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# LEGAL AID REPORT



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The legal aid committee radiates service and empathy, traits that are the essential ingredients for active citizenship in a complex and everchanging world.

We aim to rectify injustices, discuss divisions, and break shackles with a thorough understanding of our social milieu. Our goal is to encourage youth awareness of social and legal issues, understand and try to offer possible solutions to solve those issues through initiatives like Project Shiksha, project A.S.H.A., Covid Relief Initiative, and Legal Aid Camps, amongst others.

Access to legal aid is a privilege that most people in this country are not born with; the shackles of socio-economic conditions and pre existing issues make access to justice a distant dream for all. The legal aid camp is our two bits of contribution to making equitability a reality. The committee and its dedicated members have relentlessly worked for over six months to make this camp a reality. Along with support from the college administration, none of this would have been possible without the help of S.L.S.A. They stood as a pillar of strength and light of guidance, and we are eternally grateful to them for the same.

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# INTRODUCTION



# THE ROLE OF S.L.S.A.

The legal state authority in Uttar Pradesh plays a crucial role in upholding the rule of law, protecting individual rights, resolving disputes, and promoting the overall development and progress of the state. The state government has taken several measures to modernize and digitize the legal system, including the introduction of e-courts and online disputeresolution mechanisms. They have a robust legal framework and an efficient system to uphold the rule of the land.

We were provided with great assistance from the SLSA in terms of probono lawyers, volunteers, state authority members on each desk, and guidance in making the camp such a huge success. Not just on the day of the camp but even before that, we were provided great assistance and support from the authorities for our pre-camp visits and setup. We are grateful for their help and looking forward to many such successful camps with their collaboration.

# THE ROLE OF L.A.C

"A right delayed is a right denied."

The fight for the creation of an equitable society is not an easy battle, and we, at the Legal Aid Committee, are committed to giving it our all. Since its inception in 2007, the Legal Aid Committee has taken on various social awareness and legal initiatives for the fulfillment of its noble objectives. The Legal Aid Committee and the Legal Aid Clinic of Dr Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, has long cherished and worked relentlessly towards the goal of providing to each and every person, free legal, as well as social aid





The Legal Aid Committee, on a regular basis, organizes Legal Aid Camps in the villages around Lucknow, which serve as the direct link of the Committee with the general public. The main aim of these camps is to assuage the grievances in the legal field which are faced by the poor population of the respective village.

Understanding that education acts as the foundation of a strong society, LAC's Shiksha initiative strives to impart basic school education and reach out to the marginalized sections of society, seeking to make the future of this country socially and legally aware.

Through our initiative, Project Asha, we work towards the equal protection of the rights of those most neglected- undertrial prisoners, in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA).

# THE ROLE OF L.S.C.

The Clinic was established in 2015 under the directives of NALSA. It was identified that the society at large is unaware of their rights and ignorant in the face of injustice. At other times, those who seek justice don't have enough resources to do that. In the past seven years, the Clinic has worked extensively to raise awareness about citizens' legal rights and how best to enforce them. This has been done through organising various rides, awareness sessions, nukkad nataks, and Legal Aid camps. We also partake in various special programmes, like imparting education to underprivileged kids; and conducting jail visits to assist in the legal representation of undertrial prisoners.



# **LEGAL DESK**



Legal aid is an essential pillar of a just and equitable legal system, providing support and representation to individuals who may otherwise be unable to access the legal system. Its significance lies in the fact that it ensures access to justice, particularly for the underprivileged and marginalized sections of society. In the absence of legal aid, the disadvantaged and marginalized may not have access to the legal resources they require to protect their rights, seek justice, or resolve legal disputes. Legal aid acts as a catalyst, enabling individuals to understand their legal rights, navigate complex legal procedures, and receive fair outcomes in legal proceedings.

With the aim of providing a helping hand to those not able to access the justice system, we set up the Legal Aid desk at the camp, wherein we were provided Lawyers and Para Legal Volunteers by the State Legal Services Authority (S.L.S.A.). We were equipped with the basic data of the population in and around the camp village with the help of our laborious pre—camp visits and had legal professionals with us to aid them. Throughout the camp, we received in cases where people needed legal consultancy, legal representation or legal intervention. The desk had the seniormost members of our team, well—versed with the relevant law provisions. We also had a book of schemes for distribution with the objective of making people aware of the various governmental schemes.





