

# LEGAL LITERACY CAMPAIGN

Abstract: This event was conducted by a volunteer from Legal Aid Centre, S.L.S.-Noida. Firstly, a Nukkad Natak on Women Safety was performed in a public park. Then students from a nearby public school were gathered post their dispersal for a presentation on Good touch and bad touch. Lastly, a construction site was visited where the labour was being interrogated regarding their hygiene, number of leaves, wages etc.

Spreading awareness about Women & Child Safety and Labour Rights  
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## **1. Concept Note :**

The Legal Aid Centre at Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA conducted various awareness programme to sensitize the society towards different legal and social issues. As an extension of the above initiative, I, student of the law school and a volunteer at Legal Aid Centre conducted a program in Sainik Colony, Faridabad (Haryana) on 10th December 2018 to celebrate International Human Rights Day.

In today's India, neither a 2 years old is safe nor a 70 years old. From workplaces to homes to parties, harassment and sexual exploitation has become just so common. This is not the only shocking factor though, the victim post such traumatic incident is prohibited from stepping out of home and in certain cases are even blamed by the society. But how will you blame a 6 year old ? How will you react when someone who has not even developed his sexual organs gets raped or harassed ? Thus, sensitizing the society towards the rights of women and children regarding their safety was the first agenda.

The second agenda had a separate target audience i.e. Construction Workers. Mostly the labour is ignorant of their basic fundamental rights such as hygiene & safety. They work in the most hazardous places without proper safety equipment. They are often incognizant of the changes in the minimum wages, number of days for maternity leave etc.

Their children too are deprived of education due to the acute poverty. Interrogating these workers and updating them was the major task.

## **2. Objectives:**

The main objective of the Legal Aid Centre of SLS- NOIDA was to remind the society about their fundamental rights and moral duties. In order to achieve the ultimate goal, interlocutory measures were undertaken.

To educate children about : good touch and bad touch; helpline numbers; sharing locations and contact details of nearby police stations. Sensitizing the general public regarding the heinous sexual offences occurring in today's times.

Interrogating the construction workers about their current PayScale situation, number of leaves, their children's education etc. and educating them about the current structure.

## **3. Preliminary Preparations :**

Before conducting the event few important preparations were made

- a) Writing the script of Nukkad Natak and rehearsing it.
- b) Purchasing chocolates for children.
- c) Studying about local helpline numbers for the first agenda and minimum wages & maternity leave structure for the second agenda.

#### **4. Conducting the program:**

The event was conducted in the Faridabad city of Haryana. The volunteer along with his school friends performed a nukkad natak in a public park, sensitizing the audience about the sexual offences against women & children. The main aim was to invoke a sense of responsibility and due care prior and post the occurrence of any such incident. After the nukkad natak the volunteer gathered students from a nearby school post their dispersal and gave a presentation on good touch and bad touch ; told helpline numbers (1098, 1091), addresses of offices and police stations etc.

By now the first agenda was accomplished. While pursuing the second agenda the volunteer visited a nearby construction site and interrogated the workers about their minimum wages. There the volunteer along with his team got to know that the revised rate of wages per day in Haryana for the unskilled workers was Rs. 327 approx. , though the labour on the construction site being unaware of the current rate was working at Rs. 300 per day. Secondly, the volunteer interrogated the female workers about the duration of maternity leave, whereby a worker with her 1 year old daughter said that the duration lasted for 8-9 weeks, after which the female workers were gathered and told that as per the amendment in the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 the duration of maternity leave will be paid as per average daily wage rate and will last from 12-26 weeks. Then, the children of the workers were interrogated to which we got to know that

they attended the evening free classes at D.A.V. Public School. At last, the volunteer distributed chocolates amongst the children.

### **5. Response of the target population**

The response of the audience was positive and the people gave their blessings to the team on completion of the task. The audience was moved after the nukkad natak and appreciated the volunteer's performance. The students were by then aware of all the help line numbers and addresses. The construction workers were really happy after coming to know about the revised wages and the duration of maternity leave.

### **6. Future plan of action**

In future , the team will actively participate and conduct such campaigns which not only make people aware about certain laws available to them but also help them grow as aware and responsible citizens.

### **7. Suggestions/Feedback**

The campaign went as planned and the Legal Aid Centre should encourage more such campaigns in future.

### **8. Conclusion/Remarks/Personal Experience**

This was a good learning experience. The volunteer got the opportunity to take a progressive stand on a sensitive and important issues and also got the chance to educate people on this. Such campaigns are needed in long run to educate people about various other issues and several policies which are not known to them. The event gave a sense of self satisfaction

and heart touching experience. The volunteer would like to thank Prof. Ankur Sharma for giving me the opportunity, additionally the volunteer would like to thank Co Conveners Mr. Pranav Tiwari and Mr. Shashwat Patwa for mentoring me throughout.

## ANNEXURE A



## ANNEXURE B

