

**VIDYA PRASARAK MANDAL's
TMC LAW COLLEGE
THANE**

**LEGAL AID CELL
REPORT**

2025-2026

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LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME REPORT

Academic Year: 2025–2026

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Authorities Act, 1987)*

Name of the Institution: Vidya Prasarak Mandal's Thane Municipal Council
Law College, Thane

Implementing Body: Legal Aid Cell

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PLV- 30+ students

Vidya Prasarak Mandal's Thane Municipal Council Law College, Thane has consistently strived to fulfil the broader social responsibility of legal education by effectively integrating academic excellence with meaningful community engagement. The institution firmly believes that law is not merely a professional discipline but a vital instrument for promoting social justice and bringing about positive societal transformation. In a diverse and populous country like India, where a considerable section of the population remains unaware of its legal rights, duties, and available remedies, the dissemination of legal awareness becomes indispensable. Recognising this need, the college has institutionalised legal aid and legal literacy initiatives as an integral part of its academic mission and social commitment.

The Legal Aid Cell of the college serves as a dedicated platform through which faculty members and students work collaboratively to promote legal awareness among the public. The Cell endeavours to bridge the gap between

the legal system and society by presenting legal principles and statutory provisions in a simple, accessible, and practical manner. The institution's commitment to legal aid is deeply rooted in the constitutional ideals of justice, equality, and human dignity, which form the cornerstone of the Indian legal framework. Through sustained legal literacy programmes and outreach activities, the college seeks to empower citizens with legal knowledge, safeguard them against exploitation, and encourage respect for the rule of law.

The activities organised by the Legal Aid Cell during the academic year **2025-2026** demonstrate the institution's comprehensive and proactive approach towards legal literacy and community service. Rather than confining its efforts to isolated programmes, the Cell adopted a continuous, systematic, and multi-faceted strategy encompassing lectures, workshops, legal awareness camps, public rallies, competitions, and field-based outreach initiatives. These programmes were thoughtfully designed to address contemporary legal issues, emerging social concerns, and significant statutory developments, thereby ensuring their relevance, effectiveness, and meaningful impact on the community.

FUNCTIONING OF THE LEGAL AID CELL AND INFRASTRUCTURAL SUPPORT

The Legal Aid Cell of Vidya Prasarak Mandal's Thane Municipal Council Law College functions from a dedicated office located at first floor of the law college building. This office serves as the central point for planning, coordination, execution, and documentation of all legal aid and legal awareness activities. The existence of a separate and identifiable Legal Aid Cell office enhances institutional accountability and provides students and members of the public with a reliable point of contact for legal awareness initiatives.

Since its establishment in the year 2012, the Legal Aid Cell has steadily evolved in its scope and functioning. Over the years, it has developed systematic procedures for organising programmes, maintaining records, and coordinating with external authorities such as the District Legal Services Authority, Thane. The Cell functions under the guidance of Dr. Vinod H. Wagh, In-Charge of the Legal Aid Cell, who ensures that all activities are conducted in accordance with legal and ethical standards. The Principal of

the college, faculty members, and the management of Vidya Prasarak Mandal extend continuous academic and administrative support to the functioning of the Cell.

The infrastructural support provided to the Legal Aid Cell enables it to function efficiently throughout the academic year. The office is used for student orientation sessions, preparation of legal awareness materials, planning meetings, and maintenance of reports and photographic records. This structured functioning ensures continuity of activities and facilitates the preparation of comprehensive annual reports, which are essential for institutional review and statutory compliance.

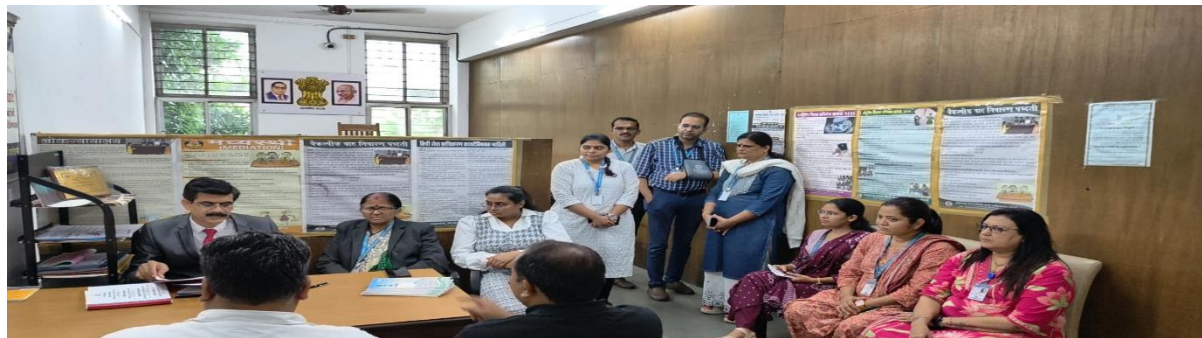
ORIENTATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING OF STUDENTS

At the beginning of the academic year **2025–2026**, students enrolled in various years of the **LL.B. programme** were provided with a comprehensive orientation on the objectives, scope, and significance of legal aid and legal awareness initiatives. The programme was designed to familiarise students with the role of the **Legal Aid Cell** and to prepare them for meaningful participation in community-oriented legal literacy activities. Emphasis was placed on fostering a sense of professional ethics, social responsibility, and commitment to public service while interacting with diverse sections of society.

