

Report on

# Legal Awareness



*Presented by*  
**Legal Aid Clinic**

**Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology Deemed to be  
University, Bhubaneswar**

**Introduction:**

Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) is presently a collection of institutions that offer education and training in fields such as engineering, medicine and dentistry, law, management, nursing, biotechnology, film and media, humanities, and many others. KIIT has been promoting new principles, such as sympathy for the poor, respect for women, love, and peace.

KIIT has established a Centre of Excellence for Sustainability and Equity to create awareness among its students, staff and general public about the needs and importance of sustainable development goals and impact on the progress of our nation.

The '**Legal Aid**' team under the aegis of this center is also engaged in activities associated with SDG 4 and SDG10 involving awareness programs on women rights and duties, preventing violence on women, gender equality in society and workplace. The center works in close association with other KIIT Teams to ensure that the goals set are realized effectively.

## **YEARLY REPORT OF LEGAL SERVICES CLINIC, KIIT SCHOOL OF LAW**

**[AUGUST 2023- JULY 2024]**

### ***Empowering Street Vendors: A Nukkad Natak Initiative by KIIT School of Law Students (28/09/2023)***

#### ***Overview -***

The initiative led by the Legal Services Clinic of KSOL, KIIT School of Law, exemplifies a holistic approach to addressing the legal needs of street vendors in Bhubaneswar. The clinic adopted a multi-pronged approach to engage with street vendors, focusing on interaction-based understanding and building trust. By conducting expeditions into different vending zones and engaging in meaningful conversations, they were able to gain insights into the challenges faced by vendors and provide them with relevant information and guidance.

Through interactions and distribution of pamphlets in both English and Odia, the clinic provided street vendors with information on their rights, obligations, and applicable legal provisions. They addressed common issues such as lack of registration and licensing, helping vendors understand the importance of compliance with legal requirements.

There were 13 students from the KIIT School of Law who came together with a noble intention: to educate and empower street vendors in their community. Recognizing the importance of hygiene, the benefits of self-run businesses, the process of obtaining a Business Management System (BMS) license, and the legal protections available, they decided to employ an engaging and effective method: anukkadnatak, or street play.

The choice of anukkadnatak was strategic. Street vendors often operate in bustling, crowded areas where traditional forms of communication might not reach them effectively. By performing a street play in front of the vendors themselves, the students ensured maximum visibility and engagement.

The content of the nukkad natak was carefully crafted to address the specific needs and challenges faced by street vendors. Scenes depicting proper hygiene practices, such as handwashing and food handling, were interspersed with information on the advantages of running one's own business. This included increased autonomy, flexibility, and potential for higher earnings compared to working for others.

Moreover, the students provided valuable insights into the process of obtaining a BMS license, which is essential for formalizing and legitimizing street businesses. They explained the steps involved in the registration process, including necessary documentation and procedures to follow. By demystifying this often daunting process, the students empowered the vendors to take the necessary steps towards legal compliance and recognition.

Importantly, the nukkad natak also highlighted the legal protections available to street vendors.

Many vendors operate in precarious legal environments, facing harassment, eviction, or confiscation of their goods. The students emphasized the rights and protections afforded to vendors under relevant laws and regulations, empowering them to assert their rights and seek redressal in case of any injustices.

Overall, the initiative taken by the thirteen students of KIIT School of Law exemplifies the power of education and community engagement in effecting positive change. By creatively using street theater as a medium, they not only raised awareness but also inspired action and empowerment among street vendors, ultimately contributing to the betterment of their community.

The Street Vendor Legal Aid Mentoring program initiated by KIIT School of Law, Legal Services Clinic has had a transformative impact on the lives of street vendors in Bhubaneswar. By providing legal guidance, simplifying registration procedures, and fostering trust between vendors and legal authorities, the program has empowered vendors and contributed to the community's well-being. The success of the program underscores the importance of proactive legal assistance and community engagement in addressing socio-economic challenges.

