Report of Legal Literacy Cell (2020-21)



Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women

Sector-36 (Chandigarh)

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Attendees: 35

Despite the prevalence of the pandemic COVID 19, the Legal Literacy Cell of the Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women continued with its efforts in the direction of apprising students about legal rights and duties. It organized an interactive and online talk on Introduction to SLSA and POCSO: Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act. Mr. Mahavir Singh, Additional District & Sessions Judge- cum-Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority (SLSA), U.T., Chandigarh were the resource person for the event. He sensitized the students about SLSA and POCSO Act in this session. SLSA is a social wing of judiciary system of India. The main objective of this wing is to spread legal awareness and to provide free legal aid. Every citizen of India can seek free legal aid from SLSA as their fundamental right. It also includes persons suffered from natural calamity and children below the age of 18. Beside this, he also mentioned that SLSA is actively engaged in sensitizing the various strata of society. It has helped the workers who are working in unorganized sector to get their Job cards to avail 16 benefits offered by the Government of India to them. The para-legal volunteers of SLSA also participated in the food distribution in needy areas and sending the students back to their home during the time of COVID 19 pandemic. He further sensitized the students abut Protection of children from sexual offences (POCSO) Act. This act was enforced on Children Day (November 14th 2012). POCSO is a gender neutral act. Any person who is below 18, is child under this act and can avail the benefits under POCSO. Principal, Dr. Nisha Bhargava thanked the resource person and also ensured him that the student members of the Legal Literacywill act as torch bearers to spread legal awareness among various strata of society.



