

ANNUAL REPORT

2023-2024



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Message from the Managing Trustee

Dear Friends,

It gives me immense pleasure to share the Annual Report of EVA FOUNDATION with all of you. The nature of governance with its inherent dynamics of Government and Non-Government mindsets and the professional execution of the negotiated mandate of the organization, make EVA FOUNDATION a unique organization with a unique character and this needs to be valued. Since the day of its establishment, the organization has been supporting remote and grassroots communities to ensure decent conditions for life and work.

Today I am happy to mention the considerable increase in efficiency and effectiveness of our work as well as the involvement of new thrust areas in our programs because of research and surveys conducted by our organization. EVA FOUNDATION is extremely happy about this performance and hopes to continue in the same spirit for years to come, bringing solace and prosperity to the vulnerable.

I call upon our long-standing supporters to further strengthen EVA FOUNDATION so that we can keep the organization relevant and live to the development needs of communities. Wish you all the Readers and the whole team a very happy and prosperous future.

I would like to Congratulate every member of the EVA FOUNDATION who continues to support and believe in our Work.

Savita Ali
Managing Trustee EVA Foundation

Welcome to EVA Foundation!

Eva Foundation is a registered non-profit organization, working in Bihar on women's rights with emphasis on Dalit and minorities, especially young girls, children, and women at the grassroots level. Eva Foundation believes in community development through the participation of its people.



Our goal is to empower women through capacity-building training, bring them forward in education, and make them self-reliant so that they claim their rights as decision-makers, advocates, and leaders, in all spheres of life.



Our vision is that all women especially Dalits and minorities become self-sustaining and remain well recognized in their community, well respected, and truly empowered. We also seek to continue our role as advocates of women's rights, promoters of women's capacities, and driving forces of social change.

- Registered Under Section 20 of the Indian Trust Act, 1882 vide No. Deed No. 747 of 28 October 2019.
- Registered u/s 12AA of the Income Tax Act 1961 vide no AABTE0558QE20210, dated: 14-10-2021.
- Registered u/s 80G (2) &(5) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, vide no: AABTE0558QF20218, dated: 14-10-2021.
- Permanent Account Number (PAN) AABTE0558Q.
- Tax Deduction Account Number (TAN) PTNE01429B.
- NGO Darpan ID: BR/2019/0248805

BOAR OF TRUSTEE

1. Savita Ali - Managing Trustee
2. Neha Sharma - Trustee
3. Vijay Prakash - Trustee
4. Farhat Aara - Trustee
5. Sheezan Nezami - Trustee

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ANNUAL REPORT

Executive Committee/Board of Trustee has the pleasure of presenting the Annual Report of the Trust EVA FOUNDATION along with the Audited Statement of Accounts and Auditors' Report thereon for the year ended 2024.

- To receive, Consider, and adopt the Balance Sheet as of 31st March 2024, the Receipt & Payment Account, and the Income & Expenditure Account, for the Year ended on that Date and the Reports of the Executive Committee and Auditors Thereon.
- To approve the constitution of the Executive Committee.
- To transact such further or other business may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

To,
The Member,
EVA FOUNDATION
Hon'ble Members

During The period under, the review of the financial and physical Performances under:

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

1st APRIL 2023 TO 31st MARCH 2024

EVA FOUNDATION

REGD. OFFICE:- FLAT NO 301 RATNAGIRI APARTMENT SAMANPURA RAJA BAZAR PATNA 800014
ADMN. OFFICE:- Chandra Vihar Colony, Road No. 14, Nepali Nagar, Ashiyana Digha Road - Patna - 800025

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2024

I SOURCES OF FUNDS	SCHEDULE	AS AT	AS AT
		31-03-2024	31-03-2023
1 Trust Funds or Corpus	1	3,15,781	3,15,781
2 Reserves and Surplus	2	5,723	6,729
3 Current Liabilities & Provision	3	6,100	3,500
TOTAL RS.		<u>3,27,604</u>	<u>3,26,010</u>
II APPLICATION OF FUNDS			
1 Fixed Assets	4	1,72,400.15	2,28,652
2 Current Assets, Loans & Advances			
a Sundry Debtors		-	-
b Cash & Bank Balances	5	1,55,203.92	97,358
c Loans & Advances			-
3 Notes on Accounts	10		
TOTAL RS.		<u>3,27,604</u>	<u>3,26,010</u>

See accompanying notes forming part of the financial statements
As Per Our Report of Even Date Attached

For R Ranjan & Company

Chartered Accountants

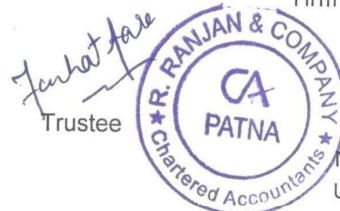
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For and on behalf of Trust

Trustee

Santosh Aip
Managing Trustee
EVA
Managing Trustee

Trustee



Rajiv Ranjan

Proprietor

CA Rajeev Ranjan

Membership Number - 509395

UDIN:24509395BKFUXL8949

Place: Shastri Nagar, Patna

Date: MAY 10, 2024

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024

		AS AT	AS AT
	SCHEDULE	31-03-2024	31-03-2023
I INCOME			
1 Donation & Subscription	6	22,55,966	5,38,847
2 Registration Fee		-	8,400
3 Local Contribution		2,35,337	50,091
4 Members' Contribution			3,651
5 Misc Income			150
TOTAL RS. (I)		24,91,303	6,01,139
II EXPENDITURE			
1 Employee Benefits expense	7	1,65,000	2,55,000
2 Activity Expenses	8	43,215	23,800
3 Expenditure for Project- APPI	9	20,17,004	
4 Expenditure for Project- ABET-UJAAS Project	10	1,29,848	
5 Other Expenses	11	1,37,242	3,15,610
TOTAL RS. (II)		24,92,309	5,94,410
III SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		(1,006)	6,729
IV PROVISION FOR TAX			
a Current tax expense for current year		-	-
b Current tax expense relating to prior years		-	-
V Notes on Accounts	10		
VI SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) AFTER TAX CARRIED OVER TO BALANCE SHEET (III-IV)		(1,006)	6,729

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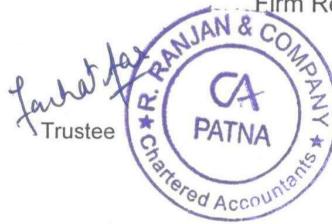
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Managing Trustee
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Place: Shastri Nagar, Patna

Date: MAY 10, 2024

SUMMARY**PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

S.NO	TITLE	SUMMARY
01	Legal Awareness camp	<i>The Eva Foundation organized 11 legal awareness camps, both online and offline, successfully connecting with communities and recruiting volunteers for legal support. The impact of the online webinars was substantial, as individuals and advocates from various districts, including Patna, Muzaffarpur, Sitamarhi, Nalanda, Bihar Sharif, and Aurangabad, as well as courts, expressed interest in joining the BLN initiative.</i>
02	Legal Training of Youth girls	<i>The Eva Foundation's program empowered 40 girls from various villages in Patna district, focusing on legal education regarding POCSO, fundamental rights, FIR procedures, and relevant legal sections. The holistic approach aimed not only to educate but also to evaluate the transformative impact on participants through pre-test and post-session assessments. Forty girls actively engaged in this training, contributing to their empowerment and legal awareness.</i>
03	Network Advocates meeting	<i>The EVA Foundation organized district-level network advocate meetings in Patna, Muzaffarpur, Sitamarhi, and Aurangabad, aiming to empower young advocates from marginalized communities, particularly Dalit, SC, and minority backgrounds. These meetings addressed challenges faced by these advocates in courts, promoted team building, and offered opportunities for advocacy and networking. With 235 participants so far, the events signify a commitment to empowering marginalized advocates and fostering collaboration for justice and equality in Bihar. EVA Foundation and BLN plan to continue building on this success, aiming to expand the network of skilled advocates in the future.</i>
04	Capacity building training of Lawyer's	<i>The Eva Foundation organized a capacity-building training session for lawyers, recognizing the importance of enhancing their skills and knowledge. Such training is essential to keep lawyers updated with the latest legal developments, improve their advocacy</i>

