



# **LEGAL AID SOCIETY**

**CAMPUS LAW CENTRE**

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## About The Legal Aid Society

- In the recent years, Legal Aid has emerged as an important facet of the legal' profession in our country. Legal aid is the provision of assistance to people otherwise unable to afford legal representation and access to the court system.
- The Legal Services Act, 1987, embodies the Constitutional guarantee of Article' 39A and aims to provide free legal services to the economically and socially weaker sections of the society.
- As budding lawyers, it is imperative that we understand the need and' importance of pro-bono services.
- It is necessary that we, in our capacity as law students participate in all' initiatives that aim at bridging the lacunae that exists between the legal rights and their effective actualization by the needy and the poor.
- Through this Legal Aid Society, we provide a platform to all students of Campus Law Centre, to be a part of our effort to bridge this gap and create equality in access to legal services.



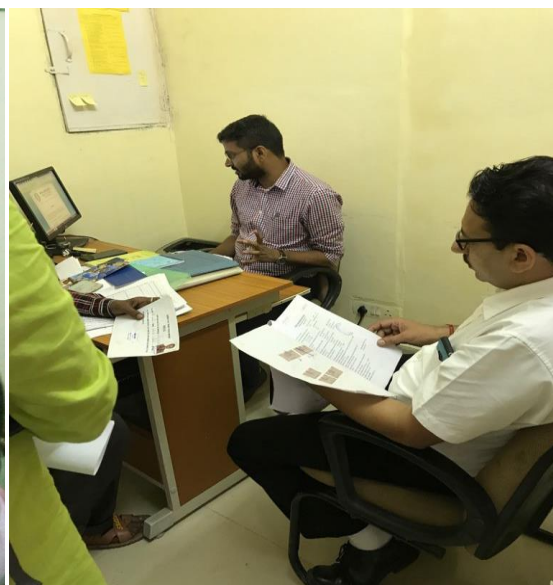
### **LEGAL SERVICES CLINIC INNAUGERATED BY HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.K. SIKRI; JUDGE, SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**

Under the able and visionary leadership of our esteemed Professor-in-Charge, Prof. (Dr.) Usha Tandon, CLC started its very first Legal Services Clinic on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September, 2014, which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.K. Sikri, Judge, Supreme Court of India.

The clinic works in collaboration with the Delhi State Legal Services Authority and aims to provide free legal counsel and services to all those who fall under Section 12 of the Legal Services Authority Act, 1987.

The Legal Services Clinic is opened regularly between 10 am to 1:00 pm on every Saturday. One Lawyer appointed by the Central DLSA sits in the clinic with few PLVs of the society from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. In the academic year 2017-18 Legal Services Clinic assisted more than 140 Cases in various Legal Aid matters.





## Legal Services Clinic at Campus Law Centre

**List of Events of Legal Aid Society, Campus Law Centre**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Number of Volunteers</b>	<b>People Impacted</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>1</b>	Anganwadi Project: Dehleej	June 2017	06	300+	Throughout Delhi
<b>2</b>	Legal Assistance Establishment	June-July, 2017	05	60+	Patiala House Courts Complex
<b>3</b>	Help Desk In Traffic Courts	06/07/2017	02	-	Saket Courts Complex
<b>4</b>	Help Desk In Traffic Courts	06/07/2017	02	-	Tis Hazari Courts Complex
<b>5</b>	National Lok Adalat	08/07/2017	05	-	Saket Courts Complex
<b>6</b>	National Lok Adalat	08/07/2018	13	-	Karkardooma Courts Complex
<b>7</b>	Literacy Class on Environment-Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Maintenance	17/07/2017	02	50+	Saket Court Complex
<b>8</b>	Help Desk In Traffic Courts	19/07/2017	02	-	Saket Courts Complex
<b>9</b>	National Seminar on Role of Law Schools' Legal Aid Clinics In Facilitating Access To Justice	31/07/2017	07	-	Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra, Delhi
<b>10</b>	Legal Aid Society Orientation	11/08/2017	200 +	-	Seminar Hall, CLC
<b>11</b>	Community Outreach Programme	06/09/2017	23	250+	Majnu KaTila
<b>12</b>	Community Outreach Programme	06/09/2017	26	200+	Bengali Colony
<b>13</b>	Community Outreach Programme	13/09/2017	24	200+	Andha Mughal
<b>14</b>	Community Outreach Programme	13/09/2017	24	175+	Peer Bagichi
<b>15</b>	Community Outreach Programme	19/09/2017	25	220+	Shakti Nagar Railway Bridge
<b>16</b>	Community Outreach Programme	19/09/2017	25	220+	Nandlal Jhuggi, Gopalpur
<b>17</b>	Community Outreach Programme	26/09/2017	28	200+	Indira Basti
<b>18</b>	Community Outreach Programme	26/09/2017	26	225+	Sanjay Basti

19	Para Legal Volunteers Training	13/10/2017 to 14/10/2017	97		Campus Law Centre
20	Tihar Jail Visit	24/10/2017	84	170+	Tihar Jail Complex
21	JJB Visit	31/10/2017	43	100+	JJB 1, JJB 2, JJB 3
22	Anganwadi Project: Dehleej	November 2017	70	7000+	Throughout Delhi
23	Marathon on Children's Day	14/11/2017	15	60+	Chanakyapuri
24	Mega Legal Services & Awareness Camp	03/02/2018	15	-	Kendriya Vidyalaya, Shahdra
25	Community Outreach Programme	16/02/2018	17	100+	Majnu Ka Tila, Civil Lines
26	Community Outreach Programme	16/02/2018	18	120+	Daya Basti, Sarai Rohilla
27	Mega Legal Services & Awareness Camp	24/02/2018	10	-	St. Xaviers Shahbad, Daulatpur, Rohini
28	04 Community Outreach Programme	06/03/2018	20	230+	Reghar Pura, Bedan Pura, Bapa Nagar, Majnu nKa Tila
29	Mega Legal Services & Awareness Camp	10/03/2018	5	-	St. Michal's School, Karol Bagh
30	Aadhar Card Camp & Community Outreach Programme	19/03/2018	18	-	Burari
31	Aadhar Card Camp & Community Outreach Programme	23/03/2018	18	-	Timarpur
32	Community Outreach Programme & Aadhaar Card Camp	27/03/2018	5	75+	Karol Bagh
33	Community Outreach Programme	27/03/2018	16	150+	Andha Mughal & Peer Bagichi, Gulabi Bagh
34	Community Outreach Programme	28/03/2018	12	120+	Majnu Ka Tila, Civil Lines & Shakti Nagar Railway Bridge
35	Aadhaar Card, Medical Checkup & Legal Awareness Camp	31/03/2018	20	-	Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi
36	Aadhaar Card Camp	31/03/2018	2	-	Police Station Khyala

