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Date: 20 September, 2023

Apna Ghar Ashram Shelter Home Drive

Academic Year: 2023 - 2024

Name of Event: Apna Ghar Ashram Shelter Home Drive

Organizing Unit: Legal Services Clinic, Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies, GGSIPU

Collaborating Unit/ Name and designation of Resource Person: Apna Ghar Ashram Shelter home **Date**

of the Event: 20 September, 2023

Time of the Event: 11:00 AM

Location: Pooth Khurd Bawana

Number of Students participated: 27

On September 20th, the Legal Aid Service Clinic students of the department of law, Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies paid a visit to Apna Ghar Ashram located in Pooth Khurd Bawana. This ashram serves as a refuge for aged individuals who have been abandoned or are suffering from physical or mental illnesses, enduring inhumane living conditions. The people seeking shelter at the ashram are referred to as "prabhus," and the ashram currently houses approximately 660 such individuals. The institution takes in these individuals and provides them with essential necessities, including food, shelter, medicine, and proper care. Additionally, they actively work to reunite the residents with their families.

The visit commenced with a brief introductory video that offered valuable insights into the functioning of the ashram and its commitment to providing for those in dire need. Subsequently, the students presented a

nukkad natak (street play) inspired by notable figures such as Helen Keller and Albert Einstein. This performance was followed by uplifting poems intended to inspire hope and optimism among the ashram's residents. During this, some of Prabhu ji started crying in the audience. This scenario of emotional distress and tears in eyes made everyone sympathetic towards them.

Following the creative presentations, there was a one-on-one interactive session with the ashram's residents. During this session, the residents were informed about their legal rights and entitlements in society, many of which they were previously unaware. They had numerous questions regarding the various liberties they were entitled to, and they were provided with information about available government schemes and initiatives that could benefit them with their respective problems.

The visit concluded with the singing of the national anthem, and the students were given a tour of the ashram, gaining tangible insights into how the shelter home operates and where all the prabhus reside while receiving care and support.

The Legal Aid Services Drive in Apna Ghar Ashram, spearheaded by students of Legal Services Clinic, MAIMS, GGSIP University, New Delhi, stands as a beacon of community empowerment. This initiative not only elevated awareness among them about their rights and entitlements but also provided practical solutions to their daily challenges. Beyond the legal realm, it signifies the potent impact of education and empathy in fostering positive change within society.

