

## “LEGAL AWARENESS EVENT: HUMAN RIGHTS DAY” (Report on the event conducted in Karnal, Haryana; December 10, 2018)

An informative event was conducted by LAC volunteer, Ms. Meghna Rana from legal aid centre, SLS-N. The college students were informed about the laws against trafficking of women.

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## **1. Concept Note:**

The Legal Aid Centre at Symbiosis Law School Noida organized legal literacy campaign on the Human Rights Day i.e. 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018. In this campaign the members were assigned the responsibility to conduct a legal aid event in their home towns. As a LAC volunteer I conducted this program in KVA DAV college for women, Karnal, Haryana. This programme was conducted to spread awareness to the girls of rural background regarding trafficking of women.

Trafficking of women for prostitution, bonded labour, domestic labour etc. Is a menace in India especially in the rural belts where lack of awareness and hurdles in access to justice becomes an advantage for the trafficking network. The numerous laws against human trafficking have many provisions to punish those who traffic innocent girls and women. Immoral Traffic Prevention Act, 1956 aims to combat trafficking and sexual exploitation for commercial purposes. The Indian Penal Code, 1860 has many sections which specify punishments and penalties against trafficking like kidnapping, abducting or inducing women to compel her for marriage (Section 366), selling minors for purposes of prostitution (Section 372), buying minors for purposes of prostitution (Section 373) etc. Various laws ensure protection of women but their awareness and understanding is a major problem which can be addressed through such campaigns by law students who can always contribute to the society.

## **2. Objective:**

The main objective of this campaign was to create awareness and educate people about human rights. Many people are not well versed with their rights and are not aware of the means to safeguard their rights.

- To explain the formation and working of human trafficking networks
- To introduce the girls to the important laws which should be included when FIR is lodged
- To make girls aware about the consequences of ignorance of such laws
- To explain the points to be paid heed while reporting
- To motivate everyone to report cases whenever and wherever they witness

## **3. Preliminary Preparations:**

- A PowerPoint presentation on the important laws
- Meeting with the principal of the institute to understand the background of the girls
- Discussion with the faculty to understand the needs of the girls
- Read articles on human trafficking
- Read about laws against human trafficking
- Viewed interviews of NGOs working against trafficking of women
- Viewed interviews of victims of trafficking

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

The event was organized in KVA DAV college for women, Karnal which offers courses for students from humanities and commerce stream. All the girls happily attended the session as it was a new theme for them. The LAC volunteer commenced the event by introducing the legal aid centre of SLS-N and its functions. Then a short video clip of a lady from Haryana was shown which disclosed the bitter truth behind the rise in trafficking cases. Then the working of human trafficking networks was explained along with the ways to identify them. This was an interactive session where two girls shared their personal experience of being stalked. One of the teachers shared an incident of the kidnapping of her friend's child and how he was rescued from a factory. This was followed by explanation of the Immoral Traffic Prevention Act, 1956 and some sections of the Indian Penal Code, 1860. The main emphasis in their explanation was put on certain provisions. The recent amendments in this act were also explained. In the end, the principal and a faculty member gave a short speech in which they emphasised on the importance of understanding of laws and motivated the girls to read more about the same. They also thanked LAC for such a nice initiative.

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

Around 30 girls and some faculty members attended the event. The girls listened attentively and did understand the main points I wanted to convey. Around 80 percent of the girls were from the rural belt and had

witnessed such incidents but they expressed that had they known about the NGOs they would have reported the cases. The girls were motivated to help any way they could. They also came to talk personally after the event was over to understand about DLSA in collaboration with which LAC works.

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

Only one brief event about certain laws is not adequate. More events by experts are required to fully equip the girls to protect themselves and also to report cases.

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

- Some experienced volunteer should explain how the NGOs work in rescuing the girls.
- A legal expert should explain the girls the importance of remembering the relevant laws and the provisions so that the girls can make effort to memorise the important procedures.
- A legal expert should also share some cases where these laws have been applied.

#### **8. Conclusion/Remarks:**

This event not only helped in creating more awareness regarding laws but also helped in understanding the ground realities. It also helped in reading and understanding certain new laws which I had not read so far. Being a novice in the field of law, I feel that this experience was the first

step in understanding and analyzing the truth of the society. It is my duty as a LAC volunteer to contribute to the society, and this experience was my first step in this contribution. The interaction with the audience was really helpful for me to understand how well had I explained the laws as well as how much had the audience grasped the essence of what I wanted to convey.

### **9. The Most Touching Moment:**

When I ended my event few girls approached me. One of the girl came to me and asked for my autograph, I smiled and told her that I'm their junior. The girls were from the third year and I told them that I'm a first year learner. The girls asked me whether they could join the LAC and how does LAC contribute to the society. I was really happy that the girls understood that I had made efforts to spread awareness and help them become more strong by learning the laws.

