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Introduction

Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) is a multidisciplinary institution that offers education and training in fields such as engineering, medicine and dentistry, law, management, nursing, biotechnology, film and media, humanities, among 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 **KIIT Legal Services Clinic (KLSC)**, established under §4(k) of the *Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987* and inaugurated by *Prof. (Dr.) N. L. Mitra*, stands as a student-run body to ensure access to justice for all. Functioning under the aegis of **KIIT School of Law, Bhubaneswar**, the Clinic the Clinic has, over the past decade, engaged in the 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.

From its early awareness drives to its national initiatives, KLSC has become a symbol of legal conscience within KIIT School of Law. As it enters its next decade, the Clinic renews its pledge to expand digital outreach, strengthen collaborations, and nurture a culture of *pro bono* service among India's future lawyers, ensuring that the light of justice continues to reach every corner of society. These measures are intended to reinforce KIIT's broader commitment to sustainability, social equity, and inclusive development, while ensuring that access to justice remains an integral component of its academic and community engagement framework.

YEARLY REPORT OF THE KIIT LEGAL SERVICES CLINIC

[AUGUST 2024- JULY 2025]

1. *1st KIIT Legal Aid Reel-Making Competition (22/07/2024-14/09/2024)*

Overview –

The KIIT Legal Services Clinic successfully organized its **1st Legal Aid Reel-Making Competition**, launched on 22nd July 2024, in collaboration with *Pro Bono India*, *Deadly Law*, and *Law Bhoomi*. The competition aimed to promote legal awareness through creative digital storytelling, encouraging participants to simplify complex legal concepts into engaging short videos (“reels”) for wider public outreach on social media platforms.

The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 30 law schools across India, reflecting its national reach and impact. Participants were required to submit their entries by 25th August 2024, followed by an engagement-based evaluation phase until 10th September 2024. The results were officially declared on 14th September 2024 after a rigorous selection process conducted by an esteemed faculty panel, including *Mr. Prateek Mishra*, *Ms. Tulip Suman*, *Dr. Manisha Manaswini*, and *Dr. Hiranmaya Nanda*. A total of seven entries were shortlisted for the final round of online voting.

The competition celebrated creativity and legal awareness, with *Mehak Rastogi* from Galgotias University securing the **1st position**, followed by *Nikita Shah* from Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda in **2nd place**. The **3rd position** was jointly awarded to *Tamanna Biswas* and *Shrinagar Mishra* from Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur. **Special mentions** were awarded to *Likhita Avare* from Maharashtra National Law University, Aurangabad, and *Yash Madan* and *Aditya Raj* from NorthCap University, Gurugram.

This initiative not only fostered innovation among law students but also strengthened the role of digital platforms in disseminating legal knowledge. The event was

conducted with the support and guidance of the institutional leadership, including the Founder *Prof. Dr. Achyuta Samanta*, Vice Chancellor *Prof. Dr. Saranjit Singh*, Registrar *Prof. Dr. Jyana Ranjan Mohanty*, and Director *Prof. Dr. Rose Varghese*.

The competition marked a significant step towards integrating law with creativity and technology, contributing to the broader mission of enhancing legal literacy and public engagement.



2. Speed Mentoring Camp at LR DAV Public School, Cuttack (24/08/2024)

Overview –

The Legal Aid Clinic of KIIT School of Law organized a Speed Mentoring Camp on 24th August 2024 at LR DAV Public School, Cuttack, with the objective of promoting legal awareness among school students. The initiative was aimed at sensitizing young minds about their rights and responsibilities as citizens, while also equipping them with practical knowledge on child protection laws and cyber safety. The session primarily catered to students of Class IX and adopted an interactive and student-friendly approach through videos, illustrations, and open discussions.

