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From the Patron's Desk...



It gives me immense pleasure to release Volume III, Issue 2 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 Special Lectures delivered by Distinguished Personalities, Seminars, Conferences, Workshops, Webinars, Moot Courts, Sports Activities, Legal Aid Activities, Social Outreach Programmes, Competitions and other Students' Achievements. The Newsletter also reflects inter alia, all Centre related activities, Students achievements, etc.

Prof. (Dr.) V.K. Ahuja Professor In-Charge, Law Centre-II

Seminars and Conferences

INTERNATIONAL

INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR ON PATENTING OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS AND PANDEMIC COVID-19: Some Reflections on IPRs v. Human Rights

An International Webinar on Patenting of Pharmaceutical Products and Pandemic COVID-19: Some Reflections on IPRs v. Human Rights was organized on May 24, 2020. Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, Judge, Supreme Court of India was the Chief Guest for the day. The esteemed panelists of the webinar were Dr. Aniruddha Rajput, Member, UN International Law Commission, H. E. Dr. Kennedy Gastorn, Secretary General, Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization and Mr. O. P. Gupta, IAS, Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks, Government of India. Prof. (Dr.) V. K. Ahuja, Professor In-charge, Law Centre-II, University of Delhi moderated the webinar. Dr. Ashutosh Mishra, Assistant Professor, Law Centre-II, University of Delhi was the webinar director.



INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR ON ONLINE MEDIATION

Law Centre-II organized an International Webinar on Online Mediation: Is this is the Future of Dispute Resolution? National and International Perspectives on June 7, 2020. Hon'ble Ms. Justice Indira Banerjee, Judge, Supreme Court of India was the Chief Guest of the Webinar. The Guests of Honour and Panelists for the webinar were Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque, Judge, High Court of Kerala, Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. Govindaraj, Judge, High Court of Madras, Mr. Roar Thun Waegger, Director, Wagger Negotiation Institute, Norway and Mr. Aloysius Goh, Founder and CEO, Sage Mediation, Singapore. Mr. Vinod Kumar, President, India SME Forum was the Special Invitee as well as a Panelist. Mr. A S Jawad, Advocate and Mediator and Ms. Lalit Mohini Bhat, Advocate and Mediator were the Moderators of the Webinar. Prof. (Dr.) V. K. Ahuja, Professor In-charge, Law Centre-II was the Patron-in-Chief of the Webinar. The Webinar Directors were Dr. Ashutosh Mishra and Dr. Ajay B. Sonawane, Assistant Professors at Law Centre-II.



NATIONAL

WORKSHOP ON PUBLIC POLICY DRAFTING- DRAFTO POLICY 1.0

Law Centre-II, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi in collaboration with Delhi Metropolitan Education (affiliated to GGSIPU, New Delhi) organized a Workshop on Public Policy Drafting- Drafto Policy 1.0 "Law is Life" on March 3, 2020. The aim of the program was to familiarize the students, young professionals and academicians with the importance of an effective policy in reforming the society by being a tool of social change and introduce them with the process and the technicalities of policy drafting. The Speakers for the day were Mr. M. L. Sharma, Former Special Director, CBI and Former Information Commissioner, CIC, Mr. Navin Kumar Jaggi, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Environmental Law Expert and Mr. Arpit Chaturvedi, Co-Founder and CEO of Global Policy Insights and Instructor ISPP. Professor (Dr.) V.K. Ahuja welcomed the guests. Dr. Pinki Sharma, Associate Professor of Law Centre-II and



Ms. Upasana Singh, Assistant Professor of Delhi Metropolitan Education organized the program.



PANEL DISCUSSION ON WOMEN EMPOWERMENT: NEW DIMENSIONS

Law Centre-II, University of Delhi organized a **Panel Discussion on 'Women Empowerment: New Dimensions'** to celebrate International Women's Day on March 9, 2020. The eminent Panel of Women dignitaries were Prof. Kamala Sankaran, Professor, Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, Prof. Pami Dua, Professor, Department of Economics, Prof. Kavita Sharma, Professor, Department of Commerce, Delhi School of Economics, Prof. Geeta Bhatt, Professor, NCWEB and Ms. Priyanka Mishra, Additional Director, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh. Prof. V. K. Ahuja gave the welcome address. The Panel Discussion was moderated by Dr. Rajni Abbi. Dr. Pinki Sharma was the Program Director.



