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The Department of Justice ('DoJ') has come forward to suit its broader vision of helping those in need and promote its movement on Pro Bono in the country via the newly constituted Pan India Scheme on Access to Justice titled "Designing Innovative Solutions and Holistic Access to Justice (DISHA)."



Implementing The Pro Bono Club Scheme

NLIU has established a Pro Bono Club (PB Club) to actualise the aims of one of the verticals of DoJ's scheme - 'Nyaya Bandhu'. The Club is functioning under the Legal Aid Clinic ('LAC') of the University. Under the PB Club Scheme, the faculty coordinator Ms. Neha Sharma along with the students and empanelled advocates has rendered legal advice through rigorous research on legal problem and concerns faced by the common man and followed it up by filing complaints at the appropriate forum. Assistance from the panel of advocates is taken on a pro bono basis. This quarter, NLIU-LAC under the PB Club Scheme assisted by taking up two matters relating to fraud and assault.

Community Care Legal Assistance - Change Begins at Home

Under the Community Care Legal Assistance, NLIU-LAC undertook legal awareness drive. This is the first step in furtherance of our village adoption plan which the Clinic will be taking up soon. The members of the Clinic covered around 140 houses in the nearby villages of Mendori and Mendora. The awareness drive was aimed at educating people on their right to free legal aid services and collecting information to provide relevant assistance to them in the upcoming drives.



National Consultation on 'Vision India @2047 for Judicial System'

On 8 June 2022, the Department of Justice, Government of India organised a National Consultation on "Vision India @2047 for Judicial System" under the aegis of "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" which saw participation from 16 law schools who were invited to share ideas on the theme "Justice for All: Developing A speedy, affordable & Technology-enabled Citizen-Centric Doorstep Justice Delivery System." Our Pro Bono Assistants ('PBAs') Rashi Upadhyay, Surbhi Jain, Ishita Warghat, and Pushendra Dixit represented NLIU in the National Consultation and shared their ideas on evolving new methods to clear backlogs of cases pending in the courts with the use of technology; moving towards settlement in civil cases to save the time of the court and litigation costs; and empowering village panchayats to settle land disputes with help of new enactments.