The session commenced with an introduction by *Falguni Mundra*, a fourth-year student, who outlined the purpose of the initiative. The first segment of the session focused on **Fundamental Rights and Duties** enshrined in Part III (Articles 12–35) of the Constitution of India. The historical evolution of laws and governance in India was explained, providing students with context about the development of legal systems post-independence. Core Fundamental Rights such as the Right to Equality, Right to Freedom, Right against Exploitation, Freedom of Religion, Cultural and Educational Rights, and the Right to Constitutional Remedies were discussed in detail.

Special emphasis was placed on the **Preamble and its role** in promoting justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. The concept of the **Rule of Law** was introduced to highlight that no individual, including the government, is above the law. Students were also educated on how they can seek remedies in case of violation of their rights, particularly through Articles 32 and 226 of the Constitution.

The second segment addressed **Cyberbullying and Online Safety**, where students were made aware of the risks associated with social media platforms and online interactions. Practical guidance was provided on maintaining digital safety, including safeguarding personal information, using privacy settings, being cautious with online connections, and reporting or blocking harmful content. Students were encouraged to adopt responsible online behavior and to seek help from trusted adults in cases of

cyberbullying. Relevant helpline resources were also shared to ensure accessibility to support systems.

The final segment focused on the **Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act** and **Child Rights**. Students were introduced to the concept of rights and the role of institutions such as the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR). Various forms of child abuse (physical, emotional, and sexual) were explained with sensitivity. Emphasis was laid on awareness, prevention, and response strategies, including speaking up, asserting boundaries, avoiding unsafe situations, and utilizing available support mechanisms such as police assistance and child helplines.

Each segment of the mentoring camp was supplemented with short videos and concluded with interactive Q&A sessions, ensuring active participation and engagement from the students. The initiative effectively created a safe and informative environment where students could ask questions and express concerns.

Overall, the Speed Mentoring Camp served as a meaningful outreach initiative, successfully bridging the gap between legal knowledge and young learners. By fostering awareness and encouraging proactive engagement, the program contributed significantly to building informed, responsible, and empowered citizens.





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3. Legal Awareness & Speed Mentoring Camp at Shailendra Narayan Govt. High School, Patia (14/09/2024)

Overview –

The Legal Aid Clinic of KIIT School of Law conducted a Legal Awareness and Speed Mentoring Camp on 14th September 2024 at Shailendra Narayan Government High School, Patia, Bhubaneswar. The initiative was specifically designed for students of Classes IX and X, aiming to empower them with essential legal knowledge and practical awareness of their rights and responsibilities. To ensure inclusivity and better understanding, the sessions were delivered in the regional language, Odia.

The program commenced with an introduction by *Neetisha Mohanty*, Former Student Convener, Legal Aid Clinic, who highlighted the objective of the initiative: bridging the gap between legal knowledge and young students by providing them with practical insights into everyday legal issues. Her address set the tone for an engaging and interactive learning experience, encouraging students to actively participate and reflect on their roles as informed citizens.

The first session, delivered by *Ankita*, focused on the **Right to Education** and the significance of education as a fundamental right. She elaborated on the Right to Education Act, 2009, emphasizing the provision of free and compulsory education for children aged 6 to 14 years. By incorporating real-life examples and discussing government initiatives such as mid-day meals, uniforms, and schemes like PM USHA, she made the topic relatable and impactful.

This was followed by a session on **Fundamental Rights and Duties** by *Priyadarshini*. She provided a comprehensive explanation of the six Fundamental Rights and eleven Fundamental Duties, simplifying complex legal concepts through relatable examples. By breaking down constitutional provisions into practical scenarios, the session enabled students to connect legal principles with their everyday lives and inspired them to contribute positively to society.

The final session, conducted by *Subhashish Kumar Sahu*, addressed the **Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act** and **child safety**. He explained various forms of abuse—physical, emotional, and sexual—using clear definitions and real-life contexts to sensitize students about these critical issues. The session emphasized the importance of recognizing inappropriate behaviour, understanding legal remedies, and seeking help from trusted adults such as parents and teachers. Additionally, students were made aware of the risks associated with interacting with strangers and the **responsible use of social media**.

