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**GNLU – NAVINCHANDRA DESAI LAW
FOUNDATION CHAIR,
PRO BONO CLUB GNLU, GANDHINAGAR**

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PROBONO INDIA

In Collaboration With

**RGNUL LEGAL AID CLINIC, PUNJAB
PRO BONO CLUB, SFJLPS, NFSU
GANDHINAGAR**

Organizes

**3rd EDITION OF ONLINE CERTIFICATE
COURSE ON LEGAL AID AND ALLIED LAWS**

*With special reference to practical aspects of Right to Information
Act, Public Interest Litigation, Consumer Protection Act,
Alternative Dispute Resolution and Rights of the Victim*

JANUARY 30 – FEBRUARY 14, 2023

ABOUT GNLU - NAVINCHANDRA DESAI LAW FOUNDATION CHAIR

Carrying forward the ancestral grail of providing legal solutions and consultancy, the Navinchandra Desai Law Foundation collaborated with the Gujarat National Law University to strengthen the University's goal of being a pioneer in legal and interdisciplinary education and research. The unity aims to provide path-breaking research opportunity to not only students but legal professionals, valuing the nexus between theoretical understanding and industry practice. Scads of importance has been given to develop a river towards legal practice among young lawyers keeping in view the sprit of speedy justice. The collaboration is effectuated to develop the Nation and especially the State of Gujarat into a high level thing tank by promoting legal and interdisciplinary research and training opportunities which are aimed to create a copper bottomed legal structure.

ABOUT PRO BONO CLUB - GNLU

The Pro Bono Club Scheme has been conceptualized to strengthen the existing Nyaya Bandhu programme, by integrating law schools and students within its fold. The primary objective of this scheme is to improve the efficiency and quality of pro bono legal services by providing assistance to pro bono advocates through competent law students.

The objective of the Scheme:

- To improve efficiency and quality of pro bono legal services
- To instil in young legal minds their responsibility to the community by understanding and practicing pro bono legal services for the unassisted and disadvantaged persons in the societies.

In order to promote a culture of pro bono, this scheme allows us to undertake a series of activities. They are Pro Bono Litigation Assistance, Community Care Legal Assistance (CCLA), Research, Documentation & Reporting, Promoting Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanism. Nyaya Bandhu (Pro Bono Legal Services) was founded in 2017 by the Government of India to establish a framework for providing pro bono legal services across the country. Nyaya Bandhu connects practising advocates who want to give their time and services to potential marginalised beneficiaries, after due scrutiny for delivery of pro bono (free of charge) legal services. Pro Bono Clubs have been constituted by law schools to achieve the goal. The GNLU Pro Bono Club is being constituted under the aegis of the University. The club is being created as a measure to fulfil the vision of the newly constituted Pan India scheme

on Access to Justice titled ‘Designing Innovative Solutions and Holistic Access to Justice (DISHA)’ in association with the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India and under the scheme ‘Nyay Bandhu (pro bono legal services)’.

ABOUT PROBONO INDIA

Founded in October 2016 with an aim to integrate legal aid and awareness initiatives – ProBono India has ventured into different avenues viz. legal aid, legal awareness, legal intervention, legal journalism, legal activism etc. – all with the underlying objective of contributing to the positive development of the society with a strong socio-legal approach. The activities at ProBono India include an active dissemination of legal information via the medium of its official website, rolling internship programmes for law students to help them develop a holistic personality with a socio-legal approach to their professional personality, interviews with eminent personalities working at the ground-level offering insights into their successful projects, providing a platform to promote and publish the art of research and legal writing, amongst many others. The team of ProBono India works to promote legal activism as we believe that law and society are two sides of the same coin. Law and society are so inextricably interdependent that both need to be equally improved in order to lead the world into the desired new order. We at ProBono India believe in a better and brighter tomorrow. We believe not just in being passengers on this drive to change – rather, we aim to drive towards the change.