		<p>techniques, and ensure effective representation for clients. Additionally, it provides an opportunity for networking and sharing experiences, ultimately contributing to the delivery of better legal services and upholding the rule of law.</p>
05	Fact Finding	<p>The Eva Foundation done 10 fact-finding missions on heinous cases including gang rape, POCSO violations, murder, mob lynching, and honour killings, focusing on marginalized communities such as Dalits, SCs, and minorities. These efforts aim to shed light on injustices faced by these communities, provide support to victims, and advocate for justice and accountability. By investigating these cases, the foundation seeks to bring attention to systemic issues and work towards creating safer and more equitable societies for all.</p>
06	Emergency Case Support	<p>The Eva Foundation provided emergency case support in 24 instances, recognizing the urgent need for assistance in times of crisis. Such support is crucial to ensure immediate access to legal aid, shelter, medical assistance, and other essential services for individuals facing emergencies. By swiftly addressing these situations, the foundation aims to alleviate suffering, protect rights, and prevent further harm. Emergency case support underscores the foundation's commitment to providing timely and effective assistance to those in dire need, contributing to the welfare and safety of the community.</p>
07	Bail	<p>The Eva Foundation facilitated bail for 45 individuals who were in need and unable to afford legal assistance. By securing bail for these needy and impoverished individuals, the foundation ensured access to justice and prevented unnecessary pretrial detention, which disproportionately affects marginalized communities. This initiative reflects the foundation's commitment to upholding the principle of equality before the law and providing support to those who are economically disadvantaged. Through these efforts, the foundation aims to safeguard the rights and dignity of all individuals, regardless of their financial status, fostering a more just and equitable society.</p>
08	Case Trail	<p>The Eva Foundation has successfully facilitated the trial of 52</p>

		<p>cases. A case trial is a legal proceeding where evidence is presented, arguments are made, and a judgment is rendered by a court of law. It's a crucial step in the justice system as it allows parties to present their side of the story, ensures due process, and determines the outcome based on the merits of the case and applicable laws. Case trials are important as they provide a fair and impartial forum for resolving disputes, holding wrongdoers accountable, and delivering justice to victims. By supporting and facilitating case trials, the Eva Foundation plays a vital role in upholding the rule of law, protecting rights, and promoting accountability within the community.</p>
9.	High court	<p>The Eva Foundation has successfully handled five cases under the jurisdiction of the High Court, demonstrating our strong presence and credibility within this legal arena. Our advocates have established a robust network within the High Court, enabling effective representation and advocacy for our clients. With our panel advocates leading the charge, we have consistently achieved positive outcomes, delivered justice and upheld the rights of those we serve. This success underscores our commitment to legal excellence and empowerment within the judicial system.</p>
10.	Legal Resource centre	<p>The Eva Foundation has established a Legal Resource Centre at our Patna office. This centre offers access to a wealth of legal literature, providing a valuable resource for local advocates and interns to review and enhance their knowledge.</p>
11.	Mental health session	<p>The Eva Foundation conducted mental health sessions facilitated by seven trained mental health experts. These sessions were held in community schools and colleges, reaching a total of 536 participants. Mental health awareness is crucial for us as it promotes understanding, reduces stigma, and encourages early intervention. By providing this training, we empower individuals to recognize signs of mental distress, seek help when needed, and foster supportive communities.</p>
12.	Inauguration of	

	<i>Ujaas menstrual health express van</i>	
13.	<i>Menstrual health awareness</i>	<i>The Eva Foundation conducted menstrual health awareness camps in Patna and Muzaffarpur districts, engaging with communities, schools, and PRI members. Menstrual health is crucial as it promotes hygiene, breaks taboos, and empowers individuals to manage their health effectively. The camp is vital as it educates participants on menstrual hygiene practices, dispels myths, and fosters a supportive environment. With 1100 participants attending, the camp facilitates open discussions and awareness through activities like street plays.</i>

DETAILS ABOUT ACTIVITY

Legal Awareness Camp

Eva Foundation, a non-governmental organization committed to promoting justice, equality, and empowerment, recently organized a series of Legal Awareness Camps across different districts and courts. The primary objective of these camps was to address the rising cases of atrocities against women, Dalits, Scheduled Castes (SC), and minorities. The camps aimed to educate individuals about their legal rights and responsibilities, focusing on aspects such as filing FIRs, awareness of fundamental rights, and combating domestic violence.

The primary goal of the Legal Awareness Camps was to empower individuals with knowledge about their legal rights. By fostering a deeper understanding of the legal framework, participants were better equipped to assert their rights in various situations. We conducted online and offline legal awareness camp which helped us to connect with the community and get volunteer from the community who are in touch with legal fellows for any kind of legal support required, Impact of online legal awareness webinar is that people and advocate from different districts i.e. **Patna, Muzaffarpur, Sitamarhi, Nalanda, Bihar sharif, Aurangabad** and Courts are calling to associate with BLN initiative.


Posts were viral from the social media channels and had positive impact of overall networking. Till now we have conducted 9 legal awareness camp in four districts **with 807 no.** of participants in future we conducted more no. of legal camp with more participant for the betterment of our communities.

S.NO	DISTRICT	DATE	TOPIC	NO. OF PARTICIPANT
1.	Muzaffarpur	23/06/2023	Concept of FIR, Sc/St Act	30
2.	Patna	24/07/2023	Domestic Violence Act, Constitutional rights	60
3.	Patna	25/07/2023	Domestic Violence Act, Procedure of FIR	61
4.	Patna	29/09/2023	Women's Right and police duty	40
5.	Muzaffarpur	9/10/2023	Sc/St Act, Dayan Partha, FIR Procedure	70
6.	Sitamarhi	26/10/2023	Dayan Partha Act, Domestic Violence, FIR Procedure, and Sc/St Act	70
7.	Nalanda, Bihar Sharif	18/12/2023	FIR Procedure and Fundamental Rights	100
8.	Muzaffarpur	28/12/2023	Dalit and fundamental Rights	150

9.	Aurangabad	28/12/2023	POCSO, Sc/ St Act	72
10.	Sitamarhi	24/02/2024	Fundamental rights, Sc/ St act, Child marriage, domestic violence	100
11	Patna	11/03/2024	Concept of FIR, Sc/St Act, FIR Procedure and Fundamental Rights	72

Legal Awareness Camp Report

<i>Name of the Activity</i>	<i>Public information was given on the development and constitutional rights of Dalits, minorities, and women.</i>
<i>Date of the Activity</i>	<i>28/12/2023</i>
<i>District</i>	<i>Aurangabad</i>
<i>Name of the Legal Fellow</i>	<i>Advocate Imteyaz Ansari</i>
<i>Budget Code/Head</i>	<i>For official use only</i>
<i>Details of Activity</i>	
<i>Agenda of the Activity</i>	<i>Legal awareness program was organized in which Dalit women and minority students participated. The topics of the discussion is Sc/st act and Pocso act.</i>
<i>Brief Details</i>	<p><i>An awareness camp was organized by Bihar legal network in dalit minority with woman on dated on 28/12/2023 at 12:00-2:00 on +2 school Naur Nabinagar Aurangabad (Bihar). Main speaker for event was legal fellow advocate Imtiaz Ansari (civil court Aurangabad) and second speaker was hafiz alam (Teacher) In this program more than 78 participants.</i></p> <p><i>Many information was given to the people through the camp, the camp was presided over by advocate Imtiaz Ansari legal fellow of Bihar legal network discussed the working style and</i></p>

	<p><i>rights and gave information to the people, Hafiz Alam while talking about the development of boys and girls. Told about the importance and constitution of education. Inspired people to take education.</i></p> <p><i>While sharing the public opinion related to Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar, where a lot has been written for the Dalits and the backward, but the Dalits are not able to take advantage of it, the only reason is the lack of education. So that a new society can be created. While talking about the development of women, where today's girls and women are no less than men, get out of the house, become the one who wants to get an education, and also where only an educated woman can build a good society.</i></p> <p><i>Advocate Imtiaz Ansari said that today's girls and boys should study with a lot of heart because a new society can be formed and evil can be eradicated from society.</i></p>
<p><i>Name of key participants</i></p>	<p><i>Speaker-1- advocate Imtiaz Ansari (legal fellow Bihar Legal Network)</i></p> <p><i>Speaker-2- Hafiz Alam (Teacher)</i></p>
<p><i>Photographs</i></p>	

Thank you!

Legal Awareness Camp Report

Date: 24th February 2024

Location: DR. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Library, Chiraut Sitamarhi

Organized By: EVA FOUNDATION

Introduction:

The Legal Awareness Camp, held on 24th February 2024 at DR. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Library in Chiraut Sitamarhi, was meticulously organized with a specific focus on empowering marginalized communities, including Dalits, SC, ST, and minorities. With approximately 100 participants in attendance, the camp served as a crucial platform to disseminate knowledge about fundamental rights and legal procedures. Led by our dedicated Legal officer, Mr. Mukesh Paswan, and supported by legal fellow Md. Faiyaz Bhatia, the camp aimed to equip individuals with the necessary tools to navigate the legal system effectively. The overarching goal was to foster a deeper understanding of legal rights among marginalized communities, thereby promoting greater empowerment and access to justice.



