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Subject: **Program report: Legal Aid Camp with DLSA**

Organized by: **Legal Aid Club** of Surendranath Law College, Kolkata
Date: 11th September 2023
Time: 16:00 AM onwards
Venue: Community Hall, 2, Ripon Square, Ward 62, Kolkata-700016
Convenor: Debjani Ojha

About College & Program:

Surendranath Law College, a prestigious institution in Kolkata with a storied legacy of over a century, is deeply committed to the pursuit of justice, equality, and the rule of law. Founded by the illustrious nationalist leader Surendranath Banerjee, the college has long been a beacon of legal education in India, producing countless legal professionals who have made significant contributions to the judiciary, academia, and public service. The college's ethos is rooted in the principles of social justice and human rights, aligning with its mission to not only educate students in the law but also to instil in them a deep sense of responsibility towards society.

In line with this commitment, Surendranath Law College, one of Kolkata's most prestigious legal institutions, has long been at the forefront of promoting legal education that transcends the classroom and impacts society at large. As part of its commitment to social justice and public service, the college organized a Legal Aid Camp in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) on 11th September 2023 at the Community Hall, 2, Ripon Square, Kolkata. This initiative was designed to provide free legal assistance to underprivileged sections of society who might otherwise struggle to access formal legal channels. The Legal Aid Camp was not just an opportunity to offer legal services but also an occasion to raise awareness about citizens' rights and entitlements under the law. Participants were educated about various legal avenues, including civil, criminal, and family law matters, and were provided with guidance on how to navigate the legal system effectively. For students of Surendranath Law College, the camp offered invaluable experiential learning, allowing them to engage directly with real-world legal issues, under the supervision of faculty and legal professionals. This hands-on approach reflects the college's dedication to integrating practical experience with academic knowledge, fostering a sense of responsibility and commitment towards community service among its students. The event, in collaboration with DLSA, exemplified the role of legal education in empowering both future legal practitioners and the communities they serve, reinforcing the values of equality, justice, and access to legal recourse for all.

Objectives of this Event:

Provide Free Legal Assistance: To offer accessible and free legal support to underprivileged individuals and communities, ensuring they understand their rights and have guidance on legal matters such as family disputes, criminal cases, and civil issues.

Raise Legal Awareness: To educate the local community about their legal rights and the services available through DLSA, promoting greater awareness of legal avenues for resolving disputes and securing justice.

Practical Exposure for Law Students: To provide students with hands-on legal experience by allowing them to engage directly with real clients and legal professionals, fostering a practical understanding of law while nurturing a sense of social responsibility.

Benefits of the students from this Event:

Practical Legal Experience: Students gain hands-on experience by interacting with real clients and addressing their legal issues, allowing them to apply their academic knowledge in real-world situations.

Skill Development: The camp helps students sharpen essential legal skills such as client interviewing, case analysis, and legal counselling, which are crucial for their future careers as legal professionals.

Exposure to Social Justice Work: By participating in the camp, students develop a deeper understanding of the legal challenges faced by marginalized communities, nurturing empathy and a sense of responsibility towards social justice.

Networking Opportunities: Students have the opportunity to collaborate with legal professionals, faculty members, and DLSA representatives, allowing them to build connections that can be valuable in their academic and professional journeys.

Enhanced Understanding of Legal Processes: Engaging with various legal issues in the camp enhances students' practical understanding of how the legal system functions, preparing them for future roles in legal practice, advocacy, or public service.

Program Details:

On 11th September 2023, Surendranath Law College, in association with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), hosted a Legal Aid Camp at the Community Hall, 2, Ripon Square, Kolkata. The event was part of the college's ongoing initiative to provide legal assistance to the underprivileged and raise awareness of legal rights. The camp was designed to ensure that individuals from marginalized communities, who often lack access to legal resources, could receive guidance and support on a range of legal issues. The camp served as a platform for students to apply their academic knowledge in a real-world setting, and for the community to benefit from free legal consultations.

The camp began promptly at 4:00 PM with a welcome address by a senior faculty member of Surendranath Law College, who outlined the objectives of the event. The faculty emphasized the importance of accessible legal aid and the role of future legal professionals in promoting justice and equality.

DLSA representatives were present to assist the faculty and students in offering legal counsel to the local community. The camp focused on providing assistance in areas such as family law, property disputes, criminal law, and civil rights issues. A registration desk was set up where attendees could register and explain their legal concerns, after which they were directed to the appropriate advisors for further consultation.

Throughout the three-hour event, legal professionals, along with faculty members and students, provided free legal advice to over 100 participants. The issues addressed ranged from land disputes and marital conflicts to inheritance rights and criminal complaints. Each case was handled with care, and detailed guidance was provided to ensure that participants understood their legal rights and the actions they could take to resolve their issues.

Faculty members supervised the students, guiding them on how to approach each case, conduct client interviews, and suggest possible legal remedies. This hands-on experience allowed students to understand the complexities of legal practice and develop their skills in client interaction, legal research, and problem-solving.

One of the key highlights of the camp was the active involvement of the law students, who played a crucial role in interviewing clients, documenting their cases, and assisting with research and advice. Under the guidance of their professors and legal professionals from DLSA, students engaged with real clients, gaining invaluable practical experience that enriched their understanding of the law and its application in society.

The event allowed students to:

Develop critical thinking and legal analysis skills

Understand the importance of empathy and effective communication in legal practice

Build confidence in offering legal advice in a supervised setting

Experience the challenges of working with clients who may have limited legal literacy

The Legal Aid Camp concluded at 7:00 PM, after three hours of intensive consultation and legal support. The event was successful in its dual objective of providing free legal assistance to the community and offering practical exposure to the students of Surendranath Law College. The faculty and representatives from DLSA expressed their satisfaction with the outcome and reiterated the importance of such initiatives in bridging the gap between legal education and community service. The event not only empowered the participants with legal knowledge but also nurtured the students' commitment to serving society through law.

Surendranath Law College remains dedicated to organizing similar events in the future, with the goal of ensuring legal access and justice for all, while simultaneously enhancing the legal training of its students.

Notice of the Program:

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NOTICE

This to notify to all the Faculty Members and Students of Surendranath Law College that the college in collaboration with District Legal Service Authority (DLSA), Kolkata and with assistance of the Councilor, Ward No. 62, Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) is going to organize a **Legal Aid Camp** in Ward No. 62 on **11th September, 2023** (Monday) at The Community Hall, (2, Ripon Square, Kolkata 700016) from **16:00 PM** onwards.

All students are directed to participate in the program. Participation of all LL.B. Honours students (7th and 9th) & all LL.M. Students (Part-I and Part-II) are mandatory.

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Glimpses of the event.



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Long 88.362529°
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Legal aid Clinic of
SURENDRANATH LAW COLLEGE
in collaboration with
District Legal Service Authority, Kolkata
organises:
A LEGAL AID CAMP
in assistance with
WARD NO 62 KMC

Date : 11th September, 2023 Time : 04:30 P.M.
Venue : COMMUNITY HALL, WARD NO.-62



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Summary of Attendance:

Date	Total attendees	SC	ST	OBC & Minority	Teachers Engaged
11.09.2023	130	42	10	23	10