

“LEGAL LITERACY EVENT: SENSITIZATION OF SOCIETY TOWARDS IMPORTANCE OF PLANTATION AND GLOBAL ISSUES.”

[Report on event conducted in Shivaji Nagar area, Bhopal, on 5th June, 2019].

ABSTRACT: This event was conducted by LAC Volunteer Sarvagya Jain from S.L.S.-Noida. I chose various places for this event, but the main aim was to educate and sensitize students of “Sarojini Naidu Girls Higher Secondary School. Instead of focusing on just one day, I decided to take regular steps on various days for the same. The students were informed about their duties towards environment and the pro’s & con’s related to the same. Faculty of the school as well as the principal supported me in the same. The students, teachers as well as the principal then helped me in completing the plantation drive by planting and gifting various plants.

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1. Concept Note:

The Legal Aid Centre at Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA conducts various awareness programs to sensitize the society towards different legal and social issues. As an extension of the above initiative I, student of the college and a volunteer at Legal Aid Centre conducted a program in Sarojini Naidu Girls Higher Secondary School, Bhopal. I addressed various global problems here in light of World Environment Day. Initially, with the help of a known faculty of the school, I was arranged for a meeting with the principal of the school. I was allowed to conduct a short program which included plantation, sensitization and awareness for the World Environment Day. Apart from this, I also asked nearby people to support us. Initially, in the morning assembly, I requested one of the girl to read out the speech prepared by me with the help of Mrs. Anjulata Jain, HOD English, which covered aspects of global warming, its effect and how plantation will help cure this. Apart from this, I also planted and gifted a few plants at the end.

2. Objectives:

The main objective of the Legal Aid Centre of SLS- NOIDA was to make society sensitize towards various aspects related to environment. In order to achieve the ultimate goal, interlocutory measures were undertaken the most important of which were educating and reminding the people of their duties towards Environment.

- a) To remind the students that they have a fundamental duty towards environment.
- b) To create awareness in the minds of people about existing environment and global issues and about the actions that how the ignorance of this could result in devastation of environment.
- c) To acknowledge the issue not only with the global perspective, but also with the perspective of one's own city, as there one has a feeling of belongingness.
- d) To aware students about cleanliness importance.
- e) Going to Harshvardhan Nagar, Bhopal to acknowledge the residents about the ongoing water crisis and assisted them in tree plantation.

3. Preliminary Preparations:

Before conducting the event few important preparations were made:

- Getting a meeting fixed with the English HOD and the principal of Sarojini Naidu Girls Higher Secondary school to seek permission of a drive on world environment day
- Asked for permission to the residents of Harshawardhan Society for tree plantation.
- Bought 30 various plants and instruments for plantation.
- Prepared a speech to be delivered in Sarojini Naidu Girls Higher Secondary School.

4. Conducting the program:

The event was conducted in Sarojini Naidu School In Bhopal. A school was chosen for the event was because students are the future generation who has the responsibility to save the environment. It is the coming generation who shall be facing even worse crisis than we shall be facing. This was a backward government school where such issues would have never been addressed. To convert a person who has the knowledge of global issues is an easy task, but to tell someone about it and ask him for help was a bit tougher task. Some came for plantation for fun, some took it seriously. But end of the day, it was a task well completed. I received a huge support from the school, especially from HOD English and other faculties. Apart from this, during the morning hours, I asked the Harshwardhan society members for granting me permission to join for tree plantation, for which they happily agreed.

I started with visiting the school during the morning assembly, and it, being a total girls school, I was not permitted to be a speaker of the assembly, but with the help of Faculty in-charge, I was able to prepared a speech in Hindi, which the students could understand. Apart from this, I urged the interested students to join me during lunchtime for further information. A good number of students turned up, and there, I personally addressed the issues such as :

- Climate change
- Deforestation
- Water crisis
- Importance of Cleanliness
- Importance of plantation

After a good support during the lunchtime, I took a brief 20 minute session helping the students to know the problem and its results in a few years. The response was amazing. I also received enormous support from the faculties as well, with the help of whom I was able to control and execute the said drive.

After the acknowledgment of problem, I asked the students to divide themselves into group and provided each group with a plant. I helped them with plantation and asked them to water the plant till the time they are in school. As a majority of the chunk was still in class 5th or 6th, a good result is expected.

Apart from this, I, with the help of other members of my society, decided to go for a plantation drive in my society which was led by the aged group of the society. There also we planted a few tree and then certain issues were addresses by various residents.

5. RESPONSE OF THE TARGET POPULATION:

The response was very good as on the occasion of World Environment Day, the principal was happy to know that such a program shall be conducted in the school. Apart from that, a good number of students also turned up. The faculty's response was also good.

Future plan: I would like to add more students next time by putting on efforts a few days before the specific day. As I was in a marriage function till 2 days prior to event, I could not put on my complete efforts. From next time, I shall make sure to ask the principal of the school to address regarding the drive beforehand to that more students could turn up.

6. Suggestions/Feedback:

Various ways in which the program could be better conducted in future are as follows:-

No. of Volunteers - The number of volunteers for the program should be definitely more than one, because if there are more helping hands, then the objective could be better served and achieved. Though this had to be a single handed work, yet, if in case I had more help, It could've been much better.

Association with NGOs - A prior association with NGO functioning in the particular area would help in a great way to execute the program successfully because they could help to accumulate groups and they could also improve the techniques of the execution of the program.

Information to the School Department- The school department should be prior informed about this so that no issues turn up during the time of the drive and the drive takes place effortlessly.

7. Conclusion/Remarks:

Indeed it was an overwhelming experience as I got the opportunity to interact and acknowledge the students, the coming generation of the society, of the various environment issues. I learned that although we have an idea about such issues, but still no one addresses environmental issues in backward government school. But I also received a good response from the school side as well. Regular steps will have to be taken to address problem in schools, because this generation needs to understand the dire consequences. I am willing to take part in such drives not just for the sake of Environment Day, but other days as well.

ANNEXURE 1:







ANNEXURE 2 : SOCIAL SITES RESPONSE

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#LACSLs . A memorable effort of plantation drive and cleanliness drive held under the guidance of Principal and Faculties of Sarojini Naidu Girls Higher Secondary School.
I am thankful that everybody helped with such enthusiastic approach. 😊



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