

**PERFORMANCE OF LEGAL AID CLINIC, UILS,
PANJAB UNIVERSITY CHANDIGARH
(FOR THE YEAR 2017-2018)**

**REPORT OF ACTIVITIES BY LEGAL AID CLINIC, UILS
(JULY –NOVEMBER, 2017)**

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June 28, 2017 (Wednesday)

A Rally was organized by the State Legal Services Authority, UT, Chandigarh in Association with Narcotics Control Bureau, Chandigarh Zonal Unit on 'Drug Awareness Rally' to celebrate 'International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking'. The Rally was conducted from Rose Garden, Sector 16 to Plaza, Sector 17.

The Chief Guest of the event was DGP TajenderSingh Luthra. The Chief Guest waived the flag as a sign of putting stop to the Drug Abuse on the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

13 volunteers from the UILS Legal Aid Clinic went there to represent the Clinic. These Volunteers included Vidul Kapoor, Sarthak Sharma, Rivisha, Rahul Sangwan, Bhavi Kapoor, Rashi, Hemlata, Shivam Jindal and VarunGirdhar.



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July 19, 2017 (Wednesday)

A radio advertisement for advertising the re-opening of Legal Aid Clinic, UILS on Thursday, July 20, 2017 and for the promotion of the same was recorded by the Legal Aid Volunteers which will be broadcasted on 91.2 MHz Jyotirgamaya.

The advertisement featured following content:

Sunita: Aur Rita, Kaisi Ho?

Rita: Theek hu yaar.

Sunita: Are ye kyahuatumharemuhr?

Rita: Sunita, tujhekyabatau? Kalraat ye fir pee kargharaayeaur nashekihaalat me mujhebahutmaara.

Sunita: Rita, tum is sharaabikishikayat kyu nhidarjkarati?

Rita: Kya batau Sunita, shikayat to mainepheledarjkarayithi, par police walon ne kuch kia hi nahi.

Sunita: Tumhena Panjab University ke UILS VibhagkekaanooniSahayat Kendra janachahie. Vaha par Tuesday aur Thursday sham 3 se 4 kaanoonimaamlon par muft me salaah di jaatihai.

Rita: Acha.

Sunita: Meri beti Priya ne bhivahi se sahayta lit hi aur aajdekhvokhushikhushiapnizindgiguzaarrahihai.

Rita: Acha!! Dhanayavaad Sunita. Main vahazaroorjaungi.

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July 20, 2017 (Thursday)

The Legal Aid Clinic of UILS became operative today, on 20th July, 2017. Two of the Legal Aid Volunteers Jayanti Singla (5th Semester) and Adarsh Maurya (3rd Semester) to assist the State Legal Services Authority Lawyer, Advocate Gautam Bhardwaj. On the initial day, we had a case from a student who was facing problem in getting admission to a Panjab University affiliated college due to the problem regarding Gap Year. He was given proper guidance by Adv. Gautam Bhardwaj and was suggested to obtain the reason for not giving admission in writing from the concerned authorities to serve as an evidence in the Court and was suggested to file a Writ Petition in Punjab and Haryana High Court thereafter.



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July 21, 2017 (Friday)

Legal Aid Clinic UILS on July 21, 2017 organised an awareness lecture on the topics viz. POCSO Act and Womens' Rights at Government Girls Model Senior Secondary School, Sector 20B Chandigarh. Five Volunteers from the clinic, Adarsh Maurya, Dilpreet Kharbanda, Kiran Kumar, Kajal Arora and Komal Arora, delivered the interactive lecture and tried to make the lecture as pragmatic as possible for students. Students also participated enthusiastically and raised questions of relevance. Session ended successfully with vehement response from the students and teachers and with the beautiful quote

“ARISE AWAKE and KNOW YOUR STRENGTH”



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July 26, 2017 (Wednesday)

Acting upon its environmental objective, the Legal Aid Clinic of University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University organized a Plantation-cum-Cleanliness Drive on July 26, 2017 for the students of semester 9th of the department, who are regularly encouraged to participate in such society-oriented and environmental-centric activities, it being a part of their curriculum and otherwise.

The event was an aggregation of three inclusive activities, i.e. Plantation Drive, Environmental Rally and Cleanliness Drive and was presided over by Dr. Rattan Singh (Director, UILS), Dr. Rajinder Kaur (Professor, UILS) and the incharges of Legal Aid Clinic- Dr. Amita Verma, Dr. Karan Jawanda and Ms. Tanmeet.