## RIGHTS & OBLIGATIONS OF STREET VENDORS, STREET VENDORS ACT, 2014

### RIGHTS (Street Vendors Act, 2014)

1. Section 5(2): If any street vendor with a valid certificate dies, is ill, or faces some permanent disability, his spouse or children, in the same chronological order, can carry on his vending business till the expiry of the certificate.

2. Section 12(1): Every street vendor has the right to carry on business as mentioned in the certificate of vending, issued by the Town Vending Committee.

3. Section 18(3): Street vendors need to be given notice 30 days before the Town Vending Committee relocates them from their place of vending as mentioned in the certificate.

### OBLIGATIONS (Street Vendors Act, 2014)

All street vendors need to have a valid and legitimate Street Vending Certificate and ID Card, an application for which, can be made online.

1. Section 13: If a street vendor has a valid certificate, then, even if he is relocated, they must be allowed to carry on their vending activities as may be determined by the local authority, in consultation with the Town Vending Committee.



## ଶ୍ରି଼ ଲେଣ୍ଡରମାନଙ୍କର ଅଧିକାର ଏବଂ ବାଧ୍ୟତାମୂଳକ, ଶ୍ରି଼ ଲେଣ୍ଡର ଆକ୍ଟ, 2014 |

### ଅଧିକାର (ଶ୍ରି଼ ଲେଣ୍ଡର ଆକ୍ଟ, 2014)

1. ଧାରା 5 (2): ଯଦି କି street ଶ୍ରି଼ ବା valid ଥିବା ଶ୍ରି଼ଟିକେଟ୍ ଥିବା କି street ଶ୍ରି଼ ଗତି ବିକ୍ରେତା ମୃତ୍ୟୁ ବରଣ କରନ୍ତି, ଅସୁସ୍ଥ ହୁଅନ୍ତି କିମ୍ବା କିଛି ସ୍ଥାୟୀ ଅକ୍ଷମତାର ସମ୍ମୁଖୀନ ହୁଅନ୍ତି, ତେବେ ତାଙ୍କ ପତି କିମ୍ବା ପିଲାମାନେ ସମାନ କ୍ରମାନ୍ୱୟରେ, ଶ୍ରି଼ଟିକେଟ୍ ଶେଷ ହେବା ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ତାଙ୍କ ଲେଣ୍ଡି଼ ବ୍ୟବସାୟ କରି ରଖିପାରିବେ ।

2. ବିଭାଗ 12 (1): ଚାର୍ଜ୍ ଲେଣ୍ଡି଼ କମିଟି ଦ୍ୱାରା issued ଯାଉଥିବା ବ୍ୟବସାୟକ ଲେଣ୍ଡି଼ ଶ୍ରି଼ଟିକେଟ୍ ଦେଇ ଗୋଟିଏ ବର୍ଷ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ବ୍ୟବସାୟ କରିବାକୁ ଅନୁମତି ଦିଆଯାଏ ।

3. ବିଭାଗ 18 (3): ଚାର୍ଜ୍ ଲେଣ୍ଡି଼ କମିଟି ଶ୍ରି଼ଟିକେଟ୍ ଦେଇ ଗୋଟିଏ ବର୍ଷ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ବ୍ୟବସାୟ କରିବାକୁ ଅନୁମତି ଦିଆଯାଏ । ଯଦି ଲେଣ୍ଡି଼ କମିଟି ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ ସେମାନଙ୍କ ଲେଣ୍ଡି଼ ସ୍ଥାନରୁ ସ୍ଥାନାନ୍ତର କରିବାକୁ 30 ଦିନ ପୂର୍ବରୁ ନୋଟିସ୍ ଡିଆଁଯିବା ଆବଶ୍ୟକ ।

