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LEGAL SERVICES CLINIC AND ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTRE :LEARN AND PRACTISE

Justice should be a living reality for all .Lawyers are to be the social engineers .Lawyers who are sensitized to the problems and rights of the common man and also with social commitment is the need of this globalised era where profit is the sole mantra. Legal system should not be inaccessible for marginalized and disadvantaged sections of population. Providing legal aid is a constitutional obligation as well as statutory duty. Legal Services Authority from National to taluk level focuses to make access to justice a reality. College students are a vibrant group who can serve the society in a very effective manner. Moreover the practical endeavors provide much knowledge than the class room sessions. Legal Education is incomplete without hands on experience.

It was with the objective of beneficial for both the society as well as students Legal Services Clinic and ADR Centre was started in Govt Law College, Thrissur in 2013 under the initiative of Prof. (Dr.) Mercy Thekkekkara and Prof. Suhruthkumar.

The activities of the centre started with the name **Para legal Training and Institutional Alternative Dispute Resolution Centre** with the initiative of Professor Suhruth Kumar. As the centre concentrated on conducting lok adalath and other extension works and also other seminars to inculcate human values in the study, the

name was changed into **Legal Services Clinic and Alternative Dispute Resolution Centre** with Dr. Sonia K. Das and A.A. Kadeejabi as faculty coordinators

ABOUT THE CENTRE

Programmes a glimpse

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The activities of the Centre are varied. It regularly conducts Lok Adalats in association with District Legal Services Authority, Thrissur. The Centre also organizes



legal awareness programmes for students as well as for various other sections of general public. The Centre is actively involved in various activities beyond the college campus and the students take part in various field activities thus gathering valuable practical expertise and also rendering assistance to the under privileged sections of people. Anti Human Trafficking Club under the guidance of DLSA as well as the Anti Human Trafficking Unit of Kerala Police is yet another initiative of the Centre.

Presently, there is a shift of focus from adversary litigation to alternate dispute resolution methods due to docket explosion in Indian courts. Hence the Centre also provides training to students on various ADR Mechanisms.

list of Programmes conducted by Legal Services Clinic and ADR Centre - a glimpse

2014-15

1. International Workshop on 'Legal aid services & ADR mechanism Indo- British Perspective' - September 2, 2014.
2. Two day Training Programme on Human Rights- Praxis and Concerns
3. Celebrated Human Rights Day on December 10, 2014
4. Two days International Seminar on measures to combat Human Trafficking: International and National Perspective on January 29 & 30, 2015
5. Monthly Adalaths

2015-16

1. Inauguration of anti ragging campaign on August 13, 2015
2. One day Training Programme on ADR on September 28, 2015
3. Adalat on September 30, 2015
4. Legal Services Camp on November 9, 2015
5. One Day Workshop on Rights Of Indigenous People: Rhetoric To Reality on December 3, 2015
6. Adalat on 9th December 2015

7. Inauguration Of Anti Human Trafficking Club on 18th December 2015
8. International Workshop On Justice Education As A Part Of Law School Curriculum: 14th January 2016
9. Extension Work At Parambikulam: 25th To 27th February 2016

2016-17

1. Lok Adalath on August 26, 2016
2. Lok Adalath on October 1, 2016
3. Observance of Mental Health Day October 17, 2016
4. **Training Programme on the Role of Legal Aid Clinic in Clinical legal education** Oct 18, 2016
5. **Lok Adalath** on October 23, 2016
6. **Athirappally Extension Programme** on October 25, 2016
7. **Workshop** on "Measures to Combat Human Trafficking" on November 2, 2016
8. **Juvenile Home visit** on November 16, 2016
9. **Panel Discussion** on Right of Transgender Persons on November 17, 2016.
10. **Lok Adalath** on November 23, 2016
11. Two day International Conference on Contemporary Issues and Challenges of Human Rights in the Era of Globalization November 23, 2016

1. INAUGURATION OF ANTI HUMAN TRAFFICKING CLUB

We can change the world and make it a better place. It is in your hands to make a difference."