# **LEGAL DESK**



We are grateful to S.L.S.A. for their unwavering support and for providing us with skilled lawyers during our time of need. Their invaluable assistance has played a pivotal role in ensuring access to justice and upholding the tenets of fairness and equity in our legal proceedings. Without their assistance, navigating the complexities of the legal system would have been a difficult challenge. We thank State Legal Services Authority, for their outstanding service and dedication to the pursuit of fairness and equity.









The Legal Desk with advocates from the S. L. S. A. assisting Camp Attendees



# JAN SUVIDHA KENDRA



Social aid programs like ration cards and Aadhaar cards play a crucial role in ensuring that vulnerable and disadvantaged sections of society receive the necessities required for their survival. Owing to our pre – camp visits in and around the area, we recognised the primary concern to be dearth of Aadhar card, ration card and requisite documents with people.

One of the busiest desks in our legal aid camp, the Jan Suvidha desk was the most sought-after aid by all the people who visited our camp. The desk was handled by our team along with the officials of Jan Suvidha Kendra who worked robustly alongside our team to address the concerns of the people visiting the camp. The table had an array of services at people's disposal ranging from Ration card, Aadhaar card correction (for 1-5 years old), income certificate and caste certificate.

We recorded over 100 applications at this desk, mainly for a ration card or an Income certificate. These applications were recorded on the online portal of the Jan Suvidha Kendra by the officials and the necessary documentation was recorded and taken with them. We had both the correction of Aadhaar cards and were also accepting applications for making new Aadhaar cards on a separate desk. Meanwhile all this, applications for income certificates and caste certificates were also being recorded which are an essential part of a person's basic documentation, the following two are also essential while applying for a ration card.



# JAN SUVIDHA KENDRA



We are grateful to the State Legal Services Authority for their invaluable assistance in helping us arrange the legal aid camp. The Authority's staff exemplified professionalism, courtesy, and a willingness to go above and beyond to ensure that the community received the aid they needed. Without their support, organizing such an event would have been an insurmountable challenge

### JAN SUVIDHA KENDRA **PRE CAMP SURVEY LEGAL AID CAMP- SERVICES PROVIDED SURVEYED MORE THAN RATION 5 VILLAGES** CARD AADHAR TOOK AN OVERVIEW OF THE GENERAL CORRECTION PROBLEMS FACED BY THE PEOPLE **INCOME TAX** CERTIFICATE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS WERE CASTE REQUESTED **CERTIFICATE REGISTERED NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THESE SERVICES**



# OLD AGE PENSION



Old age pension is a vital social welfare program that plays a pivotal role in ensuring the financial security and dignity of elderly individuals. With the provision of a regular stream of income, it serves as a safety net for those who may have retired from their jobs and may not have access to other sources of income. In essence, old age pension is a critical component of the social welfare system, providing essential support to those who have contributed to society throughout their lives.

With this purpose in mind, we set up the old age pension desk in our camp where we had the governmental authorities with our team. The table was equipped with preliminary research data collected through the pre camp visits and the knowledge of the relevant schemes. We filed about 23 applications ranging from enrolment into the scheme to the necessary documentation to be uploaded to avail the benefits of the scheme with the help of the authorities.



Pension related problems were received



# **OLD AGE PENSION**



Atal Pension Yojana, PM Vaya Vandana Yojana, and Senior Citizen's Savings Scheme are three significant social security schemes in India. Atal Pension Yojana offers a fixed pension amount to individuals in the unorganized sector, while PM Vaya Vandana Yojana provides guaranteed returns to senior citizens. Senior Citizen's Savings Scheme offers a regular stream of income to elderly individuals with higher interest rates.

The main problem we encountered was the lack of awareness of the people regarding the pension schemes and we tried to make people aware of the various schemes that they can utilise to their benefit.

We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to the State Legal Services Authority for their indispensable role in organizing the legal aid camp. Their expertise and guidance dealing with such a sensitive demography would not have been possible.