Spanning from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., it was kick-started by inspirational words from Dr. Rattan; who enlightened the students about the need of environmental awareness and how it can buttress our overall growth, kindling a re-energized spirit amongst the students for the cause. Following which the students planted saplings on the premises of UILS, and went on a rally covering the entire University campus spreading awareness on the importance of cleanliness. The students concluded conducted Cleanliness Drive around the Students Centre (Stu-C) promoting use of dustbins and boycotting polythenes.

Such utilitarian and altruistic activities should be promoted more amongst the students as these initiatives only ensure that the students grow up to become responsible and prudent citizens of our society.



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July 30, 2017 (Sunday)

JAN JAGRUKTA MELA

The State Legal Services in association with U.T. Chandigarh and in collaboration with Narcotics Control Bureau and Red Ribbons Club organised JAN JAGRUKTA MELA under which the volunteers of Legal Aid Clinic, UILS, Panjab University and N.S.S. volunteers of Government Model Senior Secondary school, Sector 19, Chandigarh volunteered in taking initiatives for spreading awareness among the residents of Colony no. 4, Phase I, Chandigarh regarding their legal rights and the free legal aid facilities which can be availed by them. Mr. V.K. Kapoor (retired IAS officer and NALSA schemes chief coordinator) and Mr. Mahavir Singh (Member Secretary, SLSA) headed the event. The event was conducted at Government High school, Phase 1 and the volunteers aided in anchoring in the event and setting up various stalls in which they helped in providing free medical checkups, ration card and Aadhaar card facilities, drug de-addiction and social welfare schemes. Volunteers also performed a skit on social awareness and availability of Legal Aid Clinics in Chandigarh.



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August 5, 2017 (Saturday)

An awareness lecture on “JUVENILE DELINQUENCY” was delivered at Strawberry Field High School, Sector 26-D, Chandigarh. Three volunteers from the clinic delivered the lecture. Lecture was quite interactive, responses from the students and teachers made it a great success. Topic was such that students could relate and put forward their opinions and ideas to tackle with the challenge that the entire world is facing .Session ended successfully on a positive note:

**“IF EVERY SAINT HAS PAST, THEN EVERY CRIMINAL HAS A
FUTURE”**



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August 11, 2017 (Friday)

A photography competition was organized by Legal Aid Clinic to trace out the **social and legal issues** around wherein 11 students participated and top 3 photographs were given prizes. Students were told to provide the photograph along with the caption.



Not In My Dharma, Not In My Mazhab, Not Today.

Born of nine months of sleepless nights, endless hiccups and breathless mornings, a girl is not just meant to serve a man as her only Dharma/ Mazhab. The cacophony imbibed in the society letting her devoid of her independence has shattered a million dreams, An albatross is now without its' wings. Her literacy rate is somewhere debated to be between a 48% and a 65% amongst the experts. Her late night outgoings are of a greater concern for the nation than the upbringing of its' Gentlemen. History sings the efficiency of a book in a woman's hand over the sword in a man's'. Yet she is asked, "What would you do with all this Knowledge?"

This shot was captured at Panjab University Campus. Children are studying religiously near the sacred places of worship whose garb is taken and misused by the people who acknowledge themselves as the stronger sex, to question the upliftment, but less do they know, Education is her Dharma, Books are her Mazhab.

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“Don’t let any disability hold you back”

A disability is often referred to as physical impairment, sensory impairment, cognitive impairment, intellectual impairment, mental illness, and various types of chronic diseases. The lists were created to show that it is possible to overcome the disability barrier. Many people with disabilities have contributed to the society. These include actors, actresses, celebrities, singers, world leaders, and many other famous people. There are also millions of people worldwide who battle and overcome their disabilities.

Sadly, in India, we don’t really give such people with disabilities a chance or an environment to grow and discover their potential. Having any disability, in India, means to be seen as a burden on the family members and on the society resulting in their thinking least of themselves.

I believe, that society is disabled which cannot value the different/diverse abilities of its members. We need to create a disabled-friendly environment to explore all the skills and talents lying undiscovered in India’s 10-15 per cent population (approximately 10 million) who are regarded as disabled and are made to live a purposeless life.

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India and our city, Chandigarh should have disabled-friendly facilities in educational institutions, workplaces, public transport (trains, bus, etc), public toilets, banks, ATM counters etc so we can broaden the horizon of this section, for mainstreaming of this organised section, to enable them to think better of themselves and explore the undiscovered treasures that lie within them.



‘DAWN TO DUSK IN THE DIRT.’

