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FINAL REPORT

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In Collaboration With

**Legal Services Committee
Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar**

Sponsored by

Kamendu Joshi & Associates
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Organized

CERTIFICATE COURSE ON LEGAL AID AND ALLIED LAWS

With special reference to practical aspects of Right to Information,
Public Interest Litigation and Rights of Victim

AUGUST 2020

About the Course

ProBono India in collaboration with Legal Services Committee, Gujarat National Law University organised first of its kind Certificate Course on Legal aid and Allied Laws in August 2020. The Registrations for the course started on July 14, 2020 and we received overwhelming responses across the country. We received more than 900+ registrations applications out of which 400+ selected for the course. Participants included Students and Faculty, Professionals from law and other backgrounds.

The main objectives of the course was-

- 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 alongwith practical aspects.
- To explain the concept of Public Interest Litigation and its importance for provision of access to justice, particularly in India.
- Deliberate various modes of Alternative Dispute Resolution
- To realize the significance of Rights of the Victims.

MODULES

- 1) Legal Aid in India (5 Hours)
- 2) Public Interest Litigation(8 Hours)
- 3) Right to Information(5 Hours)
- 4) Rights of the Victim(5 Hours)
- 5) Alternative Dispute Resolution (2-30 Hours)

Resource Persons & Schedule of Lectures

Sr. No.	Date and Time	Resource Person	Topic
1	8/8/2020 Saturday 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm	Dr. Saurabh Anand Assistant Professor of Sociology Former Convener GNLU Legal Services Committee, Head Alumni Affairs Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat	Law, Society and Legal Aid
2	9/8/2020 Sunday 11.00 am – 1.00 pm	Dr. B S Patil Associate Professor of Law Director, Legal Aid Clinic V L Salgaokar Law College, Goa	Legal Services Authority Act, Case study on Legal Aid Clinics
3	15/8/2020 Saturday 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm	Mr. Sushant Chandra Advocate Allahabad High Court	Philosophical Foundations of PIL, Theory and Practice
4	15/8/2020 Saturday 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm	Dr. Hardik Parikh Assistant Professor of Law & Faculty Convener, Legal Services Committee, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar	Practical aspects of Drafting of PIL
5	16/8/2020 Sunday 11.00 am – 12.00 pm	Mr. Paras Jain Advocate & Co-Founder, Whistle for Public Interest (WHIP), New Delhi	Practical aspects of PIL and discussion of his own case studies
6	16/8/2020 Sunday 12.00 pm – 1.00 pm	Prof. Ajay Pandey Professor and Executive Director, Clinical Programmes Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat	Clinical Legal Education
7	20/8/2020 Thursday 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm	Dr. Hardik Parikh Assistant Professor of Law & Faculty Convener, Legal Services Committee, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar	On a special request of the participants, an extra session was conducted for drafting of PIL
8	22/8/2020 Saturday 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm	Mr. Shailesh Gandhi Former Central Information Commissioner, New Delhi	Understanding the Right to Information Act
9	23/8/2020 Sunday 10.30 am – 1.30 pm	Dr. Kalpeshkumar L Gupta Founder, ProBono India, Legal Startups Associate Professor of Law, Parul University, Vadodara, Gujarat	Practical aspects of RTI application drafting
10	29/8/2020 Saturday 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm	Prof. (Dr.) Arvind Tiwari Professor & Dean - School of Law, Rights and Constitutional Governance Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai	Rights of the Victims: Theoretical aspects, concepts, understanding crime and victim
11	30/8/2020 Sunday 10.30 am – 1.30 pm	Mr. Durgesh Shukla Founder & Managing Partner Paxelegal, Lucknow	Rights of Victims: Role of Institutions in protection of Victim Rights, Case Studies and contribution of judiciary.
12	6/9/2020 Sunday 11.00 am – 1.30 pm	Dr. A Marisport Assistant Professor of Law Gujarat National Law University	Alternative Dispute Resolution System as a part of Legal Aid

✚ Examination Details:

After each Module small test was conducted having 20 MCQs which was not the part of assessment but to check the learning by the participants.

