

NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad

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LEGAL AID PROGRAMMES OF NYAYA :

Pro Bono Club of NALSAR under the guidance of Mr.P.Ashwini Kumar is working in collaboration with Nyaya Bandhu (Pro Bono Legal Services), an initiative under the DISHA scheme (Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice) Ministry of Law and Justice, New Delhi. For Promoting Equal Access to Justice, the following Workshops and programmes were conducted:

Community Activities:

- NALSAR successfully organized its Alumni Meet, NOSTOS'23, on September 16-17, 2023, welcoming 87 distinguished alumni from various locations and professional backgrounds. The event featured a series of engaging activities, including Breakfast at Mess, an Inaugural Ceremony, Committee Events, Lunch at Mess, a Plantation Drive, Tea/Snacks, an Open Mic session, and a lively Social Night at Summer Green Resorts. Alumni also participated in Indoor Sports and enjoyed a memorable Dinner with the Vice Chancellor, culminating in the distribution of commemorative memorabilia. The event served as a vibrant platform for reconnecting, networking, and fostering a sense of community among the college's accomplished alumni.
- NALSAR Quiz Club To further galvanize the quizzing community at NALSAR, an informal WhatsApp group moderated by the committee was created. This group serves as a forum for enthusiasts to share questions, exchange information about upcoming events, and coordinate activities, strengthening the sense of community among quizzing enthusiasts on campus.
- Cricket Quiz (September 21, 2023) For cricket enthusiasts, the eagerly anticipated Cricket Quiz, known as "Silly Point," organized by Shrey Chhabra provided a platform to indulge their passion for the sport. This quiz not only tested participants' knowledge of cricket history, players, and trivia but also fostered a sense of camaraderie and sportsmanship among participants, strengthening the bonds within the NALSAR community.
- Fresher's Quiz (July 11, 2023) The Fresher's Quiz served as a welcoming platform for the first-year batch of B.A LLB students. Hosted by Manav Pamnani, Mithun Krishna, and Mohammed Ashik from the second year, this fun and accessible General Quiz aimed to introduce newcomers to the vibrant world of quizzing, encouraging their active participation and fostering a sense of belonging within the NALSAR community.
- Binge Club: The Movie Club provides a platform to learn through entertainment and be a stress buster by opening the student community into regular movie screenings. The club conducts events like short film making, movie review, scriptwriting competitions and Film/Short film Festivals.
- The Speakers Club: The Speakers Club endorses the art of speaking and expressing their thoughts among the student's community of DOMS NALSAR. The speakers club conducts speaking events and debating events



and promotes the participation of DOMS students in various cultural fests and events organised across various Universities in India and abroad.

- The sports club promotes the sports culture amongst the students and faculty by conducting intra-college tournaments and improving the campus life of students through fun, fitness, and connection with the community
- Community Dispute Resolution:

Students visited various institutions, observed their functioning, and conducted interviews. The public institutions visited by the students include Anganwadi Centres in Shamirpet, Aliabad, Pudur and Medchal, Panchayat offices, health centres, Lok Adalat court, collector office and police stations. Students' recommendations include awareness programmes on Community Dispute Resolution methods in rural villages and regular and continuous community engagement to address the disputes arising in the communities.

Social Activities : Access to Justice Program and Prison Legal Aid Clinic

In February 2024, Prof. Murali Karnam has been appointed as the director of Access to Justice Program. He runs a field action program. He guides and supervises a multidisciplinary team lawyers, social workers and researchers and law students to provide prison legal aid to prisoners in Hyderabad. His substantial amount of time is devoted to this program in addition to his regular academic teaching of mandatory courses in the University. A detailed report is attached here.

Workshops organized

- Organized a 7 days training for advocates and social workers from April 28 to May 5, 2024 at NALSAR University of Law
- Organized A Team building workshop for the staff of Access to Justice Program on 4 and 5 of June, 2024.
- Organized a Two-Day Refresher Training Workshop for the Access to Justice Program Staff on 7 and 8th of December 2024.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE PROGRAM

In pursuit of a fulfilment of justice for all guaranteed under the Article 39A of the Constitution of India, the NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad started the Access to Justice Program in April 2024. This is the systematic extension of the Prison Legal Aid Clinic Program run by the university since 2018. Under the program, the University attempted to provide qualitative free legal aid to the under-trial prisoners in Hyderabad. It supported prisoners from vulnerable backgrounds like those who are poor, illiterate and are socially and economically disadvantaged.

The program recruited four advocates and four social workers and research associate in April 2024. The social workers were also recruited with the background of working on prisons and criminal justice system in order to enhance the effect of the program. While the field staff functioned from the city, it was coordinated and supervised by the program director Prof. Murali Karnam from both University space and the city. The team addressed all the legitimate social and



legal needs of the prisoners by undertaking visits to prisons and their homes. It aligned with the legal aid system, prisons and courts to identify the reasons for longer than necessary pretrial detentions and intervened to provide timely and qualitative legal aid. The team is supported by dedicated 13 law students from Prison Legal Aid Clinic.

The program team along with students visited prisons once in two to three weeks and to prisoners homes. It collected all the legal and familial details of the prisoners and connected them with their families, friends and advocates and courts. It made socio legal aid needs assessment of prisoners and their families. It litigated in the courts for their bails, and supported to them for their release. The law students of university supported the team and become potential criminal advocates to provide qualitative legal aid to prisoners.