A mother to four children, working from dawn to dusk, just so that she can manage the very basic needs for the survival of her family. Ignorant of the child rights, human rights and basic fundamental rights provided for children in the Constitution of India, the mother and her children are busy in their own chores. No doubt, India is on the verge of becoming the most populous country of the World, in the coming years. The children, who should be playing in the playgrounds of the schools, or in the court yards of their houses, are happy playing in the dirt and with the dirt. The poverty could force these children into activities like begging, or in criminal activities. If the base for the future of India is this, we can well imagine the “developed” building that we all are dreaming of.

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August 21, 2017 (Monday)

A Mediation Session was organized by State Legal Services Authority, UT, Chandigarh at ADR Building, Mediation Centre, District Court, Sector 43, Chandigarh. 10 students from Legal Aid Clinic, UILS attended the session. The session was presided over by Adv. Arun Dogra, Mediator. It was an interactive session discussing about the Meaning, Methods, Benefits and Scope of ADRs.



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August 31, 2017 (Thursday)

Mr. Rajeshwar Singh, Law Officer, State Legal Services Authority, Chandigarh, Adv. Gautam Bhardwaj, and Adv. Jatinder Kamboj conducted an interactive session with the legal aid volunteers in UILS. They explained the working of the SLSA and NALSA and answered various queries of the volunteers. Various lectures on the NALSA schemes were promised to be conducted by the SLSA for the legal aid volunteers.



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September 14, 2017(Thursday)

A group of Legal Aid Volunteers visited the Institute for the Blind in sector 26 Chandigarh in a mobile van of the State Legal Services Authority, Chandigarh. The visit commenced at 11 am with a short introductory note by the Secretary of the institution Mr. B.D. Sharma who disclosed the fact that the institute runs solely on donations, without any governmental aid. The volunteers were given a tour of the institute wherein they interacted with the students, teachers and also visited the girls' hostel. The students were left in awe when they saw how those blind children had made their lives beautiful and were enjoying it to the fullest.

The volunteers engaged the students in various activities in different classes and also created awareness among them about Child Abuse by delivering short lectures.



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September 24, 2017(Sunday)

Punjab Half Marathon 2017

As many as 2,000 people from different walks of life took part in the 2nd edition of 'Punjab half Marathon-2017' for a cause 'Say No to Drugs' on Sunday morning. This mega event was hosted by the State Legal Services Authority, U.T. Chandigarh, Narcotics Control Bureau along with national level trust Thrill Zone. The marathon was flagged off by Sh. Balbir Singh, District and Sessions Judge, Chandigarh. Honble Mr Justice Surya Kant inspired the participants by giving away prizes to the winners and stressed on the need for Drug Free Society.

The marathon had three categories covering the distance of 21 km 10 km and 5 km. The marathon commenced from Chandigarh club at 5.30 am which crossed Rock Garden, Sukhna Lake, Kishangarh, and IT Park and ended at the point from where it had started. Asian Marathon Champion (1992), Dr Sunita Godara was the Marathon Ambassador for the event.

30 volunteers from Legal Aid Clinic, UILS, Panjab University participated in the marathon. The volunteers were also part of organizing team. Yashika, Shivam, Rahul and helped in organizing the event and reached there at 3:30 A.M. while rest of the volunteers participated in the run. The volunteers ran 5 km marathon. The participants were deeply motivated by the run and recalled this experience as joyful. The participants resolved to say no to drugs. All the participants were given certificates and medals. Balbir Singh, the chief guest on the occasion gave away the prizes to the winners. The winners were given trophies, shoes, T-shirts and certificates.



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September 25, 2017(Monday)



“अनHEARD” - a story telling session was organized by Legal Aid Clinic, University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University at the student center in the varsity on 25th September 2017. Participants were given a chance to bring out various social and legal issues in the society in the form of stories. Abstracts were invited from student fraternity as a whole. Students from University Institute of Legal Studies, University Business School, Department of Physics, Department Of English, Department of Computer Science and Applications and Department of Laws, Panjab University enthusiastically participated in the event. The outreach of the event extended to Delhi University and Priya Sharma from the Department of Sociology, Delhi University shared her views on the upbringing of a female not just by the family but by the society as a whole.

The event “अनHEARD” threw light on topics like women empowerment, mob lynching, religious and caste divide, terrorism, prostitution and constructive role of media in developing a rationale democracy. The most elusive attribute of this event was that the youth of the society put forth their views on some of the most controversial and sensitive topics and the same were graciously accepted by the

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audience. The purpose of creating social and legal awareness by making the “अनHEARD” heard to the society at large was served with a great success.