ABOUT RGNUL LEGAL AID CLINIC, RGNUL, PUNJAB

Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab is a premier Law Institute established in 2006 under the State Act 12 of 2006. In a short span of time, the University has been able to achieve the status of Institute of Excellence in Higher Education, award of Grade A by NAAC, a NIRF, MHRD ranking of being in the top 10 law institutes of India from past two consecutive years. RGNUL is committed towards creation of an environment of learning along with providing opportunities of growth as young and responsible citizens for the students. Over the past decade, the University has been able to establish itself as a Centre of Excellence for Legal Education. RGNUL Legal Aid Clinic was established in 2011 under the aegis of Punjab State Legal Services Authority, Chandigarh. The clinic is significantly trying to bring in the change in social, political and legal perceptions of the community through its initiatives. Various projects like Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, Legal consultancy, awareness camps, legal and digital literacy programs, promotion of sustainable agricultural

practices, adoption of villages around the vicinity of the University, promotion and advocacy of rights of women and children, participation in Lok Adalats etc. The volunteers of the clinic have taken up various projects in the villages adopted by the clinic regarding surveys to understand the issues faced by the residents, creation of water recharge system in the Government school of the village, promotion of mensural health and hygiene amongst the women, organizations of free health camps for the villagers, organization of vaccination camps for the residents of the city, cleaning of water bodies, approaching the District Administration for issues faced by the villagers, association with the Old age homes, Collaborative projects with various NGOs for child rights and safety and many more. Around 1200 migrant labourers were assisted for food, health care and safe travel to their respective places during COVID 19 Lockdown. The students formed a group of 3000 volunteers spread across the country to help arrange plasma, medicines, oxygen supply, beds etc. for more than 1000 people during the second wave of the virus.

ABOUT SLEJPS, NFSU, GANDHINAGAR

School of Law, Forensic Justice and Policy studies is established with the aim of imparting professional education with a special focus of forensic application in all allied areas of law and policy framework. The school aspires to be the leading provider of forensic justice understanding to all professionals from different areas of governance including justice administration. Through forensic lenses it focuses on crime prevention, crime reduction, crime mapping, speedy and fair dispensation of justice, thereby contributing to overall welfare of people. The school ultimately envision to produce sound techno-legal experts who can contribute in all areas of governance improving the efficiency leading to peace and happiness amongst the people through highest index of Rule of Law and Justice. The world around us is changing tremendously each day. Legal Services sector and justice administration system is also transforming rapidly in this industry 4.0 revolution which is driven by technology. AI, big data and virtual courts is redefining legal services industry, dispute resolution mechanism and justice delivery processes. Though the lawyers, legal and justice delivery system has remain stubborn in many ways when it comes to technology use for all these years, Covid-19 pandemic compels all the players in the system to adopt and adapt technological disruption including legal fraternity. This changes is shaping the future of the law profession in amazing ways. However one of our biggest struggles in the future of the law profession is law schools, as most of the schools are still generating 20th-century lawyers. What we need today is 21st-century lawyers to meet the demand of companies and individuals who want a lower-cost legal option that is conveniently available and delivered electronically.

The School of Law, Forensic Justice & Policy Studies breaks this tradition and brings the most innovative law programmes having cutting age technology focus and seeks to nurture competent technology proficient lawyers who are ready to lead the future in highly competitive global legal order.

ABOUT THE COURSE

Legal Aid means giving free legal services to the poor and weaker section of society who cannot afford to take the service of the advocate to conduct a case or any legal proceeding in the court of law, any judicial authority or before any judicial tribunal. Article 39A of the Constitution of India provides that State shall secure that the operation of the legal system promotes justice on a basis of equal opportunity, and shall, in particular, provide free legal aid, by suitable legislation or schemes or in any other way, to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen because of economic or other disability.

Articles 14 and 22(1) also make it obligatory for the State to ensure equality before the law and a legal system which promotes justice on a basis of equal opportunity to all. Legal Aid strives to ensure that constitutional pledge is fulfilled in its letter and spirit and equal justice is made available to the poor, downtrodden and weaker sections of the society.

The preamble of the Indian Constitution aims to secure to the people of India justice- socio-economic and political. His Lordship Justice P. N. Bhagwati aptly stated that legal aid means providing an arrangement in the society which makes the machinery of administration of Justice easily accessible and in reach of those who have to resort to it for enforcement of rights given to them by law. Article 38(1) avows that the State shall promote the welfare of the people by securing and protecting the social order including justice.

Article 21 clearly says that every person has an equal right to life and liberty except according to the procedure established by the law. The State shall secure that the operation of the legal system promotes justice, on a basis of equal opportunity, and shall, in particular, provide free legal aid, by suitable legislation or schemes or in any other way, to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen because of economic or other disabilities.