Visit to Cherlapally Central Prison: The Program Team and Students from NALSAR

Results

In an effort to provide socio-legal support to prisoners, the program team of advocates and social workers reached out to a total of 480 prisoners in 3 prisons and juvenile homes. A significant 270 prisoners requested detailed socio-legal intervention, highlighting the need for comprehensive support beyond just legal representation. Of the prisoners reached out to, 100 requested legal representation in 152 cases for bails and their modifications. 96 bail applications were specifically filed for undertrial prisoners. 56 bail applications were filed for juvenile prisoners, highlighting the vulnerability of this group and the need for specialized support. The tireless efforts of the team led to the release of 58 prisoners, including juveniles, who were able to reunite with their families and reintegrate into society. 13 of the prisoners to whom we got the bails pleaded guilty and got convicted. A total of 71 prisoners were released. 10 prisoners switched to private advocates as they had more cases in other courts. Unfortunately, 19 prisoners, including juveniles, were not released, indicating that more work needs



to be done to address the systemic barriers and challenges faced by this population. They thought that instead of meeting the bails conditions, it is better to plead guilty in Jail Adalat and get early release. In 6 cases bails were rejected. The team had to file multiple bail applications for granting of bails.

WOMEN PRISONERS

The program has reached out to 56 women prisoners who requested for various kinds of sociolegal assistance. The it supported them to navigate their cases with the courts and families. In cases of 7 women prisoners, we could not do anything as they have their own advocates. Another 19 cases are pending with the program waiting for various kinds of solutions.

Only 15% of the cases are taken from the Special Jail for Women; 50% of the

cases from the Central Prison, Chenchalguda and rest from the Cherlapally Central Prison. Last year only the permission to visit Chenchalguda was granted and at present we are granted to visit all the three prisons in Hyderabad.



Team building workshop organized for the Access to justice Program staff by Altaf Shareef from Mumbai on 7 and 8 of December 2024 at NALSAR University of Law

PENDING CASES

As of March 15, 2025 we have 140 requests for direct intervention and 49 cases for one time intervention. Though we get lots of cases for direct intervention including for legal representation, most of the prisoners will have private advocates or LADCs on paper but not functioning and communicating about the progress of the cases to them. During prison visits we also take the advocate revocation applications and complaints against the advocates who are not cooperating with the prisoners but it involves much larger systemic problem than that we could engage with. We would like to keep on collecting this data and see what can be done with it and how to engage with those who have larger stakes with the system.





The Batch of Prison Clinic January to April 2024 along with Prof. Murali Karnam

NATURE OF THE CASES

Of the 480 prisoners, who approached the program team, 20% of the cases are related to theft, 5% are related to POSCO Act and 7.5% of the case are related to NDPS Act. In 40% of the cases, the prisoners are not aware of the nature of offences they were alleged. Only 10% of them say that they have a legal aid lawyer appointed. While 20% of the prisoners say that no bails applications were filed by their advocates, 71% of are not aware of their case statuses. What is interesting is that there is sizeable section of prisoners who were granted default bails but not communicated to the prisoners by their advocates. While 51% of prisoners have non-bailable cases, it is interesting to note that there 7.5% of prisoners with bailable offences facing.

The prisoners who have multiple number of petty cases in different courts and who are migrant labourers, most poor and who are not supported by the families are reaching out to the program in general. Sizeable section of prisoners is those who are neglected by their own advocates and LADC. There are also substantial number of prisoners who have got bails but were not released as their advocates are not processing their sureties demanding more money as fee. This is an open debate in the courts. Such issues were taken the notice of State Legal Services Authority.



The team at Chenchalguda Special Jail for Women and Central Prison, Hyderabad

ACCESSING JUSTICE TO CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH LAW

While the Access to Justice Program was struggling to access the prisons in a broader sense, lack of our focus on the children in the juvenile homes has hit us hard. The pro-active initiative of the social workers of the program brought the permission to full access to all the homes in the state. This is seen as timely opportunity to work towards the release of most vulnerable group of the sections of the society and a systematic and energetic intervention was started in June 2024.

REPRESENTATION OF CHILDREN BEFORE JUVENILE BOARDS/COURTS IN THREE DISTRICTS

It can be observed from the data that 52 bail applications for 28 children were filed in 3 districts. 7 applications in Hyderabad, 35 in Medchal-Malkajgiri and 10 applications at Ranaga Reddy were filed. After joining of Ms. Archana Rao, advocate and committed social worker on child rights, the momentum to work for children in conflict with picked. In 41 of the cases, bails were granted and 23 children were released. Still 1 child in juvenile home pending surety compliance due to inability to pay Rs. 5000. The case of one child is still pending at Hyderabad as she does not have fit family to take her custody and the judge has been reluctant to even consider the bail petition and this case has been followed. In the rest of the 12 cases, there were private advocates and in four cases, bails have already been granted. Therefore, the program advocates have not pressed the cases.

