

“Legal Awareness Programme on Animal Rights”

*(Report on the event conducted at St.
Thomas School Indirapuram on
October 14, 2019)*

Abstract: This event was conducted by a Ms. Medhavi Mishra along with members from Legal Aid Centre, S.L.S.-NOIDA. The event focused on educating students about animal rights and the legal repercussions on violation of the same.

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I. Concept Note

Under the auspices of Article 39A of the Constitution. The Parliament enacted Legal Services Authority Act of 1987, which establishes authorities and committees at all level (National, State, District & Taluka) for providing legal Aid. District Legal Services Authority, Gautam Budh Nagar engaged with Legal Aid Centre Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA for discharging their functions while promoting the aim & ambitious of Article 39A. The Legal Aid Centre at Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA has been showing success with its members and its Head committed to work for betterment of society. The aforesaid Legal Literacy camp at St. Thomas School, Indirapuram to create awareness among the students about animal rights and the acceptable practices while dealing with animals.

II. Objective

The main objective of the LAC of SLS-N was to create awareness and educate the students about the rights of the animal and the basic procedure that has to be followed on adopting pets. The event also aimed to create awareness about the impending legal repercussion on hurting the animals.

- To educate the people on the technicalities and procedure to be followed while adopting a pet.
- To encourage people to adopt the pets from animal shelters rather than buying from pet stores.
- To establish a society where people refrain from exhibiting the inhuman treatment of animals and to host an awareness program on the legal ramifications of cruelty on the voiceless.

III. Preliminary Preparation

- Connection was established with the principal through means of telephonic conversation.
- An email was sent to the principal detailing the course of the event. Reading articles from various websites on the topic at hand to have a considerable amount of information and forming a strong opinion.

- Carefully analyzing the estimated target audience to ensure that the message is conveyed and received properly.

IV. Conducting the Program

The team reached the location on 14th October, 2019 around 7:30 am since we were allotted the time slot of 8:00 am which was the assembly schedule of the school. There were around 30-35 students who were present for the scheduled event along with four teachers. The event was conducted in the activity room. The students were briefed through the means of a power point presentation which lasted around half-an- hour. This was followed by a Q&A session in which the students participated with zeal and enthusiasm. After the program there was a meeting session with the teachers and the principal.

V. Response of the audience

As stated above, the reaction of the audience was encouraging for us. They even praised the college for its efforts in conducting the program here. The audience was delighted to know about different breeds of dogs and the procedure to procure pets which is through adoption. They were unaware of the fact that animals can be adopted and were rather intent on the view that the way to procure pets is by buying them. Further they even learned about the impending legal repercussion on hurting these animals.

VI. Future plan of action

Conducting the awareness program across different target populations and collecting their responses.

VII. Suggestions/ Feedback

The event should be conducted on a large scale across all the schools and colleges in our locality to create awareness about this cause.

VIII. Conclusion Remarks

This was a good learning experience for us. We got the opportunity to take a progressive stand on a sensitive and important issue and also got the chance to educate people on this. The students exhibited enthusiasm towards the cause and took a pledge to adopt rather than buy these pets. Further they promised not to hurt the animals and treat them with proper care and respect.

PICTURES OF THE EVENT

1. The audience listening to the lecture on “Animal Rights”











