

## **Legal Aid Camp**

On 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023, the Faculty of Law at Baba Mastnath University (BMU) organized a Legal Aid Camp in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Rohtak, in Village Pahrawar, Rohtak. The event aimed to enhance social awareness about legal rights and remedies available to the rural populace, empowering them with knowledge and access to justice. This impactful initiative, convened by Dr. Parmila and Dr. Seema Devi, highlighted the university's commitment to promoting legal literacy and social responsibility among communities. The program brought together legal experts, faculty members, and students, creating a platform for meaningful dialogue on pressing legal issues.

The Legal Aid Camp was graced by the presence of Mr. Vijaypal Ninania, Advocate, DLSA, and esteemed faculty members from BMU, including Dr. Seema Devi and Dr. Harvinder Barak. The event commenced with an inaugural address by the conveners, who underscored the importance of legal awareness in ensuring justice for all, particularly marginalized sections of society. Mr. Vijaypal Ninania delivered an enlightening session on the legal rights and government schemes available to rural citizens, emphasizing the role of DLSA in providing free legal services.

Interactive sessions followed, where participants engaged with legal experts to discuss issues such as property disputes, domestic violence, and access to government welfare programs. The faculty members, Dr. Seema Devi and Dr. Harvinder Barak, facilitated discussions and provided practical insights into resolving legal challenges. The camp witnessed the active participation of 40 individuals, including villagers, students, and faculty members, fostering a spirit of collaboration and mutual learning.

The Legal Aid Camp served as a significant step towards bridging the gap between the legal system and underserved communities. By raising awareness about legal rights and remedies, the event empowered participants to seek justice and assert their rights confidently. This initiative aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions) and SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities). By promoting equal access to justice and fostering legal literacy, the event contributed to building inclusive and equitable societies, reinforcing the university's commitment to social justice and community development.

The camp provided a valuable platform for dialogue, enabling participants to gain a deeper understanding of their legal rights and the mechanisms available to address their grievances. The active engagement of 40 participants highlighted the event's success in fostering legal awareness and community participation. The insights shared by legal experts and faculty members inspired attendees to take proactive steps in resolving legal issues and seeking assistance from relevant authorities.

The Legal Aid Camp organized by the Faculty of Law at BMU was a commendable initiative that underscored the importance of legal awareness and community empowerment. By addressing the legal concerns of rural communities and promoting access to justice, the event reaffirmed the university's dedication to social responsibility and the achievement of global sustainability goals. Through collaborative efforts and meaningful dialogue, the camp set a benchmark for future initiatives aimed at creating a more informed and equitable society.