A key component of the orientation programme focused on clarifying the distinction between **legal awareness** and **legal advice**. Students were informed that their responsibility was confined to disseminating general information regarding legal rights, duties, and available legal remedies without offering individual legal opinions or professional advice. This distinction was highlighted to ensure adherence to ethical principles and the professional standards governing legal education and legal aid activities.

Capacity building was envisaged as an ongoing process aimed at equipping students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence required for effective community engagement. Faculty members conducted guidance sessions on communication techniques, public interaction, and the importance of explaining legal concepts in a simple and easily understandable manner.

Students were encouraged to appreciate legal aid not merely as an academic exercise but as an essential instrument for promoting access to justice, strengthening legal consciousness, and serving society. This systematic preparation enabled students to participate in legal awareness programmes with competence, discipline, and a strong sense of social commitment, thereby enhancing the overall effectiveness of the Legal Aid Cell's outreach activities.



Legal Awareness Programs in 140+ educational institutions

As a part of Practical Training-II prescribed for Semester-III of the Second Year LL.B. programme, our college has introduced a comprehensive project on Legal Awareness with the objective of creating legal consciousness among the general public. We MAY be the only law college which has made project on Legal Awareness as compulsory activity for students. The project focuses on spreading awareness about various public-oriented laws and legal rights across the Thane, Mumbai, and Navi Mumbai regions. This initiative aims to bridge the gap between legal knowledge and society by encouraging law students to actively participate in community-oriented legal literacy programmes while simultaneously developing their practical skills, communication abilities, and sense of social responsibility.

As a part of this project, students were divided into teams consisting of four to six members and were assigned to conduct legal awareness programmes at a variety of locations, including schools, colleges, coaching classes, housing societies, Adivasi padas, industrial establishments, offices, and other workplaces. These programmes enabled the students to interact directly with

different sections of society and disseminate basic legal knowledge in a simple, understandable, and practical manner.

Before undertaking these outreach activities, the college organized systematic orientation and training sessions for the participating students. Faculty members and resource persons acquainted them with the objectives of legal awareness programmes, methods of effective public communication, ethical responsibilities, and the importance of presenting legal information accurately and in an easily comprehensible language. The students were also guided about the distinction between creating legal awareness and providing legal advice, thereby ensuring that their activities remained within appropriate professional and academic boundaries.

During these legal awareness programmes, the students covered a wide range of socially significant and public-oriented legal topics. These included the Constitution of India and Fundamental Rights, Human Rights, the Right to Information Act, the Right to Education Act, the Protection of Women from Sexual Harassment at Workplace (POSH), the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, anti-ragging laws, the National Public Distribution System (NPDS), consumer awareness, environmental protection, gender equality, cyber safety, and other important legal issues affecting the daily lives of citizens. The students explained these laws through interactive discussions, presentations, question-and-answer sessions, and practical examples so that the audience could easily understand their legal rights and responsibilities.

Through these awareness campaigns, the students successfully enlightened school and college students, employees, women, senior citizens, tribal communities, and other members of the public about various legal safeguards and welfare legislations. The programmes not only enhanced legal literacy among the participants but also encouraged them to become responsible and law-abiding citizens. The interactive nature of these sessions enabled the participants to clarify their doubts and gain confidence in understanding the legal mechanisms available for the protection of their rights.