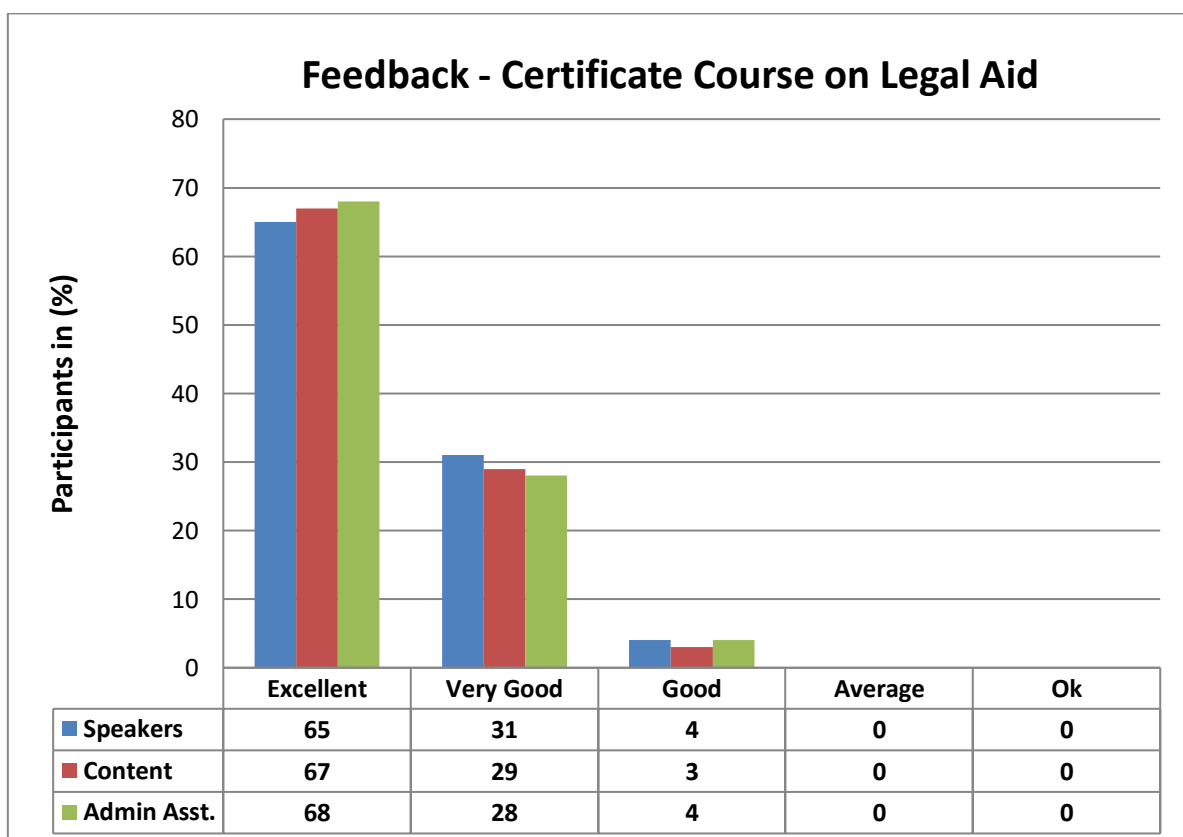
Final exam was conducted on September 13, 2020 in time bound manner having 100 MCQs covering all the subjects in the said course.

✚ Certification:

The course was completely free for attending the classes for all the registered participants. The participant who wanted to get certificate have to take an examination and after getting passing marks, they may apply to get certificate on payment of token amount of Rs. 100/-.

Total 344 participants took the exams out of which 301 participants made payment for the certificate who were given the certificate with grade.