Objective:

The primary objective of this Legal Awareness Camp, specifically targeted towards empowering Dalit, SC, ST, and minority children and individuals, is to raise awareness about their fundamental rights. Through this camp, we aim to educate participants about the provisions outlined in various articles of the constitution that safeguard their rights. Our motive is to ensure that marginalized communities are equipped with the knowledge and understanding necessary to exercise their rights effectively, including the right to file a First Information Report (FIR) under appropriate circumstances.

About Session:



The Legal Awareness Camp commenced with Mr. Rajiv Kumar Paswan, the library in charge, welcoming participants on behalf of the Eva Foundation. He introduced Advocate Mukesh Paswan, emphasizing his expertise in legal matters. Advocate Mukesh Paswan then provided an introduction about himself and the motive behind organizing the camp, stressing the need for legal empowerment within the community. Acknowledging the diverse backgrounds of the participants, Advocate Mukesh Paswan initiated an interactive session by inviting individuals to introduce themselves, share their hobbies, and aspirations for the future. Despite the large turnout of approximately 100 people, many participants enthusiastically engaged in the activity. Advocate Mukesh Paswan outlined the program structure, dividing it into three sessions to cover various

aspects of legal awareness comprehensively. Following this, he introduced the first session, focusing on fundamental rights, particularly addressing the challenges faced by marginalized communities such as SC, ST, Dalits, and minorities. He stressed the importance of understanding fundamental rights, citing DR. B.R. Ambedkar's legacy and ideology as pivotal in advocating for social justice and equality. This session aimed to equip participants with the knowledge to advocate for their rights effectively. During the interactive session, Advocate Mukesh Paswan engaged the participants by posing a question about the number of fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution. Several girls confidently responded with the correct answer: there are six fundamental rights enshrined in the Constitution of India. Advocate Paswan commended their knowledge and proceeded to provide a brief explanation about each of the six fundamental rights, emphasizing their significance in protecting the rights and liberties of citizens. He elaborated on the importance of each right, highlighting their role in promoting equality, justice, and freedom in society. By empowering the participants with knowledge about their fundamental rights, Advocate Paswan aimed to in still a deeper understanding of constitutional principles and encourage active participation in the legal and democratic processes.

Second and Last Session:

In the second session, Advocate Mukesh Paswan delved into the discussion about sections pivotal to women's rights, highlighting the significance of legal provisions such as 354 (A, B, C, D), 376, 420, and 498A. Special attention was given to elucidating the nuances of each section and their implications in safeguarding women's rights and combating gender-based violence. The goal of the session was to equip participants with a comprehensive understanding of their legal entitlements and the available avenues for seeking justice in cases related to women. A distinctive aspect of this session was its interactive format, which encouraged active participation from the attendees. Advocate Mukesh Paswan facilitated discussions and welcomed concerns from the participants, fostering an inclusive learning environment. In the latter part of the session, Advocate Paswan focused on the process of filing a First Information Report (FIR), a crucial step in initiating criminal proceedings. He elucidated the significance of FIR in documenting the details of a criminal offense and initiating the investigation process by law enforcement authorities. Advocate Paswan also provided practical guidance on how to draft an FIR, emphasizing the importance of including accurate and detailed information about the incident. He encouraged participants to voice any doubts or queries they may have regarding the FIR filing process, ensuring that they felt confident and empowered to take action in the event of a crime. By demystifying the FIR filing process and providing insights into sections relevant to women's rights, Advocate Mukesh Paswan aimed to empower participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate legal procedures effectively and advocate for justice in cases of gender-based violence.



Outcome:

- *Increased awareness about legal rights and procedures among participants.*
- *Empowered individuals to seek legal assistance when needed.*
- *Encouraged active participation in legal matters within the community.*
- *Strengthened trust in the legal system and promoted access to justice.*

Feedback:

Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing gratitude for the opportunity to learn about their legal rights. Suggestions for future camps included more practical demonstrations and specialized sessions on specific legal issues. The constructive feedback provided will be instrumental in shaping future legal awareness initiatives, ensuring that they continue to meet the evolving needs of the community. The Eva Foundation is committed to incorporating these suggestions and further enhancing the effectiveness and impact of its programs in empowering marginalized communities through legal education and awareness.

Conclusion:

The Legal Awareness Camp held at Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Library in Chiraut Sitamarhi on 24th February 2024 proved to be a resounding success in its endeavours to empower marginalized communities with knowledge about their legal rights and procedures. Through insightful sessions led by Advocate Mukesh Paswan, participants gained a deeper understanding of fundamental rights, particularly those pertaining to marginalized groups and women. The interactive nature of the camp fostered engagement and active participation, enabling attendees to ask questions and voice their concerns. By equipping individuals with the necessary tools to navigate the legal system effectively, the camp not only empowered them to advocate for their rights but also encouraged a sense of trust in the legal system. The overwhelming positive feedback from participants underscores the importance of such initiatives in promoting access to justice and fostering a culture of legal awareness within communities. As we reflect on the success of this camp, we are reminded of the critical role that education and awareness play in ensuring the protection and enforcement of rights for all members of society. Moving forward, the Eva Foundation remains committed to organizing similar initiatives aimed at empowering marginalized communities and promoting social justice through legal awareness. We extend our gratitude to all participants, organizers, and supporters who contributed to making this camp a meaningful and impactful event. With continued dedication and collective effort, we can work towards a more equitable and just society where every individual is empowered to exercise their rights and live with dignity.

PHOTO GALLERY:



Report

Legal Training of Youth Girls

Fundamental Rights, Women Rights, and Domestic Violence

14th December, 2023

One day Para- legal Training programme for the youth girls organised by the Eva Foundation in the Patna. On the date of December 14, 2023, a one-day para-legal training session was organized by the Eva Foundation with young girls from various villages in Patna district. The training was divided into five parts, with the first part concluding on December 14, 2023. Youth girls from Janipur, Sabarchak, Panaipur, Shrivar, Nagwa, and Murgiyachak actively participated, making a total of 20 girls involved. The primary objective of this legal training was to educate young girls about fundamental rights, particularly those related to women's rights. The training began with reading of Preamble of the constitution, read by Advocate Mukesh Paswan, a legal officer associated with the Eva Foundation. He explained the fundamental rights provided by the constitution, rights that are essential and cannot be violated by the state, known as fundamental rights. He further told that 6 fundamental rights to the young girls.

The six fundamental rights are:

- 1. Right to equality (Article 14–18)*
- 2. Right to freedom (Article 19–22)*
- 3. Right against exploitation (Article 23–24)*
- 4. Right to freedom of religion (Article 25–28)*
- 5. Cultural and educational rights (Article 29–30)*
- 6. Right to constitutional remedies (Article 32–35)*

Young girls spoke openly on Right to Education Article 21A; they were told that Article 21A gives the right to free and compulsory education. The girls said that education has become very expensive these days and poor people are not able to provide good education to their children.

Advocate Savita Ali, trustee of the Eva Foundation and an advocate of the Patna High Court, led discussions on women's rights and domestic violence. The emphasis was on teaching the youth girls how to write complaints effectively. Savita Ali highlighted the prevalence of daily instances of abuse

against women and the lack of awareness among women about their rights. She mentioned the challenges women face when filing cases at police stations. According to a recent NCRB report, cases of domestic violence have significantly increased during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many women in India remain unaware of these issues, and some who are aware continue to tolerate abuse to avoid breaking their homes. Domestic violence includes any form of abuse, whether physical, mental, sexual, economic, verbal, or emotional. Ali urged that enduring violence within the home is also a crime. The term domestic violence encompasses any woman who has faced mistreatment with her body, mind, emotions, language, or financial situation. The event aimed to empower youth, raise awareness about legal rights, and emphasize the importance of fundamental rights. The discussions shed light on the need for women to be informed about their rights and the legal recourse available to them.

Advocate Ibara Raja told them about the FIR, Ibrar Raja explained the details of FIR and FIR should contain the name of the applicant, complete address, details of the incident, time, date and name of the accused.

