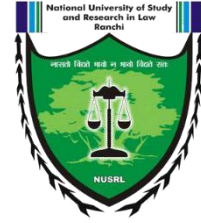




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## PROBONO INDIA

*In Collaboration With*

## CENTRE FOR LEGAL AID PROGRAMME, NUSRL, RANCHI

**Organizes**

### ***4<sup>th</sup> EDITION OF ONLINE SHORT-TERM COURSE ON LEGAL AID AND ALLIED LAWS***

***With special reference to practical aspects of Right  
to Information Act, Public Interest Litigation,  
Consumer Protection Act, Alternative Dispute  
Resolution and Rights of the Victim***

**NOVEMBER 16 to 30, 2023**

## **ABOUT PROBONO INDIA**

Founded in October 2016 with an aim to integrate legal aid and awareness initiatives – ProBono India has ventured into different avenues viz. legal aid, legal awareness, legal intervention, legal journalism, legal activism etc. – all with the underlying objective of contributing to the positive development of the society with a strong socio-legal approach. The activities at ProBono India include an active dissemination of legal information via the medium of its official website, rolling internship programmes for law students to help them develop a holistic personality with a socio-legal approach to their professional personality, interviews with eminent personalities working at the ground-level offering insights into their successful projects, providing a platform to promote and publish the art of research and legal writing, amongst many others. The team of ProBono India works to promote legal activism as we believe that law and society are two sides of the same coin. Law and society are so inextricably interdependent that both need to be equally improved in order to lead the world into the desired new order. We at ProBono India believe in a better and brighter tomorrow. We believe not just in being passengers on this drive to change – rather, we aim to drive towards the change.

## **ABOUT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF STUDY AND RESEARCH IN LAW, RANCHI**

The National University of Study and Research in Law (NUSRL), Ranchi, established in 2010, as the 14th National Law University of India is a premier law university of the state of Jharkhand dedicated to legal research and education. The Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court, presently Hon'ble Justice Sanjaya Kumar Mishra, holds the position of Chancellor at the university and the position of Vice-Chancellor is held by Prof. (Dr.) Ashok R. Patil. The University is committed to making the learning of students socially relevant. Towards this endeavour, the University has established various centres of learning and research to facilitate due research in different relevant areas, so that with these researches the students could be apprised of the prevailing situations at the ground level and some legal remedies could be provided to the needy.

## **ABOUT CENTRE FOR LEGAL AID PROGRAMME, NUSRL RANCHI**

The Centre for Legal Aid Programme (CLAP) is an integral centre of learning at NUSRL Ranchi, recognised by the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India under its Pro Bono Club Scheme and also affiliated with JHALSA and DLSA, Ranchi. The Centre is known to have been championing the contemporary and globally relevant domain of legal aid and awareness. Our Centre for Legal Aid Programme makes various field visits as a crucial part of our academic learning curriculum. These visits serve a dual purpose: fostering student collaboration and advancing access to justice for marginalised individuals. By experiencing the ground reality of those in need of legal aid, our students get empowered to actively contribute to a more just society.

## **ABOUT THE COURSE**

Legal Aid means giving free legal services to the poor and weaker section of society who cannot afford to take the service of the advocate to conduct a case or any legal proceeding in the court of law, any judicial authority or before any judicial tribunal. Article 39A of the Constitution of India provides that State shall secure that the operation of the legal system promotes justice on a basis of equal opportunity, and shall, in particular, provide free legal aid, by suitable legislation or schemes or in any other way, to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen because of economic or other disability.

Articles 14 and 22(1) also make it obligatory for the State to ensure equality before the law and a legal system which promotes justice on a basis of equal opportunity to all. Legal Aid strives to ensure that constitutional pledge is fulfilled in its letter and spirit and equal justice is made available to the poor, downtrodden and weaker sections of the society.