The Legal Awareness Camp at Shailendra Narayan Govt. High School reinforced the importance of early legal awareness in shaping responsible, informed, and confident individuals, contributing to the broader goal of community development and social justice.





4. Speed Mentoring Camp at Patia Girls High School, Bhubaneswar (19/09/2024)

Overview –

The Legal Aid Clinic of KIIT School of Law organized a specially curated Speed Mentoring Camp on 19th September 2024 at Patia Girls High School, Bhubaneswar. Established in 1987, the privately aided institution is located in the urban Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation block of Khordha district, Odisha, and caters exclusively to girl students from Classes VIII to X. With Odia as the primary medium of instruction and a consistent commitment to academic growth, the school provides an ideal platform for initiatives aimed at awareness and empowerment.

The mentoring camp was designed specifically for students of Classes VIII, IX, and X, with a focus on **women’s rights, children’s education, and self-empowerment**. Recognizing the importance of accessibility and inclusivity, the entire session was conducted in the regional language, Odia. This approach ensured that students could easily comprehend the legal concepts discussed and actively participate in the session without hesitation.

The session centered on sensitizing young girls about their rights and equipping them with the knowledge necessary to navigate societal and personal challenges. The discussion on women’s rights emphasized **equality, dignity, and the legal protections** available to women under Indian law. Students were encouraged to understand their inherent rights and to develop confidence in asserting them in their daily lives.

In addition, the **importance of education** as a tool for empowerment was highlighted. The session underscored how access to education not only enhances personal growth but also serves as a foundation for independence and informed decision-making. Students were motivated to value their educational journey and recognize it as a stepping stone toward achieving their aspirations.

A key aspect of the mentoring camp was the **emphasis on self-empowerment**. Students were guided on building self-confidence, making informed choices, and standing up against injustice. Practical insights were shared to help them identify challenges, seek support when needed, and contribute positively to their communities. The interactive nature of the session allowed students to engage in discussions, ask questions, and share their perspectives in a safe and encouraging environment.

The use of simple language, relatable examples, and open dialogue made the session impactful and engaging. By addressing topics directly relevant to the students' lives, the initiative successfully created awareness and inspired confidence among the participants. In conclusion, the camp was a meaningful outreach effort that promoted legal literacy and personal empowerment among young girls.





5. Workshop on Best Practices in Pro Bono Services in India & US (25/09/2024–27/09/2024)

Overview –

The KIIT Legal Services Clinic organized a cross-cultural workshop on ***“Best Practices in Pro Bono Services in India & the United States”*** between 25th and 27th September 2024, aimed at fostering dialogue on global legal aid practices and strengthening access to justice. The workshop brought together legal academics, practitioners, and students to exchange insights on effective pro bono models and their relevance within the Indian legal framework.

The event commenced with a warm welcome to esteemed guests, followed by a presentation highlighting the initiatives and impact of the KIIT Legal Services Clinic. A key highlight was the launch of the handbook ***“Empowered”*** by *Prof. Margaret Phillips*, Clinical Professor of Law at Brooklyn Law School, and *Prof. (Dr.) Rose Varghese*. The handbook serves as a practical resource to raise awareness about women’s safety and available legal remedies, contributing to community empowerment.

Prof. Margaret delivered the keynote address, sharing valuable insights into the **structure and functioning of legal aid systems** in the **United States**, while drawing meaningful comparisons with India. She emphasized the **role of institutional support, structured pro bono frameworks, and the integration of technology** in enhancing the reach and efficiency of legal aid services. The discussions also explored the importance of legal education in cultivating a pro bono culture, alongside the role of policy interventions and private sector participation in promoting access to justice.

An engaging brainstorming session allowed participants to critically examine challenges and opportunities in both jurisdictions, encouraging innovative and context-specific solutions. The workshop further featured a compelling address by

Advocate Siddhant Mohanty, who underscored the **importance of effective implementation and execution** in ensuring the success of pro bono initiatives.