Outcome: -

- *Girls can know their rights through this legal training*
- *Gained legal knowledge and legal understanding*
- *Learned how to write a FIR application.*

Photo Gallery



Legal Training of Youth Girls

PARA LEGAL TRAINING PROGRAM - PART II

Date: 27/01/2024

Venue: Hotel S.S. Exotica, Patna

Time: 10:00 AM

First Part Highlights (14th Dec 2023):

The inaugural session on 14th Dec 2023 laid the foundation for empowering young girls by introducing key legal concepts and fostering a supportive learning environment. Advocates and experts provided insights into the legal landscape, setting the stage for the comprehensive training continuum

INTRODUCTION:

The second part of the Para Legal Training Program, conducted on 27/01/2024 at Hotel S.S. Exotica in Patna, builds on the success of the first part held on 14th Dec 2023. The program continues to empower 20 youth girls from various villages in Patna district, i.e. from Murgiyachak, Nagwa, Janipur, Sabarchak, Daryapur, Shorampur, Painapur and Shriwar with a focus on legal aspects such as POCSO, fundamental rights, FIR procedures, and relevant sections.

This holistic approach aims not only to impart knowledge but also to assess the transformative impact on participants. The program aimed to not only impart knowledge but also measure the impact through pre-test and post-session assessments. A total of 20 youth girls actively participated in this training.



Training Objectives:

In addition to deepening the understanding of legal frameworks, the program incorporated a comprehensive assessment strategy. The primary objectives were to empower participants with knowledge about POCSO, fundamental rights, FIR procedures, and sections, and to gauge the effectiveness of the training through pre-test and post-session evaluations.

Pre-Test and Post-Session Assessment:

To measure the impact of the training, participants were provided with pre-test and post-session forms containing five questions each. The questions aimed to assess their knowledge before and after the training, providing valuable insights into the effectiveness of the program.

Pre-Test Questions:

1. What is your understanding of the POCSO Act?
2. Can you briefly explain the process of filing an FIR?
3. Name one fundamental right that you are aware of.
4. What does IPC stand for, and can you name any section mentioned in the training?
5. How confident do you feel in navigating legal procedures before the session

Key Speakers:

1. Advocate Sanju Singh (Resource Person - Patna High Court):

Advocate Sanju Singh, a distinguished legal expert from the Patna High Court, initiated the session by warmly welcoming and introducing herself to all the girls. To foster a sense of inclusivity, she encouraged each participant to share a brief introduction. The focus of the session was the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. Adv. Sanju Singh commenced with a comprehensive discussion on the POCSO Act, delving into the nuances of sexual assault on both girls and boys. She clarified the definition of a child and outlined the age parameters specified under the act. Utilizing a visually impactful PowerPoint presentation, she presented a video depicting instances of child harassment and assault.

The necessity for the POCSO Act and its features were highlighted, with an emphasis on the offenses it addresses. Different categories of offenses, such as penetrative sexual assault, aggravated penetrative sexual assault, and sexual assault, were explained, accompanied by the corresponding punishments. The discussion also touched upon the cognizable nature of these offenses, making them arrestable without a warrant, and the non-bailable status. Adv. Sanju Singh shared a compelling real-life story to underscore the importance of the POCSO Act in protecting children. In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, she addressed the rise in telephonic and cybercrimes related to sexual harassment.



The session shed light on the role of the Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) in handling cases under the POCSO Act. Adv. Sanju Singh explained the reporting process to SJPU and detailed the critical role they play. She elaborated on the medical care and examination procedures, emphasizing the importance of recording evidence to meet medical expenses and aid in rehabilitation. In addition, the roles of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) were discussed. The session also explored the role of parents in supporting and understanding victims of child sexual abuse. Adv. Sanju Singh engaged the participants in a thought-provoking task, prompting them to write hypothetical

situations involving sexual harassment. The task aimed to sensitize the participants to potential real-life scenarios without disclosing their identities.

The session concluded with Adv. Sanju Singh expressing gratitude for the active participation and openness of the participants. The impactful stories shared during the session served to underscore the significance of creating awareness about the POCSO Act. Participants left the session with heightened knowledge, empathy, and a strengthened commitment to advocate for justice

2. Savita Ali (Managing Trustee, Eva Foundation, and Patna High Court Advocate):

Savita Ali's commenced by introducing herself to everyone, creating an atmosphere of familiarity and approachability. To gauge the participants' understanding, she asked questions related to the previous session, aiming to assess their grasp on the key concepts discussed earlier.



The focus of Savita Ali's session was on First Information Reports (FIRs). She initiated a brief yet comprehensive discussion on FIRs, elucidating the process of filing and writing an FIR. Covering various sections, she explained the application of specific sections such as 376 for rape, 498A for marital cruelty, and 304B for dowry-related offenses. She acknowledged the dynamic nature of legal systems, hinting at changes in sections that

would be addressed in subsequent training sessions. The hierarchical structure of police stations was also discussed, providing clarity on the organizational setup. The session delved into the ethical dimensions of understanding legal rights, emphasizing why it is crucial for the participants. Savita Ali conveyed the importance of being aware of legal sections, linking it to the ethical responsibility one holds within society. Special attention was given to sections pivotal to women's rights, including 354 (A, B, C, D), 376, and 420, 498A with the goal of equipping participants with a thorough understanding of their legal entitlements and the available avenues for seeking justice. A distinctive aspect of this session was its interactive format, which encouraged active participation from the attendees. By presenting real-life scenarios, participants were encouraged to identify the relevant constitutional sections applicable to each case, thereby promoting a deeper understanding of legal provisions and their practical implications. Following the discussion, she actively engaged with the participants by posing questions about their preferences and learnings from the session. This interactive element aimed to reinforce key takeaways and ensure that the participants were actively processing and internalizing the information. The session not only provided valuable insights into FIRs and legal sections but also encouraged active participation and reflection among the participants. The overarching goal was to empower participants with knowledge about their legal rights, especially in contexts pertaining to gender equality and women's safety. This approach not only enhanced their awareness but also encouraged them to actively advocate for their rights. The dynamic approach adopted in the session, combined with Savita Ali's expertise, contributed to an enriching learning experience for all.

3. Advocate Mukesh Paswan (Legal Officer, Eva Foundation):

Advocate Mukesh Paswan conducted the final session on fundamental rights, initiating the discussion by prompting the participants to share their existing knowledge on the subject. Many participants shared their insights, leading to an interactive exchange.

He proceeded to provide a comprehensive overview of fundamental rights, addressing the question of what fundamental rights entail. Mukesh Paswan highlighted the existence of six fundamental rights in our constitution, namely the Right to Equality, Right to Freedom, right against Exploitation, Right to Freedom of Religion, Cultural and Educational Rights, and the Right to Constitutional Remedies.



The necessity of understanding fundamental rights was emphasized, and Mukesh Paswan delved into a brief yet insightful description of the Right to Equality. He underscored the prevalence of caste discrimination in various societal contexts, making it imperative for individuals to be well-informed about their rights.

Encouraging an open dialogue, he invited questions and queries from the participants regarding the content he covered. With gratitude, Mukesh Paswan concluded the session, ensuring that the participants departed with a deeper understanding of fundamental rights and their significance in our constitutional framework.

Open Discussion-

In the open discussion, participants engaged in a comprehensive dialogue on key legal terms and provisions. The discourse began with a focus on the acronym POCSO, with participants elucidating that it stands for the "Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act." Emphasis was placed on the primary objective of POCSO, which is to safeguard children from sexual abuse and exploitation through a robust legal framework. Subsequently, attention shifted to the procedural aspects of filing an FIR (First Information Report), with a participant clarifying that individuals need to visit the nearest police station and provide detailed information about the criminal offense to initiate an investigation. The discourse seamlessly transitioned into a brief overview of Fundamental Rights, described as the basic rights and freedoms guaranteed to every citizen by the constitution. Participants then delved into the specifics of legal sections, elucidating that Section 498A pertains to cruelty towards a wife in the context of dowry, while Section 304A deals with causing death by negligence.

The key speaker skilfully summarized the discussion, ensuring that participants had a comprehensive understanding of POCSO, emphasizing its role in protecting children from sexual offenses. The open dialogue fostered a collaborative environment, allowing participants to share knowledge and address any lingering queries. The engagement concluded with the key speaker prompting further questions, demonstrating a commitment to

continued learning and clarity on legal concepts. This insightful discussion served as a valuable exchange of information, contributing to a more profound understanding of legal frameworks and their practical applications. Talking openly helped us understand things better. Now we feel more confident about legal stuff they understand. This interactive exchange further enhanced the overall success of the training program.

