



## **SYMBIOSIS LAW SCHOOL, NAGPUR**

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### **Report**

#### **Pro Bono Club**

#### **Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur**

#### **Legal awareness, legal aid, and community services drive at Village Khapa**

**1/10/2022**

Symbiosis law school Nagpur pro bono club visited village Khapa, Saoner, district Nagpur to spread legal literacy and legal awareness and community services. On the occasion of world senior citizen day, Municipal Council Khapa organized senior citizen day where the team of symbiosis participated in providing legal aid and literacy to villagers. In this gathering, majority of the senior citizens and members of Mahila Bachat Gatt were present. During the literacy program, the team observed that most citizens are facing a problem getting their pension and other benefits of Pradhan Mantri Yojnas relating to healthcare services. people are deprived of their rights to healthcare by their family members also. The majority of the young generation left the village as well as their parents there in search of employment in cities. These parents are not getting any maintenance from children and are forced to work on farms as labourers even at the age of 75. They also face seasonal unemployment which deprives them of two-course meal. The majority of the population is below the poverty line.



Dr. Deepti Khubalkar addressing the gathering of the senior citizens about their rights.

Members of the Pro Bono Club also went door to door in the village to survey the plight of weavers employed in handloom manufacture. In India, the textile industry provides direct and indirect employment to millions of people, after the agriculture sector. It is a solution that generates new employment opportunities utilizing the existing skills and knowledge of the people and improves the standard of living while preserving the values of traditional society.

Once this village was known for handloom production, but now only 3-4 families are involved in this handloom manufacturing process in their huts. During the visit, it was found that these people can manufacture these handloom fabrics only during summer and winter; during the rainy season, the weather doesn't support handloom activities, resulting in seasonal unemployment even for the weavers. These are the reasons that the people have left this traditional knowledge of weaving and production activities. Further, the material which is required for the production is supplied by private industries from Madhya Pradesh who take these finished products from the weavers at a very low price which isn't sufficient to fulfill the wholesome need of life.



(Ms Harshini, Member, Pro bono club explaining the importance of traditional knowledge and economic value to the villagers.

During the campaign, symbiosis also distributed sanitary pads to the teenage girls at Khapa village and made them aware of the importance of hygiene during the menstruation period. These sanitary pads are purchased by the college from an NGO, Pagaria Welfare Foundation under the scheme of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Yojna. women were made aware of the Yojna.

Ms. Shivani Pande, Chetna Barate, Simran Motyani, Kashish Lalwani, students, SLS, Nagpur explained the details to the women assembled at the conference hall of the Municipal Council, Khapa. The government is charging only one rupee for a pack consisting of 5 packs that are available in any medical shop. Each girl was given two packs for free by the pro bono club of symbiosis law school. To make this event successful members of the pro bono club symbiosis law school Nagpur worked hard under the supervision of Dr. Deepti Khubalkar Nodal officer pro bono club and faculty symbiosis law

school Nagpur. The event was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari, Director of symbiosis law school Nagpur.



Members of the Pro Bono Club explaining the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Yojna

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