"LEGALAWARENESS PROGRAMMES: INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING"

(Report on the events conducted in Bikaner on 26th June, 2019)

Abstract: Legal Awareness Event was conducted by Para-Legal Volunteer of the Legal Aid Centre, S.L.S. NOIDA in Bikaner on 26th June on the occasion of International Day against Drug abuse and Illicit trafficking. This report portrays an outline of this events.

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I. Concept Note

The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is a United Nations initiative to raise awareness among the masses against drug abuse and illegal drug trade. It has been held annually since 1988 on June 26, a date chosen to commemorate Lin Zexu's dismantling of the opium trade in Humen, Guangdong, just before the first Opium War in China. The United Nation General Assembly (UNGA) by adopting the resolution 42/112 of 7 December 1987, decided to observe 26 June as International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The first such international day was observed on 26 June 1989. This day was adopted to serve as an expression of its determination to strengthen global action and cooperation for achieving its goal of an international society that is free of drug abuse.

II. Objectives

Drug abuse though widespread is still an ongoing concern that is not widely acknowledged or discussed about in our society. Therefore, a huge amount of youngsters are unaware of its perils. Therefore, my objectives for organizing this event were

- To inform the people about the different types of drugs and resulting addiction from the same.
- To provide a platform where young people can discuss about their views and queries about the same.
- To inform about the different remedies that were available for the people facing such issues .

III. Preliminary Preparations

Before conducting the event,

• I selected Air Force Wives Welfare Association(AFWWA) at Air Force Station, 47 Wing Nal, Bikaner as the location for my event as a means to spread awareness among the children of Air Force personals.

• I did extensive research on the various nuances of Drug Abuse and abuse of other legal drugs.. Further my previous internship with Narcotics Crime Bureau(NCB), Chandigarh played a huge role in understanding the ground reality regarding the issue.

IV. Conducting the Event

I started my presentation by explaining that dating abuse can occur in subtle forms as well where the behavior of a person changes due to influence of their partners. Then I went into the in depth analysis of dating abuse and its nuances. I also explained how one can escape from the clutches of such abuse by asking for help, avoid getting influenced by peer pressure, remedies for physical and mental abuse, etc. The legal implications of such actions were also explained in detail.

V. Response of the Target Population

I received extremely positive response from the audience. The kids were very inquisitive and asked different questions about the same.

VI. Future Plan of Action

There needs to be more awareness programmes to inform the teens about the evils of drug abuse. Schools and collages should be targeted to create more awareness.

VII. Suggestions/Feedback

Various ways in which events of this kind can be made better are:

• Recommendation Letter- The Legal Aid Cell could provide a letter of Recommendation/Authorisation so that the people could believe our position as PLVs at an esteemed institute and we get permission to conduct events easily.

VIII. Concluding Remarks

It was extremely satisfying to engage in a debate about the complications of awareness of this issue. This event helped me see the cons of drug abuse in the society and growth of drug abuse in the society. It was an honour to be a part of this event.

Annexure









