

LEGAL AWARENESS EVENT: MADURAYAM

Report on Event Conducted on
November 26, 2022 in Delhi-NCR.

ABSTRACT: The event was a collaboration between the Legal Aid Centre and Millennium Fellowship Project 'Chaitanya' in association with the organization, The Freedom Lifestyle. The event was conducted on the issues of empowering women as agents of change in Delhi. The beneficiaries of the event were women. The event was spearheaded by Mrs. Deepa Arora. I participated in the event as the organizer and coordinator.

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I. Concept Note

As once J. Donald Walters said, "When you buy something made by a person, there is something special there, and you feel it. The consciousness with which a thing is made is often more important than the thing itself." That means to make something big you need to start