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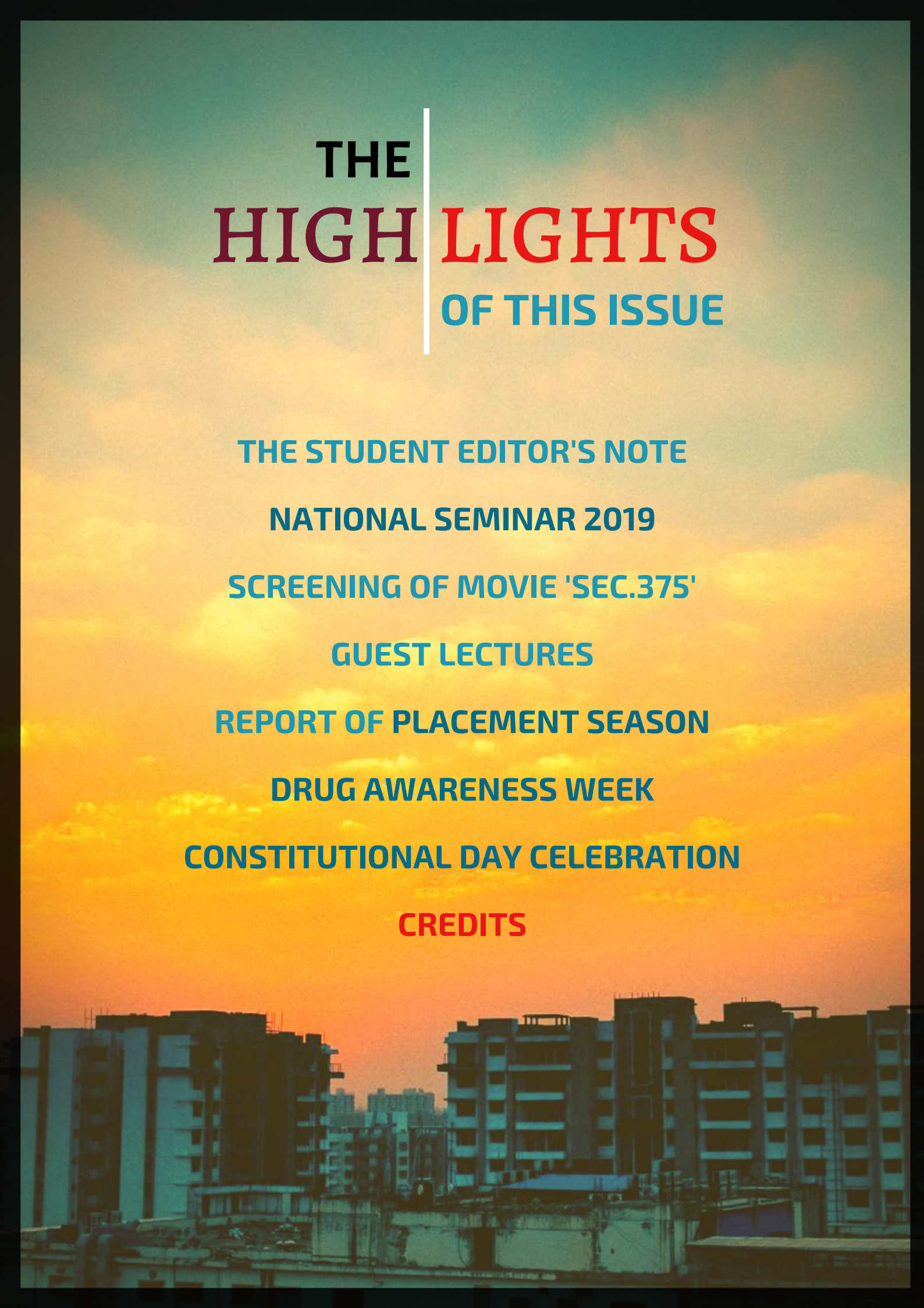
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"Be the change that you wish to see in the world."

-Mahatma Gandhi



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Greetings!

Please accept hearty compliments from warm zephyrs of Army Institute of Law, Mohali !
We hope that this work of dedication, made with utmost delicacy and affection, finds you in the best of your health !

This year witnessed even more dynamism as Army Institute of Law, Mohali, continues to strategically tread upon the path of development progressively. The Institute continues to scatter its beams nationally and internationally via its students and a strong network of alumni spread all over the globe, working in international firms, under/as international attorneys, and courts of law abroad.

This year culminated with the following rankings for Army Institute of Law (the year 2019) :

Careers 360: 3rd among the top 20 law colleges.