Post-Session Questions:

- 1. Describe any new insights you gained about the POCSO Act.*
- 2. Explain the steps involved in filing an FIR, as per the training.*
- 3. List two fundamental rights you learned about during the session.*
- 4. Share any specific section of the IPC that was discussed in detail.*
- 5. Reflect on your confidence level in navigating legal procedures after the session.*

Preliminary Observations:

The pre-test and post-session assessments will be analysed comprehensively in the coming weeks to provide a detailed report on the effectiveness of the training. Preliminary observations suggest positive shifts in participants' knowledge and confidence levels.

Beneficial Points:

1. Empowering Knowledge:

- The program equips participants with practical legal knowledge, enabling them to navigate the legal system confidently.*

2. Promoting Advocacy:

- By fostering an understanding of legal rights, the training encourages participants to advocate for justice and address societal issues.*

3. Enhanced Confidence:

- The interactive and participatory sessions contribute to a significant increase in participants' confidence levels, both in understanding legal concepts and navigating legal procedures.*

4. Continued Learning:

- Participants express a desire for future training sessions, indicating a sustained interest in continuous learning and empowerment.*

Conclusion:

The Para Legal Training Program, comprising both Part I and Part II, stands as a transformative initiative empowering young girls with legal knowledge and fostering a sense of advocacy. Open discussions played a vital role in clarifying doubts and ensuring participants left with a clearer understanding of legal matters. The holistic approach and ongoing support networks ensure that the program continues to be a catalyst for positive change, making it a beneficial and invaluable experience for all participants.

NETWORK ADVOCATE MEETING

Bihar Legal Network (BLN) is a network of lawyers and socio-legal professionals, to provide free legal support to marginalized and vulnerable sections of the society. In the wake of continuous violations rights of communities especially minorities and Dalits, Eva Foundation Patna has initiated a project “Bihar Legal Network” on dated 1st February 2021, with a mission to build a society where every aggrieved person has access to justice through fair and affordable legal services.

*EVA Foundation, successfully organized a district-level network advocate meeting on Patna, Muzaffarpur, Sitamarhi, Aurangabad on different date in District Court. This meeting sought to realize the vision of empowering young emerging advocates from marginalized communities, specifically focusing on individuals from Dalit, SC and minority backgrounds. The primary goal was to address atrocities faced by these advocates in courts, fostering team building, and providing opportunities to learn about advocacy and networking. The event exemplified a commitment to empowering advocates from marginalized communities, fostering collaboration, and advancing justice and equality in Bihar. The EVA Foundation and BLN look forward to building on this success to create enduring positive change in the legal landscape, till now we have total **196** participant with us hopefully more participant come with us in future so we can build a large network of good advocate with us. All session was dedicated to understanding the specific challenges and atrocities faced by advocates from marginalized communities in legal settings. Advocates shared personal experiences and discussed strategies to address these challenges.*

S.NO.	DISTRICT	DATE	NO. OF PARTICIPANT
1.	Patna	4 th May, 2023	11
2.	Muzaffarpur	18 th July, 2023	14
3.	Aurangabad	23 rd July, 2023	22
4.	Patna	6 th August, 2023	19
5.	Sitamarhi	13 th August, 2023	8
6.	Muzaffarpur	9 th September, 2023	15
7.	Sitamarhi	16 th December, 2023	48
8.	Muzaffarpur	28 th December, 2023	25
9.	Nalanda	3 rd February, 2024	
10.	Aurangabad	13 th February, 2024	
11.	Patna Civil Court	9 th April, 2024	

REPORT

State Level Orientation-25th and 26th November 2023 Access to Justice: Training and Advocacy Planning POCSO, POSH, AND ATROCITY ACT

Organized by: Eva Foundation with collaboration Samegra Seva, Peace and Equality Cell, BAL Sathi Network, & Bihar Legal Network

Capacity Building Training/ State Level Orientation organized by the **Eva Foundation in collaboration with Samegra Seva, Peace and Equality Cell, Bal Sathi, Bihar Legal Network**. On the topic POCSO, POSH and Atrocity Act. Two-day residential training session 25-26th November 2023 held in the Navjotes Niketan, Near Kurji More, Patna.

DAY -1

The State level orientation programs start on 25th November, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. with the registration process and the participants registered his/her self.

Mr. Ibrar Raza and Makeswar Rawat Welcomed all the guests and participants and introduced the topic. They introduced Savita Ali and Prita Jha and handed over the stage to the speakers. All participants, Advocates, paralegals, and support persons, introduced his/her self to everyone with details of their area of practice, district of practice, and challenges they face in society.



Patna Advocate Team



Sitamarhi Advocate Team



*Bhagalpur District
Court Paralegal
Volunteers and
advocate*



Muzaffarpur Advocate Team



Jamui District Team

Aurangabad Team Introduction



Introduction: Savita Ali Introduced the Collaborating organization objective, aim and purpose. The Capacity Building programme organizes by the Samegra Seva, Peace and Equality Cell- Ahmadabad, BAL Sathi, Bihar Legal Network and Eva Foundation. Representatives of Samegra Seva are Makeswar Rawat, Prita Jha from PEC and Savita Ali from Eva Foundation. Savita Ali told how rights are being violated in the society due to lack of knowledge of rights. We all have together become the eyes and ears of the law and create confidence in the society. We all are meeting today with the intention that in two days of training we will all share our experience and try to understand all aspects of the POCSO, POSH and Atrocity law. She also stated that the two day training session is divided in two part, 1st part 25/11/2023 on CSA, POCSO and POSH taken by the Prita Jha and 2nd part 26/11/2023 on Sc/St Atrocity Act taken by the Savita Ali and Mukesh Paswan.

1. Prita Jha from the Peace and Equality (PEC), asked to share their experiences as to what they know about CSA and POCSO. Prita Jha forms 6 team and in each team 11 members, all the team present their views on CSA and POCSO. Adv. Azad and his team told that CSA is child sexual abuse, an attempt is made to sexually abuse children by luring them and some people also do wrong in this. This is related to sexual crime. He also stated that POCSO stand for Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act, This law is related to sexual harassment of minor children. Prita Jha discussed CSA and POCSO through power point presentation. Child Sexual Abuse nowadays increasing rapidly in the society. In some cases, the victim does not say anything to anyone and keeps it hidden, due to which many times it becomes a very serious problem. Anyone can commit sexual abuse with children, we all should come together and talk about it openly with the society and all other people. She discussed different situation through the case study and ask some questions from the participants. All the participants participated and answered all the questions. It was a very good session. Prita Jha started POCSO session; tell everyone its purpose and objectives. Children are the future of India and got protection under various laws implicitly or explicitly. The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO) is enacted with the main objective of protection of children from various kinds of sexual abuses and offences. Before POCSO Act, 2012, the cases of child sexual abuse were dealt with under the sections of the Indian Penal Code, 1860. POCSO Act, 2012 was enacted when the cases of sexual abuse against children were rising. It contains provisions regarding the protection of children from sexual assault and pornography and lays down the procedure for the implementation of these laws. Incidents of sexual abuse against children occur at schools, religious places, parks, hostels, etc and the security of children is not guaranteed anywhere. With such emerging dangers, it was significant to introduce separate legislation which could provide a reliable system for mitigating the number of such offences and punishing the perpetrators.

Prita Jha discussed some of the salient features of the POCSO Act are discussed as follows:

- Confidentiality of the victim's identity:
- Gender – neutral provisions
- Mandatory reporting of child abuse cases
- The last seen Theory
- Child Friendly investigation and Trial The following points are taken into consideration while investigating any crime under POCSO Act:

- i. The statement of the child is to be recorded at his/ her place of residence and generally by a woman police officer.
- ii. The officer who is to record the statement of the child should not be wearing a uniform.
- iii. The officer should ensure that the child does not come in contact with the accused during the examination.
- iv. A child is not to be detained in the police station at night.
- v. The officer should ensure that the identity of the child is not revealed.
- vi. The statement of the child is to be recorded in the presence of a person in whom the child has trust, for example, their parents.
- vii. The statement of the child is to be recorded via audio-video electronic means.
- viii. The assistance of the translators or interpreters should be taken wherever necessary.
- ix. Frequent breaks are to be allowed during the trial.
- x. The special court has to ensure that the child is not called to repeatedly testify in the trial court.
- xi. Aggressive questioning of the child is not permitted during the trial.

Savita Ali gave the Schedule Cast and Tribe Atrocity Act background; she started its objective and how the law was formed. She said that Articles 15, 16 and 17 of the Constitution state that there should be no discrimination on grounds of caste. Prohibition of discrimination on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth.



Savita Ali, Prita Jha and Makeswar share the aims and objectives of the training.