### ବାଧ୍ୟତା (ଶ୍ରି଼ ଲେଣ୍ଡର ଆକ୍ଟ, 2014)

ସମସ୍ତ ଶ୍ରି଼ ବିକ୍ରେତାଙ୍କର ଏକ ବା valid ଥିବା ଏବଂ ବା legitimate ଥିବା ଶ୍ରି଼ ଲେଣ୍ଡି଼ ଶ୍ରି଼ଟିକେଟ୍ ଏବଂ ଆଇଡି କାର୍ଡ ରହିବା ଆବଶ୍ୟକ, ଯାହା ପାଇଁ ଏକ ଅନଲାଇନ୍ ପାଇଁ କରାଯାଇପାରିବ ।

1. ଧାରା 13: ଯଦି କେହି ଶ୍ରି଼ଟିକେଟ୍ ବିକ୍ରେତାଙ୍କର ଏକ ବା valid ଥିବା ସ୍ଥାନାନ୍ତର ଅଛି, ତେବେ, ଯଦି ସେ ସ୍ଥାନାନ୍ତରିତ ହୁଅନ୍ତି, ତେବେ ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ ଚାର୍ଜ୍ ଲେଣ୍ଡି଼ କମିଟି ସହିତ ପରାମର୍ଶ କରି ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ଦ୍ୱାରା determined ଯାଉଥିବା ସ୍ଥାନ କରାଯାଇପାରେ ।





***“Forging Partnerships: Legal Services Clinic Collaborates with District Legal Services Authority for Community Empowerment” (13/11/2023)***

***Overview -***

The Legal Services Clinic of KIIT School of Law (KSOL) is dedicated to providing pro bono legal aid to underprivileged sections of society. The clinic has established itself as one of the top pro bono service providers in Odisha. The team, led by faculty member Susmita Priyadarshini, aimed to raise awareness about the functioning, jurisdiction, and procedure involved in the three wings of the DSLA: arbitration, mediation, conciliation, and Lok Adalat. The team conducted a one-day awareness program in the District Legal Services Authority, Bhubaneswar, with the students of KIIT School of Law. The objective was to make the legal aid society members aware of the functioning, jurisdiction, and procedure involved in these wings. The volunteers had the opportunity to meet with officers, learn about their experiences, and meet the defense counsellor and assistant defense counsel. The chairman of the DSLA also briefed them on his experience and encouraged future endeavors.

The session was followed by questions from the students, which were answered by the officers. The questions included the efficacy of DSLA, who can approach the DSLA, and the process to apply in all three wings of the organization. The questions also included the remedies given to individuals who maybe biased by mediators and what happens if the settlement does not result in a settlement.

The future outcomes of the partnership between the DSLA and the KIIT Legal Aid Clinic include recruiting officers to provide free legal services and advice to students, teachers, and staff members, and engaging students in internship opportunities for overall development in this field.

In conclusion, the partnership between the Legal Services Clinic of KIIT School of Law and the DSLA has demonstrated a commendable commitment to raising legal awareness and providing aid to underprivileged sections of society. By addressing legal issues through meticulously planned initiatives, the team has made a notable impact in the community.









## **1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL SESSION (26.02.24)**

### **Overview -**

On February 26, 2024, the KIIT School of Law's Legal Services Clinic proudly held its inaugural Annual General Session, a momentous occasion graced by distinguished guests including Ex Officio Chairman Dr. Rose Varghese, Patron-in-Chief Professor Dr. N.L. Mitra, Faculty Convenor Assistant Professor Prateek Mishra, and enthusiastic faculty and student members. The gathering commenced at 15:08 P.M., with the Secretary's introduction setting an inspiring tone for the event.

Faculty Convenor Prateek Mishra passionately articulated his vision for the Legal Services Clinic, emphasizing the fundamental qualities of compassion, humility, and patience in the legal profession. He underscored the clinic's vital role in extending legal aid and awareness to rural communities, urging student members to dedicate their time and energy while fostering a strong sense of camaraderie. The atmosphere became charged with excitement as a captivating video compilation showcasing the clinic's previous initiatives unfolded, highlighting their impact on the community.