As the trails of 2019 fold and cease to remain with the folds of past, and we look forward to the fast approaching year of 2020, we would like to thank from the bottom of our hearts to you for being with us again.

May the new year bring you all the prosperity in the world.

Warm regards,

Nishant Tiwari

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ACTIVITIES
AT A
GLANCE

AIL NATIONAL SEMINAR

9th Edition

-ABHISHEK RANJAN (1st Year)



Guests at the National Seminar (left to right): Brig Mamik (SO to Chairman, AIL), Dr. Tejinder Kaur (Principal, AIL), Maj Gen M.L. Aswal (Chairman, AIL), Col (Retd.) Arun Dhawan (Placement Officer, AIL)

"For good ideas and true innovation you need human interaction, conflicts, and debates."

- Margarret Heffernan

Discussions form an essential element of the law curriculum as they propel growth and development of a person, channelizing one's bent of mind and thereby making room for enhancement of thoughts and ideas. Seminars, around the globe, have been paving way for exchange of ideas between learned scholars and opening doors to wide interpretations and perspectives of the changing times.

Army Institute of Law, Mohali ,ritualistically conducted the mega-annual 9th Edition of the National Seminar on 12th October 2019.The theme of the seminar was "Dynamics of gender equations in 21st century: SOCIO-LEGAL PERSPECTIVE."

"All men are created equal" was penned by Thomas Jefferson in 1776. It is also a part of the US Declaration of Independence but through the transitioning times, the situations have undergone a total transformation. History has witnessed predominance of men over women in the affairs of the world. But, with the passage of time and the advent of the 21st century, there has been a change in the status of the genders.

The above mentioned quotation not only includes 'women' but also brings the third gender into its manifold. There has been a long and sustaining fight for this equality to be brought to the forefront. The Feminist movement and the gay rights movement have seen a variable impact in our homeland India too. Bringing changes has been difficult, but these movements have brought a shift in the field of women empowerment too, which was witnessed by the reforms that it brought in the laws in our country. Thus, the given topic includes plethora of sub-themes on which renowned legal luminaries, academicians, and scholars presented their views with their insightful and resourceful research papers.

The seminar was a one day affair and was filled with vigour of knowledge and robust energy. To add to the magnanimity it was graced by Hon'ble Justice Mr. Rajiv Bhalla, former Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court and is currently acting as an advocate in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The panel also consisted of Ms. Palika Monga, Deputy Advocate General Haryana, and the Chairman AIL, M.L. Aswal, MG AOC HQ Western Command.

The veterans voiced their knowledgeable opinions on the innovative topic and urged the young scholars to open their minds to the wide possibilities that demand attention today. They were facilitated with mementoes by the Chairman AIL as a token of appreciation for their benign presence in the house.

The technical sessions followed until the end of the day and all the presenters were facilitated with certificates. Therefore, with immense zeal and fervour, Army Institute Of law concluded yet another event.

DRUG AWARENESS WEEK

11th November- 16th November

A LECTURE BY MR. DILBAGH SINGH

-ARPITA CHAUHAN (1st Year)



Mr. Dilbagh Singh addressing the students in the MPH

“Addiction is a disease that makes you too selfish to see the havoc you created or care about the people whose lives you have shattered.”

The institution of Army Institute Of Law under the guidelines of Punjabi University launched a “Buddy Program” to set in motion a fight against Drug Abuse. Under this program, a team was set up which comprised of teacher and students. Their primary task was to unfold the consciousness of the people and make them realize the gravity of the situation which is the result of drug abuse. For this, a DRUG AWARENESS WEEK was celebrated in the institute from 11th of November 2019 to 16th of November 2019. Throughout this week, total of three activities took place.

First activity was the Brainstorming Session which was initiated by the students of first year in which a healthy discussion was held on the topic of Drug Abuse. Every other student presented his/her own point of view about drug abuse. According to some it was the curiosity among the youth which introduce them to the world of drugs leading to the dependency on it which ultimately results into addiction and drug abuse while others were of the opinion that it was one’s own will and wish to indulge in it or it may be the result of some depressing circumstances in an individual’s life. A detailed discussion was also held on, what approach should be taken to deal with the addicts. Ideas were provided regarding what innovative steps can be taken by the government and what we as common members of the society can do to help the people who are suffering. It was a fruitful activity and all the students were able to apprehend the intensity of the concerned matter.