Applications for Pension Schemes were drafted



# **RATION**



India has been grappling with the issue of food security for a long time, with the issue of rationing being one of the most pressing concerns in the country today. Food deficiency, hunger and malnourishment are rampant in the nation and affect a significant portion of the population, particularly those living below poverty line.

The Ration desk garnered a significant number of complaints, with approximately 600-800 grievances reported, making this issue the most widespread problem prevalent in Kasmandi Kala and the surrounding areas. The majority of these grievances pertained to securing new Aadhar cards for children between the ages of 5 and 13, modifying Name/ Date of Birth/ Address information on Aadhar cards, altering the list of family members on Ration cards, applying for new Ration cards, and rectifying defective Ration cards.

### **Ration Card** 02 AIM Antyodaya Anna Yojana . Help was provided to the needy section of the society by Antyodaya Anna Yojana towards making Targeted Social Welfare System (TPDS). It was a step aimed at alleviating introducing the facility of making ration cards in the legal hunger among the poorest of the BPL population. A national sample pointed to the fact that about 5% of the total aid camp. . Work was done to take the facilities provided by the government to the needy sections of the society like population in the country who sleeps without two hot meals a ration card registration facility. day. TPDS is geared more towards this category of Legal Aid camp (Pre-Camp) In Our Pre Camp visit, we told the people a Benefits and Uses of a Ration Card To access food supplies from a ration shop at subsidised rate 01 of the Ration card application facility in the camp. . It is an accepted form of official identification throughout India as it is issued by the government. It can be used as identification proof when applying for a PAN card. For opening a bank account and for making money transfers **Ration Card** are important for applying the Ration card, like the Aadhar card of each family member, a Photograph of the Head of the family, Income certificate and Bank account details. between bank accounts. To pay the correct levels of income tax 05 04 SLSA **Legal Aid Camp** State Legal Services Authority assisted with providing the Officials On the day of Legal Aid Camp, many people came to seek help, in which a total of 15 people submitted all their papers to get ration from the ration office to the legal aid desk in the camp, where the officials filled up the form for the beneficiaries in the camp. Officials also Assisted in the camp by maintaining the overview in the cards made. . The officer who came from the ration office of the area collected the forms of all the applicants and sent them for further processing. • All the relevant details of the applicant have been collected from the applicant to direct them about their status of application.



# **RATION**



The Area Rationing Officer was the key government official supporting the dedicated efforts of the university and the SLSA in providing probono socio legal aid. The ARO assisted in supervision of the crucial task of making and processing Ration card applications. In order to make relevant applications, the villagers had to provide the necessary documentation at the Ration and Jan Suvidha Kendra desks, resulting in increased transparency and a reduced potential for fraudulent activity in the distribution of benefits.

The grievances presented were dealt with expeditiously, and this responsive handling of complaints helped to promote a deeper understanding of the public's issues by government officials.

We received immense support from the SLSA, who offered extensive logistical support for the camp. The SLSA ensured the presence of ample legal professionals and paralegal volunteers (PLVs) who offered free legal advice to the aggrieved villagers. Furthermore, the SLSA was instrumental in establishing a link between the complainants and the appropriate government authorities.



The Ration Desk



# **WATER**



India's water crisis is a complex issue, with a range of factors contributing to the problem. These include unequal distribution of wealth, uneven distribution of water resources, industrialization, and inadequate water management infrastructure.

To address the urgency of this situation, a water desk was established at a legal aid camp in collaboration with the SLSA, with the aim of resolving water-related complaints from villagers.

The most widely reported grievance under this issue was the lack of access to safe drinking water. It was reported that many villagers still relied on hand pumps for water, which became contaminated in some areas due to proximity to drainage canals.

### Legal Aid Camp (Pre-Camp)

 During Pre camp visits in villages, the volunteers learned about the water supply problem in the Kasmandi Kala. The proper water supply and hygienic water supply sources were the main problems of the villages.