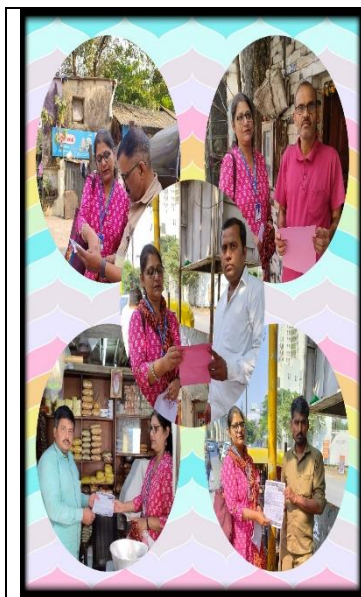
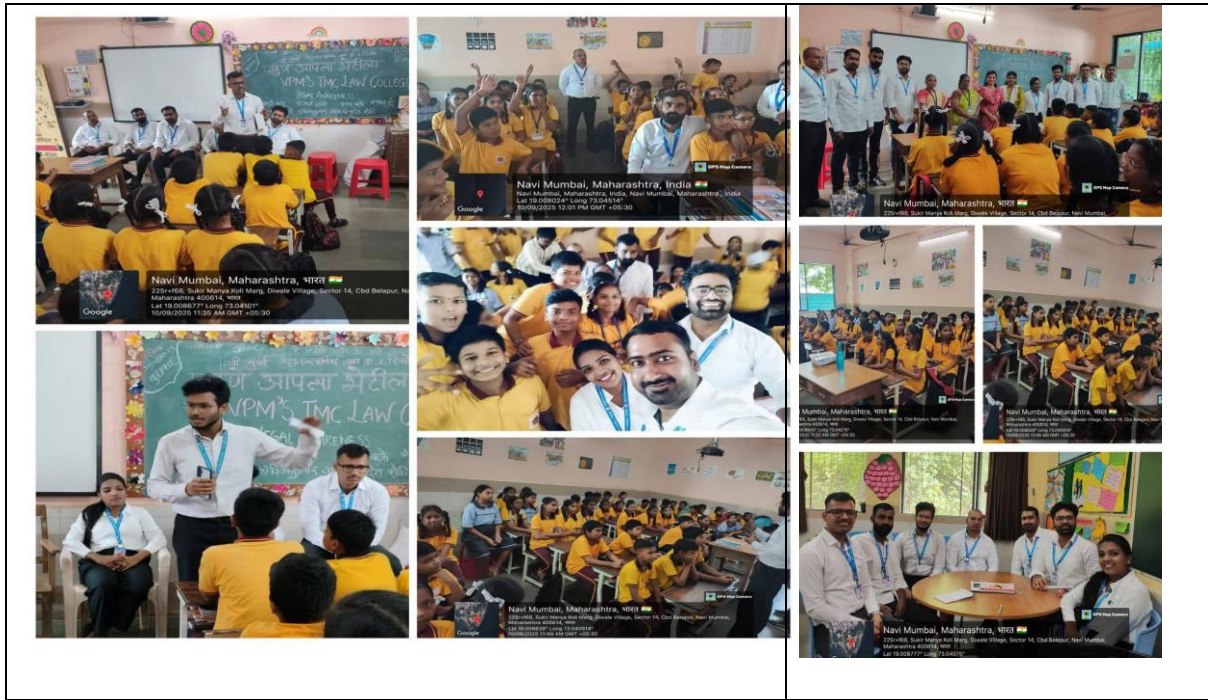
The legal awareness initiatives received an encouraging response from the institutions and communities visited by the students. Principals, teachers,

management authorities, community leaders, and participants appreciated the sincere efforts of the student volunteers in promoting legal literacy. Several educational institutions expressed their willingness to organize similar programmes in the future due to their positive impact on students and the community.

The activities conducted under this project also received recognition beyond the immediate audience. Many of the legal awareness programmes were highlighted on social media platforms and reported in local newspapers, thereby extending their reach and creating greater public awareness. These acknowledgements reflected the effectiveness of the initiative and the commitment of the college towards promoting legal education beyond the classroom.

Overall, the Legal Awareness Project under Practical Training–II proved to be a highly meaningful and enriching learning experience for the students. It not only strengthened their understanding of various laws and improved their communication, leadership, and organizational skills but also instilled in them a sense of professional ethics, civic responsibility, and commitment to social justice. At the same time, the project significantly contributed to enhancing legal awareness among diverse sections of society, thereby fulfilling the broader objective of legal education as an instrument of social transformation.

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कायदेविषयक जनजागृती कार्यक्रमाचे आयोजन

डोबिवली : स्वांगी विवेकानंद विद्यामंदिर, डोबिवली पश्चिम येथील शाळेत कायदेविषयक जनजागृती कार्यक्रमाचे आयोजन करण्यात आले होते. या कार्यक्रमाचा उद्देश शालेय विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये कायदाविषयी जागरूकता निर्माण करणे हा होता.

या सत्रांमध्ये विद्यार्थ्यांना शासकीय योजना व विविध महत्वाचे कायदे यांची माहिती देण्यात आली. त्यात विशेषतः पीएस (POCSO) कायदाअंतर्गत तरतुदी व संरक्षण, अंगुली पदार्थाच्या सेवनाबाबत जागरूकता व व्यापक कायदेशीर परिणाम, रॅपिंग विरोधी कायदे, तसेच उच्च शिक्षणासाठी प्रवेश प्रक्रिया सुलभ करणारे प्रशासकीय कायदे याविषयी सविस्तर माहिती देण्यात आली. सत्राचा समारोप पर्यावरण कायदे आणि वाढत्या सायबर गुन्हांवर चर्चा करून करण्यात आला.

विद्यार्थ्यांना विषय अधिक प्रभावीपणे समजावून देण्यासाठी प्रश्नमंजुषा व खेळांच्या माध्यमातून सहभागस्मक पद्धतीने मार्गदर्शन करण्यात आले. यांमुळे विद्यार्थी उत्साहाने सहभागी झाले आणि त्यांच्यामध्ये जागरूकता निर्माण झाली. हा उपक्रम विद्या प्रसारक मंडळाच्या विधी महाविद्यालय, ठाणे येथील द्वितीय वर्षाचे विद्यार्थी बघाली पाटील, आरिफा तडवी, आशिर्षी राईमान, पूजा कदम, शर्वाी अरेकर आणि कलावती कोकणी यांच्या पुढाकाराने पार पडला. त्यांनी विद्यार्थ्यांशी संवाद साधत सोप्या भाषेत कायदांचे महत्त्व पटवून दिले. शाळेतील शिक्षकवंद रानडे, देशपांडे, मुराळे बाई आणि मुख्याध्यापक रायसिंग सर यांच्या सहकार्याने हे सत्र यशस्वीरीत्या पार पडले. या कार्यक्रमांमुळे विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये कायदाबाबतची जाण वाढून त्यांना सामाजिक जबाबदारीची जाणीव होण्यास मदत झाली.