The second activity was the Thursday Special Session, in which **Mr. Dilbagh Singh** came from the Chandigarh Rehabilitation Centre to enlighten the minds of the students regarding drug usage and abuse and to make them look at it from an open and different perspective. The session was highly illuminating in its own way. Mr. Singh shared his own personal experiences and some, of the people he had met in his life who were victims of drug abuse with the students which in return motivated the students to share their personal experiences or instances which they witnessed in their lives. This was an eye opening session for many as in this session students realized what drugs can do to them and what it can take away from them. He helped the students to comprehend on how to deal with such people and how we can help them. He indoctrinated the students about the psychology of the dopers to know them better. It was an interactive session and students enthusiastically participated in it.

The third and the last activity was a session hosted by the members of the buddy program in which the students were shown the experiences of some great personalities like Robert Downey Jr., Daniel Radcliffe, Matthew Perry etc. who were drug addicts and suffered miserably in their lives. In this session students were deliniated about the causes and effects of Drug Abuse. The buddy members did all they could do to make the students understand the hardships and pain which a person has to go through if he/she falls prey to drugs. They also organized an essay and poem writing competition for the students so that the students will somehow ponder on the topic. At the end of the session students were apprised about the need to be aware and protect themselves and their close ones from becoming a victim to the evil of Addiction. Drug Abuse is often accompanied by a devastating impact on a person’s personal and social life. It leads to major health issues like tuberculosis, cancer etc. It also destroys the family life of an individual and makes the life of a person worthless. The path to recovery is never easy but it’s always worth it. It is important to always keep yourself motivated and remind yourself why you are in this journey.

To all those who are still struggling to get out of the grasp of this addiction- Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will. If you can quit for a day, you can quit for a lifetime.

CONSTITUTION DAY

26th November 2019



The CRCLP Team: Faculty Coordinator Ms. Chanpreet Kaur, Asstt. Professor of Law
Student members (left to right): Deepika Sangwan (5th Year), Mayank Sharma (3rd Year), Gunsimran Kaur (4th Year), Preyoshi Bhattacharjee (3rd Year), Shrudhar Jugtawat, and Ananya Sharma (Convenor, 5th Year)

The Constitution of India is the *suprema lex* 'law of the land'. Not only is it respectfully adored by the citizens of India, but also studiously studied as a product of art that was churned out after deliberations and discussions in the Parliament for several years.

Beautifully drafted, as one turns the vintage pages of the lengthiest Constitution in the world, the bibliochor takes the memory back invariably to the days of 1950s when the wounds of partition were afresh and two young countries had taken birth. The moment when the Assembly proudly brought the Indian Constitution into force, and it had all the inquisitive eyes fixed on it as it passed down the aisle. Although, wrinkled from the wear-and-tear of the ravages of time, the vintage book still has stupendous capacity of jolting back the viewer to the days of Nehru, Gandhi, and Ambedkar.

To celebrate its 70 years of being in force, Army Institute of Law, Mohali, on this 28th day of November 2019 felicitously celebrated the Constitution Day. It was organized by The Center for Research in Constitutional Law and Policy (CRCLP). The celebration was kicked into action with the harmonious instrumental music by Aryaman of the first year, which swarmed the Hall with the classics of legends like Kishore Kumar and Lata Mangeshkar. The performance was followed by a 'Pledge', via which the students joined by the faculty, bowed before the Constitution of India, and solemnly recited its Preamble to reaffirm their faith in the ideals of 'justice', 'liberty', 'equality', 'secularism', 'integrity', and 'fraternity' as laid down by the Constitution-makers. Thereafter, Mayank Sharma from the third year took on the stage to deliver an informative speech about the Indian Constitution, which was followed by a Hindi speech of Abhishek Bajpai and Prashant from the first year. After the students enthralled the audience with their mellifluous scholastic speeches, choir of the first year students came on the stage and reverberated the hall with the reassuring melody of 'Satyamev Jayate'. The soulful song stirred the patriotism out of every budding lawyer sitting in the audience, and by its end the entire audience was swaying in the euphonious notes of the song. Moving towards the end of the show, a descriptive documentary was shown to the students, which boosted their knowledge about the Constitution of India and its thorough provisions which were very carefully drafted by the Constitution-makers keeping the welfare of the Indian citizens in mind.

Lastly, Ms. Chanpreet Kaur, Asstt. Professor of Law and the Faculty Coordinator of CRCLP, delivered the vote of thanks. She also released the CRCLP Booklet which was carefully drafted by the students of third, fourth, and fifth year to serve as an introductory aid to the students of junior batches to Constitution Law.

All in all, the event was a huge success, and marked the final event of the odd semester of the academic session 2019-20.

PLACEMENT SEASON AT AIL

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SCREENING OF THE MOVIE 'SECTION 375'

-YASHVARDHAN SINGH (1st Year)

A movie show titled "Section 375" was organised for the students of the institute on the first day of October 2019.

