

Legal Literacy Survey and Awareness Drive Conducted by DES SNFLC's Pro Bono Club

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Introduction

Deccan Education Society's Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College (DES SNFLC) has always prioritized community engagement and legal education. In line with this mission, a team of 16 dedicated students conducted a two-part community outreach program:

1. **Legal Literacy Survey:** Conducted in Wadarwadi, surveying over 210 households.
2. **Legal Awareness Drive:** Organized in more than 60 colleges across Pune.

The initiative aimed to assess legal awareness levels, identify households needing legal aid, and promote knowledge about basic rights and legal remedies among students and residents.

Part I: Legal Literacy Survey in Wadarwadi

Objectives:

- Understand the legal literacy levels in the community.
- Identify households requiring free legal aid.

Methodology:

- **Team Composition:** 16 law students, divided into smaller groups, surveyed the area over five days.
- **Survey Tool:** A structured questionnaire covering topics like basic legal rights, access to legal services, and awareness of government schemes.
- **Participants:** Heads of households or other adult members in 200+ homes.

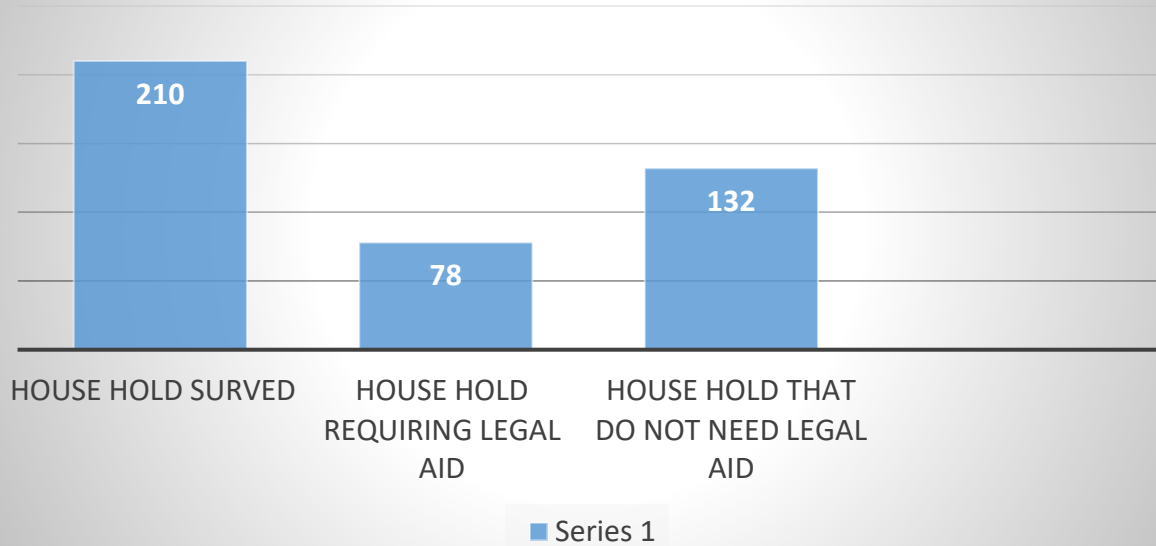
Findings:

- **Awareness Levels:** 132 households demonstrated a satisfactory understanding of basic legal rights.
- **Need for Legal Aid:** 78 households expressed an urgent need for free legal assistance, primarily related to property disputes, domestic violence, and labor rights.