Average score received by the participant is 65. Maximum score received 100



* Total respondents 305 (Age Range from 17 years to 60+)

Glimpse of some of the very encouraging feedback:

“First of all, great thanks to the organizers for giving me this wonderful opportunity to attend this certificate course. This certificate course is really very enlightening. It changed my views on my aspects like Reservation policy (before I was against it) and I came to know about the miserable conditions of the Dalits in our country. Through this course, I also came to know about how I can fight for my rights. It taught me a variety of topics from Legal Aid, Right to Information, Public Interest Litigation, Legal Drafting, Rights of Victims, Victimology to Alternative Dispute resolution. Special thanks to Hardik Sir and Kalpesh Sir for their continuous efforts to make this certificate course a well-organized and entertaining too. Thank you for such an insightful certificate course.”

“It was really informative sir, really didnt expected it would go so phenomenal...especially the way different aspects of legal aid and related statutes were covered by the best speakers.

Really grateful to you and to your team for this initiative!

Looking forward for more courses like this from your team!

Thanks a ton and wishing you best of luck for your future endeavours!”

“It was an amazing course...I learned a lot... Due to some personal reasons I missed some lectures but still I learned from the contents you provide us through whatsapp group...and by that and few lectures I scored 65 marks...and for me it's less but I accept that it was my fault...you guys were amazing... Thankyou for such an amazing course...”

“Firstly, congratulations for hosting a very successful virtual certificate course! The past four weekends have been very enlightening with the knowledgeable sessions. There were very few instances where I had found myself to be bored. The course overall was a great experience, especially during these unprecedented times. I enjoyed the practical activities after the sessions like drafting a PIL and RTI. I'm looking forward to the next course and I will surely partake in it. Thank you.”

“The course was definitely very interesting and good and I can definitely say that it can go beyond the expectations of any person as it happened in my case. It was a very good and an enriching experience. The kind of knowledge and things that I got to learn was

very immense and hardly I feel that it can be provided by any other institution or course as it was provided in this course.”

“Kindly if possible arrange such programmers with each State Colleges. For example if a particular college has Legal Aid Cell then develop it to the fullest with sufficient resource. Especially regarding Law Colleges again The Government Law Colleges”

“Thank you so much for this opportunity, and it was the wonderful session very informative.”

“This sessions is very useful for the purpose of career development”

“Entire session was very informative and I am happy to attend entire session and glad to be part of this course. Thank you so much Hardik Sir, Kalpesh Sir and Tejasva Sir who helped a lot and makes this course grand success. Regards”

“Really thanks to the organizers for giving me opportunity to learn from you .Wonderful experience with wider and knowledgeable content”

“When you start next batch kindly intimate me, i will recommend to my friends”

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“Well conducted session, with adequate information. Thankful that I was a part of this.”

“Please keep bringing more certificate courses like these. They are really beneficial.”

“It was an amazing opportunity to gain so much of information and knowledge. Looking forward to such amazing session in near future. Thank you so much for the knowledge.”

“It was truly an amazing and informative session. In my law school I never got to learned about legal aid in those details so, thanks for arranging lectures with best professors.”

“Thank you for the opportunity to participate this valuable certificate course, it is very informative and helpful to us to gain more experience and knowledge with it in the field of legal aid services, very well administration organized all seasons effectively and appreciatively. Once again thank you so much sir.”

“The program was really good, if the organizers could organize such programs on various other topics it will be helpful for the budding law students and others as well as

