**7.3. Describe/Explain the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust**

**Response:**

Our institute has always kept society before itself when it comes to education. Our vision is not just to educate the students but also through education to upgrade the society as much as possible. One of the areas which may be considered as a Thrust or Priority area of the IILS corresponding to its Vision and Mission can be identified as Social Outreach Programme in the form of Legal Aid Camps, in the neighbourhoods. With a view to contended action in this area, the Legal Aid Centre has been set up in the college as a Legal Aid Clinic on 8/09/2013, by Hon’ble Justice Biswanath Samaddar, Judge, Kolkata High Court, and Hon’ble Justice Soumen Sen, Judge, Kolkata High Court. The said Centre is supervised by a team of teachers and students. The clinic is open to the needy or poor people of the locality every Saturday from 3 p.m to 6 p.m, where their problems are heard and necessary legal advice is tendered for availing the legal justice system under law. Besides this, the college holds Legal Aid Camps in the locality in pursuance of Art.39(A) of the Constitution of India. On 15/06/2014, Legal Aid Camp was inaugurated by Hon’ble Justice Biswanath Somadder, Judge Kolkata High Court. Officials from the State Legal Service Authority and the judicial officers were also present. Our college has also organized legal awareness and legal literacy Programmes jointly with the District legal aid Forum and District Legal Service Authority. Our students in the way of continuous evaluation of their academic programme take up such projects and reach the people with the knowledge they acquire in the class. Our college primarily strives for education, awareness, and the upliftment of the society as much as possible.

Keeping the vision in mind on 13th December 2015, a project for adopting a village for rendering legal aid through the ADR Mechanism system under the Champasari Gram Panchayat was undertaken by our college.

Our college adopted the nearby village (Champasari) with a dream to make the village litigation free and spread legal awareness. The villagewas adopted in the presence of then Hon’ble Chief Justice Calcutta High Court Dr. Justice Manjula Chellurand other Judges of the High Court. The Legal Aid Centre of our College organized several legalawareness programmes in other backward regions like Naxalbari, Coochbehar, Darjeeling, Alipurdwar, Chattharhat including Kalimpong, Kurseong and Mirik and many other places. Thus our college aims at imparting education in such a manner that it is not just limited within the walls of the classroom.

 The Indian Institute of Legal Studies has not only confined itself to the National boundaries but has taken an international approach and conducted SAARC Summit 2015 and SAARC Conclave 2017. The College is situated in a place that has international borders with Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh, three important SAARC nations. The College is striving to establish a SAARC LAW INSTITUTE for Study and Research. A proposal to act as SAARC Centre for Environmental Studies has also been initiated.