EVENT TO TEACH STUDENTS OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOL, BIHAR

Report on Event Conducted in a Government School in Bankipur, Bihar on November 02, 2022.

ABSTRACT: This event was a collaboration between the Legal Aid Centre and the Millennium Fellowship Project 'Chaitanya'. As a part of this project, the focus was on SDG 4 and 5 which talk about inclusive and equitable quality education across all genders and Rights of children. This event aimed at not only providing quality education to children but also spreading awareness about several government-run schemes on free and quality education in the country and rights of children.

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I. Concept Note

UN Millennium Fellowship believes in furthering several sustainable development goals all around the globe. As a part of project Chaitanya, our focus was on SDG 4 and 5 which talks about inclusive and equitable quality education across all genders and Rights of children. In furtherance of this goal, our team conducted several events out of which, one was based in Bankipur, Bihar. This event aimed at not only providing quality education to children but also spreading awareness about several government-run schemes on free and quality education in the country and rights of children. This specific event was held at an all-girls school and was formulated keeping in mind the specific challenges faced by the girl child in her ability to complete her education.

II. Objective

The aim of the event was to teach the girls about their Fundamental rights, good touch bad touch, child labour, POCSO and to inform them of the emergency contact numbers.

III. Preliminary Preparations

Before conducting the event, the organiser made the following preparations:

- 1. Conducted research on the rights of children under the Indian laws.
- 2. Conducted research into the barriers to quality education for girl child in India.
- 3. Gained permission from authorities to visit the school and conduct the event there.

IV. Conducting the Event

The event was conducted in the morning and was of a duration of approximately one hour. The event started with basic introduction with Miss Anjana Awasthi. She was the English teacher of the school. Further, I interacted with the students of the school and asked then about their academic and general interests. The age group of the girls were 9- 15 years old. There were around 40 to 50 girls. The girls as well as the teachers were happy with the event. They told me that they enjoyed and learnt new things. They were responding to almost all my questions and even remembered the things I told them. This showed that they were attentively listening to me.

V. Response of the Target Population

The response I received was positive. The children thanked me for conducting the event and making them aware of their rights. The teachers also appreciated the effort. Children were able to understand SDG 4- gender equality and SDG-5 – quality education very well and went back home with a big smile.

VI. Future Plan of Action

Similar sessions have been planned in other parts of the country.

VII. Conclusion

It is said that 'children must be thought how to think and not what to think'. On the same lines Project Chaitanya aims to make

the children learn about the child rights and promote gender equality. This event proved to be a good experience for me. With the instances of child labour, child marriage as well as trafficking, it became all the very more important for us to conduct this session and let the children know that they have the remedies available, and they need not fear in such circumstances. The POCSO discussion also paved the way for the children to understand about their bodily rights and understand that no one can touch them without their consent in a wrong way. Overall, the session ended on a happy note with the children telling us a 'big thank you'.

GLIMPSES OF THE EVENT