The preamble of the Indian Constitution aims to secure to the people of India justice- socio-economic and political. His Lordship Justice P. N. Bhagwati aptly stated that legal aid means providing an arrangement in the society which makes the machinery of administration of Justice easily accessible and in reach of those who have to resort to it for enforcement of rights given to them by law. Article 38(1) avows that the State shall promote the welfare of the people by securing and protecting the social order including justice.

Article 21 clearly says that every person has an equal right to life and liberty except according to the procedure established by the law. The State shall secure that the operation of the legal

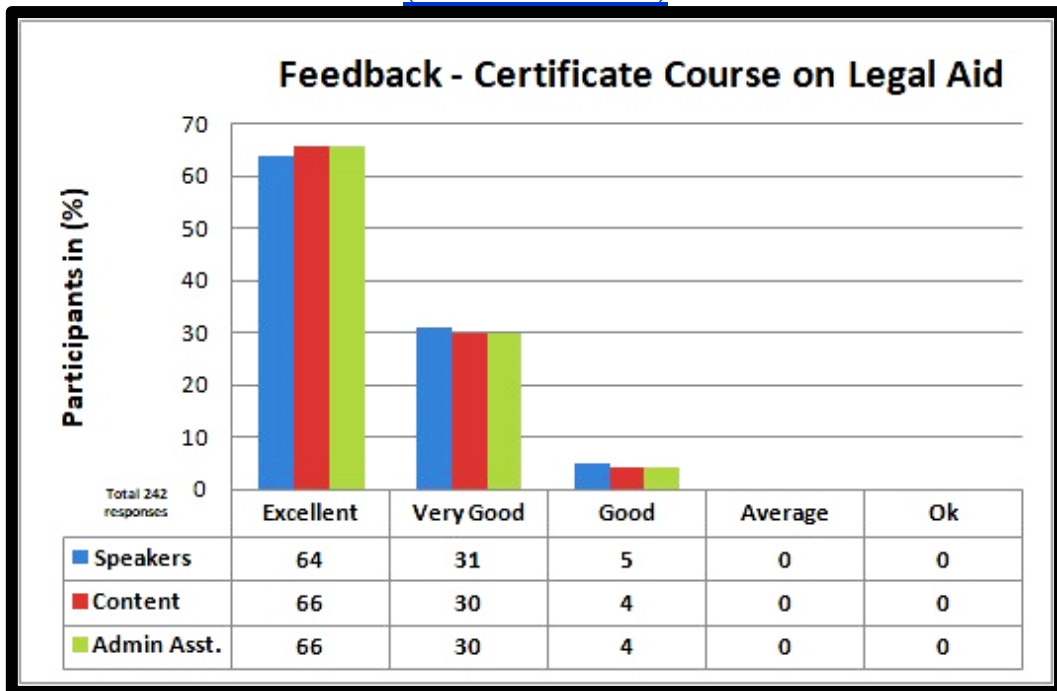
system promotes justice, on a basis of equal opportunity, and shall, in particular, provide free legal aid, by suitable legislation or schemes or in any other way, to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen because of economic or other disabilities.

Total three editions have been organised in collaboration with GNLU Gandhinagar, RGNUL Punjab, NFSU Gandhinagar in which **4200+** registered in the course and **2000+** completed the course successfully. Course was designed to give an outline of the Legal Aid system in India, and its development by the judiciary. It covered various aspects of Right to Information, Public Interest Litigation, Rights of the Victims and Alternative Dispute Redressal mechanism. The course helped the participants to learn the significance of legal aid in the path to achieving justice. Looking at the overwhelming responses in two editions of the course, we have planned a third edition of the course in the public interest.

