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28th January 2020

Goonj visit

Community Connect Cell DME organized a visit to Goonj, aiming to sensitize media students to the grim realities of life. Twenty-seven management, law and journalism students, accompanied by Dr. Smita Gupta and Ms. Monika Kadam visited the Goonj.

Goonj is a non-governmental organization headquartered in Delhi, India which undertakes disaster relief, humanitarian aid and community development in parts of 23 states across India. An NGO that catalyzes community development initiatives using local wisdom. It focuses on clothing as a basic but unaddressed need.

Mr. Uttam warmly welcomed the DME students and briefed them about Mr. Anshu Gupta, founder of Goonj, quoting that everyone must learn to share. “Even the smallest things are of value and can bring smiles and joy in the lives of the needy. However, we don’t give away aid for free, and it is in lieu of work done by the locals.” It provides all these necessities not free of cost but by helping the villagers use their local resources to build dams and wells or make roads, asking children to come to school, etc.

After that, Ms. Sneha and Mr. Ravi Kalra showed us the entire work centre giving a glimpse of the work that Goonj is doing. This included sorting and upcycling clothes, creating useful kits for distribution to the poor and needy, hand-loomed, etc. They stressed the importance of sharing only those items that can be used. They said, “We separate donated items into three categories: good condition, repairable and beyond repair.” The items that are considered beyond repair are never distributed. DME organized this visit keeping in mind “All India handicrafts week”.

Nothing at Goonj goes to waste. They convert all unused paper into notepads and booklets. Worn-out car seat covers are converted into purses, wedding kits, and family kits, and cassette tape is woven into a fabric. They also explained the NJPC-My Pad project to the students. NJPC is ‘not

just a piece of cloth' initiative catering to menstrual hygiene needs. They are awakening the students about how difficult it is for village women to buy a pack of sanitary napkins. "These women would use plastic bags, hay, even cow dung cakes to absorb their flow," says Mr. Ravi Kalra. This is how the need and initiative were driven to create sanitary pads from used clothes and distribute them to these women.

While students wholeheartedly contribute old books, clothes, stationery etc., as often there are collection drives organized at the college level, it was the first experience for them to witness the effective utilization of the so-called waste. It was an awe-inspiring experience for them to see the segregation units and how each piece of the product is being used till its last use and made into a valuable commodity consumed as a resource by the needy. These visits organized by the Community Connect Society are not just a display of our social responsibility but also a forum to instill the values of empathy and compassion among the students. These are life skills demonstrated in action.



Members of Community Connect at Goonj Foundation



Women at Goonj recycling the donated clothes



Students exploring the Premises of Goonj



Recycled products at Goonj



Handicraft products made by women at Goonj



Women ar Goonj making bags out of donated clothes



Handicraft items at Goonj



Bags made out of old clothes



January 17, 2020

Warm Clothes Donation Drive

To help poor and disadvantaged people in chilling winters, the Community Connect Society organized a donation drive. Students, faculty and staff contributed on a large scale. Unused, leftover warm clothes were donated by all for the welfare of people in society. A donation drive was organized on the college campus. Empty cartons were kept in reception areas, and donations were collected. Lots of donations were received in kind.

All the collected donations were taken and given to Goonj, Sarita Vihar, Delhi, an NGO working extensively for the welfare of poor and disadvantaged people. Donations were further distributed to such people in community areas.

WARM CLOTHES DONATION DRIVE



**DONATION BOXES
AVAILABLE AT
RECEPTION
AREA**

DO ✓ ↓

Care for Dignity.
Give only wearable/washed/
usable material

Pack & seal your material
Properly in cartons, bags,
suitcase for security reasons.

Label it and send
a list of items,
to manage it better.

DON'T ✗ ↓

Wet, dirty or soiled material
will not be accepted

Don't give
loose material

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Poster announcing Donation of warm clothes



June 12, 2020

Report on Blood Donation

Community Connect Cell, DME organised a blood donation drive on the occasion of world blood donor day. Since the lockdown, faculty members and students have donated blood following covid protocol. Director Dr. Ravi Kant Swami was a source of great encouragement by being the first donor. All three departments' participants came and donated blood enthusiastically and contributed their bit to society.



