

ACTIVITIES AT GLANCE:2019

National Consultative workshop on Journey of Citizens Charter in India

In the month of February 2019, a one day workshop was organised by AGAM in association with CARE India for the representatives of Government of Egypt and CARE Team from Egypt to understand the Journey of Citizens Charter in India.



Opening of a new Sewing Machine Centre (SMC)

In the month of April 2019, we started a Sewing Machine Centre (SMC) stressing upon young girls and ladies providing them training related to sewing, embroidery, art& designing skills. Many dropout and newly married girls have started studying again after coming to our SMC along with the training.



Public Interest Litigation (PIL)-

This year we have taken some matters concerning corruption in the form of Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.

Mrinal Satish's appointment challenged in HC

Petition claims he is ineligible for the post of Delhi Judicial Academy chairperson

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A petition moved before the Delhi High Court has sought to quash the appointment of Mrinal Satish to the post of chairperson, Delhi Judicial Academy, claiming him to be ineligible for the post.

Earlier this month, a Bench comprising Chief Justice Rajendra Menon and Justice A.J. Bhambhani refused from the case. The plea will now be heard by a Bench headed by Justice S. Ravindra Bhat on Monday.

Judicial academies impart judicial education and training to judges. The Delhi Judicial Academy is funded by the Delhi government and administratively controlled by the Delhi High Court.

The petition filed by NGO AGAM, through advocates Ashutosh Kumar Mishra and Isha Garg, has claimed that the appointment of Mr. Satish was in violation of the prescription under the Delhi Judicial Academy (Appointment, Conditions of Service, and Conduct) Rules, 2008.

Prior to his appointment as chairperson of Delhi Judicial Academy, Mr. Satish was a professor of law at National Law University, Delhi, where he was also the Executive Director of the Centre for Constitutional Law, Policy and Governance.

The NGO contended that as per information available on the website of the National Law University, Mr. Satish's experience as a profes-

sor cannot be of more than one-and-a-half year on the date of the appointment.

"Also, considering the credentials of the respondent no.4 [Mr Satish] maximum experience of whatsoever, of respondent no.4 cannot be twenty five years or more," the petition stated.

Mr. Mishra said that the minimum qualification for the post of chairperson is that the person has been a judge of a High Court, or is a distinguished academician having teaching experience of not less than twenty-five years as a lecturer, and experience as a Professor of Law of not less than seven years.

"Hence under no circumstances the candidature of respondent no. 4 falls within

the scope of the eligibility criteria enumerated in the vacancy circular dated August 20, 2018," the plea said.

It alleged that despite the fact that Mr. Satish was not eligible for the post, he was "illegally and arbitrarily appointed as the Delhi Judicial Academy chairperson by Patron-in-Chief (The Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court) on the recommendation of a Search Committee constituted by the Patron-in-Chief".

On January 4, 2019, Prof. S.N. Singh, former Dean, Faculty of Law, Delhi University, wrote a letter to the Chief Justice of India requesting for an enquiry into the matter. However, no response in this regard is received till date, the plea further said.

Law & Justice

There exists a huge gap between the justice delivering authorities and the justice-seeking poor people in India. We as a civil society organisation seeks to fill up this gap through legally empowering people by providing free legal assistance to the poor and marginalised communities, making the law and justice machinery less complex for them and empowering them to achieve their entitlements and rights.

Our beneficiary includes auto-driver, street vendor, garbage collector, homeless, migrant workers and person with disabilities. One of our most satisfying experience happened this year with Mr. Sushil Kumar, having 84% of Locomotor disability. He is a daily wage laborer earning his livelihood through scrap collection. We helped him to secure and realise his right to disability Pension from Government of Delhi. We also helped him in getting approval for motorised tricycle from ALIMCO Delhi, Govt of India with the intervention of Commissioner of Person with Disabilities, Delhi.



