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## Best Practices- ICT

The mission of Anand Vishwa Gurukul College of Law itself emphasizes upon conserving and disseminating knowledge for the advancement of society and use of ICT plays a very vital role in this mission. Use of ICT has enhanced teaching and learning experiences, fostered collaboration and prepared students in our college for the digital age. ICT tools, such as multimedia presentations, virtual classrooms, and online simulations has provided dynamic and interactive learning environments in the college. Students access online legal databases, digital libraries, and e-books, ensuring quick and easy access to vast legal resources as the College provides free access to websites which are helpful for research. This enables them to engage in self-paced learning, enhance their understanding of complex legal concepts, and improve their research skills.

The college provides access to online legal databases such as Go Juris which enables students to access vast collection of legal materials, including case law, statutes, regulations, legal journals, and commentaries. Websites like Go Juris enable students to analyse various cases. Case studies establish legal precedents, which are decisions made by higher courts that serve as authoritative interpretations of the law. Case studies are a valuable learning tool for law students and aspiring lawyers. They offer practical illustrations of legal concepts and help students understand the complexities of the law by examining how legal principles are applied to real situations. This enables students to conduct in-depth research while studying.

Our college facilitates virtual courtroom simulations, where our students can practice professional advocacy skills in a simulated environment. We also conduct mock trials and virtual courtrooms which provide an immersive learning experience, allowing students to develop courtroom etiquette, legal argumentation, and presentation skills. Additionally, presentation method is also used by the faculties in order to explain various concepts more efficiently. ICT is an important element in teaching-learning methods. All classrooms in the college are ICT enabled. Use of presentations while teaching enhance learning abilities of the students as it becomes easy to understand complex concepts.

We also conduct various e-seminars and guest lectures in order to make students aware about legal practices. E-books are also recommended to students by faculty members. Along with this, e-journals are also recommended as it is a periodical publication which is published in electronic format, usually on the

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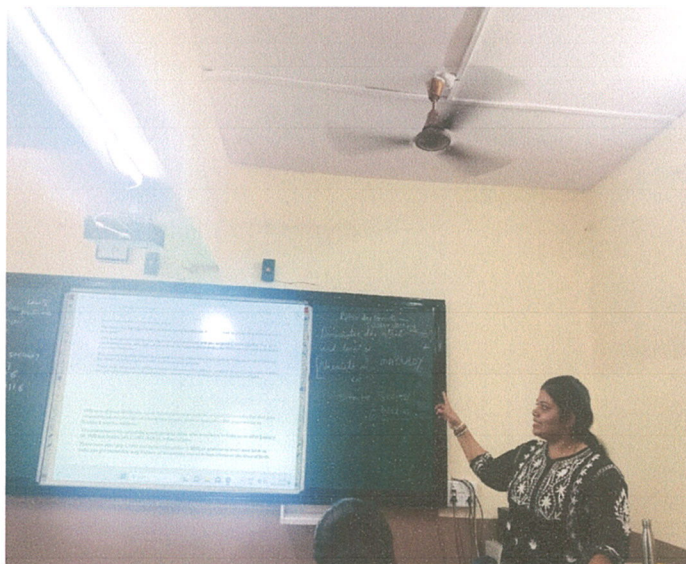
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Internet and therefore consists of latest information on a specific aspect. They can read it anywhere and carry out their research without any hurdles.

We make effective use of ICTs into teaching-learning process as it has the potential to engage the students. Our professors make use of various ICT tools such as audio-video aid to present practical legal problems which motivates and challenges students and thus enhance their analytical and problem-solving skills. Recently, e- Granthalaya was also introduced to the students of our college. It is a digital platform developed by National Informatics Centre, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and Government of India. Students are also encouraged to prepare presentations in order to improve their linguistic skills. Our college have also installed computers in the library in order to provide internet access and e-learning facilities to the students who are unable to do so due to their financial conditions. Thus, our college have taken various initiatives through ICT which equips students with the necessary skills and knowledge to practice law, administer justice, and contribute to the development of the legal system.