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Add on Certificate Programme on Art, Theatre and Legal Literacy

With a view to promoting legal literacy and strengthening the participation of law students in legal awareness activities, a Certificate Course on Art, Theatre and Legal Literacy through Creative Communication was organized during the Academic Year 2025–2026. The programme was designed to equip students with a sound understanding of the legal aid movement and the objectives of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, while providing practical exposure to various modes of legal awareness and community outreach through creative communication.

The course commenced on 20 November 2025 and comprised 30 hours of academic instruction and practical training. The curriculum included the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, legal aid and legal literacy, methods of conducting legal awareness programmes, street theatre, script writing, poster making, slogan writing, and the effective use of visual and performing arts as tools for disseminating legal information among the public.

The inaugural session was graced by Mr. Ravindra Pajankar, Hon'ble Civil Judge (Senior Division) and Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Thane, who emphasized the importance of legal literacy in ensuring access to justice and encouraged students to actively contribute towards legal awareness initiatives. Mr. Niket More, Marathi film actor and distinguished alumnus, attended as the Guest of Honour and motivated the participants to utilize creative expression for promoting social awareness. The programme was also attended by Mr. Omkar Subramanian, who served as the Resource Person for the practical component of the course.

The academic sessions were conducted by experienced faculty and resource persons. Mr. Vinod H. Wagh delivered lectures on the evolution of the legal aid movement, constitutional and statutory foundations of legal services, legal literacy, and significant judicial developments relating to access to justice. Mr. Omkar Subramanian conducted intensive practical training in theatre, acting techniques, script development, stage presentation, and street play production. Students also received training in legal awareness painting, poster preparation, and slogan writing, enabling them to communicate legal messages effectively through visual media.

A total of 16 students successfully enrolled in the programme and actively participated in all academic and practical components. As part of the experiential learning process, the participants conceptualized, scripted, rehearsed, and performed a street play based on legal literacy themes. The final presentation was held on 11 April 2026 in the Moot Court Room, where the participants effectively demonstrated legal concepts through creative performance, reflecting a commendable level of understanding, coordination, confidence, and social commitment.

The final evaluation was conducted on the same day in accordance with the prescribed assessment pattern. The evaluation comprised practical performance, poster preparation, street play presentation, project work, and a written examination. All sixteen participants successfully completed the course and satisfied the prescribed evaluation criteria.

The Certificate Course fulfilled its intended objectives by enhancing students' knowledge of the legal aid delivery system, promoting awareness of legal rights and duties, and developing their communication, leadership, advocacy, and creative skills. The programme also strengthened the capacity of students to participate effectively in legal literacy and legal awareness initiatives undertaken by the Legal Services Authorities and educational institutions. The successful completion of the course represents a significant step towards creating socially responsible law students committed to advancing the constitutional goal of "Access to Justice for All."

Workshop on POCSO and POSH dated 11th October 2025

Vidya Prasarak Mandal's Thane Municipal Council Law College, Thane, organized a One-Day Legal Awareness Workshop titled "**Building Respectful Workplace and Safe Childhood: Awareness on POSH and POCSO**" on Saturday, 11 October 2025, from 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. at Panini Hall, VPM Campus, Thane. The programme was conceived with the objective of fostering safe, inclusive, and dignified educational and workplace environments by creating awareness regarding the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH Act) and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act). The workshop was organized under the guidance of Dr. Vijay Bedekar, Chairman

of Vidya Prasarak Mandal, and Dr. Srividhya Jayakumar, I/C Principal, who encouraged the institution to undertake this significant legal awareness initiative with a view to strengthening institutional accountability and promoting a culture of respect, equality, and safety within educational institutions.

The workshop was coordinated by Ms. Hetal Meisheri, In-charge of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), who played a pivotal role in conceptualizing, planning, and successfully executing the programme. Recognizing the increasing need to sensitize educators regarding workplace harassment and child protection laws, the programme was designed to enhance the knowledge and capacity of teachers from schools, colleges, and higher educational institutions across Thane District. The workshop sought to familiarize participants with the legal framework governing prevention, prohibition, and redressal of workplace sexual harassment, while also equipping them with practical knowledge regarding child protection mechanisms, mandatory reporting obligations, institutional responsibilities, and preventive measures under the POCSO Act. The programme aimed to empower educators with the legal understanding and practical skills necessary to create safe, respectful, and legally compliant educational environments.

Extensive preparatory efforts were undertaken to ensure the success of the programme and to maximize participation. Mr. Vinod H. Wagh, IQAC Coordinator, and Ms. Hetal Meisheri jointly designed and circulated an informative digital flyer containing the details of the workshop. Mr. Vinod H Wagh personally approached the Thane Collector, the Municipal Commissioner, the Tahsildar, and the Additional District and Sessions Judge, Thane, to brief them about the objectives and significance of the programme. The authorities appreciated the initiative and extended their support by facilitating wider participation through the issuance of directions encouraging teachers from Zilla Parishad Schools across the district to attend the workshop. With the wholehearted support of the teaching faculty of VPM's TMC Law College, invitations and digital flyers were circulated extensively among schools, colleges, and higher educational institutions throughout Thane District. These coordinated efforts resulted in the enthusiastic

participation of approximately 240 teachers representing various educational institutions.