Next, Dr. Rose Varghese, the esteemed Director of KIIT School of Law, took to the stage, weaving a profound connection between jurisprudence and legal aid. Her discussion centered on Article 39A of the Constitution of India—a cornerstone provision for legal assistance—while shedding light on the Legal Services Authority Act of 1987, which calls for legal services units in every law institution. She honored the contributions of Justice P.N. Bhagwati, the chairman of CILAS (Committee for Implementing Legal Aid Schemes), and emphasized the importance of using pamphlets to disseminate information on legal rights, particularly those concerning women and labor laws, in local languages during awareness camps. Dr. Varghese also advocated for an initiative to study waste disposal mechanisms, envisioning proposals to help make Odisha a pollution-free state.

The stage then belonged to Professor N.L. Mitra, the Patron-in-Chief, who highlighted the significance of Clinical Legal Education and the Legal Aid Rules of 2008. He paid homage to Professor Neelakanta Ramakrishna Madhav Menon's substantial contributions to Clinical Legal Education. Professor Mitra delved into practical applications of legal studies, discussing the implementation of Lawyer's Diary submissions and the strategic establishment of the Legal Services Clinic near courts or panchayats. He called for organizing a Clinical Legal Education Workshop, encouraging collaboration with institutions at both state and national levels, and proposed conducting a seminar on the Bar Council's mandate concerning Legal Services Clinics.

Ashish Kushwaha, the Convenor, took the floor next, engaging the audience with an insightful presentation that illuminated the clinic's past achievements, collaborations, and aspirations for the future.

Secretary PranavDas then introduced the various departments within the Legal Services Clinic, along with their heads and sub-heads, providing a detailed overview of their roles and responsibilities.

The session gracefully concluded at 4:30 P.M. with a heartfelt vote of thanks from Co-Convenor Aniruddha Roy, who expressed deep gratitude to all participants, guests, and organizers for their invaluable contributions to the event's success. The department heads subsequently introduced their respective teams, sharing insights into their objectives and future plans.

In essence, the 1st Annual General Session of the Legal Services Clinic was not merely a gathering but a celebration of commitment to legal education, community service, and the unwavering pursuit of justice. This enlightening and engaging event has undoubtedly set the stage for a renewed dedication among members to make a meaningful impact in the lives of those they serve.





## **Report on SCB and CMC Data Collection: Survey of Domestic Workers (14.03.24)**

### **Overview –**

On March 14, 2024, the Legal Services Clinic of KIIT School of Law conducted an eye-opening survey on the often-overlooked workforce of domestic workers. Focusing on the individuals employed by four organizations—Paritosh, Jagruti, Nirakar, and Manjushree—the survey aimed to delve into the demographics, working conditions, and challenges faced by both male and female domestic workers in Cuttack. The data collection took place at SCB Medical College and Hospital as well as the Cuttack Municipal Corporation, bringing forth a unique perspective on the struggles faced by these essential workers.

A total of 40 domestic workers participated, with more than 10 workers from each organization. Four student members of the Legal Services Clinic led the initiative, conducting face-to-face interviews using a meticulously structured questionnaire. The survey covered a range of topics, from basic demographics to detailed questions on employment conditions, workplace challenges, and suggestions for improving their situation. The interviewers ensured that all participants were provided with confidentiality and anonymity, and obtained informed consent before starting the interviews.

The survey revealed the reality of life for domestic workers, highlighting the immense contributions they make to households and institutions despite their often precarious working conditions. The findings brought to light issues like long hours, lack of formal employment contracts, inadequate pay, and the absence of social security benefits. Additionally, many workers reported a lack of access to healthcare and protection from workplace exploitation.

These insights emphasize the urgent need for comprehensive reforms, ranging from policy changes to ensure fair wages and safe working environments, to stronger legal frameworks protecting their rights. The survey serves as a call to action for policymakers, employers, and civil society organizations to collaborate in advocating for the rights, dignity, and economic security of domestic workers.