Day- 2

Day two of the training started with the recap by the group leaders, after the recap discussion

FACT-FINDING REPORT

*Our Eva Foundation has undertaken significant and meticulous endeavors in the form of a comprehensive fact-finding mission, aimed at unraveling the intricate web of heinous crimes that have plagued various districts of Bihar. In this exhaustive pursuit of truth and justice, fact-finding stands as the fundamental pillar upon which our investigation rests. Fact-finding, as a systematic and rigorous process, involves the thorough gathering of information, evidence, and testimonies to illuminate the darkest corners of society, where crimes such as murder, rape, gang rape, and honor killings thrive. Across the districts of **Chapra, Sitamarhi, Begusarai, Jehanabad, Muzaffarpur, Patna, Phulwarishariff, and Danapur**, our fact-finding mission has uncovered a distressing reality, wherein the most vulnerable members of society are subjected to unimaginable atrocities.*

In this arduous journey towards truth, our legal fellows and social activists have been at the forefront, actively engaging in interviews, surveys, and data analysis, tirelessly working to piece together the puzzle of injustice. Their unwavering commitment and dedication have been instrumental in shedding light on the plight of the victims and holding perpetrators accountable for their actions. Through the lens of fact-finding, we aim not only to document the stark realities faced by individuals and communities but also to advocate for systemic reforms and policy changes that address the root causes of such atrocities.

As we navigate through the complexities of our investigation, fact-finding serves as our guiding compass, ensuring that every piece of information is meticulously verified and every voice is heard. It is through this rigorous process that we strive to bring about meaningful change, fostering a society where justice prevails, and the rights and dignity of every individual are upheld. Our fact-finding mission is not merely a pursuit of truth but a testament to our unwavering commitment to stand in solidarity with the marginalized and oppressed, championing their cause and striving for a brighter, more just future for all.

“Empowering Atrocity Victims Through Emergency Case Support”

Our Eva Foundation's provision of 24 emergency case supports to victims of atrocities reflects our unwavering commitment to serving those in dire need, particularly those facing the most extreme circumstances of poverty and despair. The significance of emergency case support lies not only in its immediate impact but also in its profound contribution to the broader journey of healing and recovery. While it may not completely alleviate the complex challenges these individuals face, this initiative serves as a vital lifeline, offering essential assistance that can mean the difference between life and death in some cases. Beyond mere survival, emergency case support plays a crucial role in restoring a sense of dignity and agency to those who have been victimized, providing them with the resources and support they need to begin rebuilding their shattered lives.

In the aftermath of trauma and injustice, the road to healing is often long and arduous. However, through our concerted efforts to extend a helping hand during their time of greatest need, we aim not only to provide immediate relief but also to instill a sense of hope and resilience in those who have suffered. By addressing their most urgent needs—whether it be access to medical treatment, shelter, or other essential services—we strive to empower survivors to reclaim control over their lives and futures. In doing so, we recognize the inherent dignity and worth of every individual, regardless of their circumstances, and reaffirm our commitment to standing in solidarity with the most vulnerable members of our society.

Our dedication to providing emergency case support is a testament to our core values of compassion, empathy, and justice. It is a tangible expression of our belief that no one should be left to navigate the challenges of recovery alone and that by coming together as a community, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who need it most. As we continue our work, we remain steadfast in our commitment to ensuring that all individuals, regardless of their circumstances, have access to the support and resources they need to heal, thrive, and rebuild their lives with courage and determination.

"Eva Foundation's Legal Aid Initiative: Upholding Justice for Atrocity Victims"

*Over the past year, the Eva Foundation has demonstrated unwavering dedication to providing essential legal aid to victims of various atrocities, with invaluable support from legal officers and network advocates. Our efforts have primarily focused on addressing cases involving **sexual violence, rape/gang rape, hate crimes, POCSO violations, and SC/ST injustices** within the Session Court. Through our concerted endeavours, we have successfully extended free legal aid to a substantial number of cases, particularly in the trial court setting, totalling an impressive 52 cases. This accomplishment speaks volumes about our commitment to ensuring that every individual, regardless of their socio-economic status, receives the necessary legal assistance to navigate the complexities of seeking justice.*

*Recognizing the pressing need for legal aid beyond our operational districts, we have expanded our reach to support an additional **52 cases** in trial courts, leveraging available resources to extend our impact. At the heart of our mission lies the fundamental belief that access to free and fair legal services is a fundamental right that should never be compromised. Therefore, we have remained steadfast in our resolve to provide instant bail support to victims of atrocity cases and undertrial prisoners. Over the reporting period, our team has diligently pursued **45 bail** case supports, ensuring that individuals are not unjustly detained and have the opportunity to pursue their legal remedies in a fair and timely manner.*

Furthermore, our commitment to justice extends to the appellate level, as evidenced by our provision of free legal aid to atrocity cases in the esteemed Patna High Court. Despite the inherent challenges, we have successfully proposed support for 5 cases during the reporting period, culminating in the accomplishment of 1 case. This achievement underscores our unwavering dedication to upholding the principles of justice, equity, and human rights, even in the face of daunting legal obstacles.

In sum, the Eva Foundation's Legal Aid Initiative stands as a beacon of hope for those who have endured unimaginable atrocities, offering them the support and resources they need to pursue justice and reclaim their dignity. Our tireless efforts in providing essential legal aid exemplify our commitment to standing in solidarity with the most vulnerable members of society and ensuring that their voices are heard in the hallowed halls

Legal Resource Centre

A legal resource centre was recently established to support young lawyers belonging to marginalized backgrounds and those who are first-generation legal professionals. The primary aim of this centre is to provide essential resources and a conducive environment for these lawyers to enhance their professional capabilities. It offers access to crucial tools such as workspaces, legal documents, drafting materials, and research resources, including Bare Acts and Commentaries/Books covering diverse legal subjects. Given its recent establishment, the centre is being strategically utilized for various purposes. Plans are underway to utilize it for the training and education of young lawyers. Internship opportunities are being extended to law students from law schools in the Patna district. Additionally, efforts are being directed towards establishing the centre as a hub for legal discussions, facilitating critical conversations among groups of lawyers on recent legal updates and judgments. Recognizing a prevalent lack of drafting skills among many young and marginalized community advocates, the centre aims to address this gap. Scheduled sessions led by senior network advocates are being planned every week to train and enhance the drafting skills of these aspiring lawyers. Overall, this recently established legal resource centre serves as a pivotal platform for not only providing resources and workspace but also for nurturing the professional growth and skill development of young and marginalized lawyers through training, discussions, and focused skill-building sessions.

The following books/Commentaries/Bare Acts have been procured:

S.No.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
1	MAJUMDAR'S SC & ST	1
2	SARKAR'S (2 VOLUMES) CRPC	1
3	DD BASU (2 VOLUMES) CONSTITUTION	1
4	RA NELSON (4 VOLUMES) IPC	1
5	CPC	1
6	LAND LAWS (BIHAR)	1
7	POCSO ACT	1
8	LOK SHIKAYAT ACT BIHAR	1
9	CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, 2019	1
10	MAINTENANCE & WELFARE	1
11	LEGAL SERVICE AUTHORITIES' MANUAL	1
12	PATNA HIGH COURT RULES	1

13	<i>EXCISE ACT</i>	<i>1</i>
14	<i>LAND CEILING MANAUL</i>	<i>1</i>
15	<i>LAW OF MUTATION</i>	<i>1</i>
16	<i>LAW OF LAW OF LAND ACQUISITION</i>	<i>1</i>
17	<i>FAMILY COURT ACT</i>	<i>1</i>
18	<i>EVIDENCE ACT</i>	<i>1</i>
19	<i>DOWRY PROHIBITION ACT</i>	<i>1</i>
20	<i>DIVORCE ACT</i>	<i>1</i>
21	<i>CONSTITUTION ACT</i>	<i>1</i>
22	<i>CONTROL OF CRIMES BIHAR</i>	<i>1</i>
23	<i>DOMESTICE VIOLENCE</i>	<i>1</i>
24	<i>SC /ST ACT</i>	<i>1</i>
25	<i>MUSLIM LAW</i>	<i>1</i>
26	<i>LIMITATIN ACT</i>	<i>1</i>
27	<i>JUVENILE LAWS BIHAR</i>	<i>1</i>
28	<i>IPC</i>	<i>1</i>
29	<i>HINDU LAW</i>	<i>1</i>
30	<i>BONDED LABOUR ACT</i>	<i>1</i>
31	<i>LAND REFORM BIHAR</i>	<i>1</i>
32	<i>CR. P.C</i>	<i>1</i>
33	<i>ARMS ACT</i>	<i>1</i>
34	<i>CHILD MARRIAGE ACT</i>	<i>1</i>

UJAAS

INAUGURATION OF MENSTRUAL HEALTH EXPRESS

Date- 10th February

VENUE - Anurago Devi Ambika Singh Kanya Uchh Vidyalaya Bayapur, Maner, Patna

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS - 220

Introduction

Introducing the UJAAS Menstrual Health and Hygiene Express in Bihar – a pioneering initiative that marks a significant stride towards addressing the crucial aspects of women's health and well-being. Recognizing the pressing need for accessible and comprehensive menstrual hygiene management, UJAAS has launched this innovative express service to empower women



across Bihar. With a steadfast commitment to breaking down barriers and fostering a culture of awareness, the Menstrual Health and Hygiene Express endeavours to bring about positive change in the lives of women by ensuring easy access to essential products, education, and support.