### Water

### **Legal Aid Camp**

- The Applicants with waterrelated issues filled out their applications individually to the Junior engineers.
- The water-related (minor) problem of Villagers was submitted to the Pradhan of the village to solve the problem.
- Around twenty-plus applications were submitted to the officials for the water connection and Hand pumps on the Camp day.

### Goverment scheme And Aim

- Government has initiated the "HAR GAHR JAL" scheme to the rural household of rural India.
- The Aim of the SLSA is to eradicate the water crisis problem of the village.
- Our aim was to solve the problem of the individual at the ground level as soon as possible.



## WATER



The government has rolled out several schemes to ameliorate the issue, the most prominent one being the 'Har Ghar Nal Se Jal' scheme. A large chunk of the complainants were unaware about these schemes, highlighting a need for greater public awareness efforts.

Despite these initiatives, we noticed that several villagers who were aware of such schemes were not able to reap the intended benefits. This indicated a default in the proper implementation of such schemes. This issue was raised in front of the government officials and the lawyers present at the desk.

14 cases of water problems were registered throughout the course of the camp. These applications were duly filled and submitted to the Municipal Commissioner for Water related issues. Presently, we are in the follow-up stage and are undertaking efforts to ensure the due addressal of the complaints. The unwavering support of the SLSA was integral in ensuring that justice was served to those in need. The aid extended to us played an indispensable role in our efforts to ensure equitable access to all, and to ensure a steady water supply in villages.



Queues formed for Water related issues



# WOMEN & GIRL CHILD



Women all over the nation suffer gender-based discrimination and violence due to deep-seated societal norms and beliefs. This pervasive discrimination is manifested in numerous ways, such as domestic violence, limited access to education and healthcare, sexual harassment and abuse, and so on. To address this issue, there is an urgent requirement for a shift in mindset which can be effectuated via government schemes, campaigns, and spreading awareness about women's rights.

At the legal aid camp, a desk dedicated to women and girl child issues was established to address the challenges faced by rural women and children. The primary objective of this initiative was to educate them about their rights and to assist them in availing benefits of government schemes like Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana, Kanya Sumangala Yojana, and Balika Samriddhi Yojana. The desk focused on collecting the necessary documentation to ensure that these women and children could access the schemes they were entitled to. Around 20 applications were filled for the three schemes as mentioned, and majority of them were for Balika Samridddhi Yojna.

Furthermore, women also had the opportunity to speak with Anganwadi workers and Asha workers about various government schemes and benefits available to them. They were of immense help in providing medical advice and providing information pertaining to the availability of medicines and vaccination for women and their children. They created a conducive environment for women to share their grievances and get assistance, and we are incredibly grateful to them for their help.

We once again express our gratitude to the SLSA for their invaluable support. The much-needed assistance provided in terms of personnel and critical resources was instrumental in achieving successful results and addressing the various issues faced by women and children.



# SANITARY PAD DISTRIBUTION



A little effort goes a long way, and actions that seem insignificant can sometimes have lasting changes when taken up with a vision. Out of a total of 40 crore menstruating women in India, less than 20% use sanitary pads. The lack of availability and information about menstrual hygiene has been one of the leading issues of concern. Menstrual hygiene has always been a taboo when it comes up as a subject of conversation, which has, over the past, inadvertently led to misguided beliefs, lack of awareness and information as well as social stigma that women face when they make an effort to seek help if they are suffering from any of the multitudes of disorders associated with menstruation. It was to tackle these issues that we decided to set up an exclusive nook, especially for women.

We took an initiative to break this barrier and contribute our bit to making menstruation a healthy and hygienic experience for women. Around 1500 sanitary napkins were given out free of cost as well as the female volunteers along with the assistance of members from SLSA, made individual efforts to make women aware about menstrual hygiene and its importance. Along with the help of the Anganwadi workers the taboo relating to menstrual hygiene was tackled and there was informed and important information dissemination.

The women were shy and hesitant in the beginning but were still curious to get all the information about sanitation and menstrual hygiene they did not have access to earlier. The effort became a huge success, and we succeeded in helping a lot of women by providing them with these necessities and addressing their issues which, in a way, also helped us address the stigma that is attached to menstruation and the conversations around it.