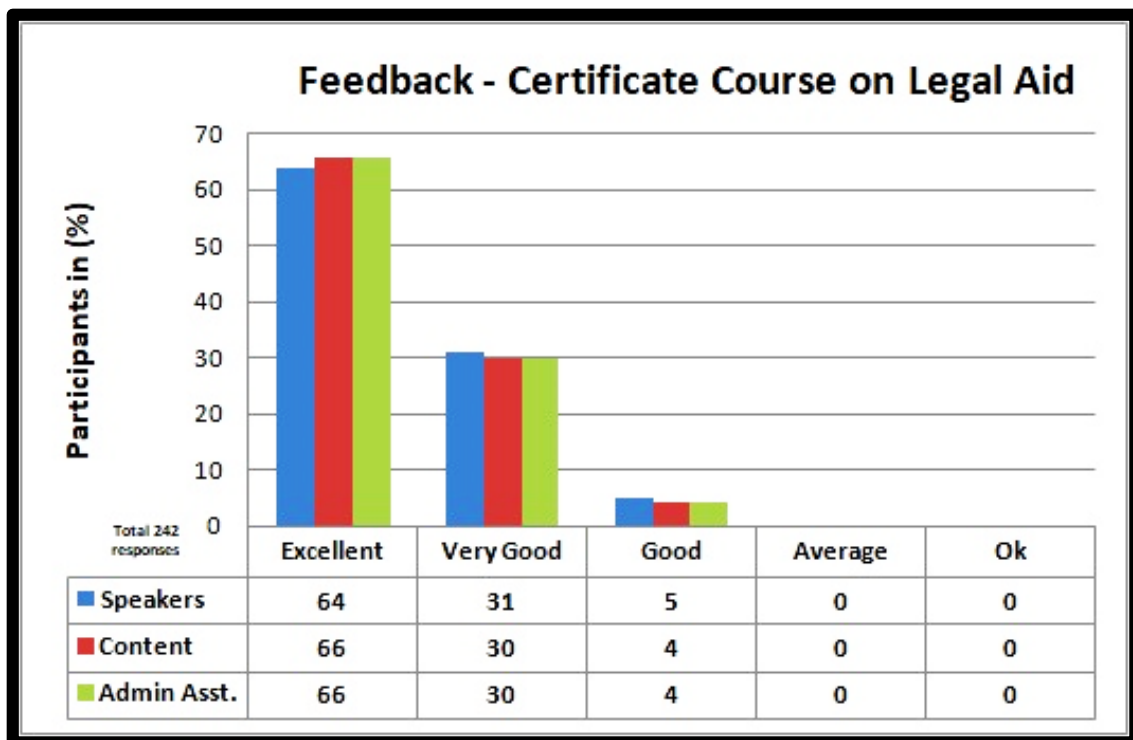
Total two editions have been organised in which **2200+** registered in the course and **1000+** completed the course successfully. Course was designed to give an outline of the Legal Aid system in India, and its development by the judiciary. It covered various aspects of Right to Information, Public Interest Litigation, Rights of the Victims and Alternative Dispute Redressal mechanism. The course helped the participants to learn the significance of legal aid in the path

to achieving justice. Looking at the overwhelming responses in two editions of the course, we have planned a third edition of the course in the public interest.

