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Event Report

Event Name: Legal Aid Camp 2024

Date of the Event: 23rd March 2023

Duration of the Event: 10:00 AM to 02:00 P.M.

Venue: Shevge Dang Village, Tal: Igatpuri, Dist: Nashik

Name of the Event Coordinator: Mr. Ganesh Gadekar, Mr. Paresh Shahane and Ms. Anuja Nehe all Assistant Professor, SOL, Sandip University, Nashik.

Objective of the Program:

The primary objective of the legal aid camp held in Shevge Dang Village, Igatpuri, was to educate and empower the local community on the critical issue of cybercrimes, fostering a safer digital environment. By employing an innovative approach through a street play performed by law students, the camp aimed to convey the complexities of cyber threats in an accessible and engaging manner, ensuring that participants could understand and apply this knowledge in protecting themselves online. The initiative sought not only to raise awareness about the various forms of cybercrimes and their legal repercussions but also to provide actionable guidance on preventive measures and available legal resources for potential victims. Through this comprehensive outreach, the camp endeavoured to cultivate a well-informed community capable of navigating the digital world with increased awareness and security.

Outline of the Program:

The legal aid camp aimed to educate the local community of Shevge Dang Village about the dangers and legal implications of cybercrimes. By leveraging the engaging medium of street theatre, the event sought to:

- Inform the community about various forms of cyber crimes
- Demonstrate preventive measures individuals can take to protect themselves online.
- Highlight the legal resources available to victims of cybercrimes.

Activities

The highlight of the legal aid camp was a street play performed by the students of the School of Law. The play depicted common scenarios of cyber crimes, including phishing, identity theft, and online harassment. Through compelling storytelling and characterisation, the play conveyed critical messages about cyber safety and the importance of vigilance in the digital age.

In addition to the street play, the following activities were conducted:

- Interactive Q&A sessions where community members could ask questions related to cyber crimes and share their experiences.
- Distribution of informational pamphlets that outlined tips for staying safe online and contact information for legal aid services.
- Interaction with children on safe internet practices, emphasizing the importance of not sharing personal information online.

Participants

The event was attended by approximately 100 villagers, encompassing a wide demographic from young children to the elderly. Law students from the School of Law performed the street play and facilitated the day's activities, under the guidance of their professors and legal professionals.

Outcomes

The legal aid camp successfully engaged the community in a vital conversation about cyber safety. Feedback from attendees indicated a heightened awareness of cyber crimes and a better understanding of how to protect oneself online. The interactive elements of the camp, particularly the street play, were highly effective in conveying complex legal concepts in an accessible manner.

Follow-Up Actions

To build on the momentum of the legal aid camp, the following actions are recommended:

- Establish a helpline that villagers can call for advice on cyber crime issues.
- Organize regular digital literacy workshops in the village to keep the community updated on new cyber threats and safety practices.
- Develop a partnership with local schools to incorporate cyber safety education into their curriculum.

Conclusion

The legal aid camp at Shevge Dang Village was a significant step towards empowering the community against the growing threat of cybercrimes. By utilizing the universal appeal of theatre, the School of Law students were able to deliver powerful messages about cyber safety that resonated with the attendees. It is imperative to continue these efforts to ensure that communities are equipped with the knowledge and resources to navigate the digital world safely.

Place: Nashik

Date: 23/03/2024

Photos of the Programme:













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