NATIONAL WEBINAR ON PROPRIETARY RIGHTS OF HINDU AND MUSLIM FEMALES: SOCIO-LEGAL PERSPECTIVE

A National Webinar on Proprietary Rights of Hindu and Muslim Females: Socio-Legal Perspectives was organized on May 27, 2020. Prof. Poonam Saxena, Vice-Chancellor, National Law University, Jodhpur was the Keynote Speaker. Professor (Dr.) V. K. Ahuja presided over





Program

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NATIONAL WEBINAR ON EFFECT OF COVID-19 ON LEGAL PROFESSION AND THE ROAD AHEAD

Law Centre-II organized a **National Webinar on effect of COVID-19 on Legal Profession and the Road Ahead** on June 20, 2020. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajiv Shakdher, Judge, Delhi High Court was the Chief Guest. The Panelists were Mr. Amarjit Singh Chandhiok, Senior Advocate, Mr. Satish Abarao Deshmukh, Vice-Chairman, Bar Council of India, Mr. Tejas Karia, Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., Ms. Vanita Bhargava, Partner, Khaitan & Co., Mr. Rahul Goel, Partner, Indus Law, Mr. Pradyuman Dubey, Partner, L&L Partners, Mr. Vikrant Singh Negi, Partner DSK Legal, Mr. Rohit Pandey, Advocate, Acting Secretary, Supreme Court Bar Association and Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Secretary, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The Webinar was moderated by Mr. Anirudh Sharma, Advocate on Record, Supreme Court of India and Prof. (Dr.) Kiran Gupta of Law Centre-II. Prof. (Dr.) V. K Ahuja was the Patron In-chief. Being Webinar Director, Dr. Ashutosh Mishra proposed vote of thanks.

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Third Lecture Series 'SAMVAD'

The Lecture Series 'Samvad' started in the Law Centre-II under the aegis of Prof. (Dr.) V. K. Ahuja, Professor 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.

PROF. VED P. NANDA LECTURE SERIES

Prof. Ved P. Nanda Lecture Series was organized at Law Centre-II from February 3-7, 2020. Prof. Nanda, Padma Bhushan awardee delivered lectures on various topics of contemporary importance like General Soleimani's Killing and the legality of Actions



by Iran and the U.S.; Crisis at the WTO Dispute Settlement Body; Art of Lecturing and Research Skills; and Prevention of Weapons of Biological Warfare. Professor (Dr.) V.K. Ahuja felicitated Professor Nanda. The Lecture Series was successfully organized by Dr. Pinki Sharma.



LECTURE ON LAW AND SOCIETY



A lecture on *Law and* Society: **Emerging Trends** and **Challenges** was organized by Law Centre-II in collaboration with Career Point University, Hamirpur on February 12, 2020. Dr. Pinki Sharma was

the Program Director and Dr. Anjay Kr. Sharma was the Co-Director of the Program.

LECTURE ON SKILLS OF ADVOCACY

A Lecture on Skills of Advocacy was delivered by Prof. T.S.N. Sastry, Vice-Chancellor, The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University on February 20, 2020.

LECTURE ON ADMISSIBILITY OF ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE

Hon'ble Ms. Justice Mukta Gupta, Judge, High Court of Delhi delivered a lecture on Admissibility of Electronic Evidence on June 6, 2020. It was in the format of Question and Answer Webinar for the benefits of the students at Law Centre-II. The Lecture was organized by Law Centre-II in collaboration with Buying Agents Association. The Moderator of the lecture was Ms. Kaadambri, Advocate and Mr. Rubinder Ghumman was the Host and Anchor for the day. Dr. Pinki Sharma was the teacher convener for the program.