Use of ICT by our teachers while teaching



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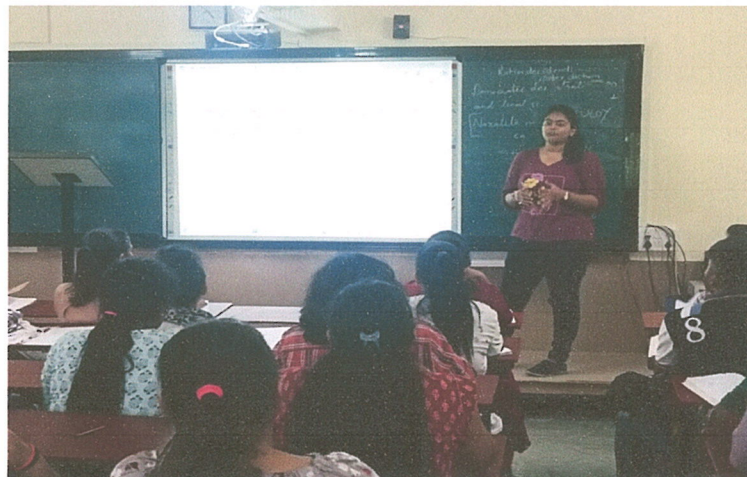
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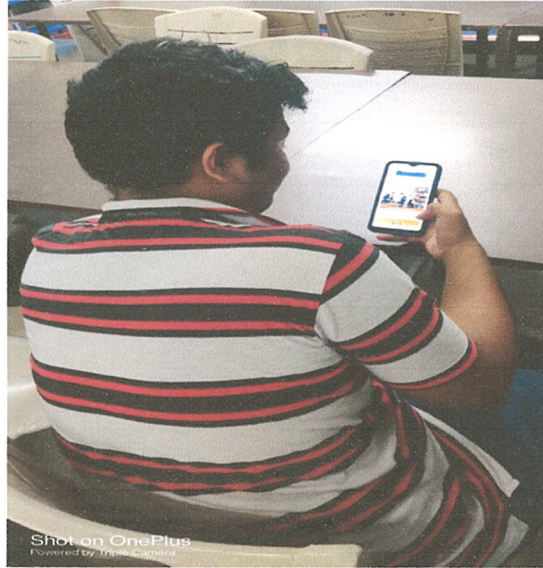
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**Use of Go juris app by our students while studying various cases.**

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## Best Practice – 2

### Title of the Practice:

Legal Aid Clinic

### Objectives of the Practice:

The objectives of having a Legal Aid Clinic in the college and their impact on the teaching and learning process are as follows:

- (1) The National Legal Services Authority of India (NALSA) is set up under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 with the aim to “*To legally empower the marginalized and excluded groups of the society by providing effective legal representation, legal literacy and awareness and bridging the gap between the legally available benefits and the entitled beneficiaries*”. In order to accomplish this goal, NALSA promotes establishment of legal aid clinics at the local level to facilitate maximum outreach and also encourages law colleges to become a part of the set-up.
- (2) The mission of Anand Vishwa Gurukul College of Law emphasizes upon establishing itself as a centre for legal education with student-centred goals that prioritise the development of superior legal knowledge and professional practise readiness. The aim of the institution is for our graduates to have the fundamental skills needed to start a legal career.
- (3) Having a dedicated Legal Aid Clinic in college allows the institution to contribute to the cause of ensuring legal services to all and provides an opportunity to the students to participate in a variety of activities as paralegal volunteers, which helps them bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and its practical implementation
- (4) Engaging with a legal aid clinic enriches the teaching skills of the law teacher by providing them the platform to mentor the students and allows them to make a meaningful impact on students' learning and the communities they serve.

### The Context:

Article 39A of the Constitution of India provides for “Equal justice and free legal aid-to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by reason of economic or other disabilities.”



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To achieve this goal, the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 is enacted to constitute legal services authority to provide free Legal Services to the weaker sections of the society and to organize Lok Adalats for amicable settlement of disputes. The Legal Services Authorities are then classified as under to ensure maximum outreach of its services.

- ✦ The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) is set up at the national level with the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India as its Patron-in-Chief.
- ✦ The State Legal Service Authorities (SLSAs) are set up at the state level under the guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the respective High Courts.
- ✦ The District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) are set up at the district level with the Hon'ble Principal Judge of the District Courts as its Chairperson.

The Legal Aid Clinics are established at local level under the supervision of District Legal Service Authority at law colleges and local body institutions like village panchayat, mandal / block panchayat, municipality and corporation etc.

### The Practice:

In collaboration with and under the guidance of the District Legal Services Authority, Thane, the institution has carried out various legal aid services programme, some of which are stated as under:

Sr. No	Activity/ Program	Date
1	Constitution Day Celebration	26 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
2	Celebration of National Legal Services Day	09 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
3	A seminar on the occasion of World water day and water conservation	30 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
4	A seminar on Women health in general	12 <sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Evidence of Success:

The establishment of the Legal Aid Clinic has been an important milestone for Anand Vishwa Gurukul College of Law. The Legal Aid Clinic has paved a new road for our students' overall growth, as evidenced by the following aspects:

1. Our students have gained excellent practical legal experience because of the Legal Aid Clinic. Participating in training programmes, seminars, awareness programs and rallies and interacting



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luminaries of the legal field has provided our students with invaluable experience that will serve them well throughout their legal careers.