The workshop proved to be an enriching and impactful initiative, reinforcing the significance of global collaboration, innovation, and interdisciplinary efforts in advancing pro bono services and legal aid systems in India.





6. Comprehensive Legal Awareness Camp at Salepur, Cuttack (19/10/2024)

Overview –

The Legal Services Clinic of KIIT School of Law conducted a full-day outreach programme on 19th October 2024 at Salepur, Cuttack, aimed at promoting legal awareness and addressing grassroots legal issues. The initiative adopted a multi-faceted approach, combining a speed mentoring session, a street play on women’s empowerment, and a Jan Sunwai (public hearing) to directly engage with the community.

The Speed Mentoring Session, held at **Biswabharati Bidyapeeth, Karamuan**, focused on Class X students and covered topics such as **cyberbullying** and the **POCSO Act**. Conducted in Odia, the session ensured accessibility and encouraged open discussions on personal safety, online behaviour, and legal remedies.

An impactful **Nukkad Natak**, performed in collaboration with the *Kalandhika Theatre Society*, highlighted **women’s safety and empowerment**. Through engaging storytelling and relatable scenarios, the play emphasized self-defence, awareness of legal rights, and the importance of collective responsibility.

The Jan Sunwai served as the core of the programme, with over 120 villagers participating and **more than 40 grievances recorded**. Issues ranged from property disputes and pension delays to domestic violence and access to welfare schemes. Student volunteers, under faculty guidance, documented cases and provided preliminary legal assistance.

Additionally, a legal awareness drive was conducted, with sessions on **property laws, women’s rights, RTI, and government schemes**. Informational leaflets were distributed to over 100 households, and focused group discussions were held for women and senior citizens. Interactive demonstrations further simplified legal procedures for the community.

The programme successfully empowered the residents of Salepur by enhancing legal literacy and providing a platform to voice concerns. It also offered students valuable practical exposure, reinforcing the importance of community-based legal engagement in advancing access to justice.





7.1st & 2nd Workshops for the 2nd Intra Client Counselling Competition (06/11/2024 & 11/11/2024)

Overview-

The 1st and 2nd preparatory workshops for the 2nd Intra Client Counselling Competition were conducted on 6th and 11th November 2024, respectively. These workshops were aimed at equipping participants with a comprehensive understanding of the **structure, rules, and evaluation criteria** of the competition.

During the sessions, students were familiarized with the **procedural aspects** and **ethical considerations** involved in client counselling. **Mock counselling exercises**, particularly based on corporate legal scenarios, were conducted to provide practical exposure. The workshops significantly contributed to enhancing participants' analytical abilities, communication skills, and professional approach towards client interaction.





8. 2nd KIIT Intra Client Counselling Competition (15/11/2024-16/11/2024)

Overview-

The 2nd KIIT Intra Client Counselling Competition was successfully organized on 15th and 16th November 2024 as a flagship academic event. The competition was graced by the presence of *Hon'ble Former Justice D.P. Choudhury* of the Odisha High Court.

The event witnessed active participation from student teams who engaged in simulated client counselling sessions. The competition provided a platform for participants to demonstrate their advocacy, legal reasoning, and client-handling skills. Emphasis was placed on effective communication, issue identification, strategic thinking, and teamwork.

Overall, the competition served as a valuable learning opportunity, fostering practical legal skills and professional competence among students.





9. Podcast Series Launch – Episode 1 (02/01/2025)

Overview –

The KIIT Legal Services Clinic inaugurated its Podcast Series on 2nd January 2025 with Episode 1, marking a significant step towards expanding legal awareness through digital platforms. The inaugural episode featured *Prof. Margaret L. Phillips*, Clinical Professor of Law at Brooklyn Law School, as the distinguished guest, bringing valuable international perspectives on legal aid and pro bono practices.

Moderated by *Ms. Tulip Suman*, Assistant Professor at KIIT School of Law, and joined by student member *Ananya Sinha*, the session facilitated an engaging and insightful discussion on the functioning of pro bono legal systems in both the United States and India. The conversation explored the **structural frameworks, challenges, and opportunities within legal aid mechanisms**, highlighting how such systems can effectively serve diverse populations across different socio-economic backgrounds.