NELSON MANDELA

SPOT TRAFFICKING; STOP TRAFFICKING:

Human Trafficking constitutes one of the grave human rights violation and it prevails in many of its myriad forms. Paralegal Training and Institutional ADR Centre of Government Law College, Thrissur joined hands with District Legal Service Authority to form Anti Human Trafficking Club to ensure the participation of society, especially law students to combat human trafficking and render assistance to victims of trafficking.





On 16th December 2015 Dr. P.M. Nair, IPS (Retd) former Nodal Officer, Anti Human Trafficking, National Human Rights Commission and presently Chair Professor in Tata Institute of Social Sciences inaugurated the Antihuman Trafficking Club. Dr. Nair said that in spite of persistent international and national endeavors to combat this evil, it remains unabated and India is not exception to this painful paradox. Dr. Nair described human trafficking as an offence against the Constitutional mandate of Article 23 and hence it is a Constitutional obligation for the people to spot and stop trafficking. Dr. Nair observed that the students should pull the trigger of the anti trafficking laws and render a helping hand to the victims. Sri. S.Sreejith, IG of Police Crime Branch & Nodal Officer, Anti Human Trafficking Cell, Kerala Police while delivering the keynote address opined that the

preconceived notions about gender roles in the society is one of the root causes for trafficking women and children. Sri. Sreejith IPS said that it is the duty of the society including the students to make active the present inactive dormant mechanisms to combat trafficking and ensured the cooperation of Anti Trafficking Unit of the Kerala Police. Sri. Mujeeb Rahiman C., Sub Judge and Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Thrissur offered all support from DLSA to make this venture a success. In addition to students and faculty members of Law College, the inauguration was also attended by members of Anti Human Trafficking Unit of Police, Thrissur, various NGOs and Paralegal volunteers of Thrissur. Prof. Binu Poornamodan Cholayil, Principal, faculty coordinators Dr. Sonia K. Das and A.A. Kadeejabi also addressed the gathering.





The main vision of AHT Club is to do best to prevent human trafficking with the ultimate aim that no person – man, woman or child, be sold, purchased, violated or be subject to any form of exploitation. The club works with the full support cooperation and guidance from DLSA as well as Anti human Trafficking Unit of Police Department. The main aim of the club is to recognize, report, rescue the victim and campaign against human trafficking.

2. WORKSHOP ON “MEASURES TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING”

Legal Services Clinic and ADR Centre, Government Law College, Thrissur organized a workshop on **“MEASURES TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING”** on 2nd November 2016, welcome address was delivered by Smt. A.A. Kadeejabi faculty and Coordinator, Government Law College, Presidential address was delivered by Smt. Binu Poornamodan Chalayil, Principal Government Law College, Thrissur. Main resource persons were Sri. Mujeeb Rahiman, Assistant District & District Sessions Judge, Secretary, Legal Services Authority, Thrissur and Sri. S. Sreejith, IPS, IG of Police, Kochi Range & Nodal Officer, Anti Human Trafficking Cell, Kerala Police. Sri Mujeeb Rahiman inspired the audience with his valuable speech and made the audience aware as to how an individual should prevent himself from being victims of Human trafficking. Sri. S. Sreejith IPS explained the International, National and Local dimensions of human trafficking which was very informative and encouraged all students to raise voice against Human Trafficking. Various measures by the government and police including Operation Big Daddy to combat human trafficking were explained by Sri. S. Sreejith IPS. The main object of the workshop was to inculcate the role and responsibility of each student to act against trafficking not only by identifying the victim, but also by assisting in rehabilitation and reintegration of these victims with the main stream society. The workshop was attended by members of AHT Club of Government Law College, Thrissur and also students of other colleges.

INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS

MEASURES TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING: INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

The Centre organized three international events in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Two day International Seminar on the topic **MEASURES TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING: INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES** organized by Paralegal Training and Institutional ADR Centre of Government Law College, Thrissur on 29th and 30th January 2015. Hon'ble Justice K.G. Balakrishnan, Chairperson of National Human Rights Commission inaugurated the Seminar. The Hon'ble Chairperson deliberated on various forms of human trafficking and the efforts of NHRC and other legal measures to combat this evil with special focus to Indian Scenario. Prof. (Dr.) ROZA PATI Professor & Director of Human Trafficking Academy, St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami, USA delivered the keynote address. Prof. Pati focused upon the endeavors of United Nations to combat trafficking and also highlighted various forms of trafficking prevailing in USA and legal measures to combat it. Prof. (Dr.) K.C. Sunny, Head, Dept. of Law, University of Kerala in his special address stressed the importance of making anti trafficking laws effective and also emphasized the role of academic institutions can take up to combat trafficking.

The seminar covered various dimensions of human trafficking and the invited speakers included academicians, activists, lawyers and politicians.

The resource persons for the session Trafficking women for Sexual Exploitation Sri. D.J. Ravindran (Advisor, Asian Institute for Human Rights, Bangkok, Thailand and Former Director of Human Rights Division with the UN Missions in East Timor, Libya and the Sudan) and Adv. Maria (Lawyer & Social Activist, Kalpetta, Wyanad), Dr. S.S. Giri Sankar, Faculty, Govt Law College, Ernakulam





and Dr. Anuja, Faculty, National Law School of India University, Bangalore were the speakers for the session **TRAFFICKING FOR LABOUR: MODERN FORMS OF SLAVERY**. Sri. S. Sreejith, IPS (DIG), Chief Investigation Officer, Kerala State Human Rights Commission interacted with the audience on the topic- **ROLE OF LAW ENFORCERS IN COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN KERALA**. The final session was a panel discussion on **ROLE OF GOVERNMENT, COURTS & NGOS IN PREVENTION, PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION OF VICTIMS OF CHILD TRAFFICKING**. Moderator of the discussion was Dr. Arunkumar K. (Faculty, Dept. of Political Science, University College, Thiruvananthapuram). Panelists were Adv. V.S. Sunil Kumar, Member of Legislative Assembly, Kerala, Sri.A. Suhruthkumar, Associate Professor, Govt Law College, Thrissur, Adv K.B. Rajeev, Asst. Public Prosecutor, Thrissur, Sri. Joy M. Mannoor, Resident Editor, Mangalam, Adv. George Pulikuthiyil Director, Jananeethi, Thrissur and Adv. Seena Rajagopal, Member, Child Welfare Committee, Thrissur

Prof (Dr.) Mercy Thekkekkara, Principal presided over the inaugural session. Dr. Sonia K. Das welcomed the gathering and Prof. A.A. Khadeejabi proposed vote of thanks.

The Seminar was attended by students and faculty members of various educational institutions, representatives from NGOs etc.

International Workshop on Justice Education

The Centre organised an International Workshop on Justice Education as a Part of Law School Curriculum on January 14, 2016. Justice Koshy, Chairperson of Kerala State Human Rights Commission inaugurated the workshop. Prof. (Dr.) David Tushaus, Chairperson, Dept. of Criminal Justice/Legal Studies, Missouri Western State University delivered the keynote address. Prof. (Dr.) K.C. Sunny, HoD, Dept. of Law, University of Kerala

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GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGE, THRISSUR
INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP
ON
JUSTICE EDUCATION AS A PART OF
LAW SCHOOL CURRICULUM
14th JANUARY 2016





Sri. C. Mujeeb Rahiman, Sub Judge and Secretary District Legal Services Authority, Shri Thilakanandan C., Associate Professor, Government Law College, Kozhikode guided the workshop. The workshop was attended by 300 participants comprising of students, paralegal volunteers of District Legal Service Authority and faculty members.