# **ELECTRICITY**



One of the agendas in the beginning that the team had decided upon was to observe the availability of electricity in the villages and the consistency and ease with which the villagers received it. Taking this into account, there were specific questions drafted in the questionnaire used during pre camp visits to collect data on when and for how many hours did the villagers receive electricity consistently and also the frequency of power cuts or connection failures that occured. The areas struggling with accessibility due to several reasons were also earmarked in order to resolve the issues and ensure unobstructed supply.

Furthermore, women also had the opportunity to speak with Anganwadi workers and Asha workers about various government schemes and benefits available to them. They were of immense help in providing medical advice aWe also had a collaboration with the electricity department who had sent in an engineer to address the issues of the individuals efficiently and effectively. There were several complaints by the individuals concerning their electricity bills that were addressed and then solved on the spot. Issues also came up regarding the failure of connection at several places and a few complaints were registered regarding the infrastructure issues. The engineers looked around and repaired the minor issues while also noting the more significant ones to look into later.



# **ELECTRICITY**



All of the complaints have been brought to the notice of the concerned authorities who are taking necessary steps to rectify the issues in order to provide people with better facilities. We have provided them with data that we collected during the visits to expedite the process and are in touch with the department in order to ensure that the issues are addressed and the problems solved.nd providing information pertaining to the availability of medicines and vaccination for women and their children. They created a conducive environment for women to share their grievances and get assistance, and we are incredibly grateful to them for their help.

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Electricity related problems were addressed



# **ENQUIRY DESK**



The legal aid camp held at Kasmandi Kalan faced a huge turnout of around 1500 people. To ensure that the needs of all the people were met, the camp was divided into 13 desks. These desks comprised the entirety of the issues being addressed at the camp, including but not limited to ration, housing, water, insurance, and women & girl child.

On entering the legal aid camp, the complainants first encountered the enquiry desk, also called the puchtach desk. The desk was divided into two parts, one for men and one for women, with volunteers to assist and guide the. The primary purpose of the desk was to assist people in navigating their way around the camp. The student volunteers stationed at the inquiry desk carefully listened to the issues put forth and guided the villagers to their designated desks, thus, ensuring that all issues were addressed and resolved. The people were personally escorted by the volunteer to the requisite desks

The desk played an instrumental role in ensuring the smooth organization of the camp, thereby ensuring its success. It played a catalyst in being the center for information dissemination and solving all doubts that people had regarding the camp. This also helped us deal with issues of overcrowding and saved us logistical time.



The Enquiry Desk at work



# **FARMER SCHEMES**



Farmers welfare is a crucial aspect of any nation's development strategy. The agricultural sector plays a significant role in the existence of various other industries. However, farmers face several challenges, including low income, high input costs, limited access to credit, and inadequate market linkages. To address these issues, governments implement various farmer welfare schemes to provide financial, technical, and marketing support to farmers. These schemes aim to enhance the productivity and profitability of farming, improve the socio-economic conditions of farmers, and encourage them to adopt modern farming practices and provide support to farmers during times of crisis, helping them to cope with sudden losses due to natural disasters, pests, and diseases, or market fluctuations. We set up a table to address the concerns of the farmers in and around the area in our legal aid camp. The desk was equipped with a preliminary knowledge of the data collected from our pre-camp visits, and the scheme booklets, which we also distributed to increase people's awareness, and we had governmental authorities with us to assist these people.

Kisan Samman Nidhi, the brainchild of the Indian government, is a visionary scheme aimed at providing much-needed financial succor to the agricultural community of India. With the ever-fluctuating fuel prices, high fertilizer costs, and unpredictable weather patterns, farmers have long been left to fend for themselves. We recorded 19 applications on this desk, wherein we filled most of them for enrollment in the Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme. We helped people to apply with the necessary documentation to bring them under the ambit of this scheme so that they may benefit from it. The applications, as of now, are being processed by the relevant government authorities, and we are moving forward with regular follow-up to make these people the beneficiaries of this government scheme.



