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Report

Legal Awareness Program on Traffic Rules

18/09/2021

Legal Aid Centre at Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur in association with an NGO, Ishwarya organized a legal literacy campaign on traffic rules relating to pedestrians in Maharashtra on 18/09/2021. Students of the Legal aid Centre and members of the NGO participated in this drive with zeal and enthusiasm. Students also surveyed the area of Sakarrdara regarding pedestrian rules under the Motor Vehicle Act.

Pedestrians were made aware of their right to way and motor vehicle rules. Pedestrians have the right to way, especially at zebra and pedestrian crossings. If a road is without a footpath pedestrian should walk from the right side of the road. When a blind person is crossing the road, the driver of the vehicle shall consider the white cane as a traffic sign to stop the vehicle.

Under the Persons with Disabilities (Equal opportunities, protection of rights and full participation) Act (1995), the government must provide for auditory signals, engraving on the zebra crossings, slopes in pavements for easy access of wheelchair, and warning signals at appropriate places. Mr. Deepak Bhusari, Police Inspector, Sakkardara Traffic Police Station also interacted with the students.

During the literacy program, the Legal Aid Centre found that,

1. Pedestrians are not effectively regulated at the signal as the zebra crossing is not imprinted on maximum squares.
2. Many signals are not indicating the signals for pedestrians to cross the road.
3. There are no auditory signals, engraving on the zebra crossings, slopes in pavements for easy access of wheelchair, and warning signals at appropriate places for disabled people.
4. Footpaths are encroached by vendors or not maintained properly. Hence the city is not pedestrian-friendly.
5. There is no penalty for pedestrians for violation of traffic rules.
6. The driver cannot claim compensation against the pedestrian if any damage is caused to the vehicle because of the negligence of the pedestrian. Moreover, a pedestrian can claim compensation subject to the rule of no-fault liability and contributory negligence

The event was conducted under the supervision of **Dr. Deepti Khubalkar**, Assistant Professor, SLS, Nagpur, and under the guidance of **Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari**, Director SLS, Nagpur. Ms. Simran Moryani, Kadambari Bhandarkar, Saket Bansal, Riya Agrawal, Trupti Agarkar, Arjun Sambre, Vedant Harde, Aditya Gote, Ayush Rahate worked hard for the success of the event.



Students of SLS, Nagpur and members of NGO displaying posters relating to the traffic rules.





Dr. Deepti Khubalkar, students and Mr. Deepak Bhusari, Inspector and Police personnels at Sakkardara Police station discussing the reasons for violations of traffic rules.



Students interacting with the pedestrians.



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