

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

March 17, 2012

Venue : Conference Centre, University of Delhi

LEGAL AID CATALYST FOR SOCIAL CHANGE



Legal Aid Society
Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi

Conference Theme

The concept of legal aid encompasses a broad range of activities that aim at social advancement by creatively utilizing the instrument of law. Legal profession, the way it is currently practiced and organized, is primarily concerned with the improvement of the quality of legal services rather than ensuring equitable and even distribution of legal services. That is where the concept of legal aid finds its relevance—it strives to make law relevant to the masses who are somehow left out and exist below the visibility line of law in action.

It has been widely accepted that the governance idyllic “Justice to All” cannot be realized in its true perspective without legal aid in any legal system howsoever efficient and effective it may be. The Preamble of our Constitution guarantees “Justice” to all which mandates our state instrumentalities to initiate and establish a mechanism for providing it to those for whom it is still an unfulfilled dream. This sentiment has been echoed in many UN resolutions as well. The overall development of the society, which we all cherish, cannot be achieved by excluding legal development as it is the fundamental element for uplifting all in a progressive state.

Realizing the need of legal aid and being mindful of the challenges faced by the people working in this field, the idea behind the conference is to organize a forum for debate on various issues converging on the broad theme of Legal Aid. The objective is to bring together various stakeholders of the legal aid movement and spawn a meaningful dialogue amongst them so that it facilitates future partnerships. Needless to say, the exercise would also result in generation and consolidation of literature on the subject.

Call for Papers

Professionals who have been working in the field of legal aid are invited to share their experiences by writing papers. Researchers could analyse any issues related to legal aid which have been listed in the detailed programme hereafter. However, the issues listed in the programme are not exhaustive and participants may choose any topic which neighbours on the listed issues.

Selected papers will be published in the conference proceedings in a book form and their authors will be invited to make presentations in the conference.

The target group of the conference comprises of international and national professionals, judges, lawyers, academicians, government officials and students. Interested authors may send the abstracts of their paper (about 350 words) latest by 6th February 2012. A soft copy of the complete paper may be sent latest by 29th February 2012 so that it could be accommodated in the proposed book. It may be emphasised that the last date for submission of papers is rather inflexible.

Abstracts and papers may be sent electronically to: legalaidconf@gmail.com. Those who are unable to use electronic means may send a hard copy of their abstract/paper to: The Legal Aid Society, Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi, Delhi-I 10007, India.

Programme

Inauguration: 9:00 am

High Tea : 10:00 am

Session I: Concept and Objectives of Legal Aid
10:30 am

- Relevance of Legal Aid in the Current Milieu
- Legal Aid as a Constitutional Right
- Judicial Activism and Legal Aid
- Legal Aid under International Law

Session II: Scope of Legal Aid and Stakeholders' Contribution

12:30 pm

- Dimensions of Legal Aid (Legal Aid Clinics, Legal Literacy, Alternate Dispute Resolution and Legal Awareness)
- Role of Governmental Institutions
- Role of Bar and Bench
- Role of NGOs
- Role of Law Schools and Students

Lunch: 2.00 pm

Session III: Future of Legal Aid

3:00 pm

- Learning from Foreign Jurisdictions: Case Studies on Legal Aid from USA, Germany, South Africa, Israel, etc.
- Challenges for Legal Aid Movement in India
- Professional Development in Legal Aid
- Capacity Building in Legal Aid

Tea: 4:30 pm

Special Event : Enactment of a Play on Legal Aid by Students of Campus Law Centre

5:00 pm

- Daakiaa Drugs Laayaa

Organizing Committee

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This conference is being organized by the Legal Aid Society of Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi. Cherishing the ideal "Nyay Sabke Liye", the Legal Aid Society has been a pillar of support for those who require legal assistance. Our objectives include work on all the fronts of legal process, i.e. awareness, encouragement and enforcement of law.

Registration Information

There is no registration fee. However, the participants and paper presenters must register themselves. Please download registration form from "<http://clclegalaidsociety.blogspot.com/>", fill it up and send it by e-mail to legalaidconf@gmail.com. You will receive a letter of acknowledgement. In the alternative, the downloaded registration form could be printed and sent by post on the contact address given below.

Certificates will be issued to all participants who would register and attend the conference.

No TA/DA will be provided to participants including outstation participants.

The participants are required to arrange and manage their accommodation themselves.

The Venue of the Conference will be the Conference Centre, University of Delhi which is located at a distance of about 300 metres from the Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law building.

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