This report not only captures the key findings from the survey but also offers a crucial look into the daily lives of domestic workers, whose labor is often invisible yet indispensable. The challenges they face demand more than just acknowledgment—they require action. As this



report suggests, further analysis and immediate policy interventions are needed to ensure that domestic workers are granted the respect, protections, and opportunities they deserve.

With the voices of 40 workers ringing loud and clear, this survey provides the foundation for meaningful changes that can enhance the welfare and rights of one of the most vulnerable segments of the workforce.



**Empowering the Unsung: Legal Services Clinic Launches Awareness Campaign for Housekeeping and Security Staff (21.04.24)**

**Overview-**

The Legal Services Clinic at KIIT School of Law recently took a proactive step toward empowering the unsung heroes within their campus community by launching an **in-house awareness campaign**. This initiative was designed with a clear purpose: to educate the housekeeping and security staff at the university about their rights and available legal protections, especially in areas that directly impact their daily lives.

The campaign kicked off with an interactive session tailored specifically for the housekeeping and security personnel, ensuring that the legal information provided was both relevant and accessible. This session focused on three main pillars: **Pro Bono Club Schemes**, **State-Level Government Schemes**, and **Rights Guaranteed under Labor Laws and the Domestic Violence Act**. The goal was to demystify these legal frameworks, empowering the staff with the knowledge they need to safeguard their rights and access necessary services.

The **Pro Bono Club Schemes** were a key highlight of the campaign. Members of the clinic explained how these schemes aim to provide free legal services to those who cannot afford them. This was especially relevant to the housekeeping and security staff, many of whom face challenges that often go unaddressed due to financial constraints or a lack of awareness. The session underscored the importance of accessing legal aid through these pro bono initiatives, ensuring that justice remains accessible to all, regardless of financial status.

Next, the clinic shed light on various **State-Level Government Schemes** that could benefit the staff. From welfare programs to healthcare benefits, these schemes are often overlooked by the very individuals who need them most. The clinic members took great care to break down the bureaucratic barriers, explaining how the staff could avail themselves of these services, and emphasizing the importance of understanding the eligibility criteria and application processes. This segment of the campaign was met with enthusiasm, as many attendees were unaware of the breadth of support available to them.

Perhaps the most crucial part of the campaign was the discussion around **Rights Guaranteed under Labor Laws and the Domestic Violence Act**. In an era where labor rights are constantly evolving, it is imperative for workers to understand their entitlements. The clinic members provided a thorough overview of the rights guaranteed under India's labor laws, including the



**Minimum Wages Act, the Payment of Gratuity Act**, and provisions related to working hours and conditions.

Additionally, the session covered the **Domestic Violence Act**, recognizing that many individuals may face challenges in their personal lives that spill over into their professional well-being. The clinic stressed that this act provides essential protection for women facing abuse, and that legal recourse is available to them should they need it.

The response from the housekeeping and security staff was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing gratitude for the newfound knowledge and the opportunity to ask questions directly. The clinic members were equally pleased with the engagement, as it reinforced the importance of making legal education accessible to all members of society, not just law students and professionals.

This campaign marks a significant step in the clinic's ongoing efforts to promote **legal literacy** and **social justice** within their community. By reaching out to the often overlooked but indispensable staff members of the KIIT School of Law, the clinic reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring that everyone, regardless of their role or position, has access to the rights and protections they deserve.



**IN-HOUSE LEGAL AWARENESS CAMP**





## **Empowering Legal Literacy: The 1st KIIT Law School National Reel Making Competition**

### **Overview -**

The 1st KIIT Law School National Reel Making Competition has been a resounding success, igniting creativity and raising awareness about the fundamental laws that govern our land. Launched with the aim of educating the public on their rights and duties, the competition invited law students across India to craft engaging reels that translate complex legal concepts into accessible content for everyday citizens. With the release of the competition brochure in July and entries closing in August 2024, anticipation for the results reached its peak as the winners were unveiled in September.