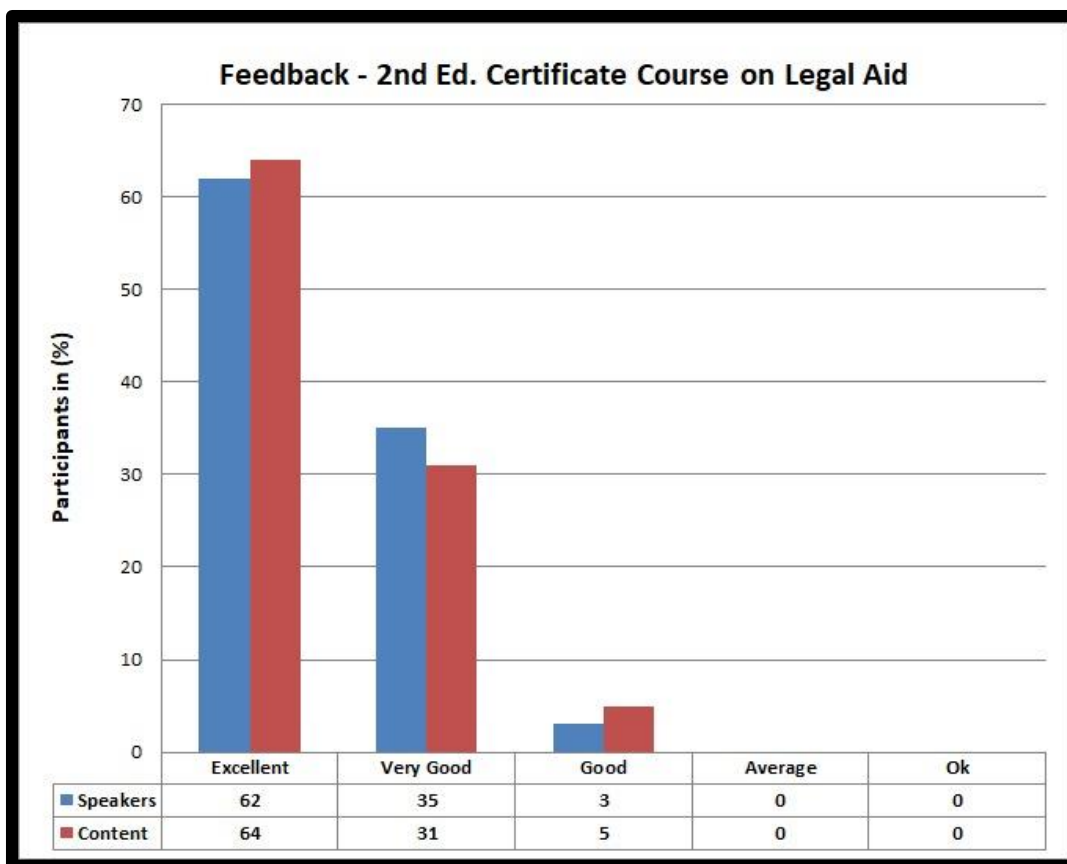
The main objectives of the course are:-

- To enable the students to understand the history and development of Legal Aid in India
- To give a basic idea about the Right to Information and its significance
- To explain the concept of Public Interest Litigation and its importance for provision of access to justice, particularly in India
- To understand various modes of Alternative Dispute Resolution
- To understand the Consumer Rights and various provisions related to it.
- To realize the significance of Rights of the Victims

FEEDBACK SNAPSHOT – FIRST EDITION OF COURSE
(AUGUST 2020)



FEEDBACK SNAPSHOT – SECOND EDITION OF COURSE (OCT 2021)



MODULES FOR THE COURSE:

1. **Legal Aid in India including Pro Bono Initiatives (5 Hours)**
2. **Public Interest Litigation (5 Hours)**
3. **Right to Information (5 Hours)**
4. **Consumer Protection Act & Alternative Dispute Resolution (5 Hours)**
5. **Rights of the Victim (5 Hours)**

The Course will be for 2 Weeks and the duration is of 25+ Hours. Online Sessions will be conducted by subject experts on different topics every day from 7-00 pm to 9-00 pm. The Course comprises of 5 different modules. Online Sessions will be conducted on Cisco Webex platform. Guest sessions will also be planned depending on the need. The participants will be provided reading materials for each module and they are expected to read the material before the online sessions.

90% attendance is mandatory for award of Certificate of Completion of the course. There will be a time bound online examination based on MCQ for 100 marks on **Sunday, February 19, 2023 during 8-00 pm to 11-00 pm** wherein the students are expected to score a minimum

of 50% marks to get a passing certificate. Grade Pattern for certification - (A+ 90% and above, A 80% and above, B+ 70% and above, B 60% and above, C 50% and above).

There is No Registration Fee to attend the course.

Certification: - Participants will be required to pay fees of **Rs. 300/-** if they want certificate after taking the online MCQ based examination. The amount shall be paid within 5 working days of completion of examination.

Last Date of Registration: - **January 28, 2023**

Please register here: - <https://forms.gle/68JapzCRke4rgSBA6>

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Note :- Faculty/Experts can assign and discuss any other cases relevant to the module. Expert, Faculty will be sharing his own experience, cases to better learning. Participants are expected to read readings and cases for fruitful discussion in the session.