The main objective of displaying this literary piece was to make the students aware of courtcraft and the intricacies of the law and legal procedures.

Section 375 is a solid courtroom drama which keeps us engaged right through. The title 'Section 375' is a section of Indian Penal Code which defines 'rape.' A junior costume designer files complaint of rape against film director. A top legal advocate takes up the responsibility to defend the accused who he believes is being falsely involved in a fabricated legal hassle.

He moves to the High court against the judgement of District Court and presents that it was rather a consensual affair that had just terribly gone wrong. Despite all his attempts, he loses the case. The movie leaves its viewers with a very pertinent question- was justice delivered?

Nevertheless, the movie leaves the audience with the reality of the day- lawyers are not in the business of justice, they are in the business of law.



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'CHANGE WITHIN TO CHANGE OUTSIDE'

A LECTURE BY MS. URVASHI BHATIA

-SUNIDHI SINGH (3rd year)

On 3rd October, 2019, Ms. Urvashi Bhatia joined us for an extremely innovative and knowledgeable guest lecture on the topic- "Reform the mind: Change within to change outside".

An internationally certified Presenter Trainer, twice from the UK-based Cambridge University and once as the IESOL (International English for Speakers of Other Languages) trainer from the Manipal City and Guilds Global, she is a content writer, translator, editor and has organized innumerable personality development programs and projects. Throughout the lecture, ma'am inspired all the students to adopt the simple equation of 3Cs in their lives: 'Credibility,' 'Character,' and, 'Competence'.

Following the practical interpretation of the equation students were encouraged to imbibe productive qualities such as compassion and humility for proper growth and were explained the barriers to communication. To make the session more enjoyable, short quizzes were conducted and the students were shown inspiring videos, which also included the famous speech of Admiral William McRaven and the exhilarating winning moment of the prodigal horse, 'Sea Biscuit'. Students showed enthusiastic participation and enjoyed the interactive session thoroughly.



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THE RULE OF ROAD SAFETY IN NATION-BUILDING

A LECTURE BY MR. HARMAN SINGH SIDHU

-MANNAT (1st Year)

On the 21st of November, the Thursday activity comprised of an informative guest lecture by Mr. Harman Singh Sidhu, President of Arrive Safe, an organization which aims to reduce the instances of accidents by spreading awareness about road safety.

Road accidents are recognized as one of the major reasons for death across the country. Leading facts show that two lakhs, thirty-one people are killed in road traffic crashes every year. It is most unfortunate that their occurrences are on the rise even though this is such a grave concern. The number of people killed on Indian roads recorded a rise of 2.37 per cent in 2018. Given the circumstances and the dire situation of Indian roads, it is most necessary to educate the masses about the rules and regulations regarding traffic and to spread awareness about the importance of road safety.

Sir, himself, is a survivor of a road accident which left him paralyzed waist below. This however did not slow him down in his journey as he learned from this unfortunate experience and took it upon himself to educate the masses regarding road safety. He filed various petitions regarding prohibiting opening of liquor shops near highways and brought about a significant change. He has also worked for the United Nations and received numerous national and international awards such as Prince Michael International road safety award for his contribution in this field.

The session was very interactive and informative. Sir enlightened the students regarding various terms relating to road safety like right of way etc. and imparted legal knowledge about recent bill passed in the parliament. Sir also addressed the issue of one thinking that he is always right on road which becomes the cause for most of the road accidents.

Road accidents are not inevitable but predictable and preventable. We all must adhere to the safety rules and regulations to reduce the occurrences of road accidents to make Indian roads safer.



Mr. Harman Singh Sidhu addressing the students at AIL

**SAFETY
FIRST**

'PLOGGING': CLEANLINESS DRIVE AT AIL

-DRISHTI RANJAN (1st Year)



The first cleanliness drive initiative launched by Army Institute of Law on the second of October, witnessed the participation of a huge number of students , ranging from the first to the fifth year.

The drive kicked off at 6:00 am, on the 4th anniversary of the '*Swacch Bharat Abhiyan*,' taken up by the Hon'ble Prime Minister to pay tribute to the father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi, and his utmost priority to hygiene, sanitation and cleanliness. Upon arrival, the volunteers were divided into 7 teams of 4 members each, who first cleaned the college premises, then ventured out into the surrounding neighborhood.

The teams took up the initiative of picking up litter and disposing it, thus cleaning the footpaths and the general residential area near the college, which also included a community temple. The volunteers were rewarded for the two hours of hard work put in by them, in the form of refreshments upon returning. All in all, the earnest participation of the students reflected the success of the cleanliness drive and lived up to the expectations attached to this initiative.



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