

Legal Awareness Camp at Samalkha Group of Institutions

A Camp on Legal Awareness was conducted at Samalkha Group of Institutions (SGI) on 18th February 2015 for all students. The guests of this event were Ms. Parminder Kaur (Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary District Legal Service Authority, Panipat) & advocates of Panipat and delegates. The event was chaired by Sh. Ajay Goyal, Chairman SGI; Dr. Rajesh Goel, Director SGI; HOD's, guests & faculty members and students. The event began with lighting of the lamp and garlanding the statue of Goddess Saraswati by all honorable guests. Dr. Rajesh Goel, Director SGI addressed the students about legal awareness and methods adopted to promote legal awareness.

Ms. Parminder Kaur (Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary District Legal Service Authority, Panipat) from Panipat guided the students about goals and objectives of legal literacy cell. Legal awareness is the empowerment of individuals regarding issues involving the law. Legal awareness helps to promote consciousness of legal culture, participation in the formation of laws and the rule of law. Legal awareness is, "the ability to make critical judgments about the substance of the law, the legal process, and available legal resources and to effectively utilize the legal system and articulate strategies to improve it is legal literacy". She also explained that Goals of the legal literacy programs could be broadly divided in three types such as educational, competency and critical. She also emphasized on the objectives such as raising awareness and building capacity, community education and empowerment, exposing law students to social justice work, strengthening community solidarity and supporting grass-roots advocacy etc.

She also guided the students about methods adopted to promote legal awareness. Legal awareness can also achieved through camps, lectures, and interactive workshops or short-duration crash programs on the essential and elementary legal laws. Other methods were road shows, radio talks, street and theatre plays, as well as the publication of relevant books, periodicals, posters, and charts that deal with particular laws, the distribution of pamphlets, brochures, and stickers, the display of paintings, illustrations in comics and other ways to ensure publicity for various legal mobilization activities.

The purpose of the camp was to make aware and encourage students about legal aspects of individuals regarding issues involving the law. It delivers the consciousness of legal culture and participation in the formation of laws.

All the students actively participated in FAQ session. All the faculty members played an important role in organizing and coordinating the event. The event was coordinated by Ms. Neha Pahwa (AP, CSE) under the guidance of Mr. Amit Verma (HOD, CSE), Dr. Parveen Bhatt (HOD, ASH) and Mr. Vikas Uttreja (HOD, ECE & EEE).