2. Our students have had the opportunity to directly contact with the community and understand their legal challenges through the Legal Aid Clinic. This experience has enabled them to acquire strong interpersonal and counselling abilities, allowing them to deliver compassionate and effective legal guidance to clients in need.
3. The Legal Aid Clinic has given a forum for our students to polish their advocacy abilities through field trips, training courses, and seminars. Our students gained hands-on experience in various aspects of litigation and mediation by learning the basics of legal drafting from experts in the field, understanding the importance of alternative dispute resolution methods, and volunteering in Lok Adalats. This has improved their confidence and ability to effectively advocate for their clients.
4. Our students have benefited from the Legal Aid Clinic's encouragement of collaboration and teamwork. Working with volunteers from various colleges and legal aid organisations promoted a co-operative attitude, allowing them to learn from one another, share knowledge and resources, and build excellent collaboration skills, which are crucial in the legal profession.
5. The Legal Aid Clinic has fostered in our students a feeling of ethical duty and professionalism. Working with vulnerable populations and resolving social justice concerns has provided our students with a thorough awareness of their responsibility as legal professionals, as well as the need of respecting ethical standards.
6. The Legal Aid Clinic has benefited the community by offering free or low-cost legal assistance to people who cannot afford legal counsel. Our students' efforts have aided in closing the justice gap and improving access to justice for underprivileged individuals, meeting our college's commitment to social responsibility.

## Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

In a traditional educational setup, prominence is given to the classroom teaching methods and practical training which is conducted in the class or supervised field visits where the beneficiaries are often mere audiences who seldom participate in the actual work. The mindset often discourages students who believe that practical application should come only after thorough education i.e., after the completion of course.



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The major problem encountered in establishing and functioning of the legal aid clinic is the hesitation to volunteer. It has been observed that students do not volunteer because it would affect academics and that they would not be able to devote enough time and miss out on studies.

Other factor which holds back students is under-confidence. Community engagement requires public speaking and communicating with people from different parts of the society students have never come across. As such, students either shy away from interacting due to their introvert nature or have reservations of 'not knowing enough' to help the stakeholders and beneficiaries.

These issues are however are a matter of experience, majority of times it has been observed that the students most reserved personalities who hesitate to participate eventually develop a deep interest in the programmes and participate in further events with a renewed enthusiasm.



  
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**Constitution Day Celebration at Anand Vishwa Gurukul College of Law**



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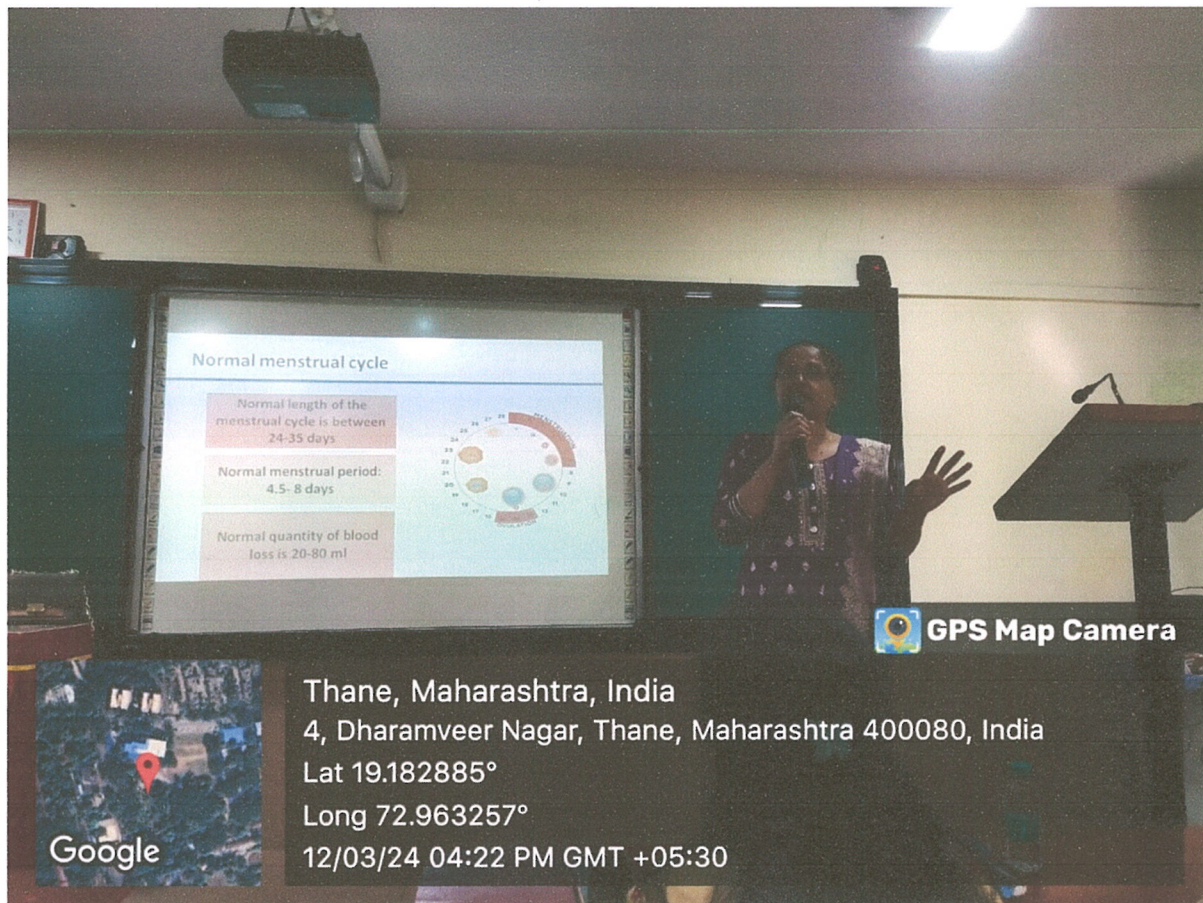
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**Seminar on women health in general at Anand Vishwa Gurukul College of Law**