37	Awareness Programme on AIDS, HIV Testing, Counselling and Poster Making Competition	07/04/2018	5	50	Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi
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## **1. Anganwadi Project: Dehleej (June, 2017)**

Under the flagship of Hon'ble Ms. Justice. Gita Mittal, DSLSA has initiated a Door to Door Mass Legal Literacy Campaign in which 06 PLVs from CLC has participated. The main aim of this project was to make the people aware about the various services offered by DSLSA and other useful Government schemes. PLVs also collected the data from various sectors of the society about the issues and problems faced by them and the same was submitted to DSLSA so that the problems can be resolved easily. This event continued for almost 10 days in the month of June.

## **2. Legal Assistance Establishment (June-July, 2017)**

As the Aim and Objective of DSLSA is Access to Justice for All, So to achieve that aim DSLSA came with a new initiative of Legal Assistance Establishment. DSLSA opened a front office at Patiala House Court Complex to assist people in their legal matters. Legal Aid Society deputed 5 PLVs on deputation basis to assist the advocate at that front office. PLVs got the opportunity to handle and assist the advocates in giving legal advice to the needy.

## **3. Help Desk In Traffic Courts at Saket Courts Complex (06/07/2017)**

South DLSA set up the help desk in traffic courts in Saket Court. PLVs from CLC assisted the DLSA in establishing these Help Desks. PLVs assisted the Advocate deputed by DLSA and the Court in smooth functioning of the Court. PLVs learnt about the Important provisions of Motor Vehicles Act and also about the process of paying challan.

## **4. Help Desk In Traffic Courts at Tis Hazari Courts Complex (06/07/2017)**

Central & West DLSA set up the help desk in traffic courts in Tis Hazari Courts Complex. PLVs from CLC assisted the DLSA in establishing these Help Desks. PLVs assisted the Advocate deputed by DLSA and the Court in smooth functioning of the Court. PLVs observed the proceedings of the court. PLVs learnt about the Important provisions of Motor Vehicles Act and also about the process of paying challan. At the end PLVs had a discussion with the Ld. Secretaries of DLSA regarding the recent amendments in the MV Act, Its implementation and various other traffic violation issues.

## **5. National Lok Adalat at Saket Court Complex (08/07/2017)**

All PLVs were informed to report at sharp 9:00 am at the Saket Courts Complex room no.309, PLVs reported to the office on time. After giving attendance, a schedule was given and the particular courtroom was assigned. PLVs went to respective allotted courtrooms PLVs checked the cause list and matters which were related to traffic challans (170) and plea bargaining cases (10) and various other matters. Around 10.30 proceedings were started in presence of honorable judge along with PP and one associate member of DLSA. All the matters were dealing with traffic violations, no proper documentation, and violation of no entry, red light jump, zigzag driving and use of mobile phones and plea bargaining cases involved the issue of drink and driving and so on. Almost after 3 times calling of cases, the majority of the cases the Judge admonish an offense and in some cases, nominal fines were also collected and where no party turns up matters were returned to original courts. Thereafter, fines slips and documents were returned to the respective parties then and there only and orders were passed by the Judge. Overall, it was very good experience.

## **6. National Lok Adalat at Karkardooma Court Complex (08/07/2017)**

Para Legal Volunteer got an opportunity to witness Lok Adalat held on July 8,2017 at Karkardooma Court. Cases which came for hearing and settlement were Civil Cases and Compoundable Offences as defined under Indian Penal Code. Cases ranged from challan cases, pending electricity bill cases, stolen property cases, plea bargaining, family law cases etc. PLVs witnessed the proceedings in various court rooms. During this Lok Adalat, PLVs learnt how this extra judicial system of dispute settlement works effectively for the speedy disposal of cases, how it efficiently reduces the burden of ordinary courts and cases doesn't remain pending in courts for years and years. It serves the purpose of fast delivery of Justice to all.

Last but not the least, there was an interactive session with hon'ble District and Sessions Judges of Karkardooma Court. These eminent personalities gave PLVs the tips and tricks for a successful legal career and told the role of a PLV which they can play for betterment of society. Overall it was a life learning experience.



## **7. Literacy Class on Environment-Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Maintenance at Saket Court Complex (17/07/2017)**

A Legal Literacy class on Environment-Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Maintenance was organized by South DLSA to empower panel advocates and PLVs regarding the various Laws and Policies related to Environment Protection and various latest Judgments of NGT in this regards. Various discuss were initiated in this Class like procedure to approach the appropriate authority, accountability, Jurisdiction etc. Overall it was learning and brainstorming session for all.

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## **9. National Seminar on Role of Law Schools' Legal Aid Clinics In Facilitating Access To Justice Organized by NALSA (31/07/2017)**



The seminar was divided into 3 working sessions which have the main focus on Promoting Access to justice through Legal Aid Clinics in Law Schools, Law Schools Shared the best practices and chalanges.

PLVs of CLC also discussed about the practices which we are following and also give suggestions to other colleges and appreciated the DSLSA and DU administration in helping Legal Aid Society in organising various Legal Awareness Drives and other Initiatives.