Key themes of the podcast included the **role of technology** in expanding access to legal services, the **importance of legal education** in fostering a culture of pro bono work, and the **contribution of policy and private sector initiatives** in strengthening legal aid delivery. The discussion also emphasized the **need to adapt global best practices** to suit India's socio-legal landscape.

The episode further aligned with the broader vision of the KIIT Legal Services Clinic to promote interdisciplinary collaboration and innovative approaches in legal outreach.



10. Podcast Series – Episode 2 (04/01/2025)

Overview –

The second episode of the KIIT Legal Services Clinic Podcast Series, released on 4th January 2025, featured *Prof. (Dr.) N. L. Mitra*, Former Director of National Law School of India University, Bangalore, and Former Vice-Chancellor of National Law University, Jodhpur. The episode focused on the theme of **Clinical Legal Education (CLE)** and its transformative role in advancing justice and strengthening legal education in India.

The discussion began with an exploration of CLE as an experiential learning approach that enables law students to engage with real-world legal issues. *Prof. Mitra* emphasized its **importance in bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application**, equipping students with essential skills such as legal drafting, client interaction, and courtroom understanding. He highlighted how CLE not only enhances professional competence but also fosters a **service-oriented mindset** among future legal practitioners.

The conversation further examined the critical role of legal aid in achieving justice and equity, particularly for marginalized communities. *Prof. Mitra* stressed that legal aid should not merely be viewed as a moral duty but as an institutionalized right, integral to the constitutional vision of justice. He acknowledged the significant contribution of law school legal aid clinics in expanding access to justice at the grassroots level.

The episode also addressed **key challenges** faced by CLE programs in India, including limited resources, lack of trained personnel, and institutional constraints. *Prof. Mitra* advocated for **stronger policy support, increased funding, and structured collaborations** between law schools, the judiciary, and civil society to enhance the effectiveness and sustainability of legal aid initiatives.

Highlighting future directions, he underscored the **role of technology** in improving the reach of legal aid services through digital platforms and virtual consultations. He also encouraged the adoption of **global best practices** and **multidisciplinary approaches** to strengthen clinical programs in India.

The episode concluded with reflections on the profound impact of CLE on students, noting how practical exposure fosters empathy, confidence, and a deeper understanding of social justice.





11. Podcast Series – Episode 3 (07/01/2025)

Overview –

The third episode of the KIIT Legal Services Clinic Podcast Series, aired on 7th January 2025, featured *Advocate Siddhant Mohanty*, an advocate, academician, and founder of SM Legal Advocates & Solicitors and the Justice and Liberty Foundation. The episode focused on the theme **“Role of NGOs and Pro Bono Lawyers in Providing Legal Aid,”** highlighting the importance of collaborative efforts in ensuring access to justice.

Hosted by *Ashish Kushwaha* and *Neetisha Mohanty*, the session explored how NGOs act as crucial catalysts in delivering legal aid, particularly in underserved and remote areas. Advocate Mohanty emphasized their role in **bridging the gap between law and society** through legal literacy, free consultations, and advocacy for systemic reforms. He also shared practical insights from his foundation’s work in empowering vulnerable communities, especially women and children.

The discussion further underscored the significance of pro bono legal services, describing them as both a professional responsibility and a moral obligation. Through real-life examples, *Advocate Mohanty* illustrated how pro bono efforts can bring meaningful change, particularly for individuals lacking access to formal legal support.

Key challenges such as financial constraints, lack of infrastructure, procedural delays, and limited public awareness were also addressed. The conversation highlighted the **need for stronger institutional support and greater collaboration** among NGOs, legal professionals, and academic institutions to overcome these barriers.

