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Report on Commemoration of National Legal Services Day

by

S.L.S.A., U.T., Chandigarh and Legal Literacy Cell on November 09, 2023

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The State Legal Services Authority (S.L.S.A.) (U.T.), Chandigarh commemorated National Legal Services Day alongwith Legal Literacy Cell of Government College of Education, Sector-20D, Chandigarh on November 09, 2023. The distinguished Chief Guest of the event was **Sh. Arunvir Vashisht**, **Ld. District and Sessions Judge**, **Chandigarh**. Other distinguished guests were Sh. Surender Kumar, (Additional District & Sessions Judge-cum-Member Secretary, SLSA, U.T., Chandigarh) and Ms. Navjeet Klair (CJM-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Chandigarh). The objective of this event was to spread awareness about the legal services to ensure access to justice to the marginalized and weaker section of the society as well as to appreciate the achievements of the personnel's of the legal services institutions in U.T. Chandigarh by S.L.S.A.

Samiksha (Chief Executive Member of L.L.C.) extended a warm welcome to the Chief Guest, Honorable Judges, Principal, Advocates, College Faculty and students present for the celebration of the event. Shagun (Executive Member of L.L.C.) commenced the event by inviting the Chief Guest and the esteemed Madam Principal to the stage for the traditional lamp lighting ceremony. Following this, Samiksha extended an invitation to Sh. Surender Kumar to present a memento to the Chief Guest. She also invited Ms. Navjeet Klair to present a planter to the Madam Principal.

Ms. Navjeet Klair, (CJM-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Chandigarh), was invited to the stage to welcome everyone in attendance. During her welcome address, she highlighted the constitutional legal goals and the importance of a collective commitment for their fulfillment. She also gave a brief introduction to The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), an organization which not only helps people realize their legal rights but also fosters awareness about the procedures to access legal services. Furthermore, she emphasized the collaboration required between the state and institutions such as NGOs and educational establishments, including law colleges, to effectively support and enhance the legal framework.

Shagun (Executive Member of L.L.C.) then welcomed Sh. Surender Kumar, Additional District & Sessions Judge-cum-Member Secretary onstage to present the Inaugural Address. In his

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address, Honourable, Sh. Surender Kumar graciously welcomed the Chief Guest, Principal, advocates, college faculty, guests and the students present, emphasizing the critical role of legal awareness in society. He also gave a brief history of Legal Service Day and why it is celebrated on November 9 every year. Emphasizing the pivotal role of students in legal services and legal literacy clubs, he encouraged colleges to organize awareness camps to spread information about people's legal rights. He concluded his address by highlighting the three fundamental duties for everyone: protecting the environment, preserving harmony, and respecting national symbols. His insightful speech resonated with the importance of collective responsibility in fostering a just and aware society.

Madam Principal was then welcomed onstage to shed light on the working of The Legal Literacy Cell of the Government College of Education, Chandigarh. She expressed her gratitude to the Chief Guest, Honorable Judges, Advocates, College Faculty, and students for gracing the event with their presence. She emphasized the significance of understanding legal rights and systems, highlighting the purpose of establishing the club to instill awareness of legal rights among future educators. She went on to elaborate on the different talk sessions organized by the L.L.C., not only within the college but also in various Government schools of the Chandigarh. Madam Principal's words highlighted the proactive role of the LLC in spreading legal knowledge and fostering awareness not only in college but also in the broader educational landscape. She also mentioned that college website has separate link to showcase the various activities performed by the LLC during the various academic years.

The Chief Guest Sh. Arunvir Vashisht, Ld. District and Sessions Judge, Chandigarh was invited on stage to share his insightful perspective. He thanked S.L.S.A. (U.T.), Chandigarh and the college for inviting him to commemorate the National Legal Services Day. Honorable Sir emphasized the difference between literacy and legal literacy. According to him, being a lifelong student is essential, and key qualities for effective learning include open-mindedness, a commitment to unbiased ideologies, a sense of wonder, and a propensity for questioning the world around us. He highlighted the importance of freedom for every individual and how fundamental rights safeguard this freedom, with the courts playing a crucial role in their

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implementation and protection. He highlighted the authorities established to ensure legal literacy and explained the true meaning of justice, drawing parallels from the epic Mahabharata. His insightful remarks impacted the audience, providing a thoughtful perspective on the ongoing process of learning and the fundamental principles of justice.