## Annexure-1

### 1. Reporting of the event in the newspaper


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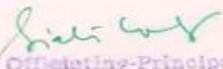
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के.वी.ए.डी.ए.वी. महिला महाविद्यालय, करनाल में दिनांक 10 दिसम्बर 2018 को “प्लेज फॉर लाइफ” अभियान के तहत तंबाकू विरोधी गतिविधि का आयोजन कॉलेज की राष्ट्रीय सेवा योजना इकाई I व II द्वारा किया गया। तथा कानूनी साक्षरता प्रकोष्ठ के तत्वाधान में विश्व मानवाधिकार दिवस के उपलक्ष्य में कानूनी जागरूकता हेतु एक वक्तव्य का आयोजन किया गया।

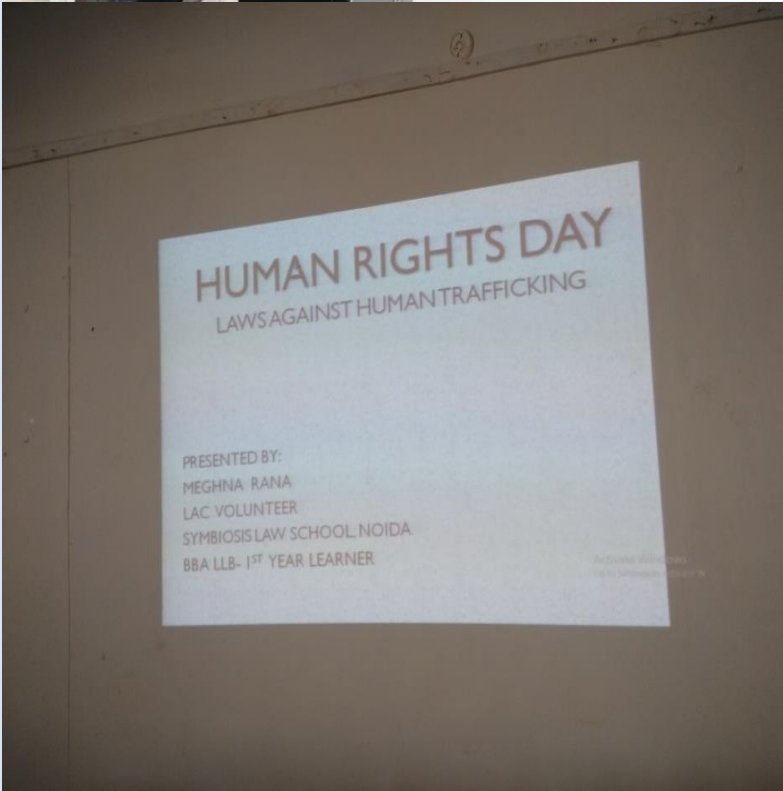
इस गतिविधि में छात्रों को हर प्रकार के नशों से दूर रहने की प्रतिज्ञा दिलवाते हुए महाविद्यालय की प्रवर्द्धा श्रीमती सुजाता गुप्ता जी ने आह्वान किया कि युवा वर्ग को न केवल स्वयं को अपितु अपने सभी सगे-संबंधियों को इस विषय में जागरूक करने की आवश्यकता है ताकि रत्नी हुक्क, तंबाकू, धूम्रपान आदि से होने वाली गंभीर बीमारियों से बच सकें। उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि “प्लेज फॉर लाइफ” जैसे अभियान को सफल बनाने की जिम्मेदारी युवा वर्ग के कंधों पर ही है इसलिए उन्हें समाज में स्वास्थ्य-संबंधी सभी विषयों पर प्रकाश डालने के लिए निरंतर प्रयासरत रहना चाहिए। इसके अन्तर्गत बी.ए. (द्वितीय वर्ष) 2<sup>nd</sup> Year की छात्रा प्रियंका ने एवं सिम्बॉयोलिसिस लॉ स्कूल की छात्रा मेघना राणा ने महिला तरकरी कानून से संबंधित जानकारी सांझा की।

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## 2. The laws being explained





3. The personal interaction with girls after the event



4. The lecture by the principal and the faculty member



# ANNEXURE-2

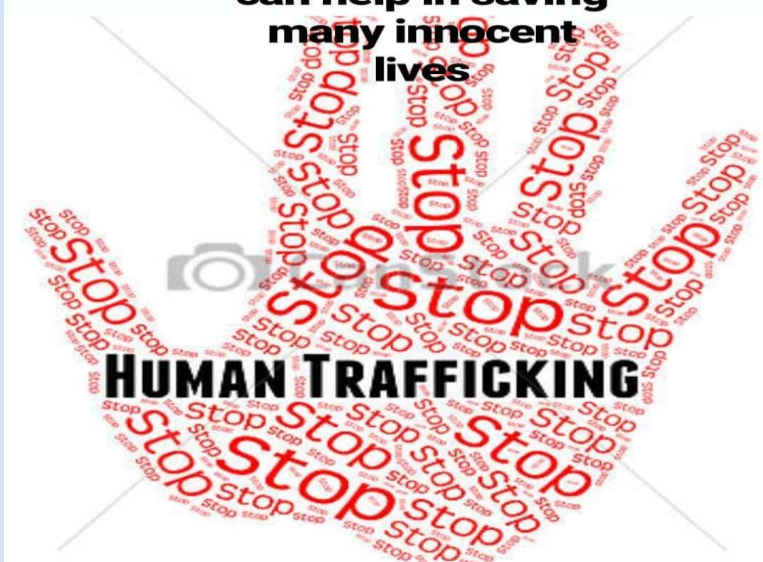
**Report any trafficking case you see around you. Be responsible. Be confident.**



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**THIS HUMAN RIGHTS DAY IS DEDICATED TO SPREADING AWARENESS ABOUT THE LAWS PROVIDING PROTECTION FROM HUMAN TRAFFICKING. PLEDGE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS AWARENESS AS A RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN.**

**Awareness about human trafficking can help in saving many innocent lives.**



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