The episode also focused on the **role of law students as active contributors to the legal aid ecosystem**. Students were encouraged to participate in legal aid initiatives, engage in research and drafting, and develop a sense of social responsibility. Additionally, the **potential of technology in expanding legal aid**, through digital

platforms, helplines, and virtual clinics, was emphasized as a key area for future development.

In conclusion, Episode 3 provided valuable insights into the functioning and challenges of legal aid systems, reinforcing the importance of NGOs, pro bono work, and collective responsibility in advancing justice and legal empowerment.





12. Jharpada Jail Visit, Bhubaneswar (26/03/2025)

Overview –

The KIIT Legal Services Clinic, in collaboration with the *NSS Unit* and the *Centre for Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Administration*, organized a visit to Jharpada Special Jail, Bhubaneswar on 26th March 2025. The initiative aimed to provide students with practical exposure to prison administration, inmate conditions, and the functioning of the criminal justice system. Through direct interaction with inmates, jail staff, and administrative officials, the visit offered valuable insights into the gap between legal rights as provided in law and their actual implementation.

Students were guided through various sections of the prison by administrative officers, who explained operational procedures and addressed queries regarding jail management. The visit also helped in breaking common stereotypes about prisons by highlighting the reformatory and rehabilitative measures undertaken within the facility.

The prison demonstrated several **reform-oriented initiatives**, including skill-based activities such as gardening and fish cultivation, where inmates are provided training and compensated with daily wages. **Recreational facilities** like an auditorium for screenings and a radio jockey room enabled inmates to engage in creative and stress-relieving activities. **Educational opportunities** through distance learning programmes and access to a well-equipped library further supported inmate rehabilitation. The **kitchen facilities** maintained proper hygiene standards, while medical services included regular check-ups and basic treatment facilities.

However, the visit also revealed **critical challenges** within the system. The absence of psychologists in the medical unit was identified as a major gap in addressing inmates' mental health needs. Irregular and insufficient legal aid services contributed to delays in trial processes, particularly affecting undertrial prisoners. Additionally, lack of awareness among inmates regarding their rights, language barriers faced by non-native prisoners, and limited access to certain rights such as conjugal visits were significant concerns.

The **Jan interaction** also highlighted issues such as inconsistent classification of prisoners, administrative biases in reporting inmate conduct, and inadequate implementation of certain provisions of the Jail Manual. Despite these challenges, the presence of legal aid rooms and efforts toward rehabilitation reflected a commitment to improving inmate welfare.

The visit provided a balanced understanding of the prison system, showcasing both its reformative efforts and existing shortcomings. It proved to be a valuable learning opportunity and experience for students, reinforcing the importance of strengthening legal aid, ensuring rights awareness, and improving institutional mechanisms within correctional facilities.



13. Achievement at IILM Client Counselling Competition, 2025

Overview –

The Legal Services Clinic, KIIT School of Law recorded a significant achievement as its students, *Suryadeep Nanda* and *Shameeha Tarafdar*, secured the **1st position** in the IILM Client Counselling Competition, 2025, hosted by IILM University, Gurugram.

The competition served as a platform for participants to demonstrate their client counselling skills, legal reasoning, and practical problem-solving abilities. The students exhibited exceptional competence in client interaction, effective communication, and application of legal principles to real-life scenarios, which contributed to their success. This achievement also reflected the emphasis placed by KIIT School of Law on experiential learning and the development of practical legal skills, particularly in the domain of client counselling.



14. *School Visit – Modern High School for Girls, Kolkata (18/04/2025)*

Overview –

The KIIT Legal Services Clinic hosted students from Modern High School for Girls, Kolkata on 18th April 2025 for an immersive and experiential learning programme aimed at introducing them to legal education and grassroots legal realities. The visit began with an orientation session, where the students were welcomed and introduced to the vision and initiatives of KIIT School of Law and its Legal Aid Clinic. Through presentations and addresses by faculty members and student coordinators, the participants gained insight into the importance of legal awareness, practical exposure, and the role of law in social change.