## **10. Legal Aid Society Orientation (11/08/2017)**



Legal Aid Society, Campus Law Centre organized an orientation programme which mainly focused on 1<sup>st</sup> Year students to give them a vivid knowledge on working of the society and its literary activities held in 2016-17. The major objective was to make the students aware of the activities of the society, its working and constitution. The programme was attended by more than 200 students of the Campus



Law Centre. The brief introduction was provided by Teacher Convener Dr. Anju Sinha to enlighten the students about the aspects and working of the Legal Aid Society. The introduction was followed by PPT by Mr. Raman Kaushik, Student of 3<sup>rd</sup> Year, which comprised of objective of Legal Aid Society, its composition, working of Legal Aid Society in addociation with DSLSA and all literary activities conducted by the Society in 2016-17 which includes Legal Awareness Drives, Seminars, Field Visits to observation homes, Tihar jail Visit, JJB Visit, Workshop on PCPNDT etc and other initiatives of Legal Aid Society and DSLSA in 2017-18. Vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Ramratan V. Dhumal, Convener's Nominee, Legal Aid Society. After the Orientation Programme the registration for the Legal Aid Society was open and more than 1000 students registered themselves as members.

## 11. Community Outreach Programme at Majnu Ka Tila (06/09/2017)





It was a very inciting legal awareness drive. All the volunteers of legal aid society were divided in groups of 3 or 4, each group led by one Para Legal Volunteer. We went through the narrow lanes of this colony and talked to people (mostly women, especially abled, adolescents and people of old age) about **DSL**SA and the purpose of our visit. The problems that people shared and the data collected closely indicate that dowry demand, property and matrimonial disputes, irregular pension, sanitation and property disputes are among the issues most faced by these people. Others include: not being able to get Aadhar cards

issued and not getting loans from banks even under the schemes provided by the government. We also found some cases of criminals dwelling in this colony.

We suggested various legal remedies to them under the guidance of an Advocate appointed by Central DSLA and mostly encouraged the, to visit the nearest Legal Services Clinic, where they will be given free legal advice. PLVs distributed the NALSA brochure among those people. Also, we enlightened



them about the Legal Services Clinic at CLC, which is open for all each Saturday from 10:00 am to 01:00 pm.

While, on one hand, this drive was very stimulating for all the volunteers, it was saddening as well to perceive the huge gap between the common masses and 'legal aid'. The awareness drive came across as a fresh insight into relevant legal issues and problems that these underprivileged people face on a daily basis. All in all, it was an igniting experience for loads. More such drives are needed to be conducted at different places from time to time so that public can share their legal grievances and get qualified remedies to them.



## 12. Community Outreach Programme at Bengali Market (06/09/2017)



The Legal Aid Society, CLC with DLSA organised a legal awareness drive to make the common people aware about their legal rights and various schemes. On 6th September Campus law centre organised a legal awareness drive in Bengali colony ,Burari. We were a team of 8 PLVs

and 16 Non PLVs. First we assembled at the legal aid clinic of CLC and from there we reached Burari police station and then to the locality.

PLVs were well briefed about their responsibilities for this drive. PLVs were given brochures to be distributed and a Performa to be filled with the requisite details of the people who needed legal aid. Our team went door to door hearing people's issues, making them aware about the purpose of legal drives and the benefits they can get from this



We recorded the problem faced by them and also suggested the remedy which they can avail and where to approach in case their problem is not resolved. The main problems which we came across, such as:



- Property disputes
- Accident cases
- Widow pension
- Aadhar Update
- Sanitation

It was a great exposure as a PLV to witness ground realities and in making the difference by helping people who are in need but aren't aware of the various schemes provided by DSLSA.

### **13. Community Outreach Programme at Andha Mughal (13.09.2017)**



The Legal Awareness Drive was organised at the Andha Mughal area to generate awareness about the legal aid clinic set up by the Delhi Legal State Authority at Campus Law Centre and also, to bring to the knowledge of the residents in the concerned area their legal rights under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

The PLVs were divided in groups with two Non-PLVs under their aegis so that they could work together in a team.

The PLVs and other members of the Legal Aid Society, CLC conducted a door to door awareness campaign in the area. Their main objective was to listen to the legal complaints of the residents (if any), distribute the brochures provided by the DLSA and further, inform the people residing in Andha Mughal that they can avail the services and consult the lawyer, Mr. Deepak who visits the Legal Aid Clinic, CLC on every Saturday and to also refer them to Room No. 294 in the Tis Hazari Court Complex.





The PLVs and other volunteers found the exercise very fruitful and satisfying. They came across people from all age groups having legal concerns and generally no idea as to how to resolve their issues. Some of the issues were related to property matters, matrimonial dispute, domestic violence, trickery, pension problems etc.

Some of the cases observed by the volunteers are as under:

1. One of the volunteers met a lady, who was also an NGO worker. She complained that a few other ladies and she had not been receiving their pensions for the last 3-4 months.
2. Another lady complained that a person impersonating to be a government employee had tricked her for Rs. 4000, promising to get a certificate of disability for her son, who is deaf and dumb. However, no such certificate had been obtained and the trickster could not be located.
3. Another person was interested in discussing a pending



litigation at the Tis Hazari Courts.

4. One of the cases involved three brothers who have been tangled in a property matter since the death of the fourth brother five years' ago.



Observations made by the PLVs and other volunteers:

1. People were initially reserved about sharing their problems but they opened up after someone took an initiative to actually listen to them;



2. People showed great interest in knowing about legal aid and listened to what was being told to them very carefully and asked questions whenever they felt so. Some people even approached the PLVs to know what they were talking about;
3. The drives cannot be stand-alone and follow-ups are absolutely important since these people need to be shown that the authorities are concerned and this is not a one-time PR show;
4. A greater focus on drug awareness and women issues may be welcome in this area.

The drive has, thus, provided a great stimulus to the efforts of the PLVs in creating awareness and helping them fulfil the purpose with which they had enrolled.

## 14. Community Outreach Programme at Pir Bagichi (13/09/2017)



A community outreach programme was organised by Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi on 13/09/2017 under the supervision of CDLSA. Shortlisted PLVs and Non PLVs along with one panel advocate deputed by CDLSA and one teacher member from the CLC reached there around 2:30 PM.

The program began with interacting with the locals. The PLVs and other volunteers made efforts to create awareness regarding the legal rights available to them



under the Legal Authorities Act, 1987 through door to door campaigning and distributing the brochures, provided by the DLSA.

The purpose of the outreach was not just to let them know what their rights were but also the various ways they could access the legal system for nominal value. They were made aware of the Legal Aid Clinic at Campus Law Centre where the services of a lawyer from the DLSA for consultation purposes is provided on every

Saturday between 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and Room no. 294 in the Tis Hazari Courts Complex.