This competition was not only about celebrating creativity but also empowering students to become educators and advocates of legal literacy. To incentivize their efforts, cash prizes were awarded, recognizing the participants' hard work and dedication.

We are thrilled to announce the winners of the inaugural KIIT Law School National Reel Making Competition!

- **1st Prize: Mehak Rastogi** from **Galgotias University** wowed the judges with her insightful and visually engaging reel that demystified complex legal principles.

- **2nd Prize: Nikita Shah** from **Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda** impressed with her compelling narrative style and strong legal messaging.

- **3rd Prize: Tamanna Biswas and Shrinagar Mishra** from **Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur** shared the third spot for their creative collaboration that effectively captured the essence of legal aid.

Additionally, we are proud to present two **Special Mentions** for exceptional entries:

- **Likhita Avare** from **Maharashtra National Law University, Aurangabad**

- **Yash Madan & Aditya Raj** from **NorthCap University, Gurugram**

This year's competition saw participation from **30 law schools** across India, reflecting the nationwide enthusiasm for promoting legal awareness. A rigorous selection process was led by an esteemed panel of faculty judges: **Mr. Prateek Mishra, Tulip Suman, Dr. Manisha Manaswini, and Dr. Hiranmaya Nanda**. Out of the impressive entries, **7 reels** were shortlisted

for an exciting round of online voting, allowing the public to engage and appreciate the students' creative efforts.

The success of this competition would not have been possible without the support of our distinguished leaders:

- Our Honourable Founder, **Prof. Dr. Achyuta Samanta**
- Our Esteemed Vice-Chancellor, **Prof. Dr. Saranjit Singh**
- Our Respected Registrar, **Prof. Dr. JyanaRanjan Mohanty**
- Our Dedicated Director, **Prof. Dr. Rose Varghese**

Their unwavering guidance and encouragement throughout this event have been instrumental in making it a reality. We also extend our deepest gratitude to the faculty members of the **Legal Services Clinic** of KIIT School of Law for their tireless work in organizing this competition.

This first-ever reel-making competition has not only showcased the talent and creativity of law students across the country but also laid the foundation for future efforts to promote legal literacy in innovative and accessible ways. We look forward to witnessing more remarkable work in the years to come!

**1ST KIIT  
LEGAL AID REEL MAKING  
COMPETITION**

1st Position ₹5000  
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3rd Position ₹2000

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**THE LEGAL SERVICES CLINIC OF KIIT SCHOOL OF LAW CONDUCTED A SPEED MENTORING SESSION AS AN INITIATIVE UNDER 2ND Prof. V.S. Mallar Legal Aid Competition AND VISITED PATHANI SAMANTA SCHOOL AND SPREAD LEGAL AWARENESS ABOUT THE CYBER SPACE AND HOW TO SAFELY NAVIGATE IT.**



On the 12th of August, 2023, the Legal Aid Society of KIIT School of Law organized a camp at Pathani Samanta School, with the aim of creating awareness about cyber security and safety among students in grades 6-10. The camp began with an introduction to the importance of cyber security and the need to protect oneself from potential threats online. The students were taught how to identify and block unknown individuals who may cause disturbances on social media platforms. They were also advised to be cautious of false advertisements and scams that may trick them into parting with their money.

The volunteers emphasized the importance of using social media wisely and responsibly, especially for teenagers who are more vulnerable to online threats. They were advised to be cautious of strangers who may fake their identity and to avoid sharing personal information online. In addition to the talks, the students were taught how to contact local authorities in case they face any issues related to cybercrime. They were advised to remember the helpline number and seek help from trusted elders, such as family members or teachers, before contacting the authorities directly.