After the Chief Guest's speech, Nikita (Executive Member of L.L.C.) presented a poignant poem on Legal Literacy. Shagun (Executive Member of L.L.C.) shaded light on the objectives of legal service authorities in India, the Legal Service Authority Act, and the significance of legal literacy with the PowerPoint presentation. Subsequently, Riti (Executive Member of L.L.C.) also delivered a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the constitutional provisions and objectives of NALSA in India. The program continued with an eloquent poem on legal literacy presented by Khushboo, followed by an insightful play on female foeticide and legal awareness was performed by Aaina, Rubal, Khushboo, and Riti (Executive Members of L.L.C.). The skit prepared and directed by Rubal (Executive Member of L.L.C.) conveyed the importance of legal awareness and societal issues was the effective combination of literary expressions and dramatic presentation.

The S.L.S.A., U.T. Chandigarh also recognized the commendable work done by the Panel Lawyers, Para Legal Volunteers, Legal Aid Clinics and Legal Literacy Cells working in schools and colleges by awarding certificates and mementos in ten different categories on this occasion. The UILS Panjab University was given the award for running the best Legal Aid Clinic at college level and Govt. Model Sr. Sec School, Sector 33D Chandigarh was awarded for running the best Legal Aid Clinic at school level. The Chief Guest, Additional District & Sessions Judge-cum-member Secretary (U.T.), CJM (U.T.) and Principal of the college distributed certificates and mementos to awardees.

Following this, Saloni delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all dignitaries, participants, and attendees for their valuable contributions to the event. The function concluded with the National Anthem. Refreshments were served to the students which were sponsored by the S.L.S.A., U.T., Chandigarh.

Copy of the Schedule of the event:

Celebration of National Legal Services Day on 09th November 2023 by SLSA, U.T. Chandigarh at Government College of Education, Sector 20-D, Chandigarh.

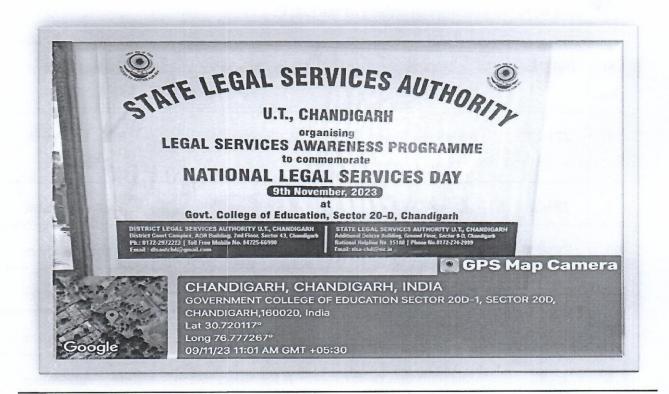
Sr. No.	EVENT	PRESENTED BY TIMMING	
1.	Welcome to all dignitaries - Chief Guest, Honorable Judges, principal, Advocates, College Faculty and Students and Lamp Lighting.	Ms. Samiksha (Chief Executive Member, Legal Literacy Cell).	11:30 to 11:35
2.	Welcome Address	Ms. Navjeet Klair, CJM- cum-Secretary, DLSA, Chandigarh.	11:35 to 11:40
3.	Inaugural Address	Sh. Surender Kumar, 11:40 to 11:50 Additional District & Sessions Judge-cum- Member Secretary, SLSA, U.T. Chandigarh.	
4.	Working of Legal Literacy Cell in Government College of Education.	Dr. Sapna Nanda,	11:50 to 11:55
5.	Keynote Address by Chief Guest.		
6.	Brief introduction about National Legal Services Day.	Shagun Vinayak 12:10 to 12:1 (Executive Member, Legal Literacy Cell).	
7.	Introduction about National Legal Services Authority.		
8.	Poem on Kanuni Saksharta and skit on Female Foeticide.	Ms. Nitika, Ms. Khushboo and Ms. Rubal and others.	12:20 to 12:35
9.	Prize Distribution		12:35 to 12:45
10.	Vote of Thanks	Saloni (Executive 12:45 to 12:50 Member, Legal Literacy Cell)	
11.	National Anthem		