IMPACT: LEGAL AID SYSTEM ESTABLISHED FOR CHILDREN

The systematic, persistent and committed efforts of the advocates and social workers of the Access to Justice Program has been recognized by all the three district courts, district legal services authority from time to time. As the results of the effort were visible, these three districts have taken the effort to appoint full time Legal Aid Défense Councils to defend the cases of the children. What kind of qualitative legal aid they are going to provide is to be seen. Downside of these positive development is that now the advocates of the program are not allowed to represent the cases of children. The pro-active efforts of the Juvenile homes and social workers of the program has resulted in these mixed developments. Since the other districts away from Hyderabad have no legal aid Défense councils, the juvenile homes have been requesting us to undertake the cases but due to distances and lack of times and resources, we are not able to attend to these areas.

Pictures from Government Home for Boys & Girls





Advocate Farha Qureshi speaking in Awareness Program on POCSO Act at Observation Home for Girls, Nimboliadda



Advocate Archana Rao speaking at Observation Home for Boys, Saidabad

TRAININGS CONDUCTED

The Access to Justice Program conducted and involved 10 trainings on the criminal law practices. The staff were trained for 8 days from 28 April to May 5, 2024 in which experienced advocates, judges, public prosecutor and legal scholars were engaged to impart practical skills to engage with the criminal justice system. A team building exercise was undertaken with the help of an experienced trainer from Mumbai on 4 and 5 of June 2024. This revealed the challenges of building a team with diverse background. Similarly, a refresher training was conducted to the staff on 7 and 8 of December 2024. This was more productive than earlier trainings as the requirements of the program is understood far more clearly. The staff had also undergone one day training on the Management Information System on 22nd June 2024. The team was also sent to Pune as two batches between 9 to 14 June and on 20 and 21 December 2024 for an exposure visit to 39A Project area to understand the practical ways of providing legal aid to prisoners. Though the staff participated in all the trainings conducted by state legal services authority and DLSAs and in turn conducted few trainings, our efforts to organize the trainings to LADCs did not fructify so far. Since our relations with prisons and DLSAs have been improving we hope to have more meaningful collaboration with them. However, the department of Juvenile Welfare and Correctional Services have been very happy to involve the advocates and social workers of the program in trainings and awareness program of the boys and girls in these homes. They were involved in several trainings. The staff went extra-mile to accommodate the requests for time and energy. This built a good rapport with the department and facilitated our work. This is very meaningful and satisfactory intervention by the program.

INTEGRATION OF PRISON LEGAL AID CLINIC INTO ACCESS TO JUSTICE PROGRAM

NALSAR has been running the prison legal aid clinic since 2018. Around 10 students visit the prisons every semester. They provide the legal advice to the prisoners and their families for four months and they visit prisons two days in a



month. Their learning on the levers of working of criminal law is far better than those who learn it in the classroom. They always stand out among the students and have been motivated to choose career in criminal law for higher studies and research. From January 2025 onwards, the Prison Clinic has been redesigned and offered to fourth semester students (2nd year students), who have completed criminal courses and are still in the process of making career choices. The response from the young and curious students on the clinic has been tremendous.



Visit to Chenchalguda Prison by the team and students

60 students from BALLB and LLM students have applied for 13 seats in the clinic. On every Wednesday, they were thoroughly trained on POCSO, NDPS Acts, on how to fill the facts sheets, bail jurisprudence, theories of criminal law, filling the MIS, downloading the FIRs and on how to contact the families of the prisoners. This systematic work has generated good amount of information and connected the students with the advocates, prisons, courts and social workers. The students visit to the prisons are hundred percent and their learning increased many folds. The synergy between the clinic and the Access to Justice Program has increased the quality of the performance by the students as well as the staff of the Program.

COLLABORATION WITH LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY: DLSA AND SLSA

The Program started closely working with the State Legal Services Authority and the District Legal Services Authorities in Ranga Reddy, Hyderabad, Medchel-Malkajgiri districts. When the permission from the prison department was delayed, the staff started interacting with these authorities for appointment of our social workers as the Para-Legal Volunteers and the advocates as the panel advocates.

First, the SLSA has involved the staff of our program into training of LADCs at the judicial academy, Hyderabad. The Director of the program delivered two lectures to 103 LADCs on the rights of undertrial prisoners and custodial justice in June 2024. The advocates of the Program were allowed to participate in the two days training.



The DLSAs of these districts have organized a number of trainings to the advocates and para-legal volunteers on various themes such as POCSO and other such laws and requested the advocates and Social Workers act as resource persons.

The staff from their own experiences of visiting prisons and juvenile home have acted as far better resources persons than others. Though the themes of these meetings were very different from our mandate, we have involved ourselves in order to continue the collaboration. The DLSAs are keen to involve the staff on routine training programs but we have used our discretion in participations.

The staff also met the Sessions Judge of Medchal-Malkajgiri district and DLSAs of Ranga Reddy and Nampally various times to extend the services of the Program to expedite the Financial Assistance Scheme to Poor Prisoners and allow us to assist the LADCs in providing the legal aid to prisoners. The responses of the DLSAs in this regard is not very encouraging, though we have been submitting the requests of the poor prisoners to the Empowered Committees of these districts for granting of money for sureties.

CENTRE FOR CHILD & YOUTH JUSTICE :

CCYJ is running a project on "Access to Justice for Children through systems strengthening on child protection issues" funded by CRY - Child Rights and Youth.

