

## **BEST PRACTICE**

**(2017-2018)**

1. **Title of the practice:** Active Legal Aid Clinic

2. **The context that required the initiation of the practice:**

Our college is situated in semi-urban area i.e. in Malegaon City, Dist-Nahsik Maharashtra. In the Malegaon, it was a need of hours to provide free legal aid to the needy specially poorer and downtrodden. These peoples mostly are unaware about their rights and various legal ways to resolve their disputes in peaceful manner. This resulted in increased enmity among them on trifling reasons like family disputes, land border disputes etc. They have no idea about the free legal aid available to them under the Legal Services Authority Act 1987. Therefore, by taking into account this factual situation, the college is provided free legal aid to them through Legal Aid Clinic.

3. **Objectives of the practice :**

The followings are the objectives of best practice,

- To bring legal awareness among the general public
- To provide legal assistance to the needy peoples
- To resolve the dispute in peaceful manner to maintain harmony among the society
- To fulfill our college's social responsibility

4. **The Practice**

In India, every law college has approval of Bar Council of India (BCI), New Delhi, which is the apex statutory body. The said BCI has directed to law colleges to have Legal Aid Clinic. Through this Clinic, the college has started to provide the free legal aid to the needy specially poorer and downtrodden. The separate room is provided where, the needy peoples comes and shares their problems with the faculties. Sometimes the advocates from the local district courts also make the visit to this clinic and take the active part in resolving the problems of peoples. Generally, the disputed subjects are family issues, land border issues, and other miscellaneous issues which can be resolve in peaceful manner if the proper guidance is provided to them. And this Clinic provides them proper guidance, which save their time and money as well as it is very helpful for maintains the harmony in the society.

5. **Obstacles faced if any and strategies adopted to overcome them**

In the beginning, peoples were afraid to share their disputes, due misunderstanding that, the college could not maintain the confidentiality of legal issue. Moreover, they were not expecting such free legal advice available in the Law College.

To this, the college regularly organizes the Legal Literacy Camp in the nearby vicinity to bring awareness among the peoples. And take into confidence to peoples and assured

to them that, there matter will be kept confidential and there is no need to worry about it. Furthermore, the college has informed them the why they are providing free legal aid through its Legal Aid Clinic.

**6. Impact of the practice :**

The day by day the numbers of peoples, taking legal assistance through our college Legal Aid Clinic is increased. Majority of peoples who has visited to our college clinic have adopted the peaceful legal ways to resolve their disputes, especially in case of petty matters. Peoples have realized their rights and also the Free Legal Aid available to them under the Legal Services Authority Act 1987. As per the provision of this Act of 1987 such poorer peoples can take the legal assistance free of cost, of numbers of advocates, whose list are kept by the local court of Malegaon.

**7. Resources required :**

The separate room is provided to the faculty. The equipments like computer, printer, Xerox and other required stationeries have been provided therein. The register is maintained.

**8. About the Institution**

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ii. **Year of Accreditation:** 2004-2009

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