Student volunteering for blood donation during COVID times



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September 28, 2020

Campaign for Community Building in Covid Times

On Sept 28, 2020, on Google Meet, Community Connect Society organised an online competition titled 'Campaign for Community Building in Covid Times'.

To involve students in community welfare, a competition for campaign building was organised. Students had to look around in society and identify problems in society and seek for its probable solutions. After finding the possible solution, the student prepared a short video explaining its likely solution. Students participated in the competition and identified many problems in society like prostitution, mental health, drug addiction etc. competition was judged by Dr. Poorva Ranjan (Professor, DME management school, head- management school, head- mentoring cell) and Dr. Smita gupta. Participant Ishant Jain (BALLB- 3rd year) was listed as the winner who has identified the problem of online teaching in society.

At the end of the session, a question and answer round was held at the request of students, where questions were asked from the audience to participants and others. The session was a brainstorming session. The competition was successful in achieving its objectives.



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7th sep, 2020

Legal Aid and Its Growing Importance in Pandemic Times

The Legal Aid Society of Delhi Metropolitan Education, NOIDA, in association with Lex Locum Consultant LLP, organized a Legal Aid awareness webinar on 7th September 2020 at 4:00 PM. The theme of the event was 'Legal Aid & its growing importance in Pandemic Times', which focused on furnishing free legal aid to people in peculiar conditions and supporting the weaker section like women, older persons & migrant workers in the pandemic. It also considered the importance of awareness regarding the need for free legal assistance to the poor & weaker sections of society.

Advocate Rajesh Gogna and Advocate Yogesh Singhal, the keynote speakers, graced the webinar. Mr Rajesh Gogna is a partner at Lex Locum Consultant LLP, a practising lawyer and has experience of more than 30 years in the field of law. Advocate Yogesh Singhal, an associate at Lex Locum consultant LLP is presently Addl. Central Government standing counsel (CAT) Madhya Pradesh.

Mr Yogesh began the session by analyzing the historical background of legal aid in India and the need to promote timely justice in times of pandemic. He also ascertained the significance of legal aid in the Hussainara Khatoon case in which Justice P.N. Bhagwati pronounced the decision. In addition, he shed light upon parole to prisoners during the recent crisis and virtual lok adalat to resolve the ever-rising domestic violence cases. Mr Yogesh concluded by quoting BR Ambedkar: "Law and order are the medicine of the politic body, and when the politic body gets sick, medicine must be administered."

Mr Rajesh Gogna demonstrated the significance of supporting older persons to remain safe and protected in this health crisis and to promote social distancing among the prisoners in overcrowded prisons. He also illustrated an international policy brief by the United Nations Secretary-General regarding the suggestion to main social distancing. As the migrant workers

are in a prevailing crisis, he stressed providing regular salaries and wages to employees. He also added how the Justice system has failed virtually because there is no access to virtual hearing due to lack of technical know-how.

After both speakers concluded, the conference was followed by attendees' questions about the role of lawyers in providing legal aid and the concern of legal service authority regarding the rights of prisoners and the effect on legal aid services amid COVID 19 pandemic.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks being delivered by Mr Yasser Wali, student co-convener, who expressed his gratitude towards guest speakers and the rest of the DME Legal Aid society who participated, directly and indirectly, to make this webinar possible.

The whole online event was conducted under the guidance of the Director, DME (Prof. Ravi Kant Swami), Dean of Law School (Prof. N.K. Bahl), Head of Academics (Prof. Bhavish Gupta), Mr Kush Kalra, the faculty Convener of the Legal Aid Committee of DME Law School and faculty members of Legal Aid committee and Mr Ankit Mishra, student convener.