The workshop was graced by the presence of Smt. Vasudha Bhosale, Additional District and Sessions Judge, as the Chief Guest, while Mrs. Swati Niwalkar, Company Secretary and Certified POSH Trainer, and Mrs. Geeta Sharma, Public Prosecutor, served as the resource persons. The programme commenced with a warm welcome and felicitation of the dignitaries by Dr. Srividhya Jayakumar, I/C Principal. The inaugural session was followed by an awareness skit on the theme of the POSH Act presented by the student volunteer team led by Mr. Sachin Lawngare and Ms. Sharmila Todkar, which effectively highlighted the importance of maintaining respectful workplaces and sensitized the participants to issues relating to workplace harassment.

The first technical session began with an introductory address by Ms. Hetal Meisheri, who explained the role, responsibilities, and statutory functions of the Internal Complaints Committee and emphasized the importance of organizing such awareness programmes for educators. The dignitaries were formally introduced, with Smt. Vasudha Bhosale being introduced by Mrs. Krishna Kamath and Mrs. Swati Niwalkar by Mr. Yatin Pandit. In her inaugural address, Smt. Vasudha Bhosale highlighted the significance of the POSH and POCSO legislations in ensuring justice, dignity, and protection for women and children. She observed that although these legislations prescribe stringent legal consequences for offenders, their true effectiveness lies in creating awareness, strengthening institutional mechanisms, encouraging timely reporting, and promoting preventive measures. She emphasized that educational institutions have a vital responsibility in ensuring safe environments for both employees and students.

Mrs. Swati Niwalkar thereafter conducted an informative and comprehensive technical session on the POSH Act, explaining the important provisions of the legislation, the constitution and functioning of the Internal Complaints Committee, the procedure for receiving and inquiring into complaints, documentation and record maintenance, preparation and submission of annual reports, and best institutional practices to ensure statutory compliance. Through practical illustrations and case studies, she enabled

participants to understand the legal procedures involved in handling complaints of workplace sexual harassment and highlighted the preventive measures that institutions should adopt to foster respectful and gender-sensitive workplaces.

Following the lunch break, the second session commenced with introductory remarks by Ms. Hetal Meisheri, who emphasized the necessity of sensitizing teachers regarding child protection laws and their responsibilities under the POCSO Act. Adv. Geeta Sharma, Public Prosecutor, was introduced by Dr. Rupali Jamode. Prior to the technical session, the student volunteer team presented another awareness skit depicting situations relating to child safety, abuse, and mandatory reporting, thereby sensitizing the participants to the realities faced by children and the importance of timely intervention.

Adv. Geeta Sharma delivered a detailed and insightful session on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012. She explained the salient provisions of the Act, the protective measures incorporated within the legislation, the legal responsibilities of teachers and educational institutions, the importance of mandatory reporting, the procedures to be followed while dealing with child victims, and the guidelines issued by the Government of Maharashtra for schools and colleges. She emphasized that educators are often the first point of contact for vulnerable children and therefore play a crucial role in identifying signs of abuse, ensuring timely reporting, safeguarding the interests of children, and maintaining confidentiality and sensitivity while handling such cases. Her session was particularly relevant in the context of recent incidents involving educational institutions and provided participants with valuable practical guidance for effective implementation of the law.

The programme concluded with the valedictory address delivered by Mr. Vinod H. Wagh, IQAC Coordinator, who summarized the key learnings of the workshop and appreciated the active participation of the delegates, resource persons, organizers, and student volunteers. Certificates of participation were distributed to all the participants in recognition of their involvement in the programme.

The workshop proved to be highly successful in achieving its objectives of strengthening legal awareness and institutional preparedness regarding workplace harassment and child protection laws. Approximately 240 teachers from schools, colleges, and higher educational institutions across Thane District benefitted from expert deliberations, practical demonstrations, legal guidance, and interactive discussions. The programme significantly enhanced participants' understanding of the POSH Act and the POCSO Act, reinforced the importance of institutional compliance and preventive mechanisms, and contributed towards promoting a culture of dignity, equality, accountability, and safety within educational institutions. The workshop stands as a meaningful legal awareness initiative reflecting the institution's continued commitment towards legal literacy, protection of rights, and the broader objectives of legal aid envisioned by the District Legal Services Authority and the National Legal Services Authority.



Constitution Amrit Vandana – Exhibition of the Artistic Treasures of the Original Constitution of India

Vidya Prasarak Mandal's Thane Municipal Council Law College organized a unique three-day exhibition titled "Constitution Amrit Vandana – Exhibition of the Artistic Treasures of the Original Constitution of India" from 5th to 7th March 2026 on the college campus. The primary objective of the exhibition was to highlight the little-known artistic heritage of the Constitution of India and to create awareness about the rich cultural and historical significance embodied in the original handwritten Constitution.