First batch of girls of class 10 passed out from a remote village

Babhniyawan, a remote village in Bahraich district in Uttar Pradesh where girls usually leave study after class 8 as to study beyond that she has to travel at least 15 Kms (to and fro) as no secondary school is there in the village itself. When we started our centre there almost two years ago, we encouraged them to take up bicycle and go to secondary schools to complete their studies till class 10 at least. This year in 2019 probably the first batch of girls of class 10 has passed out from the village.



Environment Day Celebration



On 5th of June, 2019 on the occasion of World Environment Day AGAM volunteers organised essay writing and painting competition among the students studying at our different Gram Shiksha and Suchna Kendra (GSSKs) with the theme and stress on "Air Pollution".

Organic Farming training to local farmers

In the month of June, 2019 an awareness cum training program was organised by AGAM volunteers giving exposure to local farmers about Organic Farming. They were shown a short introductory video on how to make organic compost and make farming indeed a zero investment business using only home made products as compost and other things required in agriculture. There happened a great interaction session between our team and the local farmers after the video.



Health Camp

On 24th of June 2019 a Health Camp was organised in Bahraich district of Uttar Pradesh. People including women, old age people and children from nearby villages came for their regular check-up including some people who came for consultation regarding some serious diseases like kidney stone, TB etc.



Gandhiji's 150th birth anniversary celebration

On the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Gandhi Ji, AGAM organised [#SwachhtaHiSewa](#) campaign. All students studying at out centre and volunteers took part in the campaign and contributed towards making India clean. A painting cum essay competition was also organised on the occasion among the students to inculcate in them the ideals and thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi.



Right to Information (RTI) Day Celebration

Just like every year we celebrated RTI Day on 12th of October. We organised a series of awareness meetings and workshops for common villagers including special sessions for students studying at our centre emphasising on the importance of RTI in making systems more transparent and accountable.

A new Gram Shiksha and Suchna Kendra (GSSK) started

In the month of November we started a new Gram Shiksha and Suchna Kendra (GSSK) in the village Keshwapur Pajawa (Chotki Doob), in Shravasti district of Uttar Pradesh. This new centre has been opened after conducting a basic survey relating to their various needs to understand the local community in a better way. Currently, about 40 students ranging from class 1 to 5 are studying at this centre.



Cluster Gram Sansad

In the month of October and November AGAM volunteers organised "Cluster Gram Sansad" in two districts namely, Shravasti and Gonda in the state of Uttar Pradesh. The purpose of the "Cluster Gram Sansad" was to initiate a discussion and create awareness among the villagers to recognise Panchayats as third government, to make them aware about the newly introduced GPDP (Gram Panchayat Development Plan), the funds

Panchayats are getting after the recommendation of 14th Finance Commission to make their own development plans at gram level, working of Gram Sabha at gram level that is similar to Loksabha at national level and Vidhan Sabha at state level etc. and how the largest state Uttar Pradesh can follow the footsteps of states like Kerala, West Bengal etc. in strengthening Panchayati-Raj Institutions at grass root level.



Anti-corruption Day celebration

On 9th December AGAM celebrated Anti-Corruption Day along with the students and common villagers in Bahraich and Shravasti districts. A total of more than 100 students has taken pledge as prepared by Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) to remove corruption from our country and not to involve in such malicious acts and maintain highest level of integrity in their future life.



Fuel, as we all know, is the most important factor to run machineries. Similarly, to operationalise our activities smoothly, support from all philanthropists and well-wishers of the society is of great importance. Usually, we have the intention to serve the society and are doing whatever is possible from our end, but the fact of the matter is that in this modern era everyone is so busy in their corporate and personal life that we rarely invest time looking over these issues our society is facing as a whole.

We, at AGAM, provide a very good platform to such people to do their part in giving back to the society by helping us in any of our activities/ issues we are working on, which shakes you from within. Please go through the link <http://www.agamindia.org/page/donate-us> to support us and do your part required to give something back to the society !!!!

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