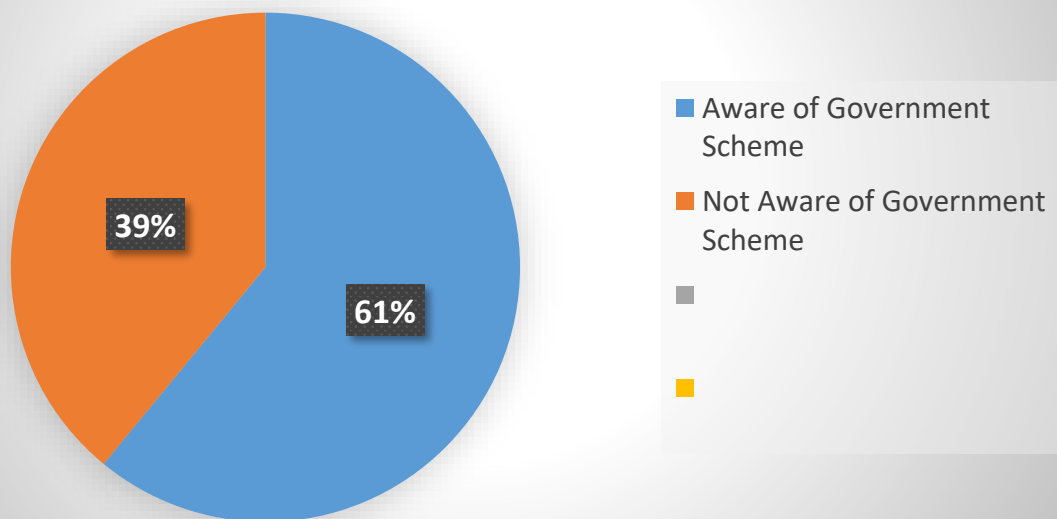
Challenges:

- Language barriers in communicating complex legal terms.
- Skepticism among residents regarding the purpose of the survey.
- Privacy Issues and lack of trust

Legal Literacy Survey



Awareness about Government Scheme in Wadarwadi, Pune



Part II: Legal Awareness Drive across Pune Colleges

Objectives:

- Educate students about their legal rights and responsibilities.
- Encourage participation in legal literacy programs.

Execution:

- **Coverage:** More than 60 colleges, including engineering, arts, science, and commerce institutions.
- **Activities:** Interactive workshops, presentations, and distribution of informative brochures.
- **Topics Covered:** Consumer rights, cybercrime, anti-ragging laws, and women's safety laws.

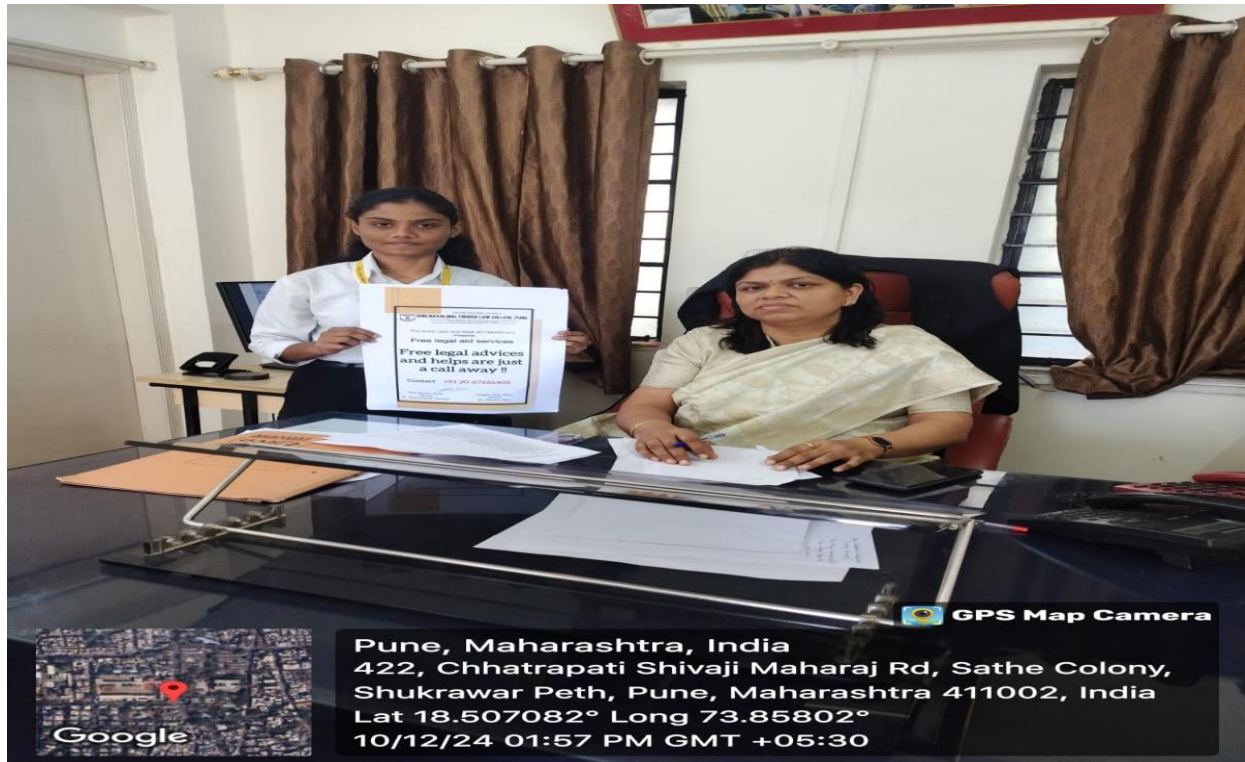
Impact:

- Over 2,000 students reached.
- Significant interest in participating in future legal literacy programs.





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Statistical Analysis

Legal Literacy Survey Results:

- **Households Surveyed:** 210+
- **Households Requiring Free Legal Aid:** 78

Conclusion

This initiative has been a significant step toward fostering legal awareness and addressing the community's legal needs. The findings underline the need for sustained efforts in legal education and aid, particularly for underserved populations. Future plans include organizing follow-up legal aid camps in Wadarwadi and expanding the awareness drive to more colleges.

Recommendations

- Establish a dedicated legal aid cell for Wadarwadi or a wing.
- Conduct bi-annual legal literacy surveys in similar communities.
- Expand the scope of the awareness drive to rural areas around Pune.

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List of colleges that students tried to Reach

Engineering Colleges

1. College of Engineering Pune (COEP)
2. MIT-WPU School of Engineering
3. Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Engineering
4. Vishwakarma Institute of Technology
5. D.Y. Patil College of Engineering
6. Army Institute of Technology
7. Sinhgad College of Engineering
8. Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering
9. MIT Academy of Engineering
10. Pune Institute of Computer Technology (PICT)

Arts, Science & Commerce Colleges

11. Fergusson College
12. Brihan Maharashtra College of Commerce (BMCC)
13. Modern College of Arts, Science & Commerce
14. Sir Parashurambhau (SP) College
15. Garware College of Commerce
16. Abasaheb Garware College
17. Nowrosjee Wadia College
18. Ness Wadia College of Commerce
19. St. Mira's College for Girls
20. Poona College of Arts, Science & Commerce

Law Colleges

21. ILS Law College
22. Symbiosis Law School
23. Deccan Education Society's Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College
24. Bharati Vidyapeeth New Law College
25. Sinhgad Law College

Management Institutes

26. Symbiosis Institute of Business Management (SIBM)
27. MIT School of Management
28. Balaji Institute of Modern Management
29. Pune Institute of Business Management (PIBM)
30. Indira Institute of Management

Medical Colleges

31. Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC)
32. Bharati Vidyapeeth Medical College
33. D.Y. Patil Medical College
34. B.J. Government Medical College
35. Smt. Kashibai Navale Medical College

Pharmacy Colleges

36. Poona College of Pharmacy
37. Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Pharmacy
38. MIT-WPU School of Pharmacy
39. D.Y. Patil Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences
40. Sinhgad College of Pharmacy

Design and Architecture Colleges

41. Symbiosis Institute of Design
42. MIT Institute of Design
43. Dr. Bhanuben Nanavati College of Architecture
44. D.Y. Patil School of Architecture
45. Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Architecture

Hotel Management Colleges

46. Maharashtra State Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology
47. Symbiosis School of Culinary Arts
48. Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Hotel Management
49. Dr. D.Y. Patil Institute of Hotel Management
50. AISSMS College of Hotel Management

Specialized Institutes

51. National Defence Academy (NDA)
52. Film and Television Institute of India (FTII)
53. Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics
54. National Institute of Construction Management and Research (NICMAR)
55. Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER)

Distance and Online Learning Institutes

56. Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning
57. Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU)

Fashion and Fine Arts Colleges

- 58. MIT Institute of Fashion Design
- 59. Bharti Vidyapeeth College of Fine Arts
- 60. International School of Design (INSD)

Other Renowned Institutions

- 61. Symbiosis College of Arts and Commerce
- 62. Savitribai Phule Pune University
- 63. AISSMS College of Arts, Commerce & Science
- 64. MIT-World Peace University
- 65. Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth

Thankyou...