Justice J.B Koshy cautioned that justice should be according to law and not according to social philosophy of the Judge or the political philosophy of the executive or under the influence of an assumed public opinion. Technicalities of law and rules of procedure are handmaids of justice which is the ultimate aim of legal profession, said Justice Koshy. Hon'ble Justice opined that the concept of justice has underwent drastic change with the passage of time but the core area remains unaltered. Justice Koshy said that students, lawyers, judges and the entire legal fraternity should contribute to make justice affordable and accessible to the underprivileged and this should be foremost focus of legal education.

Prof. (Dr.) David Tushaus Chairperson, Department of Criminal Justice/Legal Studies, Missouri Western State University identified creating a more just society as the duty of legal fraternity. He said that law schools



through providing community education, direct assistance and advocacy can make access to justice a reality for the poor people.

Prof. Dr. K.C. Sunny, Head of the Department, Department of Law, University of Kerala, Sri. C. Mujeeb Rahiman, Sub Judge and Secretary District Legal Services Authority, Sri Thilakanandan C., Associate Professor, Government Law College, Kozhikode, Smt. Premalatha, Associate Professor, Government Law College, Thrissur, Sri. Milind A.M. Chairman, College Union, faculty coordinators Dr. Sonia K. Das and Smt. A.A. Kadeejabi also addressed the gathering.

International Conference on Contemporary Issues and Challenges of Human Rights in the Era of Globalization

As far as India is concerned, the introduction of New Economic Policy in 1991 was a radical change. The globalization process was adopted by India without making any changes in the existing laws and without making new laws to meet the changed circumstances, hence it had severe impact on the life of the people. The Conference made an attempt to analyze the impact of globalization in various sectors as 25 years have passed since the introduction of liberal policies in India







The Conference was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha, Director Indian Law Institute, New Delhi. Keynote address was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Samuel Moyn, Professor of History and Human Rights, Harvard University and special address by Dr. K.C. Sunny, Head, Department of Law, University of Kerala. Prof. Sinha highlighted various human rights violations and also the inability of the present remedial forums to deal with such issues especially when committed by transnational corporations. Prof Moyn pointed out the fact that equality has become a mirage internationally with the new globalization policies and the countries and international human rights bodies are trying to be satisfied with sufficiency level. rather than equality. Prof Moyn also highlighted the increasing relevance of socio economic rights in attaining equality. Prof. K.C. Sunny in his special address threw light on various types of human rights violations in India after the introduction of globalization programme and also the stress caused by it on the constitutional principles of India. The two day conference discussed varied topics on various dimension of the impact of globalization like impact of globalization on the Role of State, Environment and Sustainable Development, Neoliberal Policies and Socio Economic Justice, Globalisation and Social Exclusion, Impact on law enforcement and criminal justice, etc. The eminent resource persons for various sessions were Linda Tucker Solicitor, Australia, S. Sreejith IPS IG of Police, Kochi Range & Nodal Officer, Anti Human Trafficking Cell, Kerala, Dr. Vishnu Prasad R., Faculty, National Law School of India

University, Bangalore, Dr. Anuja, National Law School of India University, Bangalore Dr. Mythri P.U., Independent Researcher, Prof. Mani K.P., Dept of Economics, University of Calicut, Dr. Usha Ramanathan, Independent Law Researcher, New Delhi, Smt. Mini Sukumar, Faculty, Centre for Women's Studies, University of Calicut Sri. C.S. Mohit, Sub Judge & Secretary DLSA, Ernakulam & Adv. Maria Louis, Social Activist, Human Rights Law Network, Adv George Pulikuthiyil, Director, Jananeethi.

SPEAK FOR VOICELESS AND UNHEARD.....

ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE : RHETORIC TO REALITY

The Centre organised a one Day Workshop on the topic Rights of Indigenous people on 3rd December 2015. Smt. C.K. Janu leader of Adivasi Gothra Mahasabha and Social Activist delivered the Keynote address. She opined that the root cause for the exploitation of indigenous people is their lack of control and ownership over land. Smt. C.K. Janu said that the rights of indigenous people are to be seen as an inextricable part of social justice system and not as a distinct right. Smt. C.K. Janu opined that the policies of the government to separate the tribal's from their natural habitat and make them a part of mainstream society has proved counterproductive. Adv. George Pulikuthiyil, Director Jananeethi delivered the special address. Adv. George share his experiences as a social activist about human right violations of tribals.



PANEL DISCUSSION on **RIGHTS OF TRANSGENDER PERSONS**

Beyond the binaries

Law, policy in practice and social norms are the three variables necessary to achieve social justice. Judiciary has recognized the rights of Transgender persons, now the law and policy is framed in tune with it. But the efficacy of the law has to be determined. As regarding social norms it takes time to change the belief of the people. Thus it needs much discussion regarding the problems,, rights and efficacy of the law to protect the rights of the transgender.

Legal Services Clinic and ADR Centre of Govt. Law College, Thrissur organized a panel discussion on Right of Transgender The panel members were Sri. Mujeeb Rahiman C. (Assistant Sessions Judge, Secret.ary District Legal Services Authority, Thrissur) Dr. Smitha Menon (ART Medical Officer, Dept. of General Medicine, Govt., Medical College, Thrissur). Anila. (Director, 'Chilla') activist like Sheetal Syam, Sonu Niranjana and Vijayaraja Malika from

the transgender community also participated in the Panel discussions. Dr. Arunkumar, Asst. Professor, Dept of Political Science, Govt. Victoria College, Palakkad was the moderator. The panelists from the transgender group shared their personal harsh experiences from the society as well as the and the lacunas in the legislative





framework and the need of social awareness. Sri. Mujeeb Rahiman focused on the legal endeavours for the rights of transgenders while Dr. Smitha focused on the medical aspects. Sri. Anil shared his rich experience in working among the transgender community. The panel discussion was attended by the students, members from various NGOs and several members of Transgender community. The discussion in fact broke the barriers between student community of Law College and transgender community. It made the students well aware of the need for supporting the cause of rights of transgenders.

CROSSING THE FRONTIERS – Beyond the Class rooms

Clinical Legal Education has two dimensional approaches to teach various practical skills and professional responsibility to the students with social sensitivity and other is to provide legal services to meet the needs of the poor and underrepresented. Legal service Clinic and ADR Centre, Government Law College, Thrissur has been organizing Lok adalat regularly in association with District Legal Service Authority to achieve these objectives. ADR Volunteers actively participate through client visit prior to the adalat and interacting with the clients convincing them the benefits and importance of amicable settlement of disputes.

The centre has been organizing various programmes offering diverse opportunities to the students to interact with the society. In addition to Lok Adalats the the



volunteers are also involved in working for the cause of socially excluded groups. Tribal rights is of special focus for the Centre. The volunteers also regularly visit prison, Mental Health Centre, Children's Home etc. where the students get an opportunity to render assistance to the inmates.

"To no one will we sell, to no one will we deny or delay right to justice"

(40TH PARA MAGNA CARTA)

EXTENSION WORK AT PARAMBIKULAM

The centre went for extension work at Parambikulam Tiger Reserve on 25th to 27th February 2016. It was for the purpose of conducting mock trial of a forest case for officials of Forest Department which is infact a rare opportunity. The trial which comprised of evidence, argument and judgment stages was well appreciated by the officials as they could get an idea about how a forest case is dealt in the court right from the stage of framing charge. Volunteers did the role of lawyers, witnesses and also judge. This was followed by a discussion as to how the forest officials are to be cautious to make a case effective in the court. Later the volunteers also interacted with tribal people as well as officials to know more about the participatory management programme which is beneficial for both tribals as well as for effective protection of forests and natural resources. Paramikulam Tiger Reserve is very successful in implementing Participatory Forest Management. The volunteers also got an opportunity to know about the practical aspects of protection of forest and wild life from the talks delivered by forest officials.

