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On 14thFebruary 2025, the VIPS Legal Aid Clinic, VSLLS, VIPS-TC in collaboration with the North West District Legal Services, organized a Legal Aid Drive and Nukkad Natak at Shakur Basti, Delhi, with a focus on Mediation as an alternative dispute resolution mechanism. The event aimed to educate the local community about the benefits of mediation over traditional litigation, emphasizing its cost-effectiveness, efficiency, and ability to preserve relationships. Under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Leena Moudgil, the initiative was supported by Ms. Jyoti Gulati, LAC, who played an active role in engaging with the community and addressing their queries regarding legal aid services. The event commenced with a Nukkad Natak performance by Mashaal, the Nukkad Natak group of VLAC. The performance illustrated the importance of mediation, particularly in resolving domestic disputes, and highlighted how it can provide swift and amicable solutions compared to prolonged litigation. The enthusiastic response from the audience demonstrated the impact of using creative mediums to spread legal awareness. Following the performance, the volunteers conducted a Legal Aid Drive, distributing informational pamphlets and engaging in discussions with community members. They spread awareness about free legal aid services provided by the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), the National legal aid helpline (1516), and the VIPS Legal Aid Clinic, which offers free assistance every Thursday from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The response from the community was overwhelmingly positive, with many individuals showing keen interest in understanding how mediation could help resolve their disputes more effectively. Several people expressed their gratitude for the initiative, acknowledging the lack of awareness about such services and appreciating the efforts made to bring legal assistance closer to them.

The event concluded on a high note, reinforcing the necessity of legal literacy and accessible justice, especially for underprivileged sections of society. This initiative not only helped in spreading awareness but also strengthened the commitment of the participants toward

promoting legal aid and mediation in the community. The students were happy to contribute to the society in this enthusiastic way.



