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Subject: **Program report: Celebrating National Law Week with DLSA**

Organized by: **Legal Aid Club** of Surendranath Law College, Kolkata

Date: 1st December 2022

Time: 10:00 AM onwards

Venue: College Seminar Hall

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 observation of National Law Week, Surendranath Law College, in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), organized a debate and quiz competition at the college seminar hall on the 1st of December 2022. National Law Week commemorates the significance of the Indian Constitution and the rule of law in upholding justice and equality in the country. In line with this initiative, the Legal Aid Club of Surendranath Law College took the opportunity to further educate and engage students in discussions about the Constitution's continued relevance in modern-day governance. The competition served not only as a platform for testing students' knowledge of constitutional law and legal principles but also as a way to encourage critical thinking and dialogue on the challenges facing the legal system today.

The debate and quiz were designed to reflect the evolving role of legal professionals in upholding constitutional values and protecting fundamental rights. By promoting these activities, Surendranath Law College aims to inspire its students to become proactive, informed, and conscientious legal professionals who are committed to justice, democracy, and the principles enshrined in the Constitution of India.

This celebration of National Law Week underscores the college's commitment to fostering an environment of academic rigor and social responsibility, ensuring that students are not only knowledgeable about the law but also dedicated to the broader mission of preserving constitutional governance and justice in India.

Objectives of this Event:

Enhance Constitutional Awareness: To increase students' understanding of the Indian Constitution, its history, significance, and the role it plays in upholding democracy and fundamental rights.

Promote Critical Legal Thinking: To foster a spirit of critical thinking and debate among students on contemporary legal issues, encouraging them to analyse and discuss the challenges facing the Indian legal system.

Engage Students in Legal Discourse: To provide a platform for students to actively participate in legal discussions, encouraging them to articulate their perspectives on constitutional governance and the role of the judiciary.

Encourage Collaboration and Teamwork: Through the quiz and debate competition, the event aims to promote teamwork and collaboration, as students engage in competitive yet cooperative activities focused on legal knowledge.

Inspire Future Legal Professionals: To motivate students to pursue careers in law with a strong commitment to constitutional principles, social justice, and the rule of law, preparing them to become responsible and informed legal professionals.

Benefits of the students from this Event:

Improved Legal Knowledge: Students will deepen their understanding of constitutional law, legal principles, and contemporary legal issues through participation in debates and quizzes.

Enhanced Critical Thinking Skills: Engaging in debates and discussions will sharpen students' ability to critically analyse legal arguments, construct coherent viewpoints, and challenge opposing perspectives.

Public Speaking and Communication: The debate competition will help students develop confidence in public speaking and improve their oral advocacy skills, crucial for future legal careers.

Networking Opportunities: Students will have the chance to interact with legal professionals and peers, allowing them to build connections that could benefit their academic and professional journeys.

Teamwork and Collaboration: Participating in team-based activities such as the quiz competition will enhance students' ability to collaborate effectively, preparing them for the cooperative nature of the legal profession.

Practical Insight into Legal Careers: The event will provide students with real-world insights into the practice of law, inspiring them to pursue legal careers with a greater sense of purpose and commitment to justice.

Program Details:

On the 1st of December, 2022, the Legal Aid Club of Surendranath Law College, in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), organized a special event to celebrate National Law Week. The program, held at the college seminar hall, brought together students, faculty members, and legal professionals to reflect on the importance of the Indian Constitution and its continued relevance in shaping the country's legal and democratic framework.

The event began promptly at 10:00 AM with an introductory speech by Debjani Ojha, Convenor of the Legal Aid Club at Surendranath Law College. In her opening remarks, Mrs. Ojha warmly welcomed all participants and underscored the significance of National Law Week as a time to revisit and reaffirm the core values enshrined in the Constitution of India. She emphasized the role of legal education in cultivating a deep understanding of constitutional principles and highlighted the responsibility of future legal professionals to uphold the rule of law and advocate for justice in society.

Following her address, the program proceeded with the felicitation of Prof. (Dr.) Mohammadi Tarannum, Vice Principal of Surendranath Law College. Prof. Tarannum, a respected academic and leader, was honoured for her unwavering support and dedication to advancing legal education at the institution. During the felicitation, she was presented with a bouquet and a token of appreciation, with students and faculty members expressing their gratitude for her continued guidance and leadership.

