEGAL SKILLS AND RESEARCH



The Centre organized a National Workshop on *Legal Skills and Research* on October 6, 2018 in collaboration with All India Law Students Federation. Hon'ble Justice Rajiv Shakti, Delhi High Court was the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour was Mr. Vikramjit Banerjee, Additional Solicitor General. Prof. O. B. Lal, Officiating Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi gave the welcome address and Dr V. K. Ahuja, In-charge, Law Centre-II presided over the Workshop. The inaugural session was introduced by Dr. Vageshwari Deswal, Programme Coordinator and the Vote of Thanks was proposed by Mr. Abhinav Garg, President, All India Law Students Federation.

Technical Sessions on the theme of How to Plan Law Profession and Law and Language were held. The resource persons made discussion on various topics. The resource persons for the technical sessions were Prof. (Dr.) G. S. Bajpai, Registrar,



National Law University, Delhi, Prof. (Dr.) Prasannanshu, Professor, National Law University, Delhi, Advocate Amit Anand Tiwari, Advocate Avani Bansal, Advocate Jugal Wadhwa, Advocate Sanjay Vashishtha and Mr. Bhumesh Verma, Managing Partner Corp Comm Legal.



The Valedictory Session was introduced by Ms. Sumiti Ahuja, Programme Co-Coordinator. Justice Iqbal Ahmed Ansari, Former Chief Justice, Patna High Court, and Chairman, Punjab State Human Rights Commission addressed the gathering as Chief Guest in the Valedictory Session. The one day Workshop ended with the vote of thanks and distribution of certificates.

ONE DAY NHRC TRAINING PROGRAMME ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Law Centre-II organized a one day **Training Programme on Human Rights** in collaboration with National Human Rights Commission on October 20, 2018 under the directorship of Dr. Pinki Sharma and co-directorship of Dr. Anjay Sharma. His Excellency Brigadier



Dr. B. D. Mishra, Governor, State of Arunachal Pradesh was the Chief Guest for the Training Programme.

The Special Guests were Prof. A.K. Koul, Former Vice-Chancellor, National Law University, Jodhpur and National Law University, Ranchi; Sh. G.R. Raghavender, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India; Prof. Poonam Saxena, Vice-Chancellor, National Law University, Jodhpur; Prof. B.T. Kaul, former Chairperson, Delhi Judicial Academy, and Prof. M. Afzal Wani, School of Law, GGSIP University, Delhi.



INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH FACULTY FROM ABROAD

Prof. (Dr.) H. C. Cristoph Stuckelberger, President and Founder of Globethics.net from Geneva, Switzerland visited Law Centre-II, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi and interacted with the teachers on “Ethics in Higher Education” on November 19, 2018.



OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

KERALA DONATION DRIVE

The State of Kerala was affected by severe floods in the month of August, 2018 due to unusual high rainfall. Law Centre-II in order to lend a supporting hand to the people of Kerala organized a donation drive. The students and teachers at Law Centre-II participated enthusiastically in the drive and collected materials to help the people in need. The materials so collected at the Centre level were sent to Kerala through an NGO on August 28, 2018.



BLOOD DONATION CAMP

The Centre organized a Blood Donation Camp on NSS Day on September 24, 2018. Programme was organized in collaboration with Ram Manohar Lohiya Hospital and Blood Connect Foundation (NGO), New Delhi. Orientation of this event was organized at Moot Court Hall, Umang Bhawan. Students, volunteers and participants attended the program with great zeal. NSS Committee Members Dr. Nitesh Saraswat



(Convenor), Ms. Sumiti Ahuja, Ms. Swati Solanki, and Dr. Ashutosh Srivastava conveyed their valuable thoughts on the importance of Blood Donation in life. Doctors from Ram Manohar Lohiya Hospital explained and focused on the Effects and Benefits, Myths, Do's and Don'ts regarding Blood Donation. Student Volunteers Mr. Subhash Choudhary, Mr. Rohit Sharma and their team Ms. Shubhi, Ms. Stuti, Ms. Heena, Ms. Kajal, Mr. Rajeev and Mr. Kartik from Law Centre-II worked for its success. A total number of 102 Students and teachers donated blood on this occasion for a great social cause. A Nukkad Natak "Kudrat" was performed by Sukhmanch theatre artists, directed by Ms. Shilpi Marwaha (Group Leader) on this occasion.



LEGAL AID ACTIVITIES

The Legal Aid Committee of Law Centre-II is very active. In this new academic session, various Legal Aid activities were organized under the convenorship of Dr. Pinki Sharma.

Legal Aid society works in association with **Delhi State Legal Service Authority (DSLISA)**. The Society carries out its functions with an aim to provide access to justice to the disadvantaged and marginalized sections of the population, primarily by spreading legal awareness and legal education in educational institutions and under-privileged communities.



