

“PLANTATION DRIVE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS”

(Report on the event conducted in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh on June 5, 2019)

Abstract: This event was conducted by a para-legal volunteer from Legal Aid Centre, S.L.S.-Noida. Firstly, the participants from surrounding areas were informed about the need to conserve and protect the environment and what are the ways through which they can contribute to the same. Afterwards, a plantation drive was conducted where many of these people participated in planting trees.

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I. Concept Note

The Legal Aid Centre at Symbiosis Law School Noida conducted a legal awareness program on “Plantation Drive and Environmental Awareness”. Basically the members had to create awareness among the people on environmental protection. As a para-legal volunteer I had conducted this program in Meerut where I also planted trees along with other people.

Environmental awareness is to understand the fragility of our environment and the importance of its protection. Environmental awareness is an integral part of the movement’s success. By teaching our friends and family that the physical environment is fragile and indispensable we can begin fixing the problems that threaten it. Promoting environmental awareness is an easy way to become an environmental steward and participate in creating a brighter future for ourselves and others.

II. Objective

The main objective of the LAC of SLS-N was to create awareness and educate people about the need to conserve the environment and what are the ways to do so.

- To educate the people about the ways through which they can conserve the environment.
- To encourage them to adopt environment friendly products in their day to day lives thereby discarding plastic items.
- To encourage people to plant trees in their neighbourhood or at required places.
- To establish a society where people are aware and protect the environment and their surroundings thereby creating a better place to live.

III. Preliminary Preparation

- Collecting saplings from the nursery to plant them at various locations.
- Printouts of the posters and pamphlets giving a message of environment conservation.
- Reading articles from various websites on the topic at hand to have a considerable amount of information and forming a strong opinion.

IV. Conducting the Program

In the summer of 2019, I had conducted this event in Meerut, a town in Uttar Pradesh. I collected saplings from the nursery and went to different places to plant them. My friends joined me in this activity and we planted around 24 trees in the nearby areas.

I took help of the posters and pamphlets to explain the topic to the audience. Also, the IFS officer who accompanied me talked about the intricacies involved in the actual functioning of the RTI in governmental institutions .This, helped a great deal in making the audience understand the subject.

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 encouraged this activity by promising to protect the plantation near their households and surrounding areas and also shared the same message among their relatives and friends. They were aware of the toll that the environment has taken over the years but yet left their eyes shut before the voice was raised from our team for which they promised to become the echo of our voice.

VI. Future plan of action

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

VII. Suggestions/ Feedback

- I would like to urge our members to plant more and more trees and give up plastic use. Everyone should contribute to preserve the environment and only then any effort can prove efficient.

VIII. Conclusion Remarks

This was a good learning experience for me. I got the opportunity to take a progressive stand on a sensitive and important issue and also got the chance to educate people on this. Also, as a para-legal volunteer, it was of great help as I understood some techniques while dealing with the local populace, who are not often educated on such topics

PICTURES OF THE EVENT

Picture-1 Planting the sapling near Meerut South-ex



Picture-2 Audience planting saplings provided to them.



Picture-3 Planting the sapling near Somdutt city, Meerut.



Picture-4 Planting the sapling near Somdutt city, Meerut.



Picture-5 Social coverage of the event with 200+ views on Instagram.