# HOUSING



During our multiple pre-camp visits, we witnessed an acute shortage of pucca houses within the Kasmandikala area. The breadth of problems varied from complete families living under mud and wood houses, to destroyed semi-built houses due to heavy rain. The team took due notice of the on ground issues, and provided due consultation to the eligible villagers regarding various applicable government schemes. This preconsultation and education resulted in a huge turnout on the day of the event. Around 150 people visited the Housing schemes desk, aiming to get themselves enrolled for scheme benefit under PMAY-G and Indira Awas Yojna. The team conducted an extensive 15-point check, and around \_ applications were filled. The remaining seekers were ineligible to qualify under the scheme due to various reasons, and they were provided with suitable advise. These forms have now been compiled and separate drives containing information of all the applicants has been made. We have approximately 80 forms ready now and are taking regular follow ups to gather data for the rest in order to hand in the documents to the concerned village panchayats and block offices. Around \_ applicants wanted help with construction of washrooms; and were accordingly attended by the Health and Sanitation Desk in this regard.

The desk also catered to issues regarding Education. The aid rendered was primarily of two types.

Firstly, certain complaints were received against the primary schools and their accessibility within the region. Such complaints were duly noted, and forwarded to Basic Shiksha Adhikari (BSA) for quick redressal.

Secondly, certain applicants, mostly females, wanted access to suitable scholarships to help pursue further studies. Adequate scholarships were notified, forms duly filled and a recommendation by the Sarpanch signed to help them with their applications. The delivery of these scholarships is awaited.



# **MNREGA**



India's long prevailing battle with unemployment is no secret. Despite the country's growing economy, the unemployment rate has remained high, especially among the youth and women. This in turn deteriorates the quality of life led by a large chunk of the nation's citizens. Long term resolution of this issue requires a multi-pronged approach, including increasing job creation in the formal sector, improving the quality of education, and expanding social safety nets for those who have lost their jobs

One of the most prominent steps in this regard is the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). The act aims to tackle this issue and enhance livelihood security in rural areas by providing at least 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. The act aims to address the problem of unemployment and enhance livelihood security in rural areas. However, inefficient implementation and dearth of knowledge are impediments to the success of the scheme.

To address this problem, a legal aid desk was established to exclusively handle problems arising out of the act. The MGNREGA desk dealt with problems pertaining to non-receipt of payments, delayed payments, and other issues related to the implementation & execution of the scheme. The desk was staffed by members of the MGNREGA agency, legal aid volunteers and other government officials.

We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to the SLSA for their vital contribution at the legal aid camp. Their support was crucial in achieving successful results and addressing the issue of unemployment at the village level.



# GAS



The lack of clean fuel has been a longstanding problem in India, especially for households that rely on traditional and unclean methods of cooking, such as burning firewood or biomass. These practices not only contribute to environmental degradation but also pose severe health risks to women and children, who are disproportionately affected by indoor air pollution.

The PM Ujjwala scheme addresses this issue at its core by successfully providing free LPG connections to eligible households, ensuring they no longer have to rely on such harmful methods. The scheme is a significant step towards achieving the goal of clean fuel for all households in India. However, there are still many households that have not been able to avail of this facility. To support the government's efforts in promoting social equality through the provision of free LPG connections, a separate Ujjwala desk was set up at a legal aid camp. This desk was solely dedicated to handle grievances arising out of the PM Ujjwala scheme efficiently and effectively. The desk provided a platform for the villagers to voice their concerns and seek solutions to their problems.

The Ujjwala desk was supported by the State Legal Services Authority (SLSA), which ensured the presence of appropriate government officers who assisted us tremendously in handling the grievances of the aggrieved. The SLSA provided the complainants with a unique opportunity to directly voice their concerns to the appropriate government authorities, thereby ensuring that the issues were resolved expeditiously.



# **INSURANCE**



Government insurance plays an important role in India by ensuring financial protection and social security for its citizens. It serves as a safety net for individuals and provides a sense of security against various risks and uncertainties. These initiatives are particularly important in a country like India, where a significant portion of the population lacks adequate financial resources and faces the risk of financial hardship due to unforeseen circumstances. By promoting inclusivity and offering protection to all segments of society, government insurance contributes to the overall well-being and socio-economic development of the nation.