The session also included a **briefing on client counselling techniques and guidelines for field engagement, emphasizing discipline, responsibility, and ethical conduct.** Students were familiarized with the academic environment, infrastructure, and opportunities available at KIIT School of Law, followed by a guided tour of key facilities such as the moot court hall and library.

Subsequently, the participants visited the KISS campus, where they were exposed to the institution's social outreach initiatives, gaining a deeper understanding of inclusive education and community development.

The highlight of the visit was the **Legal Awareness Camp at Raghunathpur** village. This provided students with first-hand exposure to rural legal challenges and socio-economic realities. Through direct interaction with villagers, students observed issues such as land disputes, lack of documentation, and limited awareness of legal rights. They also witnessed legal counselling sessions conducted by clinic members, where villagers were guided on available legal remedies.

The exercise involved careful documentation of grievances, reinforcing the **importance of structured legal assistance and follow-up.** More importantly, the

experience instilled in students a sense of **empathy and responsibility**, highlighting the role of law as a tool for empowerment and justice.

Overall, the programme offered a holistic learning experience by combining academic exposure with practical engagement. It successfully sensitized students to real-world legal issues while inspiring them to appreciate the transformative potential of legal education and social service.



15. *Special Jail Visit – Jharpada, Bhubaneswar (19/04/2025)*

Overview –

The KIIT Legal Services Clinic organized a Special Jail Visit to Jharpada Jail, Bhubaneswar on 19th April 2025 for students of Modern High School for Girls, Kolkata. Accompanied by faculty members and guided by coordinators, the visit aimed to provide students with **first-hand exposure to prison administration, legal aid mechanisms, and the concept of reformative justice.**

Prior to the visit, students were briefed on essential protocols, including maintaining discipline, adhering to security guidelines, and respecting the institutional environment. Upon arrival, the jail authorities provided an overview of the operational framework, including inmate communication systems, work allocation, and skill development initiatives. Students learned that inmates engage in structured daily activities and vocational training, with earnings credited to their accounts, promoting both discipline and rehabilitation.

The group was taken to the women’s ward, where they observed the living conditions of both convicted and undertrial prisoners. Facilities such as a crèche for children, basic recreational provisions, and communal living spaces reflected efforts toward humane incarceration. The presence of displayed legal rights and an in-house legal aid cell, linked with the District Legal Services Authority, highlighted the availability of institutional support for inmates, particularly those without legal representation.

Students also gained insight into the procedural aspects of prisoner management, including transportation for court appearances and adherence to strict security protocols. Interactions with inmates further exposed them to real challenges faced by undertrial prisoners, including delays in bail and limited awareness of legal processes.

Following the jail visit, the students attended the final round of the *Clash of Counsels* Negotiation Competition organized by the Centre for Cyber Law and Cyber Security,

KIIT School of Law. This provided them with an opportunity to observe practical legal skills such as negotiation and advocacy in action.

The visit helped students develop empathy, challenge preconceived notions about prisons, and appreciate the role of legal aid and reformative practices within the criminal justice system.

Link to the instagram post:

https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIwq4rczLFw/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==

16. Launch of Brochure for 2nd Legal Aid Reel-Making Competition “Nyay Frames 2025” (18/07/2025)

Overview –

The KIIT Legal Services Clinic released the brochure for the **2nd Legal Aid Reel-Making Competition – “Nyay Frames 2025”** on 18th July 2025. This initiative aimed to encourage law students and creative individuals across India to engage in legal awareness through short-form digital content.

Organised in collaboration with *ProBono India* and *Deadly Law*, the competition invited participants to create impactful reels of 30–120 seconds on themes related to legal awareness and social justice. The initiative sought to combine creativity with legal education, making complex legal concepts more accessible and relatable, especially for younger audiences on social media platforms.

The brochure release officially announced the competition framework, including **participation guidelines, themes, and incentives** such as cash prizes, e-certificates, and national recognition. The launch of the brochure set the stage for an **innovative outreach initiative** that combined law with creativity, reinforcing the commitment of the KLSC to modern and inclusive methods of legal awareness.