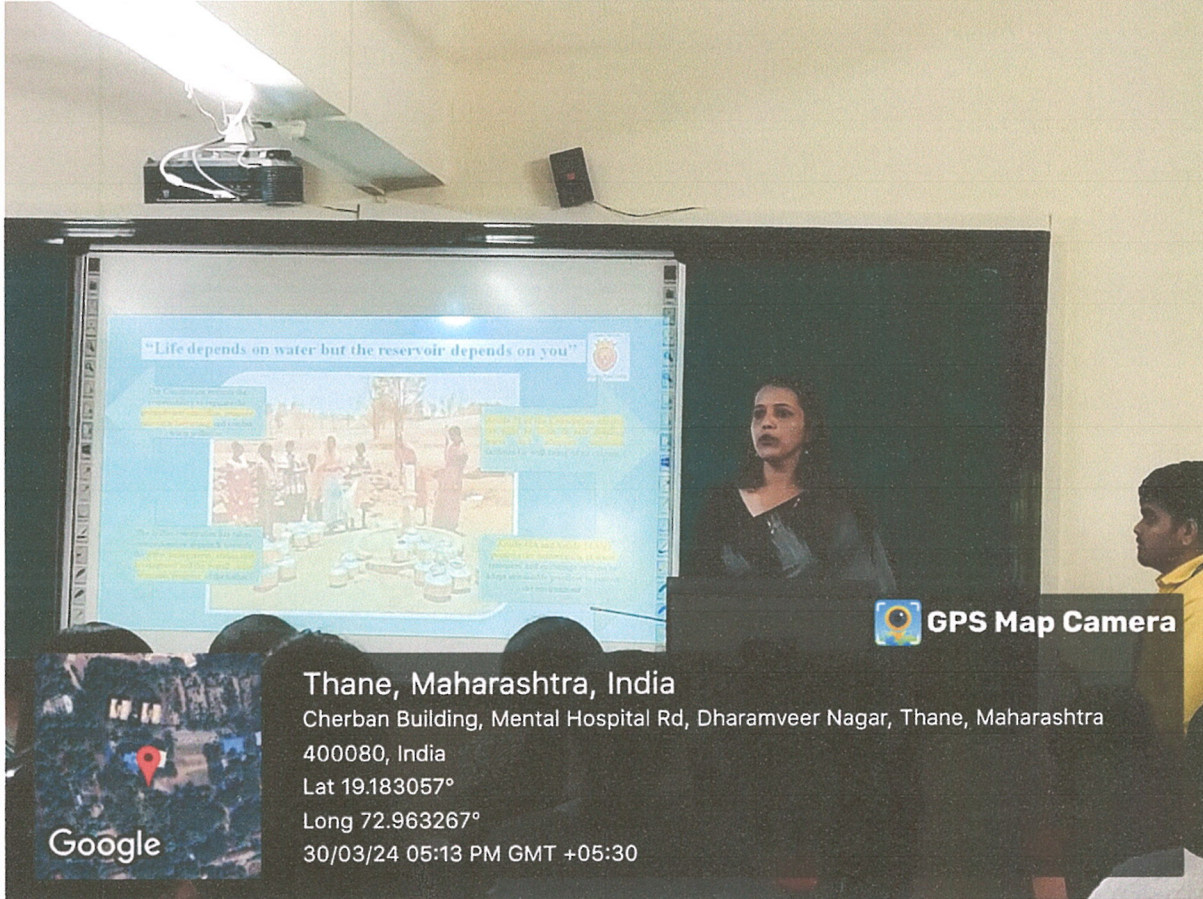
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**Seminar on World Water Day at Anand Vishwa Gurukul College of Law**



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