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WEBINAR

LEGAL AID AND ITS GROWING IMPORTANCE IN PANDEMIC TIMES

By

Lex Locum Consultants LLP

SEPT 7th, 2020

4.30 pm



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Poster of Legal Aid Camp



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14th October, 2020

Online Lecture “Protecting Civil Rights and Communities”

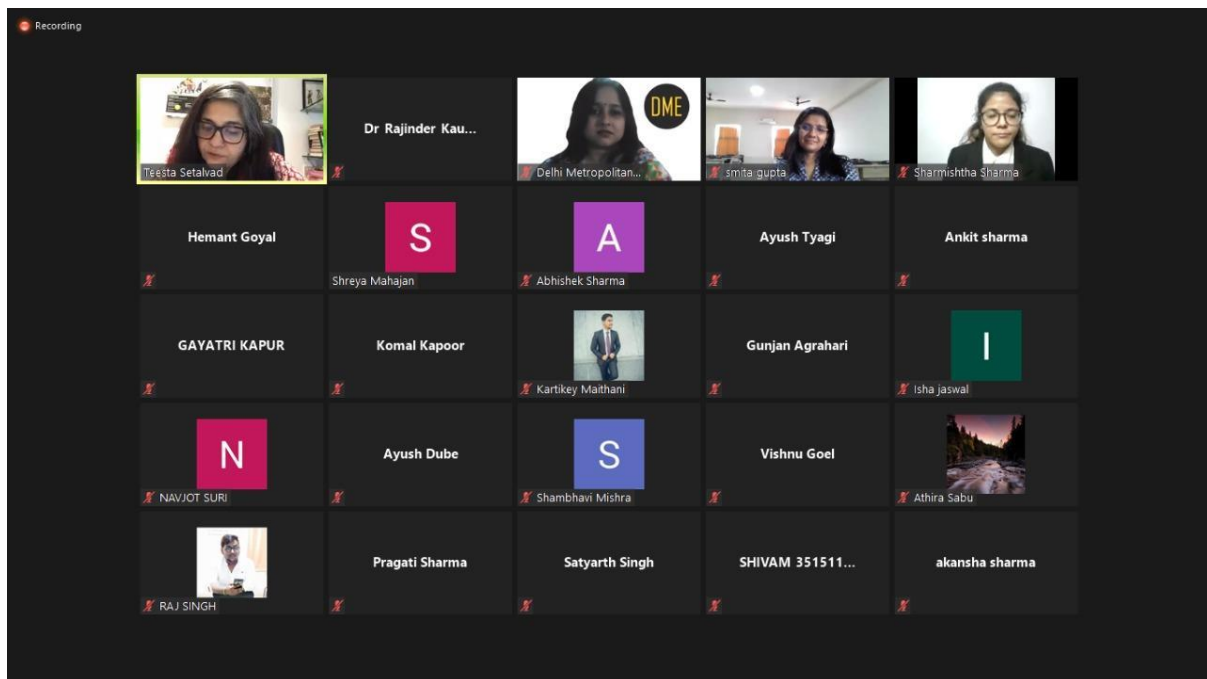
An online lecture was organised in collaboration with NGO ‘Jan Sandesh’ (Vocational Training Youth Program) by Community Connect Society on “Protecting Civil Rights and Communities”, a zoom platform.

To motivate and encourage students in community welfare, an online lecture was organised, taking inspiration from the government scheme Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG). Ms. Teesta Setalvad delivered the lecture. She is a famous Indian civil rights activist and journalist working as a human rights defender. She is the secretary of Citizens for Justice and Peace, an organisation formed to fight for justice for the victims of communal violence in Gujarat in 2002. The session was a brainstorming session. At the end of the session, a question and answer round were held, and questions were asked from the audience to participants and others.