The PLVs recorded problems faced by the local residents and also tried to provide them the possible remedy. The common problems included property disputes, non-issuance of caste and disability certificates, notices from the MCD and also, addiction to alcohol.

It was a fulfilling experience for the PLVs and other volunteers. They were encouraged by the program and look forward to participating in other such awareness drives, so that the outreach can move further and people at the grassroots level have access to the rights as envisioned by the State Legal Services Authorities.

## **15. Community Outreach Programme at Shakti Nagar Railway Bridge (19/09/2017)**



The Purpose of Legal Awareness Drive was to bring awareness about the Free Legal Aid Services. A team of one PLV leading and other accompanying Legal Aid Society volunteers visited the people living near the railway track at Shakti Nagar and enquire about their conditions, and whether any legal help was required. Instead of just giving knowledge about free legal aid services, interview and discussion methods were adopted to learn about the people, to get honest non-evasive answers, which were conducted in the group.

### **Cases observed:**



- **Salary not Given**

One case involved about salary not being paid by the employer for the past one month and the aggrieved person had no idea of any legal remedy to further take any action. After having discussion with the Advocate present, he was referred to Room No. 287, Tis Hazari Court to avail free legal services.





- Minimum Balance at Bank Accounts

Few people also complained about new requirement of minimum balance to be maintained in their Jan Dhan Accounts which was supposed to be a no-frill zero balance account. As a group, they were asked to file an RTI with the PIO of the concerned bank to get information regarding requirement of minimum balance to be maintained at Jan Dhan Accounts.

- Ration Issues

Majority of the problem revolved around proper ration not coming to the ration holders. Their issues concerned – Sugar not coming for the many months, quality of grain not good, etc. They were referred to Legal Aid Clinic, Campus Law Centre.

- Certificate, Identity Cards

Many people complained about the issues in making their various identity cards, which were – Aadhaar, Birth Certificate, Ration Card, etc. Here, all the concerned persons were referred to Legal Aid Clinic, Campus Law Centre from 10 AM to 1 PM on Saturdays.



- Sanitation Issues

Lack of access to proper washroom facilities forces inhabitants to mostly use the nearby railway track for defecation from 10 PM to 5 AM at ungodly night hours.

### Suggestions by PLVs:

Ration Card issues: A “Camp” can be organized to bring awareness about the Ration Cards, Quality of grain, and how to approach the authorities to get the problem resolved. And a representation can be made to concerned authorities to bring it to their knowledge this issue.

We have received an overwhelming response not just from the local inhabitants, which can be ascertained from the increased number visiting the Legal Aid Clinic but also from the PLVs, who now think that their enrollment as a PLV serves a purpose.

## 16. Community Outreach Programme at Nandlal Jhuggi, Gopalpuri (19/09/2017)



Teams of PLVs and accompanying Legal Aid Society volunteers visited the Gopalpur and Nandpur Jhuggis for a Legal Awareness. The purpose of the drive was two-fold: firstly, to make the local inhabitants aware of the various legal rights they possess, and the ways they have access to justice; secondly, to find out the various legal issues being tackled in this area by the locals.



The concerned volunteers adopted the door to door method of interviewing the locals on an individual as well listening to their concerns in groups.

Most cases identified in this area were related to domestic violence, pension, neighbourhood issues, family disputes, drug addiction. The residents also complained about lack of basic amenities like water, electricity, toilets

and access to education. The school drop-out rate seemed to be high in the area because of financial difficulties.



The volunteers advised the locals to visit the Legal Aid Clinic at Campus Law Centre, where the Advocate from DLSA can help them every Saturday from 10 AM to 1 PM. They were also referred to Room No. 287 in the Tis Hazari Court Complex.

After the drive, the PLVs and accompanying volunteers feel a deep sense of responsibility towards their positions and a greater enthusiasm towards their purpose as such volunteers.



## 17. Community Outreach Programme at Indira Basti, Timarpur (26/09/2018)



On 26th September Campus law centre organised a legal awareness drive in Indira Basti, Timarpur. First PLVs were briefed about the way in seminar hall and from there PLVs reached Timarpur police station and then to the locality.

PLVs were accompanied by a lawyer and a constable of Delhi police. At reaching the destination our task was cut out. To be divided into group of 3 consisting of 1 PLV and two Non PLVs and guidelines were provided to us about the way in which we should deal with the people there. A booklet covering important details regarding free

legal services and other useful information was provided to us and a form which had to be filled containing particulars like name of the person contacted, age, address, legal issues and advice given had to be filled. PLVs contacted a number of peoples, many of them volunteered in discussing their problems and took a great interest in this initiative.



PLVs heard patiently there problems and we made them aware about the scheme of legal aid for the poor and needy strata of the society. PLVs distributed the booklet to these people's and asked them to contact at the place referred in case of need and assured them that there issue will be dealt with seriousness and legal help ,free of cost will be provided to them. Also we told them about the legal aid clinic in our college where they can come if need be. In these area's there were a lot of cases of matrimonial and family disputes, labour disputes and non payment of wages, issues related to government schemes and specifically pension, non



registration of complaint and harassment. It is our opinion that these people's whose details have been collected they should be contacted and there issues should be addressed.

All in all it was a good experience of learning and working in these area's where people truly crave for attention of their issues and for help regarding that.

## 18. Community Outreach Programme at Sanjay Basti, Timarpur (29/09/2017)

A Legal Aid Drive was organised in Sanjay Basti slums of Timarpur. PLVs assigned the Sanjay Basti area where PLVs went around the slum assisting the residents with whatever legal issues they were facing. The problems varied from non allocation of pension funds to getting electricity meters installed, but PLVs believe the most overbearing problem faced by the residents was related to Identification. Most of the people PLVs came across did not have their Aadhar Card or Caste Certificate or Voter ID's. A camp must be organised in these areas because PLVs believe a large chunk of this population is residing without any identification.



PLVs also came across a family dispute where the father had disowned his son due to a breakdown in personal relations. He wanted to know his legal options if he wanted to accept his son back into his family. PLVs referred this issue to the Advocate accompanying us.