The exhibition showcased rare reproductions of the magnificent illustrations that adorn the original Constitution of India. These artworks were created in 1949 under the artistic guidance of the renowned Indian artist Nandalal Bose along with his students at Kala Bhavana, Santiniketan. The paintings beautifully depict India's ancient civilization, cultural diversity, historical traditions, and philosophical heritage. Alongside these artistic panels, visitors also viewed selected pages of the original Constitution featuring its exquisite calligraphy, enabling them to appreciate the extraordinary craftsmanship involved in preparing this historic document.

The exhibition aimed to draw public attention to the visual and cultural dimensions of the Constitution, an aspect that often remains overlooked in conventional legal and academic discussions. Through carefully curated displays and aesthetically presented exhibits, visitors gained an understanding of how India's ancient traditions, philosophical ideas, and cultural values have been artistically integrated into the country's modern constitutional framework.

Each section of the exhibition represented different periods of Indian history and culture, illustrating the nation's journey from its ancient civilization to the establishment of a sovereign democratic republic. The artworks reflected various facets of Indian history, spirituality, and cultural identity, demonstrating how artistic expression and constitutional philosophy complement each other in shaping the nation's identity.

In addition to paintings and calligraphic displays, the exhibition featured scholarly literature on the Constitution of India. These publications enabled visitors to understand the process of drafting the Constitution, its philosophical foundations, and the historical circumstances that influenced its creation. This enriched the educational value of the exhibition by providing visitors with deeper constitutional insights.

The three-day exhibition attracted enthusiastic participation from undergraduate and postgraduate students, faculty members from various disciplines, researchers, advocates, and citizens from Thane, Navi Mumbai, Mumbai, and surrounding areas. Visitors appreciated the opportunity to

engage with the Constitution from a fresh and meaningful perspective, which enhanced their understanding of its cultural richness and symbolic significance. Many participants also recorded written and oral feedback, encouraging the college to organize similar educational initiatives in the future.

The initiative received widespread appreciation because it successfully brought together art, history, and constitutional thought on a common platform. The exhibition proved to be both educational and inspirational, enabling students, teachers, researchers, and members of the public to experience the artistic and cultural heritage embedded in the Constitution. The exhibition concluded on 7 March 2026, leaving visitors with a renewed admiration for the artistic, philosophical, and cultural legacy contained in the Constitution of India. The event also received extensive coverage in local and national electronic and print media in English, Marathi, and Hindi.

The exhibition was organized under the guidance and support of the management of Vidya Prasarak Mandal, including Dr. Vijay Bedekar (President), Dr. Mahesh Bedekar (Member), Dr. Shridya Jaykumar (Principal, TMC Law College), and Dr. Vinod Wagh (Vice-Principal). The successful execution of the event was made possible through the dedicated efforts of the faculty, non-teaching staff, the Students' Council, student volunteers, and students of all three years of the LL.B. programme. Their collective contribution ensured the smooth conduct of the exhibition and reinforced the college's commitment to promoting constitutional awareness through innovative educational initiatives.

This exhibition served as a significant educational initiative that celebrated the artistic legacy associated with the making of the Constitution while fostering constitutional literacy, cultural awareness, and respect for India's constitutional values among students and the wider community.



Exhibition on Original Painting in the Indian Constitution

On 9 March 2026, at TMC Law College, Thane, under the aegis of the Vidya Prasarak Mandal, the permanent exhibition of artwork reproduced from the original manuscript of the Constitution of India was inaugurated by Justice Abhay Oka, former Judge of the Supreme Court of India.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Dr. Vijay Bedekar, President of the Vidya Prasarak Mandal; Mr. Abhay Marathe, Secretary of the institution; Dr. Shrividya Jaykumar, Principal of TMC Law College; and Dr. Vinod H. Wagh, Vice Principal.

Expressing his appreciation, Justice Abhay Oka remarked that TMC Law College was perhaps the first institution in India to establish a permanent exhibition of this kind. He emphasized that students, lawyers, and citizens should understand India's constitutional history through these illustrations and stressed the need for further academic research on the artwork incorporated in the original Constitution. He also expressed confidence that the exhibition would inspire law students to study the Constitution with greater depth, seriousness, and commitment.

Dr. Shrividya Jaykumar explained the objective behind organizing the permanent exhibition, highlighting the college's commitment to promoting constitutional awareness and legal education.

Following the inauguration, Justice Abhay Oka delivered a lecture on "The Criminal Trial Process in India." The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from a large number of students.



Mahashibir- Legal Awareness Participation- February 2026

Vidya Prasarak Mandal's TMC Law College actively participated in the One-Day Legal Awareness Mega Camp organized by the District Legal Services Authority, Thane, on Sunday, 22 February 2026. The Mega Camp was conducted with the objective of creating public awareness regarding various Government welfare schemes and the programmes and services provided under the Legal Services Authorities framework.