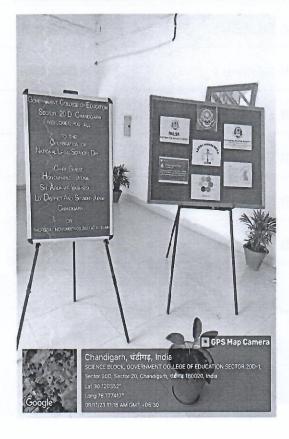
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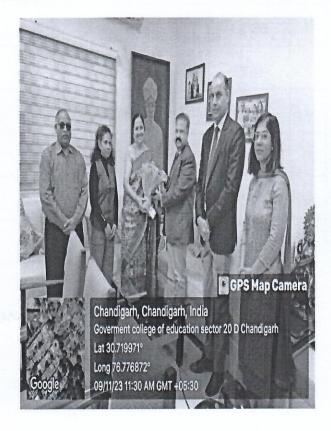
Following were the executive members of the L.L.C.

Sr. No.	Roll No.	Name	Class / Semester	Designation
1.	221/22	Samiksha Singh	B.Ed./Sem III	CHIEF Executive Member
2.	289/22	Aaina Chauhan	B.Ed./Sem III	Executive Member
3.	242/22	Ananya Nautiyal	B.Ed./Sem III	Executive Member
4.	218/22	Nitish Kumar Jha	B.Ed./Sem III	Executive Member
5.	270/22	Rajni Mann	B.Ed./Sem III	Executive Member
6.	03/23	Shagun Vinayak	B.Ed./Sem I	Executive Member
7.	63/23	Riti Sharma	B.Ed./Sem I	Executive Member
8.	74/23	Rubal Grover	B.Ed./Sem I	Executive Member
9.	17/23	Saloni	B.Ed./Sem I	Executive Member
10.	65/23	Nitika	B.Ed./Sem I	Executive Member
11.	71/23	Khushboo	B.Ed./Sem I	Executive Member
12.	33/23	Sandeep Kumar	B.Ed./Sem I	Executive Member

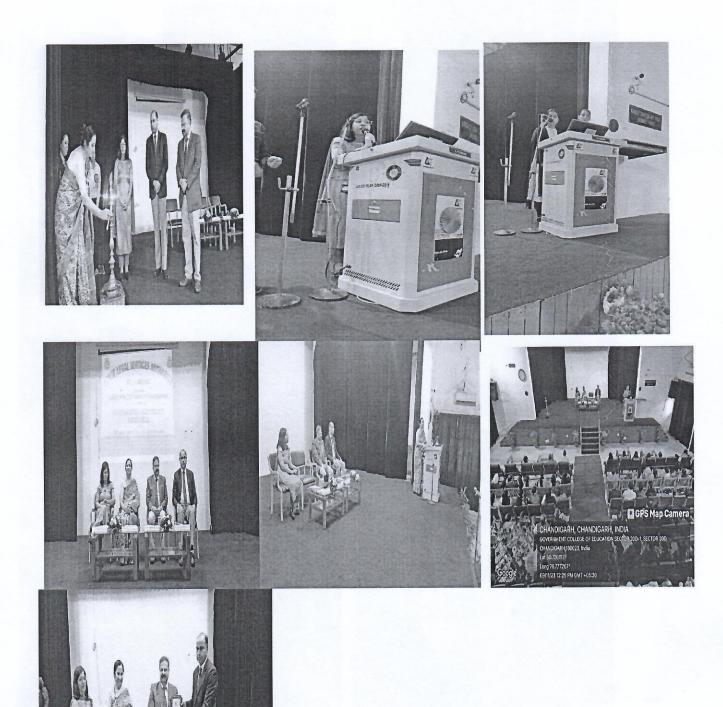
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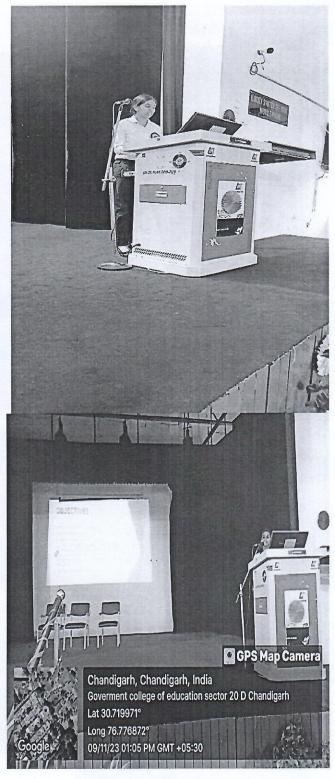