Debate Competition

The first part of the program featured a lively debate competition, where student teams were invited to discuss a range of topics related to constitutional governance and the legal system in India. The topics included:

Judicial Activism vs. Judicial Overreach

Balancing Fundamental Rights with National Security

The Role of Public Interest Litigation in Safeguarding Democracy

Each team presented compelling arguments, critically analysing both sides of their assigned topics. The debate tested not only the participants' knowledge of constitutional law but also their ability to think on their feet and articulate complex legal concepts with clarity and precision. The debate was judged by a panel of esteemed legal professionals, including a former District Judge from Kolkata and a representative from DLSA. The judges commended the students for their insightful arguments and their ability to engage with challenging legal issues.

Quiz Competition

Following the debate, the quiz competition began, focusing on various aspects of constitutional law, legal history, and landmark judgments. Participants were quizzed on topics such as:

Key provisions of the Indian Constitution

Landmark Supreme Court cases

Fundamental rights and duties

Constitutional amendments and their significance

The quiz competition encouraged students to deepen their knowledge of the Constitution and its practical applications. It also fostered a sense of healthy competition and teamwork, as participants collaborated to answer questions under time pressure.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by a representative of the Legal Aid Club. The representative expressed heartfelt appreciation to the DLSA for its collaboration, to the judges for their valuable insights, and to all participants for their enthusiastic involvement. The event successfully achieved its goal of promoting constitutional awareness and encouraging students to critically engage with the legal issues facing modern India.

Through this program, Surendranath Law College demonstrated its commitment to integrating constitutional education into its curriculum and providing its students with platforms to explore the complexities of legal practice, preparing them to become informed, ethical, and responsible legal professionals.

Notice of the Program:

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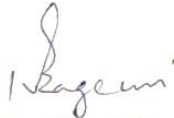
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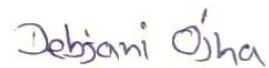
It is hereby notified that in view of celebrating the National Law Day and to observe the week starting from 26.11.2022 to 03.12.2022 as the National Law Week Surendranath Law College in Collaboration with the DLSA Kolkata is going to organize a Debate and quiz Competition on 01.12.2022 (Thursday) from 10.00 AM onwards at the Seminar Hall of the College. All the Students are encouraged to participate in the program. Interested students have to register themselves through google form within 9 AM, 01.12.2022.

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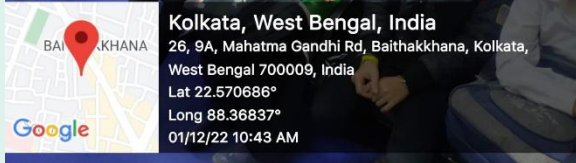
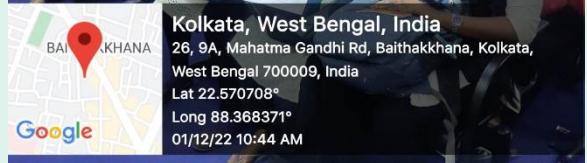
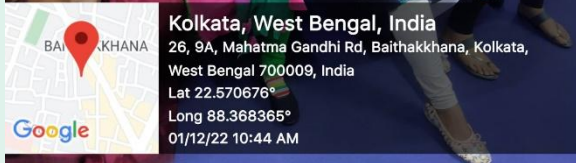
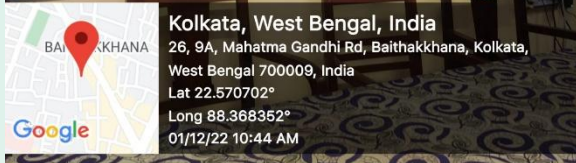
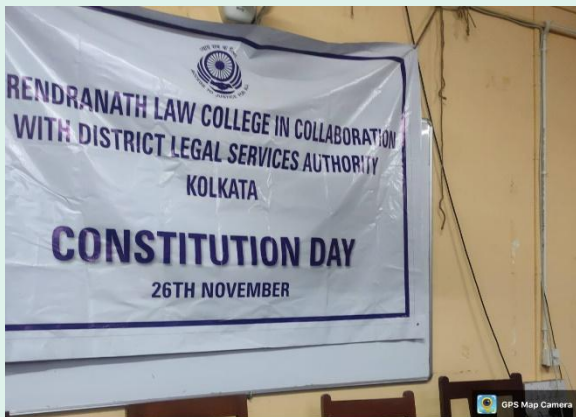
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Glimpses of the event.



Glimpses of the List of Attendees

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Summary of Attendance:

Date	Total attendees	SC	ST	OBC & Minority	Teachers Engaged
01.12.2022	123	37	9	21	19