

Legal Literacy Campaign on Human Rights Day

(Report on the event conducted in Orchha on December 10, 2018)

Abstract- This legal aid event was organized at Orchha, Madhya Pradesh. A live program was broadcasted in collaboration with the community radio at TARAGram Orchha, called Radio Bundelkhand 90.4 F.M.

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1. CONCEPT NOTE:

The Legal Aid Centre at Symbiosis Law School, Noida conduct several awareness programs to sensitize the society towards different legal and social issues.

As an extension of the above initiative, I organised a legal literacy campaign on the Human Rights Day on the theme of Women and Child Rights and Remedies against Domestic Violence.

For this I tied up with the community radio at TARAGram Orchha named Radio Bundelkhand 90.4 F.M. The radio reaches to around 140 villages in the radius of 12 to 15 km. It is also available online from any corner of the world on the website of www.devalt.org. The program was broadcasted live for an hour and the additional judge of Guna Mr. Pradeep Pandey was present via call.

2. OBJECTIVE:

The main objective of the campaign was to make society specially the women aware of the legal rights. The discussion highlighted the following rights-

- Right to dignity and decency
- Right against workplace harassment
- Right against domestic violence
- Right to keep identity anonymous for female sexual assault victims
- Right to free Legal Aid
- Right to equal pay
- Right not to be arrested at night
- Right to privacy

3. PRELIMINARY PREPARATIONS:

Before conducting the event, a few preliminary preparations were made like:

- Collaborating with Radio Bundelkhand *Apna Radio Apni Baat*
- Inviting the additional judge of Guna
- Informing the listeners one day prior of the upcoming program
- Brushing up the knowledge of women and child rights

4. CONDUCTING THE PROGRAM:

On the 10th of December '18 at 11a.m. a live show called *Baatein Hamai Tumai* was held by R.J. Jagroop and me. The discussion took place in bundeli (the local language of the residents of the Bundelkhand region) and it began with a brief introduction of the Human Rights Day (*Manavadhikar Diwas*) and the history and origin of these rights. The introduction was followed by a folk song by Priyanak Soni called *Karna Hai Nirman Hamme Bharat Ka Nirman*. The song mobilizes the citizens to build a new nation and make the society a better place to live.

Then the discussion told about the right to equal pay which is entitled to every woman and can raise voice against the discrepancy. The additional judge of Guna connected via call in which he enlightened the right to confidentiality and the right which provides not to be arrested after sunset.

5. RESPONSE OF THE TARGET POPULATION:

During the show, we also received a feedback and a listener named Mr. Phoolchand from Mastapur called who gave his opinions about the program and expressed his views.

The radio team also received calls the next day when listeners called to the next day that called and were appreciating the program as they came to know about the various laws.

6. FUTURE PLAN OF ACTION:

More events should be organized to examine the impact of these events. One session is not enough to make the target population aware of topic chosen in entirety. We think more programs like these should be organized in future so that the people can have a clearer idea and have a greater understanding of the laws available for them.

7. SUGGESTIONS/ FEEDBACK:

It was a good campaign and it sensitized the masses. More collaboration with the radio should be held in which the community members would get a chance to understand their basic entitlements.

8. CONCLUSION/ REMARKS:

It was a great experience as it was a great opportunity for me to learn the workings of the radio and I had a chance to be an R.J. and it was a wonderful experience as to hold this campaign. It did have an impact on the listeners and created awareness among the masses.

ANNEXURE 1

PHOTOS OF THE EVENT