In a region where menstrual health often faces stigmatization and limited resources, UJAAS has stepped forward to bridge the gap and provide a holistic solution. This express service is not merely a means of distributing menstrual hygiene products; it is a holistic approach that incorporates educational programs, community engagement, and the provision of quality sanitary products. By arriving directly in Bihar, the UJAAS initiative aims to create a lasting impact on the lives of women and girls, promoting health, dignity, and equality.

The UJAAS Menstrual Health and Hygiene Express heralds a new era of empowerment, advocating for positive change and breaking the silence surrounding menstrual health issues in Bihar.

The Menstrual Health and Hygiene Express event witnessed active participation from a diverse audience, with a total of 220 individuals in attendance. This inclusive gathering comprised both school students and esteemed guests, creating a vibrant and engaged atmosphere throughout the event.

Activities

The welcoming ceremony of the Menstrual Health Express van by the esteemed headman of Bayapur, Shri Lakhi Kumar G, marks a pivotal moment in the mission to create awareness about menstrual health across India. Shri Lakhi G's support symbolizes a significant endorsement of UJAAS and its ambitious initiative. The Menstrual



Health Express, a creation of UJAAS, is poised to revolutionize the landscape of menstrual health and hygiene throughout the country.

This groundbreaking initiative is not merely a vehicle; it represents a dynamic force that aims to bring about tangible changes in societal attitudes toward menstruation. The headman's presence at the welcome ceremony signifies the endorsement of the Menstrual Health Express as it embarks on its journey to transform the menstrual health narrative. The van is on a mission to traverse 25 states, visit over 100 cities, and cover an extensive distance of 10,000+ kilometres nationwide.



The Menstrual Health Express has a multifaceted approach, starting with the crucial task of generating awareness and dispelling taboos surrounding menstruation. UJAAS recognizes the importance of addressing affordability for the underprivileged, and making menstrual hygiene accessible to all. The initiative goes beyond a mere awareness campaign; it is a

commitment to change the existing narrative around menstruation in India. The express journey of UJAAS is not confined to geographical boundaries; it's a movement that bridges knowledge gaps across the diverse tapestry of India. The initiative delves into communities, fostering education and destigmatizing conversations about periods. The incorporation of a

comprehensive curriculum by UJAAS addresses the biological aspects of menstruation, emphasizing that there is nothing untouchable about this natural process.

As the Menstrual Health Express rolls across the country, it carries with it the promise of enlightenment, empowerment, and equality. UJAAS stands as a pioneer of hope, dispelling darkness surrounding menstrual health and illuminating the path toward a future where every menstruator can embrace their menstrual health with pride, knowledge, and affordability. The Menstrual Health Express, in essence, is a flag bearer of change, ushering in an era where menstrual health is understood, accepted, and celebrated across the diverse fabric of India.

In the introductory session led by community mobilizer Nisha, students were warmly welcomed to the program, setting the tone for an enlightening experience. Nisha skilfully introduced the guests and outlined the mission of the program, creating a sense of familiarity and engagement among the students.

***The street play**, performed by a talented group of five artists, serves as a powerful medium to raise awareness about menstrual health and hygiene. The narrative unfolds with a poignant depiction of a girl experiencing her first period, a pivotal and often challenging moment in a young woman's life. The street play addresses the common misconception that surrounds menstruation, illustrating the societal taboos that make girls feel untouchable within their own homes during this natural biological process.*

The focal point of the performance centres around a school teacher who sensitively educates the girl about menstrual hygiene. The teacher imparts crucial information about the importance of maintaining hygiene during menstruation and dispels myths that perpetuate unnecessary stigma. The portrayal emphasizes that menstruation is a natural and normal bodily function, devoid of the societal taboos that often plague it.

The street play effectively communicates the various obstacles girls face during their menstrual periods, shedding light on the baseless nature of these challenges. The artists aim to break the silence and open up a dialogue within society about menstruation, eradicating the unnecessary shame associated with it.

In addition to dispelling myths, the street play provides valuable information about menstrual products. The artists highlight the different options available, such as sanitary pads, menstrual cups, tampons, and reusable products, empowering girls to make informed choices

based on their preferences and needs. Furthermore, the street play delves into the aspect of maintaining proper nutrition during menstruation. The artists discuss what foods should be consumed and what should be avoided, contributing to overall menstrual health and well-being. This educational aspect of the performance aims to equip girls with the knowledge to navigate their menstrual cycles in a healthy and informed manner.

The impact of the street play extended beyond a single location, as it was also organized in two additional places within the community – Painapur and Sabarchak. The enthusiastic response from the community members in these areas was evident, with an estimated participation of more than 30 to 35 individuals in each location.

In Painapur and Sabarchak, the street play resonated with a diverse audience, drawing the attention of community members who actively engaged with the performance. The approximate participation numbers underscore the widespread interest and involvement, signifying the effectiveness of the street play in reaching and connecting with different segments of the community.

The decision to organize the street play in multiple locations reflects a strategic approach to maximize outreach and impact. By bringing the play to Painapur and Sabarchak, the organizers ensured that a larger section of the community had the opportunity to witness and absorb the crucial messages conveyed through the performance. This multi-location initiative not only increased the overall participation but also contributed to the broader goal of disseminating awareness and fostering positive change regarding menstrual health and hygiene within the community.



Ultimately, the street play serves as a catalyst for change, fostering a supportive environment where menstruation is discussed openly and without shame. By disseminating crucial information and challenging societal norms, the performance aims to contribute to a more enlightened and empathetic society, where girls can confidently embrace their menstrual health without unnecessary obstacles and stigma.

The chief guest of the program, the esteemed Mukhi G, shared valuable insights about menstruation with the students. His address went beyond conventional discussions, aiming to destigmatize the topic and educate the students about the biological aspects of menstruation. Mukhi G's words resonated with authority and experience, making a lasting impression on the audience.

The school principal also contributed to the introduction session by highlighting the significance of addressing menstruation in an educational setting. Emphasizing the importance of breaking taboos and fostering a supportive environment, the principal encouraged open dialogue about menstrual health within the school community. The principal's words served as a rallying call for change, promoting a culture of awareness and understanding.

Furthermore, the director of the organization Savita Ali involved in the program brought a broader perspective to the discussion. Their insights delved into the organization's mission and how it aligns with the program's objectives. The director outlined the initiatives in place to promote menstrual health and hygiene, emphasizing the need for collaborative efforts to effect positive change in society.

Collectively, the trio of speakers - Mukhi G, the school principal, and the director of the organization - provided a comprehensive overview of menstruation during the introduction session. Their varied perspectives enriched the students' understanding, fostering an atmosphere of education, empathy, and empowerment. The introductory session set the stage for an impactful program that aimed not only to educate but also to challenge societal norms and promote positive change in the realm of menstrual health.

Conclusion-

The collaborative efforts between UJAAS and the EVA Foundation stand as a powerful testament to their shared commitment to addressing menstrual health challenges in Bihar. This strategic partnership brought together the strengths, resources, and expertise of both organizations, amplifying their impact on the community. The synergy between UJAAS and the EVA Foundation was evident in their joint initiatives, which included awareness events and health camps aimed at promoting menstrual hygiene and women's health in Bihar. Pooling their resources allowed UJAAS and the EVA Foundation to reach a wider audience and create a more significant impact. The events organized by the collaborative effort served as a platform for fostering open conversations about menstruation, breaking taboos that

perpetuated stigma, and creating a supportive environment for women to prioritize their health and well-being. In conclusion, the UJAAS Menstrual Health Express, in collaboration with the EVA Foundation, successfully executed a series of awareness events and health camps in Bihar. This collaborative endeavour marked a substantial step forward in the collective mission to promote menstrual hygiene and women's health in the region. The commitment to breaking taboos and fostering open conversations demonstrated the potential for positive change in the community. The events served as a catalyst for encouraging a more inclusive and informed approach to menstrual health, emphasizing the importance of sustained efforts to address the challenges women face in this regard. The collaboration between UJAAS and the EVA Foundation serves as a model for effective partnership in addressing critical health issues and fostering positive change in communities.