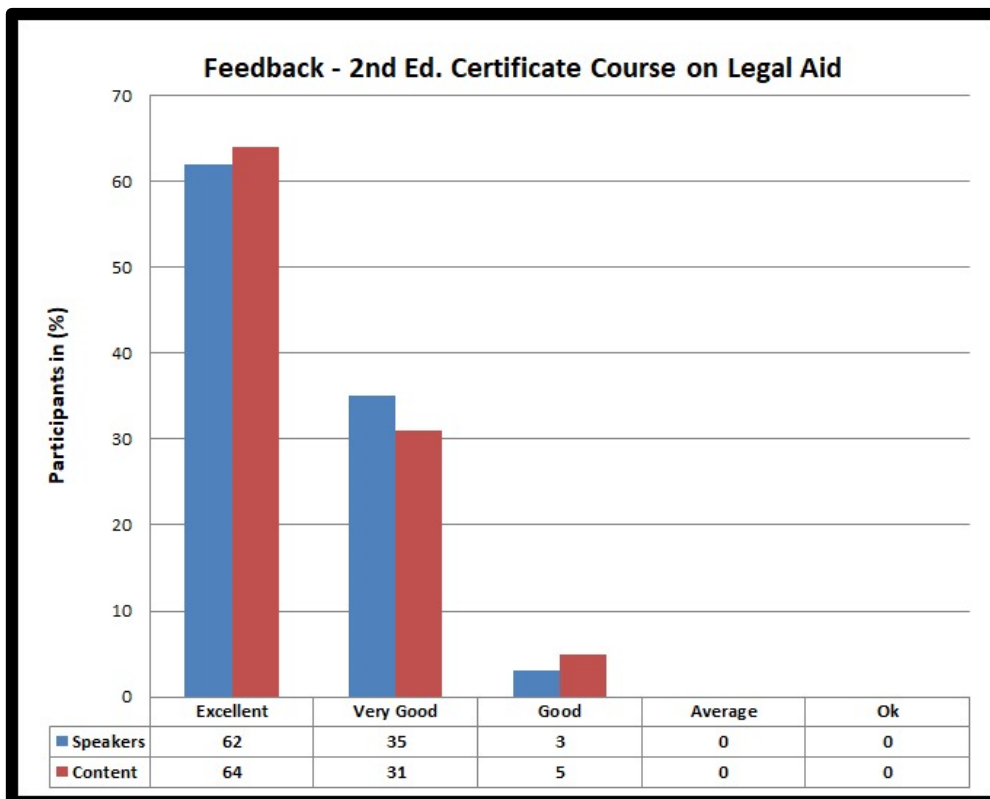
The main objectives of the course are:-

- To enable the students to understand the history and development of Legal Aid in India
- To give a basic idea about the Right to Information and its significance
- To explain the concept of Public Interest Litigation and its importance for provision of access to justice, particularly in India
- To understand various modes of Alternative Dispute Resolution
- To understand the Consumer Rights and various provisions related to it.
- To realize the significance of Rights of the Victims