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September 26, 2017(Tuesday)

'Nukkadnatak-Dhuan'

A group of 31 students decided to portray that addiction of drugs which may start due to any reason but leads one to one's own dooms day. The 'nukkadnatak-Dhuan' basically generated legal awareness about the effects of drugs including its repercussions, punishments and rehabilitation for the same. The group portrayed how drugs affect a family and student's lifestyle and future.

The first scene enumerated a situation of domestic violence where husband comes home drunk and beats his wife without any reason and Laddi (their son) protects his mother. The second scene started with Laddi giving good news about his 90% score in 12th examination and his admission in Panjab University to his parents. Thereafter his father affirmed him for getting a loan of Rs3 lacs for his studies on a promise that Laddi will study hard and get his mother medically treated.

Scene three opens with Laddi dancing out of elation on entering university and eight personified drugs haunting him. Scene four opens with Laddi's friends alluring him to drink alcohol and get stoned while he was studying. Gradually he and his friends enjoy while drinking alcohol and weed altogether. Scene five portrayed Laddi's fainting because of high dose of drugs and his parents visiting him after one of his friends called them. While his parents were trying to revive him, he wakes up and starts beating his parents while demanding money for drugs. Scene six portrayed a war between Laddi and all drugs and finally Laddi's win over drugs. The conclusion comprised of monologues by some students enlightening the aspects of rehabilitation and punishments.



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September 27, 2017(Wednesday)

A street play was organized by Nruture Nature Global and Legal Aid Clinic, University Institute of Legal Studies in collaboration with Rotaract Club Shivalik on September 27th in Sector-17, Chandigarh. The students who performed the play were 29 in number. The play was entitled 'Aaj Ki Durga' which highlighted the issues being faced by women even after 70 years of freedom. Through this act, they conveyed a message that girls are not helpless, they are just quiet.

Every time it is a girl who is asked to 'compromise' and expected to just take things without complaining. The play was divided into 6 different scenes and a conclusion in the end, demonstrating various problems like discrimination on the basis of sex or gender, parents permitting their sons to go for higher studies but denying daughters' their right to education and asking them to get married.



Other issues on which they focused were child marriage, female foeticide which are illegal but still being practiced in few areas. The matter of eve teasing was pointed which eventually leads to sexual harassment or rape.



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How a girl's outfit is deemed as the cause of the rape, while the rapist have been accepted as a part of the society. 'Ab bhai ladkiyo ko tohsambhalke hi rehnaptahai.'The play showed how females are always held responsible for everything even when they are the ones who are suffering from physical or mental harassment. The play was cusped with a poetry which meant that girls are not weak and can do anything.



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October 2, 2017 (Monday)

On the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi ji and third anniversary of Hon'ble Prime Minister's premier programme- the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the Legal Aid Clinic of University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University and Nurture Nature Global organized a Street Play on the Topic "**Kudrat ka Keherr**" at Sector 17 Plaza, Chandigarh.



The street play was the third play of the duos' 'Jann ki Baat' campaign which will be showcasing a number of plays on different social issues throughout October and November. The street play was performed by the Students of University Institute of Legal Studies. The street play showcased the environmental issues that are being caused by the Humans and eventually they are the sufferers of the same.

The play showcased that firstly humans waste their resources(water), and when the nature reverts back(drought), the sufferers are the humans themselves. It gave a message that it is us who cause such a problem and hence the humans are eventually the affected ones. We should use our resources well and save the environment. Mostly the people living in the urban area waste their resources but the farmers in the rural suffer due to deficiency of it.

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The play also showcased that we should not litter as soil is also one of our natural resources and reminded the audience about the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.



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October 16,2017(Monday)

The 5th year students of UILS, Panjab University in collaboration with Nature Nurture Global performed a street play titled “AkhirKyun” at Sukhna Lake in the evening. The theme of their play was domestic abuse which showcased domestic abuse suffered by different members of the family; be it wife, old parents or children. A total of 30 students participated in the play.

Domestic abuse is one of the many evils from which Indian society is still suffering and the victims of domestic abuse do not come forward to protect their family name and honour. Thus the play was an attempt to make the audience aware of their rights, to motivate them to take a step forward towards their freedom.



The play started with a young couple fighting on a trivial matter where only the wife is blamed and not the husband and she is left helpless and devastated by her spouse. Then there was a call for play to gather the audience. The play was majorly divided into 3 parts with each part focusing on a different victim.

In the first part, plight of a working woman was shown, who is working the same amount of time in the office as her husband, but is still expected to manage the household job alone without any help from other members of the family. If she complains, she is advised to leave her job and focus on her house as that is her prime duty.