Another interesting issue PLVs came across was a little further into the slum, where over the years a number of jhuggis have come up in land belonging to the Telephone Exchange. There is now talk of sealing of the jhuggis which has irked the residents because they have been living there for 40-50 years. PLVs advised them to come to the Legal Aid Clinic on Saturday.







## 19. Tihar Jail Visit (24/10/2017)

Earlier the attitude towards prisoners was inhumane and barbaric. Today, prison jurisprudence recognizes that prisoners should not lose all their rights because of imprisonment. The courts have been assigning competent counsels for a prisoner's defense, when a party is unable to engage a lawyer. There is a functioning Legal Aid Cell, deployed by Delhi State Legal Services Authority and Delhi High Court Legal Services Committee at Tihar Jail. Our visit coincided with the visit of an advocate of DSLSA to hear the grievances of the prisoners inside. Legal Aid Cells exist in every Jail. With the increase in prison population, the demand for legal aid and advice has increased considerably. Majority of prisoners belong to economically poor class and are not in a position to avail the services of expensive lawyers.

There is a Legal aid clinic set up by DSLSA in all the jails, where the educated and law professional cater to the legal aid requirements of their fellow prisoners in drafting petitions, revision and appeal application



Tihar jail for the process of reformation engages its inmates in various activities which include participation in games and sports within the prison. We witnessed a cricket match among the inmates and police personnel of jail number five. Additionally, study centers of NIOS and IGNOU are established here, the expenditure on fees being borne by the government. This particular jail also has a school established, “The Better Life School” under the initiative “PadhoPadhao.” Finally, creative art therapy is used to help the inmates express, channelize and ventilate their pent up emotions. Inmates are provided diet as approved by the Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi. Poor inmates are provided with free clothing as per the seasonal requirement. Cooking of food in Kitchens of Tihar Prisons is through Piped Natural Gas (PNG) fuel instead of LPG cylinders. Kitchens are equipped with many Grinding Machines for preparation of food in hygienic manner. Exhaust fans are provided for proper ventilation.

Prisoners are engaged in various works divided in the category of unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled workers and wages are paid accordingly. The inmates here were majorly engaged in manufacture of soaps, incense sticks and cones. They are also allowed to make phone calls at their own expense. They have specific timings for lodging allowing them to roam in open spaces within the jail. The jail authorities had made the mental health of the inmates a priority as well. There was regular counseling for the prisoners, the authorities conducted personality development workshops, there

was availability of recreational facilities like a library and adequate employment and educational opportunities.

Our visit was marked with direct communication with prisoners in the garden area. Analyzing the criminal jurisprudence adopted by India we realized that the law still serves and protects the needs of the haves and ignores the have-nots. In our visit, in particular, jail number five contained 917 out of 937 inmates as under trials. Only, twenty were convicts. These figures are even more distressing if one studies the number of prisoners incarcerated for long periods of time. They have been languishing in jails when the law presumes them to be innocent.

Some challenges that are faced by not just under trials but also convicts in the jail include:

- Prison violence
- Drug abuse
- Social stigmatization against family members

Some major recommendations to be given are:

- Under trials should be lodged in a separate institution altogether away from convicts.
- Alternatives to imprisonment for under trials should be tried out and incorporated.
- An immediate increase in the number of judges and magistrates in reasonable proportion to the general population.

## **20. Juvenile Justice Board Visit (31/10/2017)**

The Society organized a visit to the Juvenile Justice Board(s) (JJB-1, JJB-2, JJB-3) for the PLVS, in association with DSLSA. There were 43 children in total.

PLVs were shown around the Juvenile Justice Board where authorities inform them about the nuances of the Juvenile justice board and how efforts were taken to keep the environment as child friendly as possible. The police officers, lawyers and investigating officers were not in their uniforms but informal clothes to make the child feel comfortable and not leave a lasting damage on the conscience of the child. PLVs were further asked not to take any personal details from the child, including their names. We were informed that no records whatsoever, were maintained of these children. This was done to help them get better assimilated in the society, once they were released. This made sure that they never faced any kind of hardships and roadblocks in future endeavors.

Efforts were taken to help children study as there were regular teachers. Activities such as needle work, painting, embroidery work were held to help children learn new skills and provide them with a threshold to support themselves financially once they were out of the correction home. TV's, computer rooms as well as movies on screens and projectors were provided regularly as entertainment and help break the monotony. Children were provided with counsellors and motivation to encourage them to reform themselves and exploit various opportunities that came their way and let bygones be bygones.

Overall, there was a lot of cleanliness. Dormitories were clean and mess looked hygienic. 10-12 children had been hosted in each dormitory. The authorities were very child friendly, right from the caretakers to the various officers who prepared the social investigation report, which included all the



personal details of the child. These details included their entire background, which the adjudicator kept under consideration. These officers rightly called themselves, “Friends of the Child”.

Children were kept there for a duration of 1-4 months and parents were allowed weekly visits. A hygienist and sports teacher were also employed to ensure a holistic development of the child offender.

## **21. Aanganwadi Project – Dehleej by DSLSA**

The Anganwadi Project in collaboration with DSLSA which took place in the month of November in and around Wazirabad area went on for a total of 10 days. (11th-24th, Mon-Fri) During the project, PLVs did a 3 hour per day door-to-door awareness drive, with the help of respective Anganwadi workers. All the PLVs were sent in batches, each batch having 2 PLVs and 1 Anganwadi worker who were very well acquainted with the area allotted to them. Proformas were filled by PLVs of each household, in which they preferably talked to the women in the house, also inquiring if they are facing any sort of trouble and informing about the free legal aid they are eligible to get. They were also conveyed about the free legal aid that will be especially provided to them from DSLSA, in which certain lawyers will be available in particular Anganwadis of their district for some days.

Overall, it was a different and fulfilling experience, to work in an altogether different area and getting to talk to so many different people, and contributing our bit in the noble cause of addressing their grievances.

## **22. Marathon on Children’s Day**



10 PLVs had attended the Marathon organized by DSLSA on the occasion of Children’s Day held at Chanakyapuri. PLVs were assigned various duties, like making people aware about the Free Legal Services by DSLSA, Help Desks, Management of Event etc. overall it was an excellent experience for people by interacting people of all the age groups at one place and observe the situations.