<i>a law student this course helped me develop skills and understand the law from such eminent speakers.”</i>
<i>“Great experience and got to learn various knowledge and at last outstanding job performed by the speakers.”</i>
<i>“The entire course was very informative and well organized. The organizers were very helpful and ensured that the reading material along with recordings were available to the participants. The speakers were very knowledgeable. I would like to thank Gujarat National Law University and ProBono India for such a wonderful course and providing me an opportunity to become part of it.”</i>
<i>“had a great experience”</i>
<i>“A totally enriching and informative course.”</i>
<i>“Respected Sir as you keep on sharing the study material alongwith link recorded lecture there is no need of further suggestions.”</i>
<i>“Firstly, congratulations for hosting a very successful virtual certificate course! The past four weekends have been very enlightening with the knowledgeable sessions. There were very few instances where I had found myself to be bored. The course overall was a great experience, especially during these unprecedented times. I enjoyed the practical activities after the sessions like drafting a PIL and RTI. I'm looking forward to the next course and I will surely partake in it. Thank you.”</i>
<i>“Overall great learning”</i>
<i>“Congratulations to organizing team and Thank you very much.... !!!”</i>
<i>“Excellent and knowledgeable Programme. Very Good Going”</i>
<i>“Well it can be more improved by the views of the participants towards the feedback and I would like to congratulate the entire team for their hard work and making it successful. We are happy to gain knowledge from these short period courses which may help us in gaining knowledge towards the competitive examinations as well. And we all would wish to pursue its second edition with more collaborations across India.”</i>
<i>“It's too useful to me thank you for your education”</i>
<i>“Wonderful webinar and very useful for all of us.thank you”</i>
<i>“It have wonderful course, i have learnt a lot and thank you for organizing the course.”</i>
<i>“I am satisfied with this course and gain lots of extra knowledge.”</i>
<i>“The course was very well conducted with bonofide intention and passion. It has helped me to evolve as a person and as a law student. Some of the speakers were phenomenal</i>

the rest I couldn't listen to due to network issues particularly the last few modules, on the speakers side or some miscommunication about the conduction of the webinar. This gap can be filled if prior briefing is provided. I appreciate the efforts and am beyond thankful for the opportunity and enlightenment that the course has provided. Please consider looking into this issue. Thank you for the consistent efforts, best wishes for the future.”

“I would like to thank all the organizers, experts and guests for such a wonderful session. It will definitely help me in all activities relating to legal aid. Looking forward to attend many more courses with ProBono and GNLU. Thank you for everything.”

“Great experience being part of this course. For me all the learning and knowledge I got from some outstanding speakers was the best part. I hope I able to associate again in future. Thank you.”

“I had Enjoyed The All Session which I had Attend and I love to Join if You Guys Start Any Environmental Laws & Compliance”

“Keep it up, bring more courses and practical knowledge to students.”

“Very informative sessions& thank you all for this well organized classes during this quarantine”

“The course was definitely very interesting and good and I can definitely say that it can go beyond the expectations of any person as it happened in my case. It was a very good and an enriching experience. The kind of knowledge and things that I got to learn was very immense and hardly I feel that it can be provided by any other institution or course as it was provided in this course.”

“After completing this course, I feel myself very satisfied with the way, I receive the information within this course. Thank you so much. Hopefully, Legal Education day by day brings the smart and good lawyers in the days to come.”

“Very informative and knowledgeable program...thankyou so much..”

“This programme should be one year diploma course. Extremely useful .”

“Such knowledgeable session may be conducted regularly”

“Superb Experience”

“All the efforts made by the team is very interesting ..I would like to participate this kind of course in feature .kindly inform us for further courses.”

“I am happy so meeting course successful”

“All the sessions are very impactful and helpful. Thank you for giving us so many