The second part showed how old parents are emotionally, physically and mentally tortured by their own blood in the greed of property and the third part touched upon the issue of sexual abuse of children by their own relatives. The play ended with a legal message in which various acts were brought to the knowledge of the audience under which they can seek help. In the end social message was sent to not stay quiet but to come forward and to raise their voice against domestic abuse.

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The performance and efforts of the students were applauded by the audience which had gathered. Some people specially approached the students whose performance they had liked and congratulated them for the success of the play.



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October 17,2017(Tuesday)

All round social and environmental degradation, pervasive corruption and self-seeking politics have become the norm. Today a school teenager is more captivated by drugs than by books, college going adults take pride in activities like stalking, gawking, eve-teasing; middle age people treat their own parents as financial burden on them. To rebuke this practice and to boldly say the truths of our deploring culture a group of 37 students decided to portray the causes of cultural degradation and consequences of it.



The '**nukkadnatak-Kalyug Ka Dhamal**' which started as a compulsory academic activity, ended in each one of us giving our best to reach out to the audience of 150 people approximately. The play basically generated social awareness about the causes of cultural degradation and legal remedies which society can resort to. Through first scene we had shown that how a child is being neglected by the family which gradually ruins the character of that child. Parents greatly affect their children's behavior and parents' ignorant behavior can be detrimental to the child's development.

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A scene wherein a child is neglected by his parents and then a class room scene wherein the overpowering evil elements of the society inculcated amongst children through media and various other sources drags that neglected child towards everything which is injurious to his own and society's development.

In Scene 2, the daily tolerance that the women in this society bear had been portrayed. It is the type of violence that she confronts outside the four walls of her house and which is ignored and not taken as a serious issue. In this scene there is a group of stalkers which harasses a girl passing by. She is neither able to tolerate their brash behavior nor able to speak out in her defense and so she feels herself to be trapped in a big trouble and instead of taking any affirmative action she breaks down. Hence, the same group of stalkers continues to harass the other girls.

In third scene we had shown the despicable position of aged, infirmed people in our society. In this scene there is a family setup wherein the old parents crave for their daily needs before their son and daughter-in-law but the daughter-in-law bluntly refuses them. Thereafter on the request of her husband she in pretense behaves nicely with them so that they may grab the property with fraud and flatter which is currently under the ownership of the parents.

Gradually because of the deceit of their children the parents are forced to leave their own house and a social activist comes up for their help and aware them about their legal rights.

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October 24, 2017 (Tuesday)

STREET PLAY “JANKEVA NETWORK”

A group of 9th semester from 5-year law programme of UILS, Panjab University performed a street play “JANKEVA NETWORK” in the parking area of the main market, Sector 22, Chandigarh on 24th September 2017. The play was based on the topic of ill effects of blind use of social apps. The aim of the play was to create legal awareness regarding such apps leading to depression, suicides, mental and other related problems even showcasing legal rights, remedies and day-to-day solutions which can be observed by youth, parents, teachers and the whole society at large.



The act included scenes of SELFIE DEATHS, BODY SHAMING, MISSUSE OF WHATSAAP-TINDER, DEPRESSION, RAPE & BLUE WHALE.

The play was a resounding success, a huge crowd gathered to witness the play and appreciated the performance of the students., and the efforts made by the students in preparation were to a good use of spreading awareness. The students via the play tried to convey the message that the atrocities common in our nation should not be accepted by the women at large and there is concrete law present to counter these wrongdoings.

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The students also enjoyed performing in the aura of Sector 22 Market. The students expect that the play will inculcate a feeling amongst the people and the wrongs committed might be put to rest through the awareness they and the organizer are trying to spread across.

The play was organised by Legal Aid Cell, UILS, Panjab University in association with Nurture Nature Global and Rotaract Club Chandigarh Shivalik.

The street play was written and choreographed by Kriti Bhatia, Arshdeep Singh Viridi, both student of 9th Semester along with other group members of B.Com. LL.B., UILS, Panjab University, Chandigarh

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A group of students of 9th semester of UILS, Panjab University performed a street play titled '**The Evil of Cyber Bullying**' in the activity area of Elante Mall. The play was based on the topic of Cyber Bullying which is a very common phenomenon in advanced tech savvy era taking its toll on innocent and young lives. The students via the play tried to convey the message that any sort of online bullying is totally unacceptable and that there is concrete law present to counter this condemnable act.



A huge crowd gathered to witness the play and appreciated the performance of the students. The students performed their best to sensitize the masses regarding the evil of cyber bullying and with a hope that the wrongs committed will be put to rest by spreading awareness of the provisions of law which support the cause and what possible steps can be taken when faced with a similar situation.