Following activities were conducted as part of this project:

- Workshop on the POCSO Act and its interplay with other criminal laws at Bar Association Nalgonda on 10.02.2024.
- U.S. Department of State and Consulate officials visit to NALSAR to discuss International Parental Child Abduction and child protection strategies at NALSAR University of Law on 23.04.2024.
- Orientation program on the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 in collaboration with UNICEF and the Sangareddy District Police, focusing on the police's role in child protection and establishing child-friendly corners in police stations at Conference Hall, Office of Superintendent of Police, Sangareddy on 31.08.2024.
- State Level Review on Child Protection Mechanism District Child Protection Units (DCPU) of Telangana State at Auditorium, NIMSME, Hyderabad on 04.09.2024.
- Discussion with Telangana State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (TGSCPCR) on 'Critical issues of Children & Child Protection' at NALSAR University of Law on 09.09.2024.
- CRY officials visit to NALSAR University of Law on the occasion of its 21st Convocation at NALSAR University of Law on 28.09.2024.
- Orientation Program on POCSO Act, 2012 to various Stakeholders at Sangareddy District Police at Conference Hall, Office of the Superintendent of Police, Sangareddy District on 08.11.2024.
- Children's Day Program at Government Primary & High School in Mudfort, Secunderabad, Telangana on 14.11.2024.
- Training program on the preparation of Social Investigation Reports (SIR) and Individual Care Plans (ICP) for DCPU staff, Telangana at Don Bosco



Navajeevan, Pragathi Nagar, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad, Telangana on 21.11.2024 to 23.11.2024.

- Discussion on the issue of International Parental Child Abduction (IPCA) with US Consulate at NALSAR University of Law on 11.12.2024.

Activities of the Centre from January 2025 onwards:

- Call for Chapters for a Monograph on "International Parental Child Abduction" with a Deadline for submission is 15.02.2025.
- Call for Papers: Indian Journal of Child & Youth Justice by CCYJ, NALSAR, Volume 1 with deadline for submission is 10.03.2025.
- Call for Blogs on rolling basis on rolling basis.
- Release of CCYJ biannual newsletter; October - December 2024 at Telangana High Court in presence of Hon'ble Smt. Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya, Judge, High Court of Telangana, Chairperson, Juvenile Justice Committee, Telangana High Court on 22.01.2025.
- Release of CCYJ Calendar at Telangana High Court in presence of Hon'ble Smt. Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya, Judge, High Court of Telangana, Chairperson, Juvenile Justice Committee, Telangana High Court on 22.01.2025.
- A day long southern region law review Consultation program on 'Laws related to Women in Prisons and children of inmates, issues and challenges' for the states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Puducherry by National Commission of Women and CCYJ, NALSAR University of Law at Convention Centre, NALSAR University of Law on 08.02.2025.
- Update of NEWS section on CCYJ Website. This section is fortnightly updating recent news related to child rights at state, national and international level along with the news clippings from newspapers, started from 10.02.2025 and updated on 20.03.2025. CCYJ Website- <https://ccyj.nalsar.ac.in/blog/>
- Three days residential training program on "Laws Related to Children" for CRY South Partners at VC Meeting Hall, NALSAR University of Law on 24 February- 25 February-26 February, 2025.

Implementing the principle of diversion

Sangareddy District Police has issued a standing order dated 19.02.2025 vide No. 110 /DCRB/SRD/2025, mentioning Child Rights Centre, NALSAR initiative regarding training to SHOs and all District level Police Officers on 'Principal of Diversion' under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

The extract of relevant order is reproduced below-

"Training on Principal of Diversion and DOs & DONTs have been given by UNICEF and NALSAR University to all the SHOs and District level Police officers."



Pratham Community Outreach Center :

The first initiative that Pratham had planned was a Voter Awareness drive in Pedamma colony - there were about 300 families that lived there and we thought since the elections were coming up, we would go to house to house in groups (with 1 Telugu speaking individual in each group) and have one to one conversation with the Page 93 of 155 people there and explain to them why their vote was important and distributed pamphlets detailing the same.

The Wish Tree initiative by Pratham was a program designed to fulfill the needs of orphans living in orphanages. It aimed to provide them with essential items such as shoes and dresses. Through this initiative, Pratham sought to bring joy and fulfillment to the lives of these children by granting their wishes and ensuring they had access to basic necessities. The initiative was carried out through the generosity of donors who contributed to the cause, making it possible to meet the needs of many orphaned children across various orphanages. Overall, the Wish Tree initiative by Pratham successfully brought smiles to the faces of orphaned children by providing them with much needed items to enhance their well-being and quality of life.

The NALSAR Counseling Center has two qualified and experienced Counsellors. During the year, our counseling department embarked on a journey to provide comprehensive support to our students, addressing various aspects of their well-being and academic success. Through a combination of individual sessions, group sessions, and outreach initiatives, we aimed to foster a nurturing and inclusive environment conducive to personal growth and development.

- NALSAR organised Outreach Workshop – “IP Strategies – For Academics & Startups” at CCMB, Hyderabad on December 17, 2024 & Outreach Workshop - “IP Strategies For Startups” at tHUB, Hyderabad on January 20, 2025:

Moot Court Sessions :

1. The University organized the Bodhraj Sawhny Moot Court Competition from October 13 - 15, 2023.

NALSAR Organized Moot Court Competitions NALSAR hosted 2 annual moot court competitions where it allowed participation from the external universities, the details regarding them are mentioned below.