Releases

ONLINE RELEASE OF BOOK ON MEDIATION

Online Book Release Event on Mediation by Law Centre-II, Faculty of Law, DU



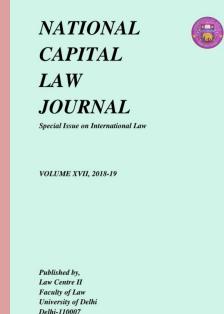
Left to Right: Hon'ble Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul (Supreme Court of India), Prof. Yogesh Tyagi (Vice Chancellor, DU) Prof. VK Ahuja (Professor-in-Charge, Law-Centre II, Faculty of Law, DU)

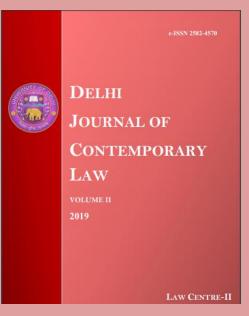
The program on Online Release of Book on *Mediation* was organized at Law Centre-II, University of Delhi on May 18, 2020. The editors of the book are Prof. (Dr.) V. K. Ahuja, Dr. Ashutosh Mishra and Mr. Ashutosh Acharya. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Judge, Supreme Court of India was the Chief Guest for the occasion. Prof. Yogesh Kumar Tyagi, Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi presided the online release of the book.



RELEASE OF NATIONAL CAPITAL LAW JOURNAL

Volume XVII, 2018-19 of National Capital Law Journal bearing ISSN No. 0972-0936 was released in this academic semester. The Journal is a peer reviewed Journal. It was released in e-version owing to the ongoing pandemic situation. The Journal is being published since 1996. It was a Special Issue on International Law. Dr. Pinki Sharma was the editor of the said issue. The other editorial committee members were Dr. Archa Vashishtha, Dr. Nitesh Saraswat, Dr. Parikshet Sirohi, Ms. Nidhi Minz, Mr. Ramakrishna Das PR and Ms. Sumiti Ahuja.





Release of Delhi Journal of Contemporary Law

Volume II of Delhi Journal of Contemporary Law Review having e-ISSN no. 2582-4570 was released in this academic semester. The Journal is a peer reviewed, annual periodical for the dissemination of legal research and findings in the contemporary areas. The journal can be accessed at: <u>http://lc2.du.ac.in/DJCLHomePage.html</u>. Dr. Vageshwari Deswal was the editor of the said issue. The other editorial committee members were Dr. Monica Chaudhary, Dr. Jupi Gogoi, Dr. Ajay Bapusaheb Sonawane and Mr. Amrithnath SB.

FIELD VISITS

SUPREME COURT VISIT

40 students of Law centre-II visited the Supreme Court of India on January 28, 2020 to witness the proceedings. They also visited the Supreme Court Museum. Dr. Anjay Kumar was the Teacher Convener.



DELHI VIDHAN SABHA VISIT

On February 7, 2020, 80 students of Law Centre-II visited the Delhi Vidhan Sabha. Dr. Anjay Kumar was the Teacher Convener.



NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION VISIT

On 29 Januray 2020, 54 students visited the National Human Rights Commission to observe the functioning and day to day working of the Commission. Dr. Anjay Kumar was the Teacher Convener.



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

DRAMATICS WORKSHOP

Legal Aid Society of Law Centre- II organized a Workshop on Dramatic Skills on January 22, 2020. The event was conducted in association with the Films and Theatre Society under Mr. Atul Satya Koushik. Prof. V K Ahuja inaugurated the event by delivering the welcome address. Mr. Sandeep Gupta, Secretary of North Zone, DSLSA graced the occasion. He emphasized on the role of Nukkad-natak for interacting with common people and to share our message.

Everyone present in the room was waiting to know what makes this workshop different from any other seminar. The answer was provided when Mr. Atul took the stage. To be an alumnus of Law Faculty and being a CA could not stop him from entering the field of Theatre. Activities and games were organized after forming 3 teams. Deciding the name and slogan of the teams brought the creativity of the members. It was followed by an activity to assess concentration power. He focused on how the different ways of expressing same sentence can change the meaning for other people.