The inaugural session of the Mega Camp was graced by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Manjusha Deshpande, Judge, Bombay High Court, and Hon'ble Principal District and Sessions Judge, Thane, Shri Agrawal. The programme was also attended by Mr. Ravindra Pajankar, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Thane, Dr. Shreevidya Jaykumar, Principal, Vidya Prasarak Mandal's TMC Law College, along with Judicial Officers and Government Officials. On the occasion, Dr. Shreevidya Jaykumar welcomed the Hon'ble dignitaries by presenting bouquets.

During the Mega Camp, the Legal Aid Cell of Vidya Prasarak Mandal's TMC Law College established an information and guidance stall to provide legal awareness and assistance to members of the public. Faculty members and student volunteers disseminated information and guided citizens on several important subjects, including domestic electricity consumption, consumer rights and grievance redressal mechanisms; domestic LPG cylinder safety, consumer rights and accident insurance coverage; safe use of debit cards, digital payment awareness, cyber precautions and accidental insurance benefits; property tax, related grievance redressal mechanisms and civic responsibilities; and motor vehicle licensing rules, statutory requirements and grievance redressal procedures.

As part of the legal awareness campaign, the students of the College presented street plays and musical performances conveying important legal literacy messages in an engaging and easily understandable manner. These cultural activities effectively communicated legal rights, duties and available legal remedies to the general public.

On the occasion, Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Manjusha Deshpande appreciated the commendable efforts of the College in promoting legal literacy and encouraged the institution to continue organizing and participating in such public-oriented legal awareness initiatives in collaboration with the Legal Services Authorities.

The College's participation in the Legal Awareness Mega Camp significantly contributed to the dissemination of legal information among the public and reflected its continued commitment to advancing the objectives of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, by promoting legal literacy, access to justice, and community engagement.

Thane Prison Visit

On Saturday, 21st February 2026, the Third Year (TY) students of the college visited Thane Central Jail for academic and practical exposure. A total of 35 enrolled students participated in the visit under the guidance of Asst. Prof. Chandani V. Ghogare (In-charge). The faculty members accompanying

the students were Asst. Prof. Manojkumar Naik, Asst. Prof. Prerna Vasave, and Library Assistant Mr. Shubham Pawar.



The group reached the Central Gate at 10:00 a.m. After completing the required entry formalities, the exhibition and sales section near the entrance was observed. Various items prepared by prisoners such as wooden articles, bakery products, and woven clothes were displayed for sale. This initiative reflects the rehabilitation and vocational training programs conducted inside the prison.

Thereafter, entry was made through the main gate where Police Inspector Mr. More guided the visit and explained different sections of the jail. The areas shown included:

- ❖ Prison kitchen (Food cooking section)
- ❖ Prisoners' clothing distribution section
- ❖ Separate Women's Prison section
- ❖ Old "Kala Pani" punishment cells (It was informed that such punishment is not given in present times) from outside only gate etc.
- ❖ Juvenile Rehabilitation Centre situated in a separate area
- ❖ Video conferencing room for court proceedings and other one is for family members conference
- ❖ Separate visitors' meeting room

The old division (Vibhag) and newly developed jail division were also visited. The jail hospital providing medical facilities to inmates was shown. Rehabilitation units such as the wooden workshop factory, bakery unit, and

cloth weaving section were carefully observed. These units focus on reformative justice and skill development of prisoners.

During the visit to Thane Central Jail, the college faculty members met the Superintendent of Police inside her chamber. The In-charge, Asst. Prof. Chandani V. Ghogare, along with other faculty members, presented a bouquet as a token of respect and gratitude. The Superintendent warmly welcomed the college team and appreciated the academic purpose of the visit. (Due to security regulations inside the jail premises, mobile phones and cash were not permitted; therefore, photographs could not be taken.) After the formal interaction in the chamber, the Superintendent came outside and briefly interacted with the students and visiting faculty members near the inner gate area of the jail premises.

At the conclusion of the visit, the Superintendent of Police, Mrs. Rani R. Bhosale, addressed the group and provided detailed information about jail administration. She informed that the jail campus is spread over approximately 25 acres and continuous development work is in progress. A new Sabha Gruha (auditorium hall) has been constructed for conducting small programs and activities for prisoners. She emphasized the importance of reformation and rehabilitation in the modern prison system.



The visit proved to be highly informative and beneficial in understanding the practical aspects of prison administration and correctional reforms.

Beti Padhao-Beti Bachao Rally

The para Legal Volunteers and students of the law college, along with teachers participated in the Rally on Beti Padhao beti bachao organised by district Legal Services authority, Thane dated 5th March 2026. 30 PLV and teachers participated. Our students have performed the street play on Beti Bacaho Beti padhao and Human rights. Dr. Srividhya Jayakumar and Dr. Vinod H Wagh also participated. DLSA has felicitated the college for its work and contribution in Legal awareness work.