NALSAR Bodh Raj Sawhny Memorial Moot Court Competition NALSAR hosted 16th edition of the NALSAR Bodh Raj Sawhny Memorial Moot Court Competition between 13th and 15th October 2023 in association with the Bodh Raj Sawhny Trust as its Title Sponsor and EBC-SCC as its Knowledge Partners. Notably, the Organizing Committee for this edition has successfully negotiated a collaboration with the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy. This edition was hosted in physical mode on campus.



A total of 74 teams registered for Stage I of the Competition which consisted of a Memorial Elimination Round, out of which 24 teams were invited for Stage II of the Competition which consisted of Oral Rounds and Researchers' Test.

The overall Prize Money of the Competition was INR 1,30,000.

NALSAR - Competition Commission of India Moot Court Competition

NALSAR hosted 2nd edition of the Trilegal's NALSAR – Competition Commission of India Moot Court Competition between 14th and 16th April 2023 in association with Trilegal and Competition Commission of India as its Title Sponsor and EBC-SCC as its Knowledge Partner. This edition was hosted in physical mode on campus.

A total of 72 teams registered for Stage I of the Competition which consisted of a Memorial Elimination Round, out of which 32 teams were invited for Stage II of the Competition which consisted of Oral Rounds and Researchers' Test.

The Overall Prize Money of the Competition was INR 2,00,000.

Further details regarding the competition can be accessed at <https://www.antitrustmoot.nalsar.ac.in/>.

The Organizing Committee also executed a 5-year sponsorship deal with Trilegal, which entails an annual financial commitment of INR 4,00,000 for Page 72 of 155 every edition of the moot, in addition to logistical support, including judges for both Stages of the competition.

Apart from this, MCC further hosted two internal competitions; the details regarding the same is as follows –

Introductory Moot

MCC hosts an annual introductory moot for the freshers' batch in order to introduce them to the mooting. It is mandatory for all the freshers to take part in the introductory moot as per the academic policy. MCC hosted Annual Introductory Moot for the NALSAR Batch of 2027 between 12th and 14th February 2023. In this edition, we ushered in a policy of 'no-ragging' in order to create a serious atmosphere around mooting.

Selection Moot

MCC hosts annual selection moot in order to finalize the teams participating in the National Moot Court Competitions organized by various universities across India.

The 2023 edition of the Annual Selection Moot took place between 11th and 13th August 2023. This edition also saw an improved competition structure aimed at being more efficient and student friendly.

Moot Court Competition Hosted by NALSAR- 2024

1. **World Moot on International Law & Animal Rights-** NALSAR conducted Southern Asia rounds for the 1st WMILAR Moot from 26th-30th August 2024.

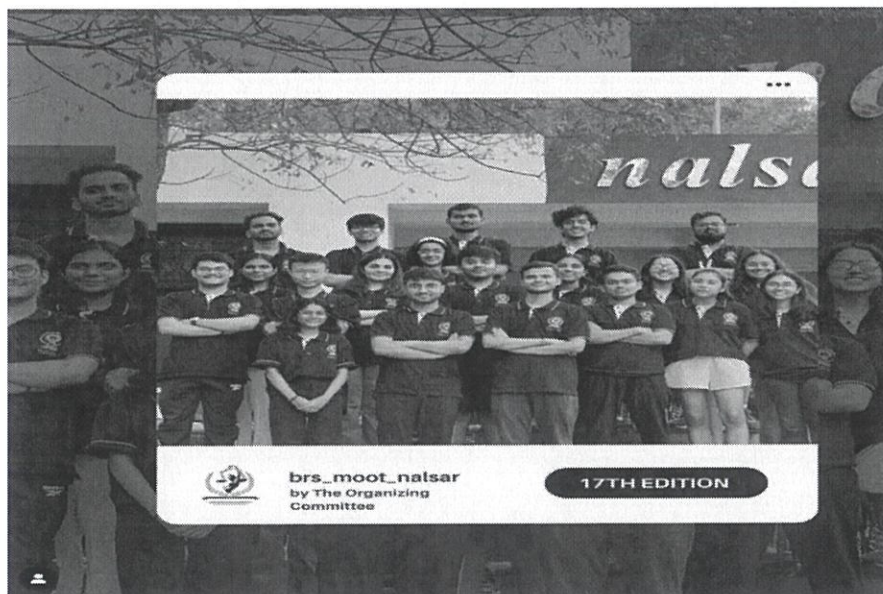


Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Mr. Gopal Sankaranarayanan, was the award sponsor and graciously agreed to offer an internship to the winners.

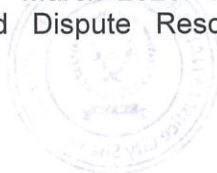


2. **NALSAR Bodh Raj Sawhny Memorial Moot Court Competition-** NALSAR hosted the 17th edition of the NALSAR Bodh Raj Sawhny Memorial Moot Court Competition between 4th to 6th October 2024 in association with the Bodh Raj Sawhny Trust as its Title Sponsor and EBC-SCC as its Knowledge Partners. Notably, the Organizing Committee for this edition has successfully negotiated a collaboration with the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy for drafting the Moot Proposition.