## **23. Mega Services Camp, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Shahdara (03/02/2018)**

A Legal Awareness Mela was held on 3 February, 2018 at Kendriya Vidyalaya, Vigyan Vihar, Delhi-110092 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM in collaboration with Shahdara and North-East District Legal Services Authority and Office of District Magistrate, Shahdara and North East, Delhi.

An orientation program for this event was held on 1 February in which all the PLVs and other agency volunteers were briefed about their roles for the day of the event by post holders of DSLSA. Multiple camps of various government schemes like Aadhar, legal aid services, senior citizen pension schemes etc. were set up for this event. A lot of people from the nearby areas as well as different places from the city visited and utilized this opportunity to get their problems and needs taken care of.



PLVs were in the overall management of the Event and it was a lot of good work done in a single day by DSLSA. All the camps of different services were present at a single place for the citizens of Delhi to utilize. There was also provision for food for the people who visited the event. Five to Six thousand people including a lot of senior citizens visited the place for their benefits. All the people were happy and smiling when they left the premises of the event. It was the most successful event PLVs were a part of by DSLSA.

## **24. Community Outreach Programme at Majnu Ka Tila, Civil Lines (16/02/2018)**

The Legal Aid Society of Campus Law Centre with DLSA organised a legal awareness drive to make the common people aware about their legal rights and various schemes of DLSA. This drive was held with a special emphasis on EWS admissions in Schools since the last date of registration for the new academic year was approaching. A team of PLVs along with Non-PLVs, a Police officer and Advocate in-charge were present on field. A team of 3 members comprising of one PLV and 2 Non-PLVs were further divided on site to maximise the outreach.

We were well briefed about our responsibilities before the drive. We were given brochures to be distributed and a Performa to be filled with the requisite details of the people who needed legal aid.



Our team went door to door informing people about the EWS Scheme and the benefits they can avail from this.

It was a great exposure as a PLV to witness ground realities and in making a difference by helping the people in need.

## **25. Community Outreach Programme at Daya Basti, Sarai Rohilla (16/02/2018)**



The Legal Aid Team comprising of 10 Para-Legal Volunteers (PLVs) and 20 non-PLVs visited Sarai Rohilla Police Station at 2 pm. Because of some ongoing sealing drive in Sarai Rohilla area, there was shortage of police staff in the police station. Because of this reason, we had to wait for almost an hour (till the time two police constables were deployed for coming with us during our visit to Daya Basti). At around 3:00 pm,

we reached Daya Basti area and started our Legal Awareness drive.

During above mentioned visit, many people came forward to seek legal help from us. Their problems, mainly, were related with Poor Sanitation in their area, Incidents of theft in the area, Unavailability of AADHAR Enrolment Centers, Skill Development Centers for unemployed youths and lack of Voter Registration camps in nearby areas.

The assistance seekers were made aware of the schemes and programmes of NALSA and DSLSA.

They were also invited to visit Legal Aid Clinic at Campus Law Center on any Saturday between 10 am to 1 pm, if they need legal help or advice in any matter.

Overall, the visit was an enriching experience and it brought the legal services closer to the people who needed it.

## **26. Mega Services Camp, St. Xaviers Shahbad, Daulatpur, Rohini (24/02/2018)**





The Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLSA) organised a mega legal services camp on 24th February, 2018. The camp was organised from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. Xavier's School, Rohini. Various kiosks of government departments were set up for the convenience of the general public. These included kiosks for Aadhaar cards, senior citizen legal assistance, labour laws assistance, Tihar Jail Haat, Delhi Police Assistance, Delhi health schemes, Banking assistance, traffic assistance, among others. Handmade products like paintings, woodwork, and even food items by Tihar Jail inmates were displayed for sale in the stalls. School children and Tihar jail personnel organised cultural performances for camp attendees. Almost 5,000 people attended the camp and availed benefits of several legal aid services.

## 27. Legal Awareness Drive, Reghar Pura, Bedan Pura, Bapa Nagar, Majnu Ka Tila, (06/03/2018)



On 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 a team of 20 PLVs marched to the slum area around **RegharPura, BedanPura, Bapa Nagar, MajnuKaTila**, to spread awareness about a camp to be organized by DSLSA on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 at St. Michael School, New Delhi.



Accompanied by police constables of respective PS, the volunteers interacted with the people from all age groups. As heart rendering as it was, the volunteers observed how only a

few people between 25-30 years of age were interested in the camp, while the rest of the crowd seemed interested only in the free food facility to be provided. Another revelation was that a number of people enquired if the camp would help in admitting their children in schools and were

disappointed to learn the answer in negative. While most of them already had Aadhar cards, they were interested in knowing if the free legal aid to be provided at the camp would help them in solving the property disputes they've been battling for generations. The PLVs successfully managed to interact with all the people possible in the concerned area and resigned with the hope to see most of them at the camp to be organized on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.

## **28. Mega Services Camp, St. Michal's School, Karol Bagh (10/03/2018)**

On 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 the Central and West DLSA in association with the Para Legal Volunteers organized a mega legal services camp where stalls were set up to help the citizens with updation of PAN card, Caste Certificate, Old Age Pension Forms, Widow Pension Forms and Aadhar Card details. There was also a Legal Advisor, who had set up to help the visitors with their legal issues

There were various stalls set up and the 20 nominated PLVs in coordination with the DLSA volunteers did an exemplary job of directing the crowd towards the right direction. The main attraction of the camp was the free food facility, which lured a lot of locals to visit. Further, the foot fall recorded must have been around 450-500, which made the camp a success. However, the incoming people were lost as to the services they wanted and could do with better clarifications.

## **29. Aadhar Camp Community Outreach Programme, Burari (19/03/2018)**



The Legal Aid Society of Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi in association with Central DLSA organized a Legal Awareness Camp on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 in Burari, New Delhi. An Aadhaar Card camp was set up at the Burari Police Station which functioned from 11.30am to 4:30pm. Fifteen PLVs and fifteen non-PLVs from Campus Law Centre participated in the aforesaid camp. The camp provided facilities for the enrollment of Aadhaar cards and updating the information of previously



enrolled Aadhaar card holders. The students went from door to door in Sant Nagar area of Burari spreading information regarding the aforesaid Aadhaar camp as well as creating awareness about the legal aid services available for the various sections of the society provided by DSLSA. The information regarding the Legal Aid Clinic of Campus Law Centre was also brought to their knowledge. A total number of 80 people attended the Aadhaar Card camp out of which 8 were for the enrollment of new Aadhaar cards and 36 for the updating of information in the Aadhaar cards.