The play was organised by Legal Aid Cell, UILS, Panjab University in association with Nurture Nature Global and Rotaract Club Chandigarh Shivalik. The street play was written and choreographed by Vishal Rathore, a student of 9th Semester, B.Com.LL.B.(Hons), UILS, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

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October 27,2017(Friday)

The 5th year students of University Institute of Legal Studies (UILS), Panjab University in collaboration with Nurture Nature Global performed a street play at Dhanas on an emerging issue – ‘Organ Donation’. The Play aimed at raising awareness amongst the people on this issue and simultaneously debunks the many myths associated with it due to which people refrain from organ donation as well as blood donation. The play had 3 main scenes that portrayed the reluctance on the part of people when it comes to the selfless act of organ donation and blood donation.



During the course of the play, various concerns surrounding this sensitive topic that deter them from donating their organs like an old person's organs are of no use; financial aspect; religious beliefs; and if a person is an organ donor the doctors might not even try to save him/her, etc. were also clarified with relevant information.

The play was concluded with a pledge by all the performing students.

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October 28,2017(Saturday)



Cadit Quaestio 2017, an MCQ Series was held on 28 th October, 2017 at University Institute of Legal studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh. It was not just a bunch of questions asked in a quiz and the one knowing the maximum answers winning it but an initiative and an advent into the efforts of getting answers to problems faced by women. The event was organized by Legal Aid Society, UILS as a stepping stone for the endeavor of creating awareness of legal rights promoted by National Commission for Women.



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Participants from various departments of the University including broadly the streams of sciences, mass communication, community studies and laws were put to test regarding their knowledge about legal rights of women. The seven winners: Jahanvi Sharma holding the first position, Aayush Arora holding the second position and the other five including Priyesh Yadav from UICET claimed the third position.

These seven enthusiastic students will now compete with students from other universities and colleges at the state level to be organized by State Women Commission and if equipped with enough knowledge to win there would represent the State in the National rounds.

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November 2, 2017(Thursday)

“Childhood trauma does not come in one single package.” : Asa Don Brown

Childhood is the primary stage of life. It knows no worry or anxiety, no good or evil. It is the period of both ignorance and innocence. At an age when the child should attend school, he or she is forced to work in factories, at workplaces and as domestic help in our own houses. If we practice child labour, we are also abusing the child, despite the justification that we are helping the child's family to earn their daily bread.



However hard the child tries to forget or erase such memories all he or she ends up in is being frustrated. Some of the victims of child abuse lose their confidence forever and lead their lives as introverts. Keeping this in mind, a street play event was organised by the Legal Aid Clinic, UILS, PU, CHD, in collaboration with Rotract Club, Chandigarh, and Nature Nature, NGO by the name of “JAN KIBAAT”.

The theme of the play was “**Child Abuse**” which was performed by 33 final year law students from University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh. It included the scenes on the issue of child beggary, child labour, child trafficking and child abuse. The play was directed by Samriti Wadhawan. It not only emphasized on the post consequences of child abuse but also the legal aspects and remedies like the POCSO Act and Child Helpline no.1098. It was performed in 17 Sector, Chandigarh. The response of the play was overwhelming and induced a lot of awareness.

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November 9, 2017(Thursday)

National Legal Services day at UILS

The Legal Aid Society, UILS in collaboration with the State Legal Services Authority, UT, Chandigarh celebrated the National Legal Services Day on 9th November, 2017 at UILS, Panjab University, Chandigarh. The event began with a rally being inaugurated by Prof. Rattan Singh, Director UILS; Dr. Amita Verma and Dr. Karan Jawanda aiming at creating awareness among the masses. The rally began from UILS comprising of 50 people headed to the student Centre awareness speech help desk.



A poster making competition was organized on the theme “CHILD ABUSE – BURNING INJUSTICE” where the students showcased their paintbrush skills. Diksha Puri won the best poster award followed by Ekamjot Kaur.

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Next lined up was the Declamation competition adjudged by Prof. Rajinder Kaur and Dr. Jai Mala on the same lines of the poster making competition. The winners of the competition were Sumner Singh and Aarush Munjal.



This celebration marked the conclusion of a series of street plays (titled as *Jann Ki Baat*) performed by the students of the Legal Aid Society, UILS in the distinct parts of UT which was inaugurated by a plantation drive in the University campus. The topics of the plays ranged from impact of the social media, cyber crimes to

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macabre issues of domestic violence and child abuse aimed in furtherance of the legal aid theme “*Connecting to Serve*”.