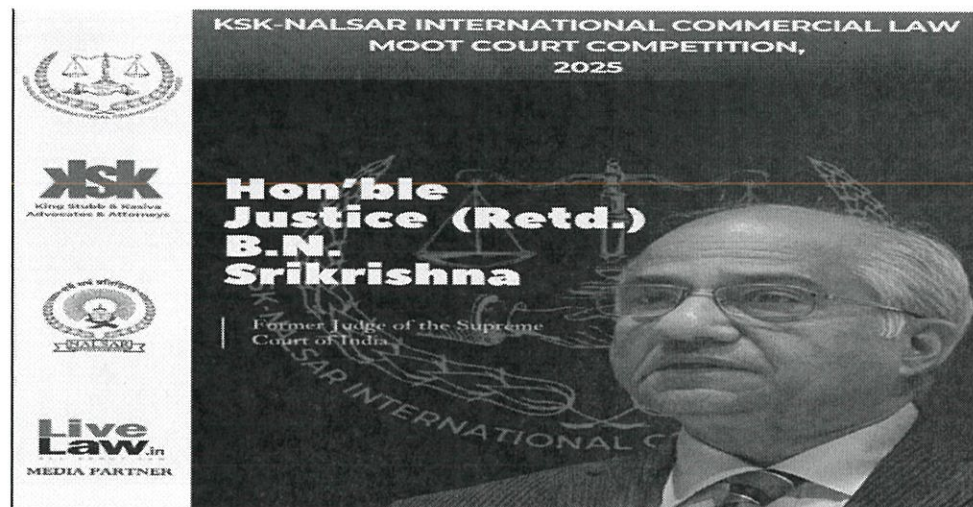
The overall Prize Money pool for the Competition was INR 2,60,000, which is double that of last year.



3. **1st KSK-NALSAR International Moot Court Competition-** NALSAR hosted an International Moot Court Competition in collaboration with King Stubbs and Kasiva from 7th to 9th March 2025. This moot court competition focused on Corporate Laws and Dispute Resolution, offering participants a unique



opportunity to think critically about the issues that legal practitioners face in corporate law and commercial disputes.



4. **3rd Trilegal's NALSAR CCI Antitrust Moot-** NALSAR, in collaboration with the Competition Commission of India and Trilegal as the sponsor, hosted 4th edition of the NALSAR CCI Antitrust Moot Court Competition 2025 on 21st - 23rd March 2024. The vision of the 4th NALSAR-CCI Antitrust Moot Court Competition this year was to set the benchmark for antitrust law moots by making NALSAR-CCI the Premier Antitrust Competition in India. It is also the biggest antitrust law moot in India.

Moot Court Competition Hosted by NALSAR- 2025:

- 1st KSK-NALSAR International Commercial Law Moot Court Competition 2025 organised from 7th to 9th March 2025.
- 4th Edition of NALSAR – CCI Antitrust Moot Court Competition organised from 21st to 24th March 2025



Clinical Programs 2023:

1. Agri-Legal Aid Clinic activities organised by NALSAR in collaboration with the Telangana State Legal Services Authority and Legal Empowerment and Assistance for Farmers Society (LEAFS), an NGO organisation:

Virtual Inauguration of Agri-Legal Aid Clinic on March 18, 2023 at Bammera Village, Jangaon District:

Agriculture and its allied sectors are the largest source of livelihood in India. Agricultural laws were enacted to promote and regulate the agricultural sector and to ensure food security for farmers. Various government initiatives and schemes were introduced for the benefit of the farmers. These beneficial legislations and schemes have not reached them due to the lack of legal awareness and understanding. A meeting was held under the aegis of Hon'ble Justice. Sri P. Naveen Rao, Judge, High Court for the State of Telangana and Executive Chairman, Telangana State Legal Services Authority on January 9, 2023 & February 21, 2023 with the Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice-Chancellor NALSAR University of Law, Sri S. Goverdhan Reddy, Member Secretary, Telangana State Legal Services Authority, Asst Professor Mr. P. Ashwini Kumar, Pro Bono Club In-charge, NALSAR University of Law, Mr. Sunil Kumar, President, Legal Empowerment And Assistance For Farmers Society, an NGO organisation. Hon'ble Justice. Sri P. Naveen Rao has expressed his intention to organize the Virtual Inauguration of the Agri-Legal Aid Clinic on March 18, 2023, at Bammera Village, Jangaon District, as a pilot collaboration project with an object to empower the farmers. It was decided that the Para Legal Volunteers would man the Agri-Legal Aid Clinic to educate and create farmers' awareness of the various agricultural laws and welfare schemes. NALSAR University of Law will provide the legal resources and training for this programme. Further, the university will simultaneously work to generate awareness among its students for creating socially relevant lawyers. Hon'ble Justice. Sri P. Naveen Rao has assigned the organisation work to Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Sri S. Govardhan Reddy and Mr Sunil Kumar. Under the orders and guidance of the Vice-Chancellor, Mr P. Ashwini Kumar has stayed in the Bammera Village for three days and coordinated with the State and District Legal Services Authority, LEAFS and Village Panchayat. He has met with the farmers in the village with the support of Mr Nagabhushanam, Sarpanch, Bammera Village, Jangaon District and explained to them the importance of Agri-Legal Aid and Awareness Clinic. Farmers have responded positively and sought answers to various problems, such as land, seeds, fertilisers, marketing, government schemes, etc. Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao visited Bammera village on March 17, 2023. He has interacted with the village sarpanch and farmers. Mr. Nagabhushanam, Sarpanch, has requested the Vice Chancellor for a desktop to improve the productivity, efficiency and quality of the work proposed.