WORKSHOP ON “FORENSIC SCIENCE AND FORENSIC EVIDENCE”

8th April 2026

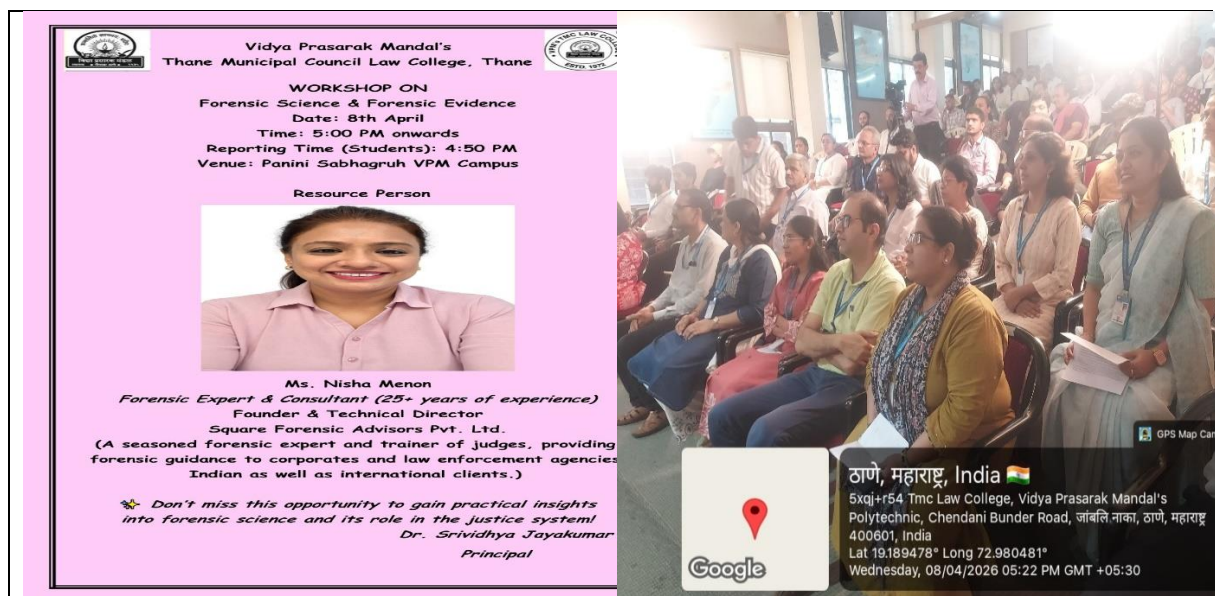
VPM's TMC Law College, Thane organized an insightful workshop on “Forensic Science and Forensic Evidence” on 8th April 2026 at 5:00 PM onwards at Panini Sabhagruh, VPM's Campus, Thane. The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of First Year, Second Year, and Third Year LL.B., reflecting keen interest across all batches. The program

commenced with the welcome of the guest speaker by Principal Dr. Srividhya Jayakumar, who emphasized the growing significance of forensic science in the contemporary legal system and its indispensable role in the administration of justice.

The resource person for the workshop, Ms. Nisha Menon, is a distinguished forensic expert and the Founder and Technical Director of Square Forensic Advisors Pvt. Ltd., a niche and innovative organization providing forensic services to individuals, corporates, law enforcement agencies, and the judiciary in India and abroad.

During the workshop, Ms. Menon delivered a comprehensive and engaging lecture, explaining the practical application of forensic science in investigation, evidence collection, preservation, and its admissibility in courts. Her session bridged the gap between theoretical legal knowledge and real world forensic practice.

The workshop was interactive and thought provoking, with students actively participating and gaining valuable insights into the role of forensic evidence in strengthening the justice delivery system. Overall, the workshop proved to be highly informative and beneficial, equipping students with essential knowledge of forensic science and its practical relevance in legal proceedings.



Awareness on Anti-Ragging Laws

28th April 2026

As a part of the Legal Awareness initiatives undertaken by the Legal Aid Cell of Vidya Prasarak Mandal's Law College, Thane, a Legal Awareness

Programme on the Anti-Ragging Law was conducted on 28 April 2026 during the NSS Camp organized on the college campus. The programme commenced at 6:00 p.m. and aimed to promote legal awareness among students regarding the prohibition of ragging and the legal framework governing it.

The programme was organized under the guidance of Principal Dr. Shrividya Jaykumar and the supervision of Dr. Vinod Wagh, Head of the Legal Aid Cell. Assistant Professor Shivaji Bibe coordinated and conducted the proceedings of the programme. The resource person, Assistant Professor Manoj Kumar Naik, delivered an informative session on the Anti-Ragging Law. The session covered the concept of ragging, its adverse impact on students, the legal provisions prohibiting ragging, the consequences of engaging in ragging, and the importance of maintaining a safe, respectful, and disciplined educational environment. Students were sensitized to their legal rights and responsibilities and were encouraged to actively contribute towards creating a ragging-free campus. The programme also included a session on Cyber Security by Mr. Sachin Ahire, who explained various forms of cybercrime, online threats, and preventive measures for ensuring digital safety. The session enhanced students' awareness regarding responsible use of digital platforms and legal aspects relating to cyber safety.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from NSS volunteers and students, who actively interacted with the resource persons and gained valuable knowledge on the subjects discussed. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Assistant Professor Bipin Dhumale, expressing gratitude to the resource persons, organizers, and all participants for their valuable contribution.

The Legal Awareness Programme was successfully conducted and effectively fulfilled its objective of promoting awareness among students regarding the Anti-Ragging Law and cyber safety, thereby encouraging a legally informed and responsible student community.



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