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(L to R) Dr. S. Lalvani of AIIMS Hospital; Hon'ble Ms. Justice Manju Goel, Former Judge, High Court of Delhi & Ms. Geetanjali Goel, Secretary at the Training Programme for Criminal Panel Lawyers at Dwarka Courts.



Mr. Shailender Malik, Secretary and Ms. Anu Malhotra, Ld. ADJ & Director, Delhi Judicial Academy at the Training Programme at Tis Hazari Courts.

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR PANEL LAWYERS

In order to upgrade the skills of its panel lawyers the DLSA has drawn a calendar for holding Orientation and Training Sessions for Legal Aid Panel Lawyers of District Courts over the next year. The first session of the Training Programme for Criminal Panel Lawyers was completed on 31st August, 2010. This was held simultaneously at Tis Hazari Courts (for panel lawyers of Central, North, West & North-West Districts), Dwarka Courts (for panel lawyers of South-West, South & New Delhi Districts) and Karkardooma Courts (for panel lawyers of North-East & East Districts). The resource persons respectively, were, Ms. Anu Malhotra, Ld. Additional District & Sessions Judge & Director, Delhi Judicial Academy; Hon'ble Ms. Justice Manju Goel, Former Judge, High Court of Delhi and Dr. S. Lalvani, AIIMS Hospital and Sh. S.M. Chopra, former Additional District & Sessions Judge. Hon'ble Ms. Justice Manju Goel gave a presentation on the topic of Charge, while Dr. S. Lalvani spoke about Forensic Science and Role of Medicine in criminal investigations, at Dwarka Courts. Ms. Anu Malhotra spoke on Bails, Parole, Remand and Stopping of Proceedings at Tis Hazari Courts. Sh. S. M. Chopra gave a presentation on complaint cases, applications under Section 156 (3) Cr.P.C and other related aspects. The presentations were well received by the panel advocates. The interactions that followed were lively and informative.

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PARA-LEGAL PROGRAMME FOR COMMUNITY WORKERS

The Delhi Legal Services Authority in association with MARG intends to impart training to volunteers of Gender Resource Centres (GRCs) on various topics such as Constitution of India, Penal Code, Matrimonial Laws, Criminal Laws etc. in order to create a force of Para-Legals within the community. The DLSA has invited 4 names from each of the Gender Resource Centres out of which, the DLSA will be short-listing persons to be trained as Para-Legals. The process of short listing of Para-Legals has commenced on 23rd August, 2010 and shall continue till the 2nd week of September, 2010. The short-listed Para-Legals will be given training on various topics from the month of September, 2010 as per an approved curriculum and schedule.

SYNERGY WITH JUDICIAL ACADEMY

Ms. Asha Menon, Member Secretary, DLSA as a Resource Person addressed the Judicial Officers on the topic of **Role of Courts in providing Access to Justice to Poor, Women, Disabled and Children** in the Training Programme conducted by Delhi Judicial Academy from 19th August to 22nd August, 2010. The Member Secretary interacted with Senior Higher Judicial Service Officers and also discussed the need to resort to ADR Mechanisms, the scheme of Prevention of SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and the Bombay Prevention of Begging Act, 1959. The Member Secretary also informed the Judicial Officers about the eligibility for entitlement of free legal aid and the mechanism for providing free and competent legal aid.

SUPERVISION OF THE WELFARE AND SAFETY MEASURES FOR LABOURERS

In compliance with the directions of Hon'ble the Chief Justice Mr. Dipak Misra, High Court of Delhi and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Manmohan, Judge, High Court of Delhi, DLSA during the month of August, 2010 inspected various Commonwealth Games sites in order to find out whether the labourers working at the Commonwealth sites were provided with safety equipments, medical facilities and the minimum wages as per law. The Member Secretary, Officer on Special Duty and Project Officer, DLSA visited the Commonwealth Games sites where the construction activities for the Commonwealth Games are going on. The DLSA

again undertook awareness campaigns at the various sites of the Commonwealth Games. Our panel advocates namely Sh. N. D. Kumar and Sh. Raj Kumar visited the Commonwealth Games sites along with a Notary Public Ms. Rubina Yasmin from 24.08.2010 to 28.08.2010 to inform the labour employed at site of their rights & to encourage them to register themselves under the Building and other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 and the Unorganised Worker's Social Security Act, 2008.

