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Legal Aid Clinic

National Law Institute University



**NLIU-LEGAL AID CLINIC WORKSHOP &
TRAINING PROGRAM ON CAPACITY BUILDING**
in association with
**MADHYA PRADESH STATE LEGAL SERVICE
AUTHORITY**

16th & 17th February, 2019

ABOUT US

National Law Institute University - Legal Aid Clinic ("NLIU-LAC") established under the aegis of National Legal Services Authority, on 11th April 2018, is a student-run initiative aimed at providing legal assistance to socially and economically backward and marginalised sections of the society who have difficulty accessing the judicial system and basic amenities in order to live a dignified life. NLIU-LAC is supervised by the University's Faculty-in-charge (Mrs Kavita Singh) and Faculty Committee (Dr Tapan R. Mohanty, Dr Uday Pratap Singh and Ms Neha Sharma), who seeks to help the students to achieve their academic, professional and social goals.

NLIU-LAC is driven by the ethos of Article 39A of the Constitution of India and strongly believes that law is pro bono public i.e. for the public good. However, the Clinic is not restricted in its scope by merely providing pro bono litigation rather it inter-alia, endeavours to undertake literacy initiatives, spread social awareness, promote alternative dispute resolution, conduct prison reformation activities and other related activities. The idea is that the students are engaged in serving their community by promoting legal awareness, increasing the accessibility to the justice system through various programmes and attaining certain standards of legal education.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM



NLIU Legal Aid Clinic Workshop and Training Program on Capacity Building, 2019 (“LAC – WTP”) is first of its kind organised by any law school in the country. It is an initiative of the Legal Aid Clinic of National Law Institute University, Bhopal.

This is a two-day program, where on the first day there will be a workshop on concept and operation of legal aid clinics in law colleges/universities. This will be followed by a training program the next day where the participants would be trained specifically in the concept and techniques of mediation.

DATES OF THE EVENT

16th -17th February, 2019.

THEME

The theme of LAC-WTP is 'Capacity building on legal aid clinics for law colleges/universities in Madhya Pradesh'.

VENUE OF THE EVENT

Rajiv Gandhi Cyber Law Center, National Law Institute University, Bhopal.



AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

We intend to explain to different law colleges/universities in the state of Madhya Pradesh the concept of legal aid clinic and the role played by them in it. Also, promote them to establish and operate a legal aid/service clinic in their respective colleges/universities. Lastly, to explain them the role of legal aid clinics in alternate dispute resolution and train them in the mediation.

DAY 1: WORKSHOP ON LEGAL AID CLINIC (16th FEBRUARY, 2019)

On the first day of the LAC-WTP, we will organise a workshop focusing on 'Role Played by a Law School in Legal Aid'. The panellists presiding over the workshop will include officials from Madhya Pradesh State Legal Service Authority and District Legal Service Authority, the faculty-in-charges and the student representatives from the legal aid clinics/cells/societies/centres ("legal aid clinic") of below mentioned Universities'. These panellists have been invited on the basis of exceptional reputation their legal aid clinics have earned in the past years.

Each of these Universities will be given the stage for approximately 30 – 40 minutes. Each discussion will be will be an interactive one and will try to cover the following issues:

- a. What modus operandi has been adopted by that University to run their legal aid clinic?
- b. What are the initiatives undertaken by them in the past and plans to undertake in the future?
- c. What are the difficulties faced by them in their operations?
- d. What are their achievements so far?

The workshop panel will comprise of the faculty in charges and the student representatives for these law universities:

- 1) P-39A, National Law University, Delhi
- 2) National Law School of India University, Bangalore
- 3) VM Salgaocar College of Law, Goa
- 4) The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata
- 5) National Law University, Jodhpur

Apart from the above-mentioned, NLIU, Bhopal, being the host and the premium law university in the state of Madhya Pradesh, will also take part in the discussion. This will be accompanied by a brief discussion on the 'Role Played by State and District Legal Service Authority in Legal Aid Clinics in the Law Colleges/University' presided by officials from Madhya Pradesh State Legal Service Authority and District Legal Service Authority.



DAY 2: TRAINING SESSION (17th FEBRUARY, 2019)

On the second day of LAC-WTP, we will organise a training session exclusively on the mediation. This session will be taken by mediators certified from the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC), Supreme Court of India. These sessions will be inter alia headed by the Hon'ble Registrar of NLIU, Smt Giribala Singh (District Judge).

Participants trained in mediation will have high utility while operating a legal aid clinic. This training program is divided into three sessions of equal duration. Then the entire program will be concluded with the distribution of appreciation and participation certificates.

The training sessions will cover the following issues on mediation –

- a. Meaning and components of 'Conflict'.
- b. Meaning, components and process of 'Mediation'.
- c. Importance and techniques of communication in 'Mediation'.
- d. Negotiation and Bargaining.
- e. Role plays on 'Mediation'.

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