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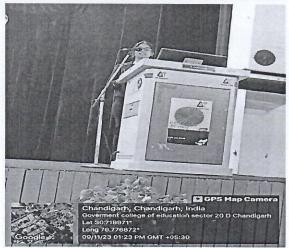




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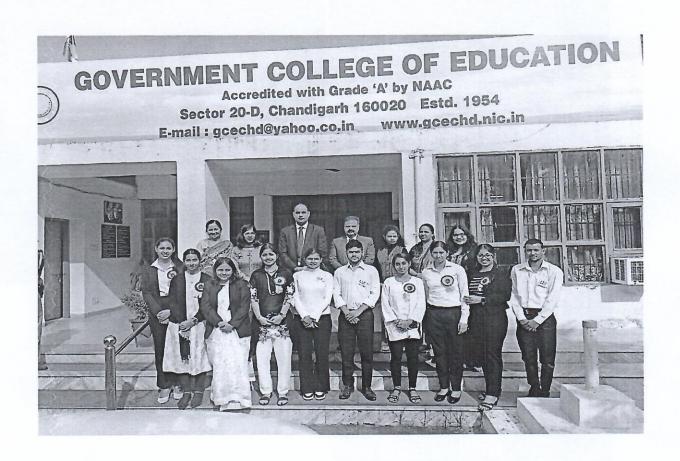




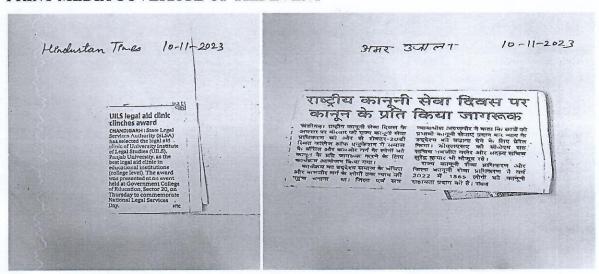


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The Pribane 10/11/23 पंजाव केसरी 10/11/23 वंत्राम्हूली सेवा के प्रति क्रिया जागरवाड वंडिया जागरवाड वंडिया, ज्ञागरवाड वंडिया, ज्ञावना (आशीव): राष्ट्रीय कानूनी रोग प्राधिकरण वर्ड हिस्सी के तत्वावधान में न्यायमूर्ति रित्तु वाहरी के मार्गदर्शन में कानूनी जागरकता कार्यक्रम का आयोजन क्रिया वाहरी के क्रिया क्रिया केंद्रस्थ Legal awareness programme held The State Legal Services Authority (SLSA) today organised a legal awareness programme at the Covernment College of Education in Sector 20-D, Chandigath.

Chandigath District and Ses-जागरूकता जायासम् ना जायासम् किया नया। सेवटर 20 स्थित गर्वासेंट कॉलेंस ऑफ एज्केशन में राष्ट्रीय कानुनी सेवा दिवस का आयोजन किया गया। राज्य कानुनी केक जारिकटण और जिला कानुनी आर्यजन किया गया। राज्य कानूनी सेवा प्राधिकरण और जिला कानूनी सेवा प्राधिकरण ने वर्ष 2022 में 1865 व्यक्तियों को कानूनी सहायता प्रदान की और वर्ष 2023 में जनवरी से 37 अक्तूबर तक 1805 व्यक्तियों को कानूनी सहायता प्रदान कर चुका है। SLSA recognises work of panel lawyers, paralegal volunteers sions Judge Arunvir Vashista graced the occasion as the chief guest. He exhauted the partici-parite to promote the cause of justice. He called on the stu-derns to keep learning through-out their lives and to promote the rule of law. —TNS

ONLINE MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE EVENT

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