### 30. Aadhaar Camp and Community Outreach Programme, Timarpur (23/03/2018)



A informed citizen is an essential piece in the smooth functioning of the state machinery. This is only possible if the citizens are aware of the services and benefits provided by the state. With this objective in mind , the Legal Aid Society , Campus Law Centre in association with the Central Legal Services Authority organised an Aadhar Camp on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 at Timarpur , North Delhi . During the course of the day , our volunteers

aided in updating particulars for 51 Aadhar cases , while assisting in 31 new enrolments . Keeping with the objective of the Legal Aid Society , our volunteers spread out to understand the legal issues and social milieus which plague the area .In the course of our interactions , the people informed us of the rampant drug abuse problem . The volunteers created a database of the problems so as to better cater to the people in the area. Our volunteers also directed them to seek help from the District Legal Services Authority offices at Tis Hazari and Campus Law Centre.



### **31. Aadhaar and Medical Camp, Karol Bagh (27/03/2018)**

PLVs had the privilege to attend the Medical Camp and Aadhaar Card camp organised by DSLSA of which we are members as Paralegal Volunteers. On 27th March we went to the Arya Mahila Aashram in Karol Bagh and informed them about the camp that is to take place on 31st. Around 200 people were informed by us during the medical camp. Since Aadhaar has become an integral part of our lives especially for the marginalized sector (Because of the DBT) it was necessary for them to enroll or update their Aadhaar cards. Plus there was a medical camp to be set up on 31st where the people were provided free health check up which was clearly very beneficial for them. We made them aware about the medical camp and services to be provided there. As PLVs, PLVs also acquainted the people present with the innumerable legal services provided by the DSLSA to which these people can be valid beneficiaries. It was an enlightening experience as we were sensitized with the problems and atrocities that they face in life. I hope I added some value to the society that day.

## 32. Community Outreach Programme, Gulabi Bagh (27/03/2018)



On

27th March 2018, a group of students, both PLV and non-PLV, representing the legal aid society of the Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi, conducted a legal awareness drive. The awareness drive covered the areas of Andha Mughal and Peer Bagchi Basti. It was conducted under the overall supervision of the Gulabi Bagh police station. The students conducting the drive interacted with the dwellers in the Bastis spreading awareness about the health camp which was scheduled to be held on 31st March 2018 within the campus of Campus Law Centre under the aegis of Delhi State Legal Services Authority. The students enlightened the inhabitants about the various services being offered in the health camp besides making them aware about the legal aid services being provided free of cost in the college premises on the said date. The dwellers were provided with the pamphlets wherein full details of the health camp were enlisted in Hindi language. The students answered various queries regarding the requirements to be fulfilled in case of making a new Aadhar card which was one of the services which was offered in the camp. The students left the said area after ensuring that all the queries of



the inhabitants were answered besides covering the entire area.





### **33. Community Outreach Programme, Shakti Nagar and Majnu Ka Tila (28/03/2018)**

Legal Aid Society organizes Community Outreach Programme in Shakti Nagar , Railway Bridge , Roop Nagar and Majnu Ka Tila, Civil Lines on 28th March 2018 . PLV's Inform People About Benefits of legal services and medical camp which is going to be held at CLC on 31<sup>st</sup> March by which They Can get From DSLSA :





FACILITES PROVIDED BY DSLSA - legal services provides effective legal representation , conducting legal literacy and awareness programmes to bridge the gap between the legally available benefits and the entitled beneficiaries .



Also, An legal Aid society, Campus law centre in association with central and west DLSA is organising one day camp . I.e - Aadhaar Card Camp ( making of new as well as updated ) , medical check up , Legal Services Camp At College campus On Saturday 31st March 2018.

The Medical Aid Camp Is Organised to provide check up to people like - Ayurveda , Acupressure, Homoeopathic , Dental , eye , Blood pressure , Sugar , BMD etc. The Camp Is starting From 10 A.m To 4 P.m On Saturday .



### **34. Aadhar Camp, P.S. Khayala (31/03/2018)**

The DLSA has organised an Aadhaar Card Camp on 31 March 2018 at Police Station Khyala, Delhi from 11:00A.M to 4:30P.M. The people of nearby locality have been informed by the PLVs about the Camp details and the services provided by the Camp. During the camp people from nearby localities came

in large numbers for the updation of biometrics in their Aadhaar card, rectification of any personal details and issuing of new Aadhaar Card. DSLA also provided a legal counsel Mr.Sanni Garg for helping people in the camp and two PLVs from Campus Law Centre for support and necessary

arrangements. Through this camp people got opportunity at their doorstep for getting their Aadhaar Cards rectified and issuance of new Aadhaar Card.

### 35. Aadhaar, Legal Services and Free Health Camp at Campus Law Centre (31/03/2018)



Where backwardness and indigence have struck the hardest blows to the legal process on the lowly and lost, humanism is the strength and source of legality as rightly said by Justice Krishna Iyer. Students of Legal Aid Society at Campus Law Centre, yet again, have upheld his words by successfully organizing a free



Aadhar and Health camp in their college premises on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 2018.

The camp began at 10:00 am in the morning and continued till 4:00 pm in the evening. For the purpose of awareness regarding the same, the



students of Legal Aid Society had organized various legal aid drives at Majnu ka Tilla, Civil Lines and Shakti Nagar Railway Bridge in the past week.

The Aadhar camp was organized in association with Delhi State Legal Services Authority. It witnessed a footfall of more than hundred applicants of which seventy-nine were successfully able to enroll themselves either for a new Aadhar card or get their old Aadhar card updated. Among these, there were twenty applicants who had enrolled for a new Aadhar card.

The health camp was organized in association with BLK Hospital Delhi. There was provision for a variety of tests such as blood pressure, sugar, bone density, eyes and thyroid. Additionally, senior doctors were also available, which included a general physician and a gynecologist to address to the findings of each test. Another stall was put up to educate the audience on the benefits of Ayurveda and Homeopathy. The footfall at the health camp was over hundred and fifty. Among those who got themselves tested, a large number included the indigent who had come for the purpose of Aadhar. Additionally, the college students and faculties also took this opportunity to engage in a routine check-up.