Training programme on

ROLE OF LEGAL AID CLINIC IN LEGAL EDUCATION

'Law schools create smart people without a purpose' i.e.



the expectations and requirement of the professional education does not match. To think we need to have adequate knowledge, to perform we require skills and to conduct them we need attitude. Without the fundamental concept we cannot focus on the skill. Thus the requirement in the legal profession is the knowledge, skills and attitude. An ideal legal education needs understanding fundamental concepts, analytical ability, judgments in case of uncertainty, engage complex issues, and learn from experience. We require skill training to become law reformer. Skills cannot be related to marks, some of the skills required by a lawyer are interviewing technique, factual investigation, communication, listening skills, language, legal analysis, comprehend representation, legal analysis and reasoning, counseling, problem solving, resolving ethical dilemmas.

One day training programme was organized by the centre





on October 18, 2016, The resource person was Smt. Sandhya Ram, Assistant Professor & Director Legal Aid Clinic, V.M. Salgaocar College of Law. Smt Sandhya explained the importance of legal aid clinics for both students as well as for public. Various activities of Legal Aid Clinics of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law were shared with the volunteers.

LEGAL SERVICES CAMP

Paralegal Training and Institutional ADR Centre organised a one Day legal services camp in the tribal village of Olakara, Thrissur District on 9th November 2015. The Camp was inaugurated by Sri Mujeeb Rahiman Sub Judge and Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Thrissur. Peechi Police Station Sub Inspector Sri Manoj, officers of forest department, faculty members of Govt Law College, Thrissur and volunteers the Centre rendered assistance to the tribal people to solve various legal issues. The volunteers also inculcated awareness about their rights through street plays and skit.



Later the volunteers visited the houses of tribals and could understand the pathetic situation there as there was no proper path even to walk. Vehicles cannot reach their houses. They also face difficulties from wild



elephants and their lives are in constant danger. The fact that there was no facility to properly bury the dead bodies was really shocking.

As a follow up measure the Centre along with DLSA submitted a report to the District Collector about various issues faced by the tribals and Collector assured to render swift actions by various government departments.

ATHIRAPALLY EXTENSION PROGRAMME

Free legal aid is an essential aspect in administration of justice especially to the downtrodden society, as a part of 'NALSA' (Protection and enforcement of Tribal Rights) scheme 2015, free legal services for the tribal people of Athirappilly Panchayath was conducted by District Legal Services Authority, Thrissur on 25th October, 2016 in forest dormitory at Vazhachal. A 'Mega Adalath', Medical camp and the inauguration of the permanent legal aid clinic for tribal people was held on the same day. Legal Services Clinic & ADR Centre participated in this extension programme with 65 student volunteers. The focus of the extension work was to solve the issues of the tribal population residing in Vazhachal. The programme started with a warm welcome speech by Sri. Mujeeb Rahiman (Sub Judge) Secretary, DLSA, Thrissur, followed with Presidential Address by Sri. Gopakumar G. (Judge) MACT & Addl. District and Sessions judge, Irinjalakuda. Inaugural address was delivered by Smt. Annie John, Prl.





EXTENSION PROGRAMMES

Mental Health Centre

District & Sessions Judge. Sri. Rajesh Ravindran IFS, Chief Forest Conservator were the Chief Guest of the Programme. Students actively participated in the Lok Adalat along with tribals and other officials.

Year 2014

Human Rights Day

The Centre observed Human Rights Day 2014 to commemorate the 66th Anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 10th December 2014. The programme was inaugurated by Sri. B. Sudheendra Kumar (District Judge and Chairman of District Legal

Service Authority, Thrissur). The main resource persons were Dr. Prabhu Das (Assistant Director of Health Services), Dr. K.H. Amitha Bachan (Research Director, Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation), Sri. Hashim Chemmappilly (Human Rights Activist). The programme was chaired by Adv. George Pullikuthiyil. The discussion focused on the human rights violation in the wake of development activities. It was followed by a skit by the students based on the rights of indigenous people .

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