Highlight of the workshop was the depiction of different moods of human by the law students, who are not Professional Actors. Attendees of the workshop realized that everyday we play so many roles and one should express himself/herself freely. 2-3 hours can never be enough to learn a lot but they proved to be enough to make people more confident and happy in the end. Motivational words of Mr. Atul left a great impact.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM





The Legal Aid Society of Law Center 2 successfully held its Community Outreach Programme in Mukeempura area, near Malkaganj,

North Delhi on January 31, 2020. Around 40 PLVs of the Society, under the guidance of the Faculty members, participated in various activities constituting the programme, which included door to door survey and Nukkad Natak.

The main objective of the community outreach programme was to spread awareness about the commission of Legal Aid Clinic by the Legal Aid Society of Law Centre-II, under the supervision of Delhi State Legal Services Authority. The underpinning of the Clinic is based on the understanding of socio-economic nuances of the Indian society, wherein the awareness of law and the access to justice by common people are both equally a far-fetched idea. It is in this light that the Legal Aid Clinic has been set up, which aims to provide free legal aid to the needy and marginalized sections of the society.

The Clinic, set up in room no. 106 at Umang Bhawan, shall remain open on all working days between 1-4 pm to take due note of issues and, shall have a lawyer in attendance on Thursdays every week to render professional counselling.

It was in the direction of spreading word about the Legal Aid Clinic and its functioning that the door to door survey and Nukkad Natak were conducted. The Para Legal Volunteers were divided in two sets- one for the survey and the other for the Nukkad Natak.

The PLVs who formed part of the survey team were further divided in groups of equal sex ratio to make the exercise more efficient and facilitate easy communication between the



surveyors and the surveyed. The door to door survey was carried out around a set of questions that were handed beforehand to the PLVs, which included questions ranging from basic information like name, educational background, etc. for data collection, to questions targeted at ascertaining the experiences of common people vis a vis law enforcement and authorities. The issues that came to the fore as a result consist of problems relating to property disputes, criminal cases and documentation, etc. and, the slow grievance redressal of the same.

The Nukkad Natak brought a gust of energy to the environment and managed to attract an impressive crowd with its relevant content and impactful execution. The issues highlighted in the 15 minutes act which began with "Suno Suno Bhai Suno Suno" and ended with dispensing of DSLSA Helpline no. "1516", were diverse.

The malpractices of ill treatment of house help and aged parents were brought to attention and it was explained how these acts are punishable by law and their redressal possible. The people were made conscious of the power that lies with them in the form of their right to seek justice and, encouraged to get help in the exercise of the same without hesitation through the services of institutions like Delhi State Legal Services Authority. The role the community members could play as third party locus standi in ensuring the delivery of justice to the aggrieved was also insisted on.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

The legal aid Society of Law Centre-II organised a community outreach programme on February 14, at the Government boys school, Roop Nagar.



The aim of the outreach programme was to educate the students about their basic fundamental rights, DPSP, and fundamental duties and also spread awareness about the Legal aid clinic provided by Law Centre-II. The programme was started by a session on POCSO given by a senior Supreme Court advocate. It was an interactive session where the students were made aware about the basic fundamentals of POCSO and their rights. The session was followed by a



presentation given by the PLVs on Fundamental Rights, DPSPs and fundamental duties related to children. In the end a set of questions were given to the students in the form of a quiz based on the presentation and certificates were distributed

to the wining students to encourage more participation.

OPERATION OF THE LEGAL AID CLINIC.

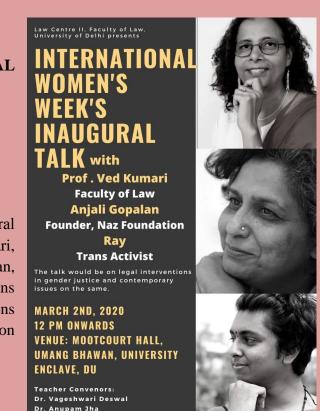
The apparatus for the legal aid clinic was set up in the previous semester. This semester the clinic became fully operational owing to the efforts of the community outreach programmes. An advocate has been appointed to the Legal Aid Clinic to visit the Centre on every Thursday.



CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S WEEK:

(i) Inaugural Ceremony

The International Women's Week's Inaugral Talk was delivered by Prof. Ved Kumari, Faculty of Law, Ms. Anjali Gopalan, Founder, Naz Foundation and Ray, Trans Activist. The talk was on legal interventions in gender justice and contemporary issues on the same.





(ii) Debate Competition on the Topic of This House Believes That Death Penalty is Justified for Rape Convicts

. Dr. Shabnam Mahlawat

A debate competition was organized on March 4, 2020 on the topic of 'Death Penalty is justified for rape Convicts'. Over 50 participants logically argued for and against the motion.

(iii) In Conversation With Prof. Ved Kumari and Mr. Shourie Anand on Objectification

and Typecasting of Women Roles in Popular Indian Media.

A talk was organized with Prof. Ved Kumari and Mr. Shourie Anand Singh on Objectification and Typrecasting on Women Roles in Popular Indian Media.



(iii) In Conversation with Ms. Jayashree Satpute on Unlearning Patriarchy in Democratic Spaces.

A talk was organized with Ms. Jayashree Satpute on Unlearning Patriarchy in Democratic Spaces on March 5, 2020.



(iv) Seminar on Indian Laws on Human Trafficking in collaboration with NSSW.

A Seminar on Indian Laws on Human Trafficking was organized with Ayeesha Raj, Arti Zodpe and Aarthi Pai from National Network of Sex Workers and Adv. Leena Saxena with Dr. Vageshwari Deswal on March 6, 2020.

WEBINAR ON LABOUR LAWS IN INDIA: A PANDEMIC CASUALTY?

A Webinar was organized by the Legal Aid Society, Law Centre-II, University of Delhi on May 10, 2020. Mr. Surya Prakash, Advocate, Specializing in Labour Law was the Speaker for the day and Dr. Parikshet Sirohi moderated the webinar.

PLV ENGAGEMENT



LC-2 has over 350 PLVs. The PLVs have been enthusiastically participating in various programmes, trainings and competitions hosted by DSLSA.

The PLVs have been serving their respective District Legal Services Authorities and have participated in various Door to door campaigns, year-long programme on Fundamental Duties, Awareness Camps on Right To Education, Helping in setting up of camps to assist primary school admissions, Labour Camps, Hunger Relief camps, Lok Adalats,

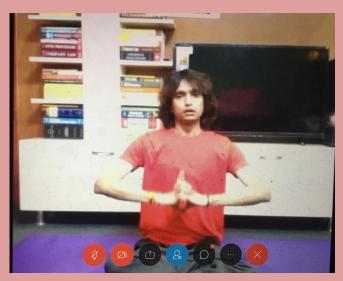


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The PLVs have closely interacted with grass root communities and are providing legal aid assistance to the best of their abilities.

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

Law Centre-II in association with Central District Legal Services Authority organised a Webinar on the Occasion of International Day for Yoga on June 21, 2020 on the Importance of Daily Yoga Practices in our lives and on Stress Management and Immunity Boosting through Yoga. The Resource person for the webinar was Mr. Tejasvi Kumar Sharma who is also a Para Legal Volunteer associated with Central District Legal Services Authority. Mr. Tejaswi Kumar Sharma is a World Yoga Champion; Gold Medalist in Yogasana



World Cup, Gold Medalist in International Yoga Championship held in Hong Kong, achieved Most Flexible Handicapped Yoga Champion Award and has also participated in TV reality shows. Besides discussing about the importance of yoga, Tejasvi also showed the participants important yoga asanas which ought to be performed daily for Physical, Mental and Spiritual well being. Dr. Anupam Jha coordinated the program on behalf of Law Centre-II.

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