Lok Adalat Visit by BALLB Students of AMU Murshidabad Centre

Final Year students of BALLB, AMU Murshidabad Centre visited the Lok-Adalat in Jangipur Sub-Divisional Court on February 27 and March 12, 2016. The Lok-Adalats are formal bodies set up under the state, but following the Alternative Dispute Resolution method to settle petty disputes that do not require any elaborate enquiry or evidentiary process. The students witnessed the disposition of cases at the Lok-Adalat to get a first-hand account of legal proceedings.

On the first day of visit there were approximately 186 cases and on the second day 363 cases were disposed-off. The cases were petty once in which the point in dispute was mostly always the monetary claim involved. There were about 50-55 cases on cheque bouncing and Negotiable Instrument Act as well.

The students observed the initiation of the proceedings of the Lok-Adalat in which the judge asked both the parties, if they had voluntarily granted consent to settle the dispute in the Lok-Adalat and also informing that the decision would be final and binding and no appeal can be made. The students expressed their gratitude to Dr. Badaruddoza, Director, AMU Murshidabad Centre for facilitating the visit.