ALL INDIA CELL ON CHILD RIGHTS

The National Legal Services Authority with the co-operation of Kerala State Legal Services Authority organized a two-day Regional Conference on "Rights of Children, Juvenile in Conflict with Law, Child Labour, Children in need of care and protection, Child Abuse and Right of Education from 7th - 8th August, 2010 at Kochi, Kerala. Ms. Asha Menon, Member Secretary, DLSA was invited to participate in the conference as a Resource Person in the 1st Session to discuss the topic of Rights of Children – Role of Legal Services Authority. The Member Secretary not only spoke about the activities of the All India Legal Aid Cell on Child Rights run by DLSA and Bachpan Bachao Andolan under the aegis of NALSA with the objective of providing legal representation to, among others, the children rescued from bonded and forced labour, but also on the experience of the Delhi Legal Services Authority in rendering Legal Aid.

LOK ADALAT

The category wise detail of Lok Adalat organized at all five District Court Complexes on 14th August, 2010 i.e. the Second Saturday of August, 2010 is as under:-

1. In MACT Lok Adalat, 47 cases were settled and compensation worth Rs. 81,58,260/- was awarded in favour of the claimants.
2. In Matrimonial Lok Adalat, 11 cases were settled.
3. In Lok Adalat for Bank Recovery matters, 09 pre-litigative cases were disposed off in which settlement worth Rs. 6,53,000/- were reached.
4. 215 cases of N.I. Act U/s 138 were disposed of.
5. 59 Civil Cases, Criminal Compoundable Offences, ADR Mechanism and Labour Cases were also disposed of.



Seen in the picture clock wise from the top left, Ms. Asha Menon, Member Secretary, DLSA addressing the audience; dignitaries on the dais; Prof. Suman Gupta, Dean, USLLS and Prof. Dilip K. Bandyopadhyay, Vice Chancellor, GGSIP University and a section of the audience of students and faculty in the Legal Awareness Programme on Anti-Ragging.

LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON ANTI-RAGGING LAWS

Delhi Legal Services Authority organized Legal Awareness Programmes on Anti-Ragging Laws on 3rd August, 12th August and 30th August, 2010 at Shivaji College, Motilal Nehru College and I.P. University respectively to make the students aware about the Anti-Ragging Laws. The head of the colleges, their teaching staff and students attended the programmes in large numbers and the audience was sensitized about the psychology behind ragging and the penal consequences of ragging. A documentary *Anarth* depicting the trauma suffered by the victims of ragging was also shown to the students and during the programme, the students interacted freely while discussing issues concerning ragging. On 3rd August, 2010 the programme was organized at Shivaji College where Sh. R. K. Singh, Officer on Special Duty also informed the students about working of Delhi Legal Services Authority besides telling them about anti-ragging laws. On 12th August, 2010 Sh. Kuldeep Narayan, Secretary, South District spoke about the issues relating to Anti-Ragging laws at Moti Lal Nehru College, South Campus, Delhi.

On 30th August, 2010, the programme was graced by Prof. Dilip K. Bandyopadhyay, Vice Chancellor, GGSIP University. Prof. Suman Gupta, Dean, University School of Law and Legal Studies, GGSIP University had organized the function which was also attended by the faculties of various

departments of the University. Sh. Gautam Manan, Project Officer, DLSA gave an introductory speech about the working of DLSA and the Anti-Ragging Laws. Ms. Asha Menon, Member Secretary, DLSA emphasized the adverse effects of ragging. In all these 3 programmes Sh. Harsh Aggarwal, Co-founder, CURE, NGO working on Anti-Ragging Laws spoke about how ragging was believed by people as fun and a way of making friends, when in reality today, ragging was only a form of physical, sexual and financial abuse. It was heartening to learn that GGSIPU has a five tier system in place to prevent ragging and that the University has had no incident of ragging reported on campus or hostels. All these programmes were highly successful.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME AT I.P. UNIVERSITY