Virtual Inauguration of Agri-Legal Aid Clinic on March 18, 2023 at 11:00 AM at Bammera Village, Jangaon District has occurred from the Integrated Courts on Family Disputes Complex, Hyderabad, in the august presence of Hon'ble



Justice Sri V. Ramasubramanian, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble Justice Sri P.S. Narasimha, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble Justice Sri P.V. Sanjay Kumar, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble Justice Sri Ujjal Bhuyan, Chief Justice, High Court for the State of Telangana & Patron-in-Chief, Telangana State Legal Services Authority and Hon'ble Justice Sri P. Naveen Rao, Judge, High Court for the State of Telangana and Executive Chairman, Telangana State Legal Services Authority, other companion Judges of the High Court and Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice-Chancellor attended the programme.

Prof. K. Vidyullatha Reddy, Registrar, NALSAR University of Law, Judge Sri Anjaneyulu, Sr Civil Judge, Judge Sri Prithivi Raj, Junior Civil Judge, Mr. M. Sunil Kumar, President LEAFS, Mr P. Ashwini Kumar, Mr Nagbhushanam, Sarpanch, Mr. Irfan, NALSAR University IT Head etc, has attended the programme in the Bammerea Village and interacted with the farmers.

Outcome: Farmers enthusiastically interacted with the coordinators on the March 16 – 18, 2023. It was identified that there is a need to increase legal awareness of various legislation and beneficial schemes among the farmers. It was further identified that PLVs (Para Legal Volunteers) need training to effectively function and achieve the objective of supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged sections of society. It was decided that Mr. P. Ashwini Kumar will start a Legal Aid and Legal Awareness Agri-Legal Aid Clinic Course for the NALSAR students to generate social awareness among the students and spread legal awareness at Shamirpet, Pudur and other nearby villages.

2. Training Programme to the Para Legal Volunteers on Agri-Legal Aid Clinic held on May 10-11, 2023 at NALSAR University of Law:

Hon'ble Justice Sri P. Naveen Rao, Judge, High Court for the State of Telangana and Executive Chairman, Telangana State Legal Services Authority, has consulted with Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice-Chancellor NALSAR University of Law. It was decided that 3 to 5 PLVs (Para Legal Volunteers) would be selected from 31 districts of Telangana State, and the NALSAR University of Law would provide these volunteers accommodation and training for two days. The Vice-Chancellor has instructed Mr. P. Ashwini Kumar, Asst. Professor & Nodal Officer Pro Bono Club, NALSAR University of Law and Dr. G. Mallikarkun, Asst. Professor & Chief Warden, NALSAR University of Law, will coordinate the programme. Sri S Goverdhan Reddy, Member Secretary, Telangana State Legal Services Authority, has frequently spoken with Mr. P. Ashwini Kumar about the Page 112 of 155 programme's organisation. Mr. P. Ashwini Kumar has approached various resource persons to deliver lectures during the training programme according to the requirements specified by Sri—Goverdhan Reddy and under the guidance of the Vice-Chancellor.

Hon'ble Justice Sri P. Naveen Rao, Judge, High Court for the State of Telangana and Executive Chairman, Telangana State Legal Services Authority, was the Chief Guest, and he delivered a lecture and interacted with the participants on the 10th day of May 2023. Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice-Chancellor of NALSAR University of Law, delivered the inaugural address and interacted with the participants on the 10th and the 11th of May 2023. Sri. S.



Goverdhan Reddy, Mr. P. Ashwini Kumar, Dr. G. Mallikarkun, and Mr. M. Sunil Kumar have delivered lectures and interacted with the participants.

Outcome: Hon'ble Justice. Sri. P. Naveen Rao, Judge, High Court for the State of Telangana and Executive Chairman, Telangana State Legal Services Authority, has issued orders. All the participants in the workshop have established Agri-Legal Aid Clinics across the State of Telangana, and they are working under the aegis of the District Legal Services Authority. PLVs have called Mr. P. Ashwini Kumar on various occasions and discussed various farmers' issues with him. He is still interacting with the PLVs.

3. Agri-Legal Aid Clinic & Legal Awareness programme on June 25, 2023, at Bammera Village, Jangaon District:

The Agri-Legal Aid Clinic & Legal Awareness programme was held on June 25, 2023 at Bammera Village, Jangaon District. Hon'ble Justice Sri P. Naveen Rao, Judge, High Court for the State of Telangana and Executive Chairman, Telangana State Legal Services Authority, was the Chief Guest and lectured on the importance of legal awareness among the farmers. Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice-Chancellor of NALSAR University of Law, lectured on farmers' issues as a Guest of Honour. Sri S Goverdhan Reddy, Member Secretary, Telangana State Legal Services Authority, Sri. D. Ravindra Sharma, Principal Judge & Chairman of District Legal Services Authority and Mr. M. Sunil Kumar, President, LEAFS, an NGO Organization, have delivered lectures on the importance and purpose of Agri-Legal Aid Clinics.

Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice-Chancellor of NALSAR University of Law, has appointed Mr. P. Ashwini Kumar to coordinate the programme. Sri S Goverdhan Reddy, Member Secretary, Telangana State Legal Services Authority, coordinated with Mr. P. Ashwini Kumar for the programme's organisation. Further, he has coordinated with Sri. D. Ravindra Sharma, Principal Judge & Chairman of the District Legal Services Authority, Sri Vikram, Sub Judge and Mr. M. Sunil Kumar, President of an NGO Organization. Mr. P. Ashwini Kumar has stayed in the Bammera Village for three days and interacted with Mr. Nagabhushanam, Sarpanch, PLV and farmers. He has responded to the multiple questions they raised. As per Page 113 of 155 the orders of Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice-Chancellor NALSAR University of university delivered the desktop and equipment required to continue E Agri-Legal Aid Clinic in Bammera Village to Mr Nagabhushanam, Sarpanch, Bammera Village, Jangaon District.

Outcome: Farmers from nearby villages have attended the programme and interacted with the coordinators. Jangoan district PLVs have participated in the programme and expressed interest in working in the Agri-Legal Aid Clinics. Further, they have interacted with Mr. P. Ashwini Kumar and requested the NALSAR University of Law to organise training programmes. They have informed him that the training programmes will enable them to work efficiently as PLVs and help the farmers.



Prison Legal Aid Clinic:

The Prison Legal Aid Clinic of NALSAR University of Law focuses on providing legal aid and support to under-trial prisoners and convicts at the Central Jail in Hyderabad. The program entails regular visits to the jail, during which the students and faculty interact with the inmates to identify those in need of legal assistance.

To ensure thorough record-keeping, the team has diligently maintained data from each visit in an Excel sheet, which is regularly updated. In the last semester (June-October 2023), a total of six visits were made to the prison.

During these visits, the team interacted with 173 under-trial prisoners and 77 convicts. Out of the under-trials, 44 individuals required advocates or legal aid, while 13 convicts were provided with copies of their judgments upon their request. Additionally, 26 convicts sought advocates to file appeals on their behalf. Page 114 of 155.

Advocate Vishal, as part of the program, took up seven cases of under-trial prisoners for legal aid and four cases of convicts. These efforts aimed to ensure fair access to justice for those behind bars.

In addition to their work within the jail, the students had the opportunity to interview Justice Kishan Kaul, where they discussed the condition of prisoners in the country and solicited suggestions to improve systemic bottlenecks hindering justice for inmates.

The team also engaged with S. Sasidhar Reddy, the Principal District and Sessions Judge of Ranga Reddy district, Telangana. They raised awareness about the challenges faced by prisoners, such as the non-receipt of bail orders and judgment copies, which restrict their access to information and their ability to file appeals. Their intention was to seek the intervention of relevant authorities to address these issues effectively.

Furthermore, the students volunteered with the District Legal Services Authority to identify eligible under-trial prisoners across 16 courts who qualified for bail according to a 21-point criteria outlined by the Supreme Court. Through their efforts, they identified 120 prisoners, whose trial periods and sentences were taken into consideration for a set-off. As a result, 110 prisoners were successfully released, marking a significant achievement in their quest for justice for prisoners.

Overall, the Access to Justice to Prisoners program at Nalsar, under the guidance of Dr. Murali Karnam, has been actively working towards addressing the legal needs and systemic challenges faced by under-trial prisoners and convicts. Their efforts have encompassed legal aid provision, awareness-raising, and collaboration with authorities, all aimed



at ensuring that justice is served to prisoners in a genuine and comprehensive manner.

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Agricultural Credit and State of Crop Loans in the Villages:

As part of the Agri Legal Aid Clinic, students have visited Shamirpet, Aliabad, Pudur and Medchal. Students have visited Farmer's Cooperative Societies, Banks, Court and Public offices like panchayat offices, etc. Students met with various stakeholders, interviewed them, sensitised them about their rights, and shared the perspectives of the other stakeholders, believing that sharing different perspectives would lead to improved social cohesion and resolve various issues amicably. Students recommended that, apart from the loan waiver scheme, multiple steps need to be taken which will provide the foundation for agricultural growth in Telangana.

Primary Health Care:

This study explores the intersection of primary health care and legal aid in Rural India. It primarily focussed on key areas like intimate partner violence (IPV), mental health, integration of national healing programmes (Like Ayushman Bharat) and queer health care access. Students interviewed the public and District Medical and Health Office staff, visited primary health care centres in Shamirpet, Aliabad, Tummukunta, and Pudur villages, and went to the Collectorate to collect relevant data and interview relevant people. The findings and suggestions include initiating adequate staff training, providing better resources, safeguarding privacy, and organising more cultural sensitisation programs, which will address the issues of stigma concerning issues like intimate partner violence and queer-related issues.

MGNREGA:

Students have interviewed 16 workers, 1 DRD officer, one technical engineer consultant, one panchayat secretary and 1 MPD officer in Shamirpet. Students have identified key issues and made a few interesting recommendations. They include strict implementation of a 100-day work guarantee, worker skill development programs, transportation reimbursement, timely wages, help with technology problems, strengthening redressal mechanisms and health and safety standards.

Community Dispute Resolution:

Students visited various institutions, observed their functioning, and conducted interviews. The public institutions visited by the students include Anganwadi Centres in Shamirpet, Aliabad, Pudur and Medchal, Panchayat offices, health centres, Lok Adalat court, collector office and police stations. Students' recommendations include awareness programmes on Community Dispute Resolution methods in rural villages and regular and continuous community engagement to address the disputes arising in the communities.



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