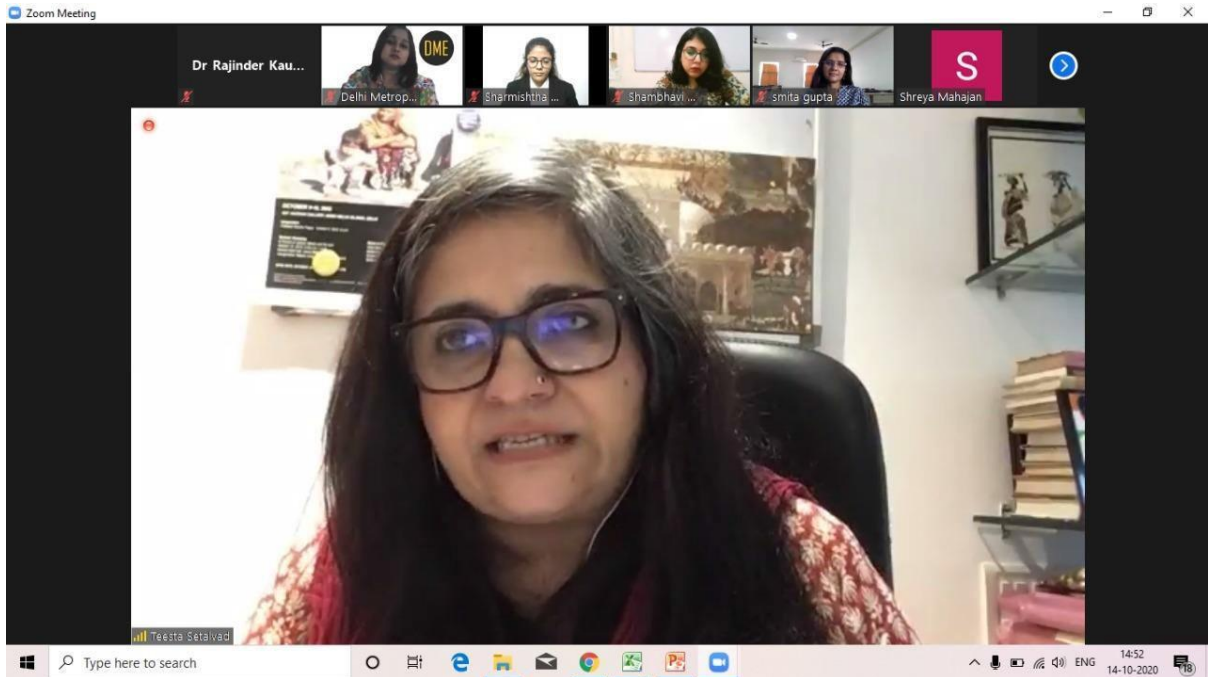
The event was moderated by Ms Sharmishtha Sharma, Student coordinator of Community Connect Society. Dr Smita Gupta delivered the welcome address and Vote of Thanks. The event duration was around an hour.



Faculty Members attending lecture



Students attending Lecture during pandemic



Ms. Teesta Setalvad from NGO Jan Sandesh delivering lecture



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INDRAPRASTHA UNIVERSITY

DME Community Connect

Wednesday October 14, 2020
1 430 Hrs

**Protecting
Civil Rights
and
Communities**


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Zoom ID: **931 3073 5265**
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Community Initiative - Platform to Goonj

Goal 12 of Sustainable Development Goals is about ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns, which is key to sustain the livelihoods of current and future generations. Unsustainable patterns of consumption and production are root causes of the triple planetary crises of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.

These crises, and related environmental degradation, threaten human well-being and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

DME on occasion of “National Recycling Day” celebrated every year, with the objective to provide help to poor and disadvantaged people of the society, has provided platform to ‘Goonj’ recycled stationery and other products – Exploring spiritual Foundations of Leadership and Management organized by DME Management School on 13th November, 2020.

Recycled products like file covers, pencil cases, pen stands, book bags etc. These products were made by communities and were given monetary remunerations for it. Goonj is the non-governmental organization working for the welfare of poor and disadvantaged people of society. DME has been extensively working for communities and will continue to do so even in future.