

CHILD TRAFFICKING AWARENESS EVENT

The event was conducted by PLV Vanshika Rana on 15th December 2021 through google meet. This event aimed at creating awareness amongst children about child trafficking and importance of team work.

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Concept Note

The Legal Aid Centre at Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA conducts several awareness and welfare programs for the benefit of the society. As an extension of such initiatives, I conducted a 'Child Trafficking Awareness and Importance of teamwork Event' in collaboration with Sakhya Women's Guidance Cell, Mumbai through the Google Meet platform.

Children are the gift of God but we often tend to forget this and thus our children suffer. Problems like child labor, child marriage, child trafficking, sexual abuse etc. take a toll on their childhood. Children should know about their rights and the remedies available when any of these rights are violated.

The trade of human beings for exploitative purposes including bonded and forced labour, commercial sexual exploitation and illegal organ-trade is called 'human trafficking'. Given the nature of the crime, it also involves forceful and illegal migration of the victims who are traded. This shows the need of knowing different legislations for prevention of Human Trafficking.

Objective

Children will have a better understanding of the danger and consequences of trafficking and will be able to describe the stages of the trafficking process, and will become aware of issues that make one vulnerable to exploitation. Also, the importance of teamwork will provide children with the instinct of working together and helping others.

Preliminary Preparations

I wanted to make the session as much comprehensible as possible. Therefore, I decided to show them some short videos, tell them stories and do a discussion. I searched platforms like YouTube for the videos and shortlisted some short videos which I found appropriate for the session. Stories revolved around the child trafficking and teamwork. A quiz was also prepared for an ice breaker.

Conducting the program

The event started with a verbal quiz as an Ice Breaker by asking them as to what do they mean by a trafficked person. Different options were given to them to choose the correct answer following a discussion on the same lines and then the concept was being introduced to them and let them know as to why is it important to have knowledge about it. To have the knowledge of the same it was important to know as to who the victims are so that was also discussed in the following manner:-

Victims of human trafficking in India live amidst us, in our day-to-day surroundings. The most common victims are:

1. Children and young women brought from rural areas or sometimes even other states, to be engaged as domestic help in households or various small-scale establishments in urban centres. Many of these people eventually get exploited economically, physically and also sexually.
2. Children and adolescents begging or selling knick-knacks on the streets in towns and cities.
3. Women and children sold into commercial sex trade market
4. People lured to foreign countries by fraudulent recruitment agencies with lucrative job offers, to be employed in menial work involving inhuman working conditions.
5. The victims of the illegal organ trade racket.

Once the recognition is made we can easily come to the different legislations for its prevention and for that I gave them a glimpse of a few legislations like Immoral Trafficking Prevention Act, Criminal Law Amendments, POCSO etc. Even the Helpline numbers were shared with the children.

Furthermore, in order to make the children comfortable I discussed small stories followed by a documentary screening, so that they could get

comfortable and they would be able to discuss their issue with me or any of the Sakhya volunteers who will help them out.

In the documentary screening in a small town, people are dreaming: a man dreams of buying a house; a woman dreams of travelling; and an adolescent dreams of attending university. As each story plays out, we watch the devastating, step-by-step process of human traffickers taking advantage of these dreams. This five-minute animated video illustrates how human trafficking doesn't happen all at once, but rather is a process of three elements: Act, Means and Purpose.

This short documentary showed the children how various trafficking takes place. This animated video gave a sense of connect to the children and were able to relate various types of trafficking.

After talking about trafficking I discussed with them the importance of teamwork as working together as a team to achieve a particular goal is a different feeling. Humans are social animals and we tend to stick together and work alongside others in almost every phase of life. Be it in an office or home, everyone has his responsibilities to meet and performing these responsibilities every day makes us a part of the team we are in. Upon doing their assigned work with proper coordination, a team always wins in achieving its goal.

Response of the beneficiaries

The children as well as the NGO coordinator were happy with our event. The children told us that they enjoyed and learnt new things. They were responding to almost all our questions and even remembered the things we told them. This showed that they were attentively listening to us.

Future plan of action

Seeing the positive reaction from the audience, we are planning to conduct more such events. Child trafficking is an important issue, and we aim at creating awareness among the children at all levels. Also, in the coming

future we can conduct some physical events sensitizing people about the same.