<i>information.”</i>
<i>“It was very informative online course, I am very thankful to organizer and the staff who gave their unique time and knowledge to us.”</i>
<i>“It's very useful and helpful this course.And also gained in practical knowledge . Thankfully to all the organization committee members. Once again great thankfully for the members.”</i>
<i>“Very Excellent, Fruitful, Valuable And Very Informative Sessions. Thank you Very much All Organizers And All Resource Persons.”</i>
<i>“More sessions like this expected”</i>
<i>“Please Conduct More Such a Valuable And Fruitful Certificate Course In Upcoming Days. Thank you very much All Organizers and All Resource Persons.”</i>
<i>“Please Conduct More Series of Such Valuable Courses in Future Also Thank you very much All Organizers and All Resource Persons.”</i>
<i>“All the sessions were very knowledgeable and informative. Looking forward to participate in more such sessions.”</i>
<i>“Overall best course I ever had done with a lot of knowledge”</i>
<i>“Course sessions were informative and productive.”</i>
<i>“This certificate course on legal aid is very helpful in my future journey. Because i am engaging with every legal aid activities and also i am member of legal aid committee. So this is very helpful and knowledgeable for me.”</i>
<i>“It was a Nice Experience. I would love to join more Such Courses.”</i>
<i>“Please introduce some more online course like this .”</i>
<i>“Engrossing session with case studies”</i>
<i>“A big round of applause to the organizers and guest speakers. I had a really wonderful experience during this course during the pandemic. All topics were covered and thank you for making the final exam so much accessible by giving 150 minutes. Thank you.”</i>
<i>“This was one of a kind course. Getting free enrollment in such a prestigious course was a privilege. It has increased my knowledge exponentially in the concerned topics.”</i>
<i>“The course was fabulous & every session was full of new experiences. The course provided knowledge which should known to every active citizen of this country. I firmly believe that a second edition must be held for this course & not only people with legal background but anyone who is interested must be enrolled in it! Keep up”</i>
<i>“It was a wonderful journey covered through this course; however, it can work on its</i>

technical issues and assistance.”

“Extremely beneficial course for me all thanks to Kalpesh Sir and Hardik Sir that the basics of PIL and RTI are crystal clear to me.”

“It is wonderful course. It has given lot of information. It helped me to understand law in better way. Course content was very good and administrative assistance was very good . I really enjoyed and learned lot of things. Thanks for giving opportunity to join your valuable course. Once again thanks to organizing committee.”

“This course has helped me immensely in increasing my knowledge about various aspects of law, with such impeccable speakers it was always a privilege to attend the lectures. During this lockdown I was looking forward to join an online course from home & your team actually made this possible. With no registration fees and imparting free of cost education the entire team has done a great job and has not deprived anyone interested from gaining knowledge. I am very thankful to the entire team who has worked so hard in conducting the lectures & exams, clearing our doubts, sending us notes, it seriously means a lot to me. I would like to join more courses in future if conducted by your team. Thank you so much for the entire support. Best regards.”

“Excellent course. Thanks a lot for enlightening us.”

“I learnt a lot and gained knowledge from the course”

“Thank you for the insightful sessions”

“Thanks I appreciate your valuable lecture”

“Continue good work”

“It was very beneficial and got to learn a lot.”

“Informative sessions. Nicely organized.”

“Very informative session”

“Great and helpful course.”

“Keep it up and do it again and again”

“Thanks for course and informative session with valuable lecture.”

“The content provided was excellent. The course was not merely a formality but I was amazed to see the kind of enthusiasm of the organizers. It was an amazing learning process. I humbly thank all the organizers.”

“The Speakers, the Professors were very excellent. It was a great honor to learn from such intelligent personalities. Can't wait to attend more sessions especially by Dr. Hardik.”

<i>"The course was really informative and useful to understand the procedure of law"</i>
<i>"This course very useful to me in my future."</i>
<i>"It was a great and a one of a kind experience."</i>
<i>"Kindly this course should be a diploma course of two years so that students can read all the necessary matter in a time bound manner."</i>
<i>"I have learned a lot, informative and wonderful learning experience. Thank you for organizing the course."</i>
<i>"It's very informative especially for law student. It helped me lot to understand legal provisions in better way. The course content, administrative assistance and teaching are awesome. I really enjoyed learning. Thanks to organizing committee."</i>
<i>"Very Well Organized, Very Meaningful, Very Fruitful and Very Informative Course. Please Conduct More Such Courses in Upcoming Days also."</i>
<i>"It was helpful for me. It was an excellent course. And I am excited for 2nd edition. Thank you"</i>