Overall, the camp was a success, and the Legal Aid Society plans to conduct similar camps in the future to continue raising awareness about cyber security and safety among young students. The society believes that educating young minds about the potential dangers of the online world is



crucial in creating a safe and secure online environment for everyone. The camp concluded with a special thanks to Mr. Prateek Sir, the faculty of the Legal Aid Society, for conducting the camp and imparting valuable knowledge to the young minds. The students left the camp with a better understanding of cyber security and the importance of responsible social media use.

**Advancing Legal Literacy and Awareness: Conducted by the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India in Association With Kiit School of Law**



On Sunday, April 21, 2024, KIIT School of Law and NLSIU's CEERA (Centre for Environmental Law, Education, Research and Advocacy) hosted an illuminating one-day workshop on Legal Literacy and Legal Awareness in Odisha. The Department of Justice conducted this impactful event under the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India. Their mission? To bridge gaps, raise awareness, and make a tangible impact on the community they serve.

The prestigious workshop commenced with an inauguration by the esteemed Chief Guest, Hon'ble Dr. Justice Sanjeeb Kumar Panigrahi. Attendees were privileged to glean insights from renowned legal experts including Prof. (Dr.) Sairam Bhat from NLSIU Bangalore, Mr. Biswajit Mohanty (Member Secretary of Odisha State Legal Services Authority), and Mr. Anil Parida



(Advocate at the High Court of Orissa).

Throughout the day, the speakers engagingly elucidated complex legal concepts, empowering participants to comprehend their rights and responsibilities as citizens. The interactive sessions fostered a keen awareness of legal nuances pertaining to various aspects of life.

Notably, the workshop witnessed an overwhelming turnout of students and faculty members from multiple law colleges across Odisha. Their enthusiastic presence underscored the thirst for legal knowledge within the state's academic community. The resounding success of this endeavor is attributed to the tireless efforts of Dr. Bishwa Kallyan Dash, Prof. Swati Mohapatra, and Prof. Prateek Mishra, who seamlessly orchestrated every aspect of the event. Their commitment to furthering legal literacy has left an indelible mark on Odisha's legal landscape.

### **Legal Services Clinic of Kiit School of Law Conducted a Session in KISS School on Good Touch and Bad Touch**



In a remarkable endeavor to empower and educate the youth, the members of the Legal Aid Society of KIIT School of Law (KSOL) visited the esteemed KISS School to conduct a pivotal session on "Good Touch Bad Touch" awareness. Classroom 307, nestled on the third floor of the second academic block, became a sanctuary of knowledge, where the eager minds of students from classes 11 and 12 converged.

With unwavering enthusiasm, the KSOL team embarked on a journey to impart invaluable

lessons on personal safety and equip the students with the tools to recognize and respond to inappropriate touches. Through interactive demonstrations and relatable examples, the concept of "good touch" was brought to life, fostering an environment of open dialogue and understanding.

However, the session extended beyond mere awareness. The students were empowered with the knowledge of how to seek help and support in the face of adversity. The KSOL team meticulously explained the significance of reporting incidents, emphasizing the importance of seeking assistance based on the intensity and severity of the situation. No stone was left unturned in ensuring that these young minds felt equipped to navigate the complexities of life with courage and resilience.

The session also delved into the realm of cyberbullying, a pervasive issue in the digital age. Through real-life scenarios and examples, the students gained insights into the various forms of bullying, its impact, and the necessary steps to combat it. The KSOL team's commitment to addressing this pressing concern was evident in their comprehensive approach.

As the session drew to a close, the students were given the opportunity to engage in one-on-one interactions with the KSOL members. This personal touch allowed for a deeper understanding of individual concerns and fostered an environment of trust and comfort, where no question went unanswered.

The visit by the Legal Aid Society of KIIT School of Law to KISS School was a testament to the power of education and the commitment to nurturing a generation of resilient and empowered individuals. As the students left the classroom, their smiles radiated with newfound knowledge and a sense of empowerment - a true testament to the impact of such initiatives on shaping the future leaders of our society.

### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up in APJ Abdul Kalam Film Making competition 2024***

The documentary film "Maya's Journey: Fighting for Education and Justice | A Powerful Story of Resilience" has clinched the 2nd runner-up spot at the 8th Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam International Socio-Legal Film making competition 2024!. Huge shoutout to Legal Services Clinic for their unwavering support throughout this journey. Special thanks to our incredible team for bringing Maya's story to life:




Special credits to:

- Orin Dutta ( Narrator, Director)
- Sebantika Maity (Maya)

- Suhrita Sanyal (Mrs. Rao, mother)
- Sheetal Shandilya (Ms. Patel, Teacher)
- Debarupa Mukherjee (Priya, friend)
- Saara Upadhyay (Ms. Arora, Advocate, Videography )
- Madhuja Mitra ( Narration, Videographer)
- Rajashree Ghosh (Narration)
- Aastha (HR)
- Neetisha Mohanty (Editor)
- Ashish Khushwaha (POV)
- Aniruddha Roy (Asst. Director, Script Writer)

This recognition is a testament to the power of storytelling and the importance of advocating for education and justice.

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**RESULT**  
**Top 3 Films**

| Rank | Name of the Film   | Language | Name of the Director(s)              | Name of the Institution                      |
|------|--|----------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1    | Unveiling Injustice: The Ordeal of a Transgender in India                            | Kannada  | Samprada Bhat, Rohan Roy             | Ramaiah College of Law, Mathikere, Bengaluru |
| 2    | ILL-Legal?   | Hindi    | Mansi Bhardwaj                       | Fergusson College, Pune                      |
| 3    | Maya's Journey: Fighting for Education and Justice   A Powerful Story of Resilience" | English  | Legal Aid Clinic, KIIT School of Law | KIIT School of Law, Bhubaneswar              |

All selected films addition to above will be uploaded on You Tube channel of ProBono India.  
 Congratulations to all the Winners !

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up in National Reel Making Competition organised by NLSIU AND CEERA**



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***Grievance Redressal on Socio-Legal Issues***

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**FINAL RESULT**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Theme of the Reel</b>       | <b>Name of the Participant(s)</b>           | <b>Name of the Institution</b>                                  |
|-------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| 1           | Senior Citizen's Rights        | Ananya Prakash<br>Sanchita Kushwaha         | Banasthali Vidyapith,<br>Rajasthan                              |
| 2           | Animal's Rights                | Rachel Michael Nadar<br>Karan Narayan Patil | Sonopant Dandekar<br>Shikshan Mandali's<br>Law College, Palghar |
| 3           | Ladakh's Constitutional Status | Divyanshu Raj                               | KIIT School of Law,<br>Bhubaneswar                              |

## KIIT LEGAL AID CAMP AT TENTOL VILLAGE,CUTTACK

The KIIT Legal Services Clinic, KIIT School of Law our legal service camp in Tentol Village, Salepur along with our noted Alumni Mr Siddhant Mohanty. The students discussed with the villagers about their legal issues and made a note about their problems a detailed report of which was shared by DLSA.

The camp provided free legal assistance and counseling to individuals who lacked access to legal representation due to financial constraints or lack of awareness. Legal experts and law students collaborated to offer personalized advice, raise awareness about land-related legal rights, and educate attendees on the processes for resolving disputes.

The initiative not only empowered our student members with knowledge of their entitlements under land laws but also offered practical exposure to law students, enhancing their understanding of community legal needs and fostering a spirit of social service.



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## KIIT LAW SCHOOL PARTICIPATING IN GNLU ANNUAL LEGAL SERVICES FORUM

KIIT School of Law successfully participated in the GNLU Annual Legal Services Forum. Our team comprising of our faculty convenor MR Prateek Mishra and student convenor Ashish Kushwaha presented a paper highlighting our legal aid activities and shared insights from our empirical survey on domestic workers and street vendors. We were also actively engaged in the legal aid roundtable, where faculty conveners from 15 law schools discussed ideas to enhance legal aid clinics and integrate legal aid into clinical papers.