An Orientation Programme was conducted at University School of Law and Legal Studies, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University for the newly admitted students to the Law Courses. Ms. Asha Menon, Member Secretary, DLSA interacted with the students and introduced them to Delhi Legal Services Authority and also made them aware of the important role of a lawyer. The Member Secretary also advised the students to participate in the Community Awareness Programmes conducted by DLSA and to help the weaker sections of the society. She hoped that the new comers would also join enthusiastically in the activities of the Legal Aid Clinic of their college.

DELHI HIGH COURT LEGAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dipak Misra,
Chief Justice, High Court of Delhi &
Patron-in-Chief, DLSC

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vikramajit Sen,
Judge, High Court of Delhi &
Executive Chairman, DLSC

Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.K. Sikri,
Judge, High Court of Delhi &
Chairman, DHCLSC

Member Secretary
Ms. Asha Menon,
DHJS

Secretary, DHCLSC
Mr. R.K. Singh, DHJS

Project Officer
Mr. Gautam Manan, DJS

LIST OF SECRETARIES

- 1. Mr. Satish Kumar, MM,**
Secy., DLSC, North - West District,
Rohini Courts
- 2. Mr. Pooran Chand, MM,**
Secy., DLSC, East District,
Karkardooma Courts.
- 3. Mr. Gorakh Nath Pandey, CCJ,**
Secy., DLSC, North East District,
Karkardooma Courts.
- 4. Mr. Shailender Malik, MM,**
Secy., DLSC, North District,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
- 5. Mr. Manish Yaduvanshi, MM,**
Secy., DLSC, West District,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
- 6. Mr. Sameer Bajpai, ARC,**
Secy., DLSC, Central District,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
- 7. Ms. Geetanji Goel, MM,**
Secy., DLSC, New Delhi District,
Patiala House Courts.
- 8. Mr. Kuldeep Narayan, ACJ,**
Secy., DLSC, South District,
Patiala House Courts.
- 9. Mr. Mohinder Virat, ACJ,**
Secy., DLSC, South West District,
Dwarka Courts.

CONTINUOUS LOK ADALAT:

In August, 2010 Former Judges including Justice J.P. Singh, Justice Satpal, Justice R.P. Gupta and advocates Mr. Neeraj Chaudhary, Ms. Monica Kapoor, Mr. K. Venkatraman, Mr. Rajesh Mahajan, Ms. Isha Khanna, Mr. Bhupesh Narula presided over Continuous Lok Adalat held in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in which 06 cases have been settled.

MEDIATION CENTRE AT CAW CELL, MAURYA ENCLAVE:

In the month of August, 2010, 11 fresh cases have been received out of which 02 cases have been settled. The total pendency as on 31st August, 2010 is 35.

MEDIATION CENTRE AT CAW CELL, NANAKPURA:

In the month of August 2010, 42 fresh cases were received out of which 08 cases were amicably settled. Till date 120 cases have been settled in CAW Cell through Mediation.

HIGH COURT REFERRED CASES AT DHCLSC:

In the month of August, 2010, 05 Cases have been referred by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi for settlement through conciliation.

VIDEO CONFERENCING:

DHCLSC is holding Video Conferencing on every Friday at Hon'ble High Court of Delhi for the benefit of jail inmates. In the month of August, 2010, three video conferencing sessions were held in which 37 inmates benefitted through interaction with their counsel.

LEGAL AID:

In the month of August, 2010, 47 applications for Legal Aid were received by the Committee out of which 46 number of litigants have been provided legal aid by DHCLSC.

JAIL PETITION:

In the month of August, 2010, 156 jail petitions have been received and all the inmates have been provided Legal Aid Counsel to pursue their cases before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.