The most engaging, motivating and the best scripted street plays were rewarded with a trophy and certificates in the valedictory ceremony held in the Moot Court Hall at 11:30 AM. The eminent dignitaries who graced the occasion were Retd. IPS Officer Mr. V K Kapoor, Chief Coordinator NALSA Schemes; Mr. Mukesh Vashisht, Founder, Nurture Nature Global; Alisha Verma, member, Nurture Nature Global, Anjali Nagpal, President Rotaract Club of Chandigarh Shivalik, Chandigarh; Saundharaya Khanna, Administrative Head of PU Mirror; and Niraj Nain, Chairperson, Jann Ki Baat. The students were motivated by the encouraging words of the dignitaries. This legacy shall find no end and the members of the Legal Aid Society shall always strive under the eminent guidance of the mentors and take the legacy forward.

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February 20, 2018 (Tuesday)

Slogan Writing Competition

A Slogan Writing competition was conducted in UILS where in the student were given a picture based on democracy and they were required to bring out their creativity and give a slogan of approximate 15 words based on that picture. The students brought out their creative best. The entries were adjudged by Dr. Rajinder, Dr. Sasha and Dr. Chanchal.

The slogan,

“Communalism, Vigilantism & Exploitation makes democracy questionable so prevent the greed to breathe...

To save the creed”

was adjudged the best slogan.



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April 3, 2018 (Tuesday)

Inquisitorial 2k18- A Legal Quiz

Around 40 teams comprising 2 students each participated in Inquisitorial- A Legal Quiz which was organized in UILS to create awareness of ongoing legal events in the country. Students were given a chance not only to test but also to enhance their knowledge. The quiz master Mr. Akhil Ahuja managed the quiz very well. The quiz was conducted in two rounds, written round comprising 40 questions and an oral round. The winners of the event were a team comprising of Anshul Singhal and Priya Gupta. The Second position was held by a team comprising of Jahnvi Sharma and Tushar Sharma and Third Position was held by Divya Arora and Anubha Jindal.



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April 16th, 2018 (Monday)

Interviews for session 2018-19

With the successful completion of the tenure of the Legal Aid Society 2017-2018, interviews were being conducted for constituting the Legal Aid Society of UILS for the next session of 2018 - 2019. The interview that took place on 16th April, 2018 saw an equally overwhelming response from all years of the department, with the most enthusiastic first year students coming up in huge numbers to be a part of the esteemed society; testament to the growing conviction of Law Students towards dedicated Legal Aid Services.

The interview which required pre registrations got applied for by an unprecedented no. of applicants, which along with the spot on registrations came to around 107 students, with 51 candidates from 1st year only who are willing to work as the soul and spirit of the prestigious society. The interview which spanned from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. was a measure to choose the best amongst the most deserving of the students who would take the working of the Legal Aid Society a notch higher and add another feather to its highly regarded stature.

The interview panel comprising of the multi-faceted teacher coordinators of the society Dr. Amita Verma and Dr. Karan Jwanda critically evaluated each interviewee on various holistic parameters from their dedication and perseverance to their legal acumen and team spirit. Impressed by the greater caliber and active participation both of which has increased many folds, the judges decided to select 13 1st year students instead of 10 students per year as per the charter of the Society, thus amending the composition of the Society making space for more talented brains and dedicated hearts.

The interview process which proved to be huge success has given us the next dynamic and diligent Legal Aid Society of UILS, which with its exemplary performance would set new yardstick of Legal Services for the coming years.

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April 20th, 2018 (Friday)

Farewell to Outgoing Members 2017-18

The newly inducted Legal Aid Society of 2018-19 met for the first time to bid farewell to the outgoing Fifth Year Members; who were not only a constant support and source of inspiration but have also helped in lifting the society to its current stature.

