

## Report on Door to Door Free Legal Aid Campaign by Legal Aid and Pro Bono Club of The ICFAI University, Jaipur in Mangarh Khokhawala [ IUJ Adopted Village]

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On 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024, the Legal Aid and Pro Bono Club of ICFAI University, Jaipur organized a door to door free legal aid campaign in collaboration with District Legal Service Authority, Jaipur at Mangarh Khokhawala village near Kanota, Jaipur. The outreach activity was planned to ensure every individual especially those in rural and underserved communities is aware of their rights and resources available to them.

The activity began promptly at 2:00 P.M. and was led by Dr. Pratima Soni the Associate Dean of ICFAI Law School, and Mr. Ashish Sharma, Para Legal Volunteer (DLSA) supported by the Legal Aid and Pro Bono Club with introduction and interacting with villagers. The Primary objective of the campaign was to raise awareness about free legal aid facilities offered by DLSA and to educate villagers on how they can access these facilities to resolve their legal disputes without financial constraints. Additionally, the campaign aimed to gather information on the villager's concerns related to government provided facilities.

### **Campaign Activities**

The campaign involved a team from the Legal Aid and Pro Bono Club, who visited the households in the village. They communicated with residents on a personal level to build trust and encourage open discussions. Key activities included:

- 1. Legal Awareness Sessions one to one:** Team members provided information about the District Legal Services Authority and its role in offering free legal aid to eligible individuals. They explained the criteria for accessing free legal aid, emphasizing that financial limitations should not prevent anyone from seeking justice.
- 2. Consultations on Day-to-Day Issues:** Villagers were encouraged to share the issues they face in daily life, especially regarding government facilities and welfare schemes. Some common issues discussed included problems related to pensions, ration distribution, access to healthcare, land disputes, education and water supply.
- 3. Distribution of Informational Material:** Pamphlets and brochures detailing the services of DLSA and the process for seeking legal assistance were distributed. These materials were designed to serve as a quick reference for the villagers, helping them contact the DLSA team if needed.

**4. Guidance and Follow-Up:** The team provided guidance on whom to contact within the DLSA for various concerns, ensuring that villagers knew how to initiate the consultation process.

### **Impact and Outcomes**

The campaign was successful in raising awareness about the availability of free legal aid among villagers, many of whom were unaware of their rights. As a result of the outreach, several villagers expressed an interest in consulting the DLSA regarding personal and community issues. Key outcomes included:

**Increased Awareness:** The villagers became more informed about the services provided by DLSA and their right to free legal assistance.

**Identification of Key Issues:** The team was able to gather information on the primary concerns faced by the villagers, which can help inform future legal aid and community support initiatives.

**Facilitation of Legal Access:** The campaign made it easier for villagers to connect with free Legal Aid Clinic of The ICFAI Law School, The ICFAI University, Jaipur where they can come to discuss legal problems and disputes, This Cell offers a more convenient option for consultations allowing villagers easy access to legal support and follow-up.

### **Conclusion**

The door-to-door free legal aid campaign conducted by the Legal Aid and Pro Bono Club of ICFAI Law School, Jaipur, in collaboration with District Legal Service Authority, Jaipur marked a meaningful step in promoting access to justice. By reaching out to the villagers directly, the campaign ensured that those in need of legal aid received the necessary information and support to exercise their rights. Future campaigns could further expand outreach to additional villages and explore solutions for the specific issues raised by the villagers, contributing to a more informed and legally empowered community.

### **Following are few Glimpses:**





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