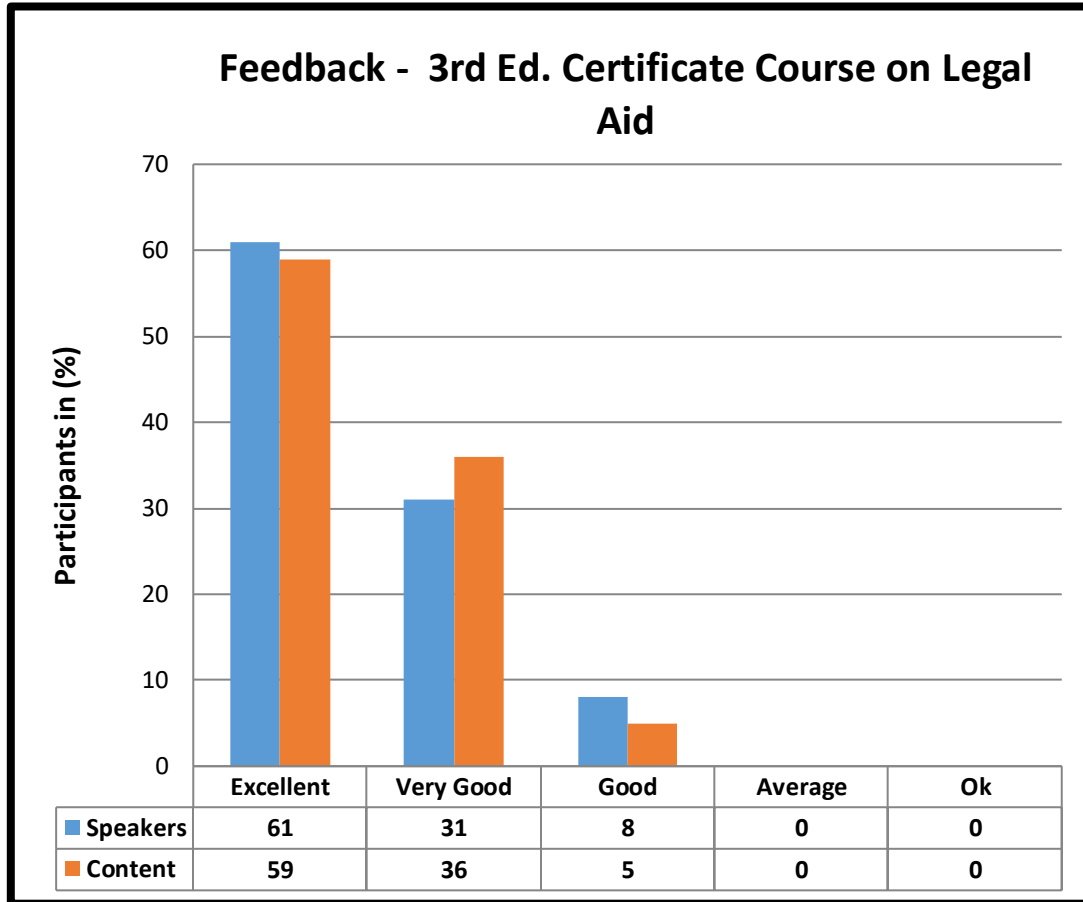
**FEEDBACK SNAPSHOT – FIRST EDITION OF COURSE  
(AUGUST 2020)**



**FEEDBACK SNAPSHOT – SECOND EDITION OF COURSE  
(OCT 2021)**



**FEEDBACK SNAPSHOT – SECOND EDITION OF COURSE**  
**(JAN 2023)**



**MODULES FOR THE COURSE:**

1. **Legal Aid in India including Pro Bono Initiatives (4-5 Hours)**
2. **Public Interest Litigation (4-5 Hours)**
3. **Right to Information (4-5 Hours)**
4. **Consumer Protection Act & Alternative Dispute Resolution (4-5 Hours)**
5. **Rights of the Victim (4-5 Hours)**

The Course will be for 2 Weeks and the duration is of 20+ Hours. Online Sessions will be conducted by subject experts on different topics every day from 7-00 pm to 8-15 pm. The Course comprises of 5 different modules. Online Sessions will be conducted on suitable platform. Guest sessions will also be planned depending on the need. The participants will be provided reading materials for each module and they are expected to read the material before the online sessions.

**90% attendance is mandatory for award of Certificate of Completion of the course.** There will be a time bound online examination based on MCQ for 100 marks on **Sunday, December 3, 2023 during 8-00 pm to 10-00 pm** wherein the students are expected to score a minimum of 50% marks to get a passing certificate. Grade Pattern for certification - (A+ 90% and above, A 80% and above, B+ 70% and above, B 60% and above, C 50% and above).

**There is No Registration Fee to attend the course.**

**Certification:** - Participants will be required to pay registration fees of **Rs. 300/-** if they wish to get a certificate. E-Certificate with grade will be awarded based upon final test.

Last Date of Registration: - **November 15, 2023**

Please register here: - <https://forms.gle/EDkSjKBUMhTm1wF3A>

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**Note :-** Faculty/Experts can assign and discuss any other cases relevant to the module. Expert, Faculty will be sharing his own experience, cases to better learning. Participants are expected to read readings and cases for fruitful discussion in the session.