

**REPORT ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE LEGAL CARE AND SUPPORT CENTRE OF
LADY KEANE COLLEGE SHILLONG IN THE 10 DAY NALSA PROGRAMME ON
“CONNECTING TO SERVE” FROM 9TH NOV 2017 TO 18TH NOV 2017**

As part of NALSA Programme “Connecting to Serve” the Legal Care and Support Centre of Lady Keane College took part in the various programmes which commenced from 9th to 18th November 2017. On the 9th of November the para legal volunteers of the college attended an awareness programme held in Police Bazar Shillong on the topic “Free Legal Aid Services”. This was followed by an awareness programme on Free Legal Aid held in Pynursla village, on the 10th of November 2017. The para legal volunteers of the college participated enthusiastically in the various programmes conducted by the District Legal Services Authority in various places in Meghalaya namely Shillong, Pynursla, Smit, Mawngap and others. On the 11th November the Legal Care and Support Centre Lady Keane College participated in the staging of Nukkad Natak/ Street play. The venue chosen was Police Bazar, a crowded market area in Shillong in East Khasi Hills District of Meghalaya. The theme of the play was “Domestic Violence” performed at around 1:00 pm by fifteen students of the college. The programme was met with massive public response.

On the 14th of November 2017 the para level volunteers of Lady Keane College volunteered at a programme held on the event of Children’s day at Police Training School, Mawroh Shillong where many street children and orphans were assembled fed and entertained.

On the 15th of November the Legal Care and Support Centre of Lady Keane College conducted a door to door campaign at Demsieniong, a locality in Shillong spreading awareness on Free Legal Aid Services. The total number of para legal volunteers who participated is fifteen together with the coordinator of the cell Dr M. Jyrwa. Prior information and permission was acquired from the locality headman for the purpose. The volunteers were divided into groups and accordingly conducted the door to door campaign in the respective area. The Campaign ended by 2:30 pm and on the same day the para legal volunteers, volunteered at a programme held at District Jail Shillong and interacted with UTPs and the convicted persons. They also assisted the inmates in filling the bail application, identifying those who were unrepresented and required free legal aid and helping them in filling up application forms for availing free legal services.

On the 16th of November 2016 the para legal volunteers of Lady Keane College conducted the second day programme door to door campaign again at Demsieniong Shillong. During these two days of door to door campaign the para legal volunteers were able to cover around 169 houses including many shops in the locality. The people's response was positive and many opened up with their problems concerning land disputes and problems in availing important documents such as aadhar card etc. In the evening the para legal volunteers attended an awareness programme organized by the District Legal Services Authority at Motphran Shillong, the theme being "Fundamental Rights and Duties". The para legal volunteers also staged a street play on the topic "Domestic Violence".

On the 17th November the Legal Care and Support Centre of Lady Keane College volunteered for poster campaign in public places in various parts of Shillong. The volunteers put up the various poverty alleviation schemes of the Central Government informing people about the availability of such schemes and how to go about availing them. On the 18th November the para legal volunteers again attended awareness programme of the District Legal Service Authority held at Mawngap and also performed the street play on "Domestic Violence".

As per the programme the District Legal Service Authority Shillong, the Legal Care and Support Centre Lady Keane College represented by legal volunteers along with the panel lawyers visited the District Jail Shillong on the 4th of December and attended the Jail Legal Aid Clinic for the purpose of rendering free legal services, filling up of forms for legal aid services etc. However none of the UTPs of the convicted persons were willing to come forward to seek legal aid.

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