The Legal Aid Society of Law Centre-II conducted a written examination for induction of the students in the Legal Aid Society as Para Legal Volunteers (PLV) on October 4, 2018. A total of 825 student applied and 712 students appeared for the 'PLV Induction Examination, 2018'. 150 students were selected as PLV and a 2 day Training Program was conducted by DSLISA on November 2-3, 2018 at Moot Court Hall, Umang Bhawan.



Anganwadi Project

With an aim to spread necessary legal awareness among the common people, predominantly those with no access to it, Anganwadi project was launched by DSLSA on August 12-15, 2018. 10 Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) were allotted to New Delhi DLSA. PLVs worked as a bridge between common people and DSLSA.

Walkathon at International Day of Older Persons

Organized by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, DSLSA was also a part of it and 45 PLVs participated. PLVs rendered paralegal assistance to the Senior Citizens (crowd of 1500), imparted knowledge of social welfare legislations, Senior Citizens Act (especially about Maintenance and pension) and the mode and manner of availing them. PLVs also helped in organizing the event and maintaining the crowd. The event was organized on October 1, 2018.



Door to Door Campaign

This was a Major Campaign which was organized by DSLSA and various DLSA asked for students' participation. The event was organized from November 15-24, 2018. 10 PLVs participated at New Delhi DLSA – (Areas: Sagarpur, Delhi Cantt, Naraina, Vasant kunj), 6 PLVs participated at South East DLSA and 4 PLVs participated at South DLSA – 4 PLVs (Only for 2 days).

The Campaign's objective was to reach masses and conduct survey on various legal issues faced locally particularly in the rural areas of the Delhi.



Traffic Awareness Drive

This drive was organized to celebrate National Pollution Control Day. 20 PLVs along with Delhi Traffic Police spread Awareness among commuters at traffic intersection Rajpath, India Gate, New Delhi on December 3, 2018.

The main objective of the drive to make people more aware about traffic Rules, Carpooling, Sound pollution etc. Two wheeler were requested to use helmet and instructed pedestrian to cross road via zebra crossing only on red signal.



Lok Adalat

Lok Adalat has been organized at various court complexes on December 8, 2018. 10 PLVs participated at New Delhi DLSA (Patiala Court), 8 PLVs participated at Central DLSA (Tis Hazari Court) and 10 PLVs participated at Dwarka Court.

PLVs observed the proceedings and helped out in filling the details and Compensation Bond.

SPORTS

Sport activities have been an integral part at Law Centre-II. The Sports Committee at Law Centre-II under the guidance of Dr. Anupam Jha, Faculty Convener, Sports Committee organized various sports events in this academic session. Badminton Tournament and 1km run was organized to ensure physical fitness as well as mental fitness on November 20, 2018.



Students' Achievements

GOLD MEDAL

Ms. Perna Singh of the 2014-2017 batch of Law Centre-II secured the highest percentage of marks among the successful candidates at the LL.B. and was awarded the Hira Lal Daga Memorial Medal. She was also awarded University Law Union Prize for securing the highest percentage of marks in the LL.B. examination. She received the Gold Medal and the Prize at the 95th Annual Convocation of University of Delhi on November 19, 2018.



8TH ILNU MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Team comprising of Ms. Ananya Mahant, Ms Arshita Bansal and Ms. Reyna Shruti participated in 8th ILNU National Moot Court Competition, 2018 organized by Nirma University, Ahmedabad on August 31 to September 2, 2018. Ms. Arshita Bansal was adjudged as the Best Researcher and the team bagged 3rd position.



7TH AMITY QUIZ ON CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 2018



Ms. Shivika Bagga participated in 7th Amity Quiz on Constitutional Law 2018 by Amity Law School NOIDA on October 4, 2018. She bagged the Runner-Up position.

RAPPORTEURS FOR NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF INDIA

The National Human Rights Commission of India organized a series of events to commemorate its 25th anniversary. The celebrations commenced with a Media Dialogue at IIMC, New Delhi on September 5, 2018, which was followed by Silver Jubilee Lecture by Shri Kailash Satyarthi, Nobel Laureate at Teen Murti Bhawan, New Delhi on September 10, 2018. The International



Human Rights Conclave and the Prime Ministerial Address were subsequently held on October 1 and October 12, 2018 respectively. The events were attended by members of National Commissions, International Institutions such a United Nations, Diplomatic Corps, Civil Society, NGOs, Cabinet Ministers, Chief Justices, Media and others. As a matter of great honour, Mr.



Himanshu Kala, Ms. Sherin Jose, Ms. Pratibha Sharma and Ms. Aishwarya Gupta from Law Centre-II were appointed as Special Rapporteurs for the National Human Rights Commission of India for these events. They have been felicitated by the Commission for their active participation and contributions.

SCHOLARSHIP

As a matter of great pride, Ms. Aishwarya Gupta from Law Centre-II has been selected as a Schwarzman Scholar, one of the world's most prestigious graduate fellowships, located at Schwarzman College at Tsinghua University in Beijing which recently announced its fourth class. She is amongst the first women from India and also the first student from the Faculty of Law to be awarded this honour.



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