### **DEPARTMENT OF LAW**

## DR. AMBEDKAR COLLEGE, DEEKSHABHOOMI, NAGPUR <u>LEGAL AID CLINIC</u>

NAME OF THE PROGRAM: AWARENESS TALK ON THE POCSO ACT

AND CELEBRATION OF WORLD

**POPULATION DAY** 

DAY: 11 JULY 2022

TIME: 11.00 AM -1.30 PM

NAME OF CELL: LEGAL AID CLINIC

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: DR. PRATIMA LOKHANDE

MEMBERS: Mrs. VAISHALI SUKHDEVE

Miss. SARIKA KAMDI

STUDENTS: 60

#### REPORT ON

## AWARENESS TALK ON THE POCSO ACT AND CELEBRATION OF WORLD POPULATION DAY

Child sexual abuse is a major concern that is increasing day by day in India and to fight child sexual abuse, it is important that we all take responsibility in our own various ways to combat the menace. The country is experiencing frequent incidences of violations against children. In some incidents children are perpetrators and sometimes they are victimized by the people of their own surroundings. Protection of Children from sexual offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 in order to effectively address the heinous crimes of sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children through less ambiguous and more stringent legal provisions.

The Legal Aid Clinic of Department of Law, Dr. Ambedkar College, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority organized the "AWARENESS TALK ON THE POCSO ACT".

The main objective of the Legal Aid Clinic is to create awareness on 'POCSO Act 2012' to law students and teaching students to understand the special provisions of legislations and helping them to stand up for the safety of children. It was held on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 at the College Seminar Hall.

The event began with ceremonial lighting of the candle and garlanding the portraits of Tathagat Guatam Buddha and Param poojya Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar and the felicitation of the guests with sapling.

The welcome speech was given by Principal of College Dr. B. A. Mehere Thereafter Dr. Pratima Lokhande, coordinator of Legal Aid Clinic has given overview of activities of Legal Aid clinic.

Shree Jaydeep Pandey, secretary DLSA delivered a lecture among the students and sensitized the students on the very important topic of sexual abuse of children by citing live examples. He started with mentioning the offences given under IPC and then focussed on the detailed provisions of POCSO ACT. He mentioned about the lacunae in IPC like the problem of pornography is not mentioned in it and so the need to have new legislation which is Gender neutral in the form of POCSO. He discussed various kinds of offences mentioned in the Act regarding sexual abuse starting from sexual harassment, sexual assault and penetrative sexual assault and its aggravated form. He also discussed the penal provisions of such offences and made the students aware of the same.

#### CELEBRATION OF WORLD POPULATION DAY

Adv. Rajendra Rathi Sir very well explained the urgency and importance of population issues. He said there is a need to pay attention towards issues like importance of family planning towards the increasing population, gender equality, maternal and baby health, poverty, human rights, right to health, girl child education etc. He said there is a urgent need to make sure the easy access of reproductive health services everywhere as part the basic primary health for each couple.

that legal profession is a profession of service and not of business and encouraged the students to actively participate in dealing with the problems of over population and how a law student can contribute in problem solving.

Dr. S.P. Kalamdhad, Ms. Shilpa Rathod, Ms. Sarkia Kamdi attended the program.

Vaishali Sukhdeve, accorded the vote of gratitude at the end of this enlightening session.









Floral Welcome of Shree Jaydeep Pandey, secretary DLSA by Principal B.A.Mehere



Floral Welcome of Adv. Rajendra Rathi by HOD Dr. H.V.Menon



Dr. Pratima Lokhande giving overview of Legal Aid Clinic



Shree Jaydeep Pandey, secretary DLSA addressing the students



Glimpses of Visit To LEGAL AID CLINIC











# प्रत्येक दुसरा अल्पवयीन हा लैंगिक अत्याचाराचा बळी

- डीएलएसए सचिव
   जयदीप पांडे यांचे प्रतिपादन
- डॉ. आंबेडकर कॉलेजच्या विधि विभागात कार्यक्रम

## म.टा. प्रतिनिधी, नागपूर

'देशातील प्रत्येक दुसरा अल्पवयीन हा लैंगिक अत्याचाराचा बळी ठरत आहे. त्यामुळे पोक्सो कायदा आणि त्यासंदर्भात समाजात विशेष जागृती करण्याची गरज आहे', असे प्रतिपादन जिल्हा विधि सेवा प्राधिकरणाचे (डीएलएसए) सचिव जयदीप पांडे यांनी 'लैंगिक गुन्ह्यांपासून बालकांचे संरक्षण कायद्या'वर (पोक्सो) प्रकाश टाकताना केले. तसेच, अशा गुन्ह्यांना प्रतिबंध घालण्यासाठी अशा स्वरूपाच्या गंभीर गुन्ह्यांत या कायद्यांतर्गत कमीत कमी २० वर्षांपक्षा अधिक शिक्षा होते, याकडेही लक्ष वेधले.

दीक्षाभूमी येथील डॉ. आंबेडकर महाविद्यालयाचे 'कायदेशीर मदत केंद्र'



कार्यक्रमात बोलताना डीएलएसएचे सचिव जयदीप पांडे. शेजारी विभागप्रमुख डॉ. एच. व्ही. मेनन, ॲड. राजेंद्र राठी, प्राचार्या डॉ. बी. ए. मेहेरे, डॉ. प्रतिमा लोखंडे.

आणि जिल्हा विधि सेवा प्राधिकरणाच्या संयुक्तवतीने 'लैंगिक गुन्ह्यांपासून बालकांचे संरक्षण कायद्या'संदर्भात (पोक्सो) जनजागृती आणि जागतिक लोकसंख्या दिनाच्या निमित्ताने विशेष मार्गदर्शनपर कार्यक्रमाचे आयोजन करण्यात आले. नवीन सत्रारंभाच्या निमित्ताने महाविद्यालयातील विधी विभागात आयोजित या कार्यक्रमात पांडे यांनी पोक्सो कायदे, त्यातील शिक्षेच्या तरतुदींबाबत माहिती दिली. प्राचार्या डॉ. बी. ए. मेहेरे यांच्या अध्यक्षतेखाली झालेल्या या कार्यक्रमास विभागप्रमुख डॉ. एच. व्ही. मेनन, कार्यक्रमाच्या समन्वयक डॉ. प्रतिमा लोखंडे, तसेच विभागातील प्रा. सारिका कामडी, प्रा. शिल्पा राठोड, प्रा. वैशाली सुखदेवे यांची प्रमुख उपस्थिती होती. प्राधिकरणाचे सदस्य ॲड. राजेंद्र राठी यांनी

वाढत्या लोकसंख्येच्या पार्श्वभूमीवर वाढत्या गरजांचा विचार करण्याची गरज प्रतिपादित केली. तसेच करोना प्रादुर्भावाचा काळ आणि त्यानंतरच्या काळातील समस्या आव्हान स्वरूपात जगासमोर उभ्या ठाकल्या आहेत, असे ते म्हणाले. प्रास्ताविक डॉ. शिल्पा राठोड यांनी, तर संचालन उन्नती बोबडे या विद्यार्थिनीने केले. आभार प्रा. वैशाली सुखदेवे यांनी मानले.