

Best Practice-A

1. Title- Legal aid and literacy camp:

2. Objective of the Practice: The establishment of GLC, Kota Legal Aid Centre seeks to impart Clinical Legal Education and social-legal services to the needy and poor segments of the community. It is necessary to expose law students to the practical aspects of the legal field as study of law is a professional course; the Legal Aid Centre aims at fulfilling this purpose and alongside provides a platform to serve the poor and needy.

3. The Context: To literate the peoples about legal knowledge and provide them legal aid. Access to justice is essential for rule of law. Access to justice, enable citizens to have their voices heard, exercise their rights and challenge discrimination. Access to Justice is not confined to court based legal services. It extends to making people aware about their entitlements under various enactments and welfare schemes and programmes and strengthening their access to the same. Some Legal Awareness Camps are being held by the College to make people aware about their entitlements and apprise them about the availability of free legal services. In most of the camps, it has been observed, only creating of awareness is focused on. There is a need to effect paradigm shift from awareness to empowerment. For this to happen, a new Model of holding Legal Services Camp is required which would not only make people aware about their entitlements and procedural aspects relating to the same but also connect them to the welfare schemes meant for them.

4. The Practice: The legal aid and literacy camps are organized by the college every year. In these camps teachers and students visit to near-by villages and areas and interact with peoples and provide them legal knowledge and also provide them legal aid or legal help to solve their disputes. Legal education is very necessary for citizens, by this education they came to know about their legal rights and duties. In these camps students in a group visit to residential areas and Villages with banners of legal literacy and interact with people and provide them



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legal knowledge, and provide legal aid to persons who are needy and wants legal advise. Students divide in groups and with group teacher went to different part of city or village and by interacting with peoples provide them legal literacy.

Legal Literacy Programs

Indian community is generally illiterate in the matters of information about law. If we desire to create a just social order legal awareness is indispensable. GLC Kota has been conducting literacy programs in its neighborhood for the last five years.

Legal Literacy programs are conducted with the help of social organizations, social workers, Gram Panchayats, village Sarpanch, School Managements etc. The target group is villages, farmers, slum dwellers, women, school children, social workers, school teachers, laborers etc. The programs are generally need based and information about law which will be most relevant to a target group is given to them. Their queries are answered and they are requested to contact the Centre of legal aid at college for advice/support if they need it.

Lectures, discussions, posters, literacy material, street-plays are used as methods of communication. Street-play is the most effective manner of communication. It is a living experience of law and is well appreciated by all. The camps consisted of student and teacher's presentations on relevant issues like Domestic Violence, Dowry Prohibition, Child Sexual Abuse, Writing will, etc. The sessions are made interactive and reactive to needs of villagers. The experience is proved to be enriching for the students and the attending villagers.

Legal Aid Clinic

The Legal Aid Centre runs its clinic at Govt. Law College, Kota six days a week. Legal grievances of a wide variety like domestic violence, divorce, dowry prohibition, cruelty, land acquisition, etc. are addressed here. The Clinic is run in a tandem of students and teachers, with both in attendance. The Clients are those who cannot afford legal fees. The same is settled free of cost at the Clinic.

Legal Advice



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Advice in legal matters is given to all who approach the Centre, i.e. how to make a will, how to file RTI, how to approach Consumer Forum, etc.

Evidence of Success:

Legal Aid Camps are conducted by the Centre on a regular basis. The camps are divided as follows-

School Camps:

Students of the Legal Aid Centre visit schools in and around Kota to take sessions on legal literacy for school children. Topics covered range from child abuse, right to education, drugs and narcotics awareness, social media and cyber crime, etc. Language is no barrier as sessions are taken in English and Hindi.

Use of visual aids and posters is encouraged and students prepare skits and performances to connect better with their young audience. Separate time is allotted for a question and answer session with the students.

College Camps:

Students of the legal aid centre also take sessions in various colleges in and around Kota. The topics discussed here range from domestic violence, dowry prohibition, drugs and alcohol awareness, child abuse, cyber crime, intellectual property rights, etc., The students engage in discussion with their audience and have lively, interactive sessions.

Village Camps:

Students of the legal aid centre take legal literacy camps in villages around Kota city. The topics discussed in these camps are pertinent to the living situation in villages and range from dowry prohibition, domestic violence, land laws of Maharashtra, laws regarding sex determination of a baby, Right to Information, etc. These camps are held in regional languages like Hadoti and Hindi. Many camps have also been conducted with the dual purpose of spreading legal literacy and holding legal aid clinic to address other legal grievances of the audience. Interactive sessions with lots



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of questions and answers are held and legal literacy reading material is also distributed in languages best understood in that region.

Problem Encounter and Resources Required: For Legal aid and literacy Camp there are many sources like separate room is required for legal aid clinic and a teacher is also appointed for the in-charge of legal aid clinic. There are also needed fund for conducting legal aid camp like for poster and banners etc. we used college fund for making poster and banners and also make efforts to get financial aid through bhamashah.

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