The Krishak Durghatna Bima Yojana is one such initiative that aims to provide financial assistance and support to farmers and their families in the event of accidental injuries or deaths that occur during farming operations. Farming is a high-risk occupation, and accidents or mishaps during agricultural activities can lead to severe injuries or even fatalities. Such incidents can not only impact the physical well-being of the farmers but also have significant financial implications for their families.

At the desk which was aimed at addressing concerns related to insurance schemes, we came across an application highlighting a distressing situation faced by a family. The family in question comprises the wife and children of a farmer who unfortunately lost his life. Regrettably, they encountered significant challenges in obtaining the insurance claim under the Krishak Durghatna Bima Yojana entitled to them. The senior members of the Legal Aid Committee documented the predicament faced by the family, ensuring that their concerns were properly recorded. The presence of representatives from the State Legal Services Authority (SLSA) proved invaluable as they actively assisted us in navigating the complexities involved in resolving the insurance claim issue. Through their guidance and expertise, we were able to make significant progress in addressing the challenges faced by the family and working towards a favorable resolution.



# **WAY FORWARD**



### POST LEGAL AID CAMP

The Legal Aid Committee of the Dr. Ram Mahnohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow has an unwavering commitment to ensuring access to legal aid and which remains a cornerstone of our vision. From our inception, we recognized that the ability to access legal representation and services is a fundamental right that should be available to all persons in need, regardless of their economic circumstances. Underpinning this mission is our understanding that the law is a tool for justice, and access to legal aid underscores this tenet.

We are elated to announce that the Legal Aid Camp organised by the Legal Aid Committee of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow was just the first step towards fulfilling the goal of providing help to people and we are confidently moving towards the process of follow - up where our team, with the support of the State Legal Services Authority would ensure that all the applications filled and all the matters recorded during the camp reach to the relevant government desks and be solved, people become beneficiaries of relevant schemes and get adequately represented.

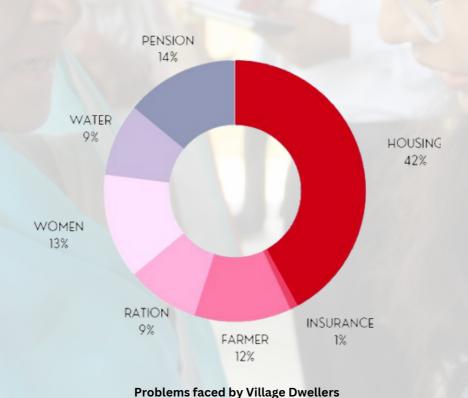
### AIM FOR THE FUTURE

We believe that the law is not just a path to justice, but also a means to address social inequality and foster a democratic society. Our organization is dedicated to facilitating the provision of legal aid to those who need it most, whether it be through the collaboration with the governmental authorities like State Legal Services Authority and District Legal Services Authority, providing legal information or other forms of assistance.





Taking inspiration and lessons from the previous camp, we aim to make our camp of the following year even more bigger and better. We aim to expand our area of coverage, the location of the camp to be closer to more remote villages where our team would conduct pre - camp surveys to gage the situations and the requisite Legal or governmental assistance. This year we also intend to incorporate more services to be at the people's disposal and collaborate with the State Legal Services Authority once again to provide us with Lawyers, Para Legal Volunteers and other relevant goverental authorities. We intend to bring more awareness drives in our camps via Nukkad Nataks, education about government schemes and effective posters and slogans. We also aim to continue with the distribution of free sanitary napkins which was also a defining feature of our legal aid camp and helped any women get access to sanitary napkins free of cost. We aim to have deeper and rooted collaborations with the state Legal services Authority for future endeavors and aim to try and match their unwavering commitment to our common objective.







We believe that everyone deserves the support of the law and should have a chance to secure a fair and just outcome. Through our efforts, we seek to change the systems that perpetuate inequality and leverage legal knowledge and resources to create a more equitable and just society. We remain committed to our vision of fairness, equality, and access to justice for all individuals and believe that our work plays a vital role in upholding these ideals. Our dedication will continue to drive our organization to new heights, and we remain steadfast in our journey to create a more just society for all.