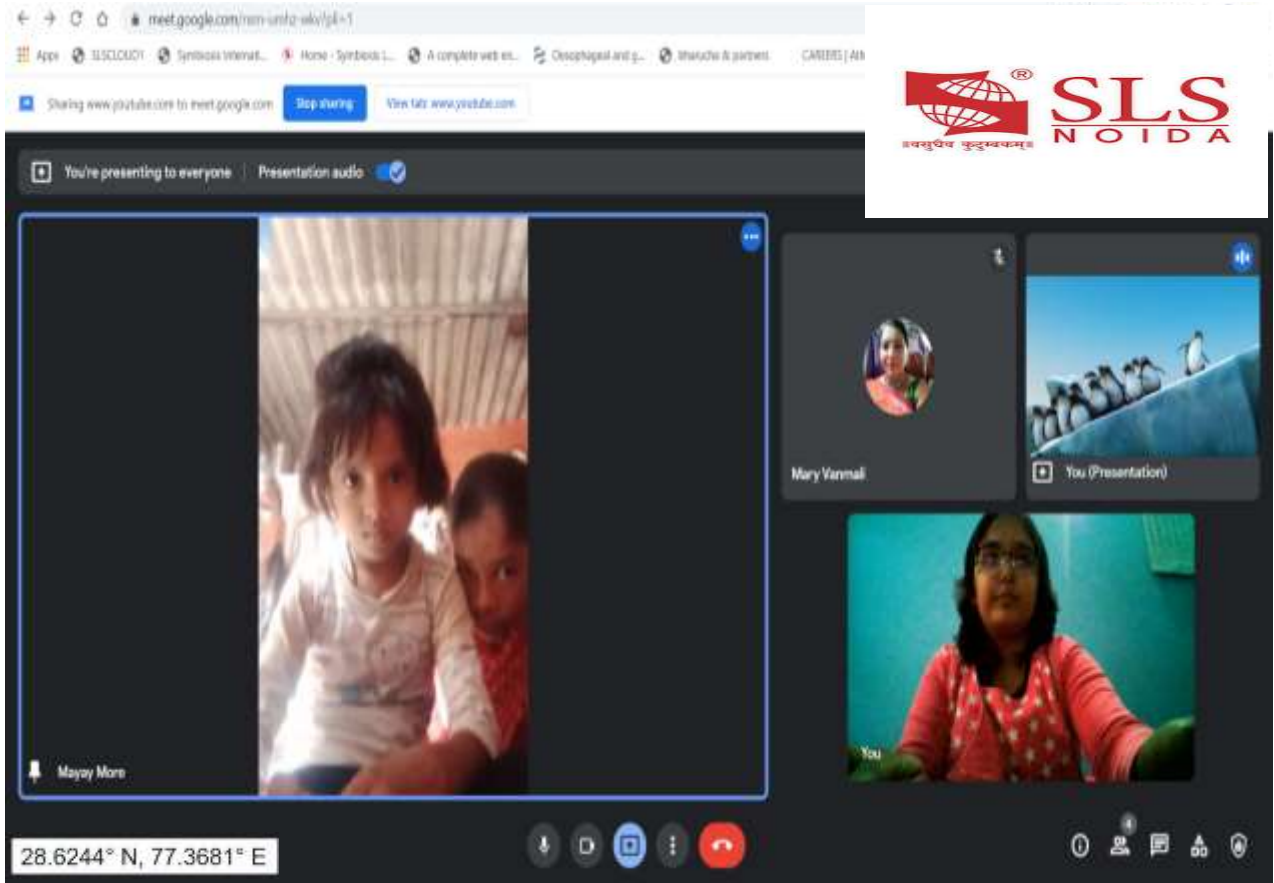
Feedback

The feedback which was received was positive as the children understood the concept easily. Also, the NGO Coordinator thanked me for conducting the event effectively and efficiently.

Conclusion

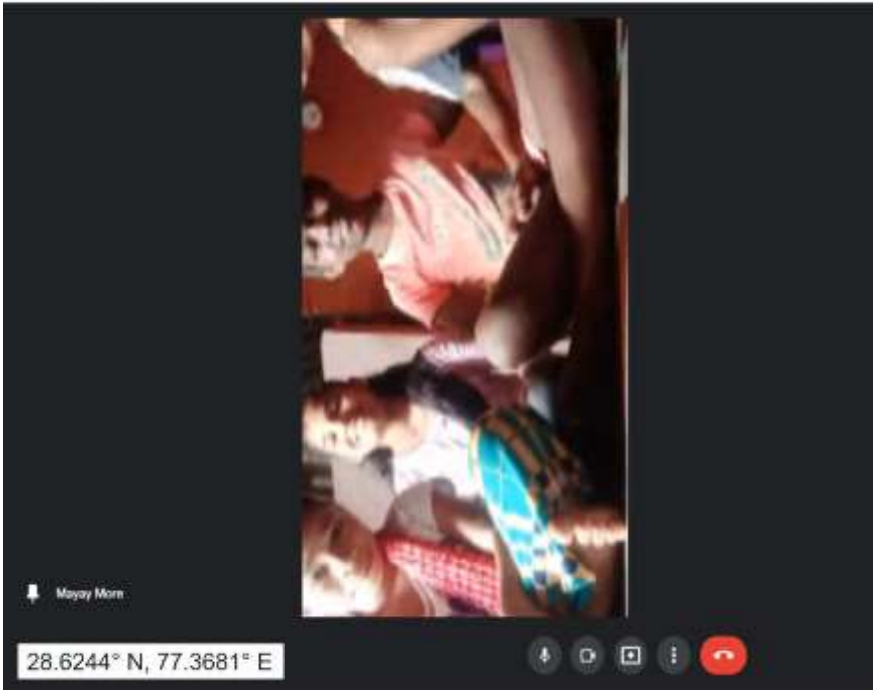
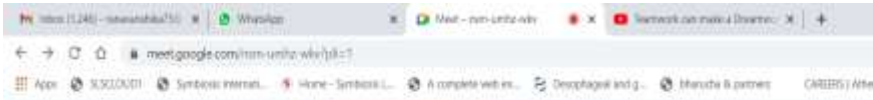
Human trafficking jeopardizes the dignity and security of trafficked individuals, and severely violates their human rights. Constitutions of India guarantee the equal rights of men and women, but they are often merely rhetoric when it comes to the question of practical implementation. In order to combat trafficking and thus to protect the human rights of the vulnerable people, strong political will of the government is vital in implementing their anti- trafficking mandates. Thus we can say any crime which can be used as business one day becomes a big social evil as in the case of human trafficking. The problem is still in our hands to be solved if the strong steps are taken deliberately and policies are made and implemented strictly. If timely steps are not taken then in very short time it will remain late but too late.

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