UJAAS

INAUGURATION OF MENSTRUAL HEALTH EXPRESS

Date- 10th February

Place- Gaighat, Patna

INTRODUCTION-

Introducing the UJAAS Menstrual Health and Hygiene Express in Bihar – a groundbreaking endeavour that represents a major advancement in tackling essential facets of women's health. Acknowledging the urgent requirement for accessible and holistic menstrual hygiene management, UJAAS has introduced this



inventive express service to empower women throughout Bihar. Demonstrating unwavering dedication to dismantling obstacles and nurturing a culture of awareness, the Menstrual Health and Hygiene Express strives to instigate positive transformations in women's lives by ensuring convenient access to vital products, education, and assistance.

The UJAAS Menstrual Health Express maintained its momentum as it progressed to Gaighat, Patna, where a pivotal health camp was meticulously organized. This strategic initiative aimed to extend crucial health services and disseminate essential information pertaining to menstrual hygiene, aligning with the broader objective of advancing women's health within the community.



The Menstrual Health Express event commenced with a compelling introduction by Yashoda G, a dedicated community mobilizer. Yashoda G set the tone for the occasion by emphasizing the critical importance of addressing menstrual health and hygiene in our communities. Her insightful remarks were instrumental in creating an inclusive and open atmosphere,

paving the way for constructive conversations around a topic that often carries societal taboos.

Key Points Addressed by Yashoda G:

Awareness and Education:

Yashoda G underscored the significance of raising awareness and providing education on menstrual health. She highlighted the prevailing misconceptions and stigmas surrounding menstruation, emphasizing the need to dispel myths and foster a more informed and accepting community.



Community Engagement:

Recognizing the pivotal role of community engagement, Yashoda G emphasized the importance of involving everyone in the dialogue. She encouraged active participation from attendees, fostering an environment where questions and concerns about menstrual health could be openly discussed.

Breaking Taboos:

Yashoda G passionately spoke about the urgency of breaking taboos associated with menstruation. She conveyed that societal norms and cultural beliefs often contribute to the silence surrounding this natural process, and breaking free from these taboos is essential for promoting healthier attitudes.

Empowerment Through Knowledge:

Yashoda G highlighted the empowerment that comes with knowledge. She articulated the objective of the Menstrual Health Express event as not just providing information but empowering individuals, especially women, with the knowledge to make informed decisions about their menstrual health.

Yashoda G concluded her introduction with a powerful call to action, urging the audience to actively participate in the upcoming sessions, workshops, and health camps. She emphasized the collective responsibility to create a community that supports and prioritizes menstrual health and hygiene.

Yashoda G's introduction successfully set the stage for the Menstrual Health Express event, instilling a sense of purpose and urgency. Her eloquent articulation of the issues surrounding menstrual health and hygiene served as a catalyst for the broader mission of breaking barriers, fostering awareness, and empowering communities. The Menstrual Health Express event, under Yashoda G's guidance, promises to be an impactful initiative in advancing the cause of menstrual health and hygiene.

The health camp served as a comprehensive platform, drawing upon the expertise of medical professionals and specialists who actively engaged with attendees. Their presence played a crucial role in offering guidance, addressing queries, and delivering valuable insights related to menstrual health. Beyond immediate health



concerns, the camp was designed to empower women with the knowledge necessary to make informed decisions about their menstrual well-being.

Medical professionals and experts present at the health camp provided a supportive environment, encouraging open dialogue about menstrual health. Attendees had the opportunity to seek personalized advice, gaining a deeper understanding of their unique health needs. This personalized approach fostered a sense of empowerment among women, emphasizing their agency in managing their menstrual health.

The UJAAS Menstrual Health Express, through the organization of such health camps, demonstrated its commitment to creating tangible impacts on women's health. By combining the accessibility of the health express with the expertise of medical professionals, the initiative not only addressed immediate health needs but also contributed to the broader mission of fostering informed decision-making and empowerment among women in the community. The health camp in Gaighat, Patna, exemplifies the effectiveness of the UJAAS Menstrual Health Express in bringing vital healthcare services and knowledge directly to communities, ultimately contributing to the promotion of women's overall well-being.

Conclusion

The inauguration of the Menstrual Health and Hygiene Express, coupled with the collaborative efforts of EVA Foundation and Aditya Birla Education Trust, stands as a remarkable milestone in the journey towards promoting menstrual well-being in our community. The event encapsulated a spirit of inclusivity, education, and empowerment, fostering a positive environment that encourages open conversations about a subject often veiled in silence.

The insightful collaboration between EVA Foundation and Aditya Birla Education Trust brought together the strengths of both organizations, exemplifying the power of collective action in addressing critical health issues. The inauguration ceremony not only marked the beginning of a transformative initiative but also highlighted the commitment of these organizations to break the barriers surrounding menstrual health and hygiene.

The health camp organized in conjunction with the Menstrual Health and Hygiene Express showcased a tangible impact on the community. Medical professionals, experts, and volunteers worked collaboratively to provide essential services, guidance, and valuable information related to menstrual hygiene. The holistic approach of the health camp not only

addressed immediate health concerns but also equipped individuals with the knowledge to make informed decisions about their well-being.

The significance of community engagement was evident throughout the event. The inauguration served as a platform to bring together diverse voices, fostering a sense of unity in the collective pursuit of breaking taboos and dispelling myths associated with menstruation. The collaborative effort demonstrated that creating awareness and fostering an open dialogue is not only necessary but achievable through shared dedication and resources.

In conclusion, the Menstrual Health and Hygiene Express event, inaugurated with the support of Aditya Birla Education Trust by EVA Foundation, has laid a strong foundation for positive change. It reflects a commitment to education, empowerment, and community well-being, providing a blueprint for future endeavours in the realm of menstrual health. As the Menstrual Health and Hygiene Express embarks on its journey, it carries the promise of breaking barriers, promoting awareness, and ensuring that every individual can embrace their menstrual health with pride, knowledge, and dignity.

GO NISHA GO PROJECT

The Eva Foundation, in collaboration with Restless Development, successfully implemented the "GO NISHA GO" project from April 2023 to September 2023. This empowering initiative, spearheaded by our dedicated team members Suman Kumari, Nisha Kumari, and Shazia, aimed to engage and educate young girls in schools and colleges through an interactive and enlightening online game-based activity. The project focused on the theme "My Body, My Rights," emphasizing the importance of personal autonomy and informed decision-making for young women.

1. Empowering Theme:

- The project centred on the theme "My Body, My Rights," highlighting the importance of personal autonomy and informed decision-making.

2. Five-Level Interactive Game:

Round 1: Self-Introduction

- Girls introduced themselves as women/girls, fostering identity and gender pride.

Round 2: Educational Journeys

- Girls shared their educational backgrounds and aspirations, reflecting on academic experiences and ambitions.

Round 3: Decision-Making

- Girls engaged in scenarios and discussions to understand the significance of making informed personal choices.

Round 4: Love and Sex:

- Girls openly discussed love and sex in a safe environment, reducing stigma and gaining confidence.

Round 5: Becoming Own Decision-Maker

- Girls reinforced their insights on self-awareness, education, and personal choices, empowering them to take control of their lives.

3. Wide Reach and Positive Impact:

The project reached 150 girls over two days, promoting active participation and free expression.

The girls demonstrated newfound freedom and empowerment, with lasting confidence in asserting their rights and making informed decisions.

4. Focus on Education and Dialogue:

The project facilitated open conversations about crucial issues, underscoring the transformative power of education and dialogue in advancing human rights.

5. Long-Term Benefits:

The success of "GO NISHA GO" highlighted the importance of such initiatives in fostering a generation of empowered, informed, and confident young women.

By creating a space for expression and learning without judgment, the project made a significant impact on young lives.

The "GO NISHA GO" project exemplifies how innovative approaches, like online interactive games, can effectively educate and empower young women, instilling in them the confidence to make informed decisions about their bodies and lives.





AUDIT

Organizations executed many other programs and people benefited on a large scale. Some information has also been recorded from different localities for future use.

AUDITORS

R Ranjan & Company, Chartered Accountants, Patna have conducted the audit for the year and are re-eligible to be re-appointed for next year.

The managing committee places on paper its sincere thanks to the workers, members, and beneficiaries for the extension of cooperation and efforts.

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