Finally, legal advocates appointed by District Legal Services Authority proved to be useful for those who had to seek assistance and advice on their on-going legal matters.

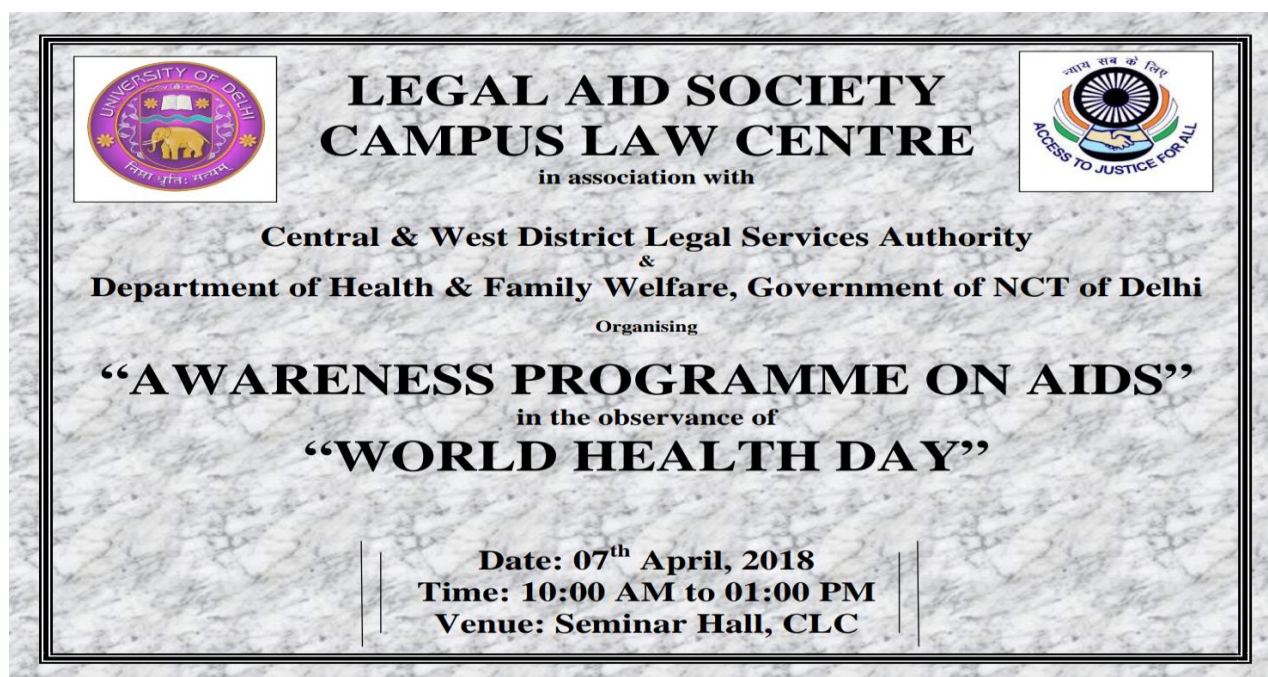
Overall, people went back home satisfied with whatever little contribution was being made by Legal Aid Society, Campus Law Centre in making their life easy.







### 36. Awareness Programme on AIDS at Campus Law Centre (07/04/2018)



Legal Aid Society in association with Central and West DLSA has organized a Awareness Programme on AIDS in the observance of World Health Day i.e. 07<sup>th</sup> April, 2018. The programme started with an seminar on AIDS, Key speakers of this seminar were Dr. Sachin Kataria, Medical Officer ART Centre, Lok Nayak Hospital and Ms. Hema Bisht, Distt. Programme Manager, Delhi State AIDS Control Society.

HIV stands for *human immunodeficiency virus*. It is the virus that can lead to *acquired immunodeficiency syndrome*, or AIDS, if not treated. So, HIV is the virus and AIDS is the syndrome. HIV attacks the body's immune system, specifically the CD4 cells (T cells), which help the immune system fight off . Over time, HIV can destroy so many of these cells that the body can't fight off infections and disease. These opportunistic infections take advantage of a very weak immune system and signal that the person has AIDS, the last stage of HIV infection. AIDS is the most severe phase of HIV infection. People with AIDS have such badly damaged immune systems that they get an increasing number of severe illnesses. HIV virus takes 90 days to grow in the human body and can survive only in human body.





HIV spreads through contact with certain body fluids from a person with HIV. These body fluids include:

- Blood
- Semen
- Pre-seminal fluid
- Vaginal fluids
- Rectal fluids
- Breast milk

**SYMPTOMS:** people who contract HIV experience flu – like symptoms within two to four weeks. This flu-like illness is known as acute HIV infection. Some common symptoms are :-body rash, fever, soar throat, itching, ulcers on genitals, severe headache, fatigue, excessive sweating. Symptoms typically last one to two weeks



Anyone who has these symptoms and thinks they may have contracted HIV should schedule an appointment with their healthcare provider to get tested.

#### PREVENTIVE MEASURES:

- use a condom during sexual intercourse ;
- avoid sharing syringes;
- use disposable gloves when at risk of direct contact with blood;
- for HIV positive women who are new mothers, consider feeding baby with formula instead of breastfeeding;
  - HIV testing of a pregnant woman and person having above-mentioned symptoms must be done. Result of HIV test is disclosed only to the patient.
  - 3 different methods are used for confirmed accuracy of the report.
  - HIV testing is free of cost in Government and in Private centre it is for around Rs.300 to 400

#### TREATMENT FOR HIV +ve PEOPLE:

- HIV can be controlled. Treatment for HIV is called antiretroviral therapy or ART. ART is the use of HIV medicines to treat HIV infection. People on ART take a combination of HIV medicines everyday for life-long.
- Along with Medication, patient's Counseling as well as family Counseling is done.



There was the facility of HIV Test where a large number of people took benefit of it and also attended the counseling session as well. The event is followed by a poster making competition in which Ms. Anjul Jain of 1<sup>st</sup> year got the prize for best and creative poster.