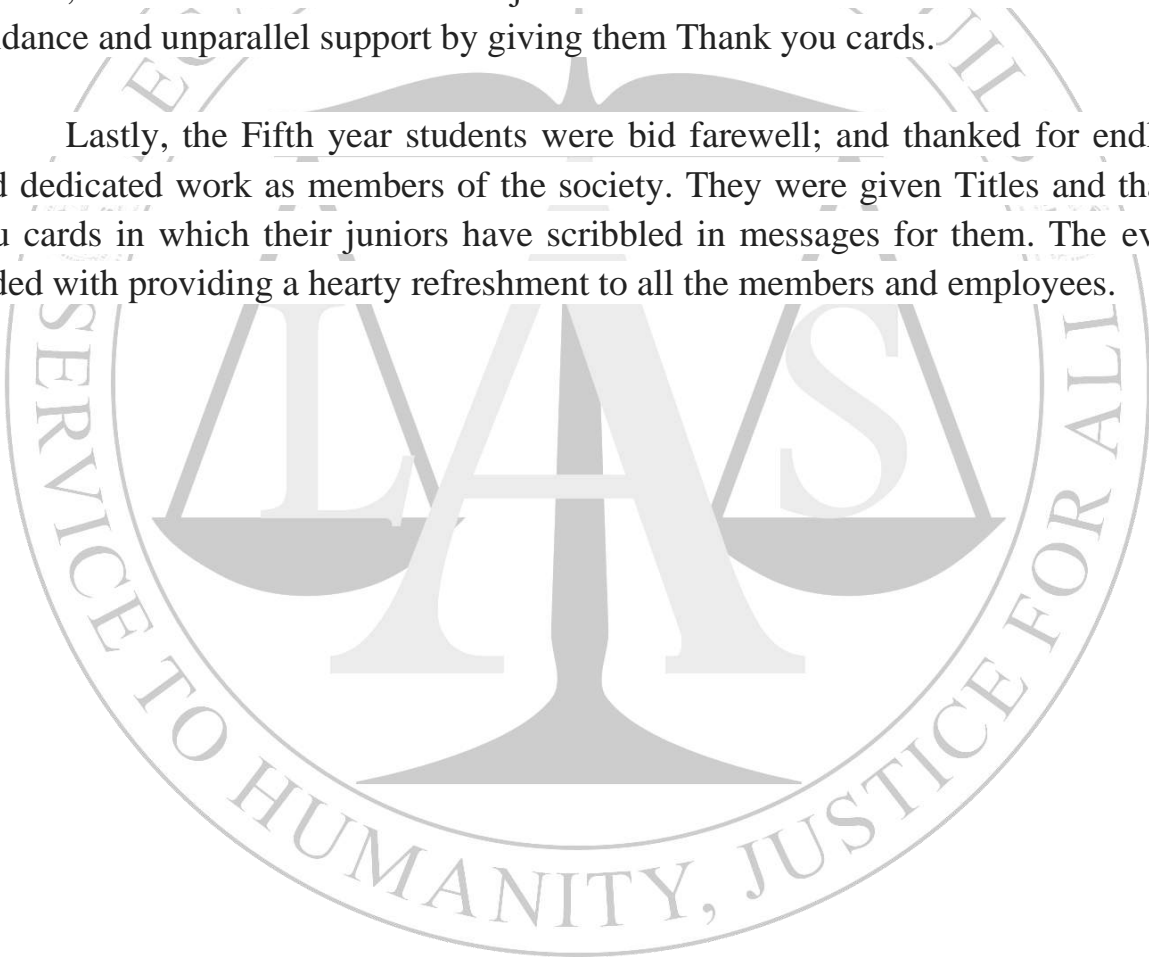
The meeting that took place at 1 p.m. in the Moot Court Hall was a concoction of ecstatic excitement as well as emotional nostalgia; where on one the Legal Aid Society was welcoming its new members with open arms and at the same time has to bid adieu to its outgoing members who had been a dear part of the Legal Aid Family. The meeting started with welcome speech by Dr. Karan Jwanda, teacher coordinator of Legal Aid Society welcoming the new members and apprising them about the functioning and structure of the Legal Aid Society. She also announced the annual theme of Legal Aid for the session 2018-19 i.e. 'Protection and Awareness of Child Rights' and the tentative list of scheduled events planned for the year 2018-19. She also motivated and inspired them to live up to the hard work and dedication that Legal Aid Society is a symbol of.



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Dr. Rajinder Kaur and Dr. Sangeeta Bhalla were the Guest of Honors for the event who inspired the students with their enlightening words and were given plants and thank you cards as a token of gratitude for their constant support and guidance to the Legal Aid Society. The legal Aid members also took the occasion to thank the fourth class employees including the peons, sweepers and gardeners of the department with honoring them and expressing gratitude for their selfless services to the department and Legal Aid Society by giving them Thank You Frames. The teacher coordinators of the session, i.e. Dr. Amita Verma, Dr. Karan Jwanda, Dr. Tanmeet and Prof. Kajori were also thanked for their undwindling guidance and unparallel support by giving them Thank you cards.

Lastly, the Fifth year students were bid farewell; and thanked for endless and dedicated work as members of the society. They were given Titles and thank you cards in which their juniors have scribbled in messages for them. The event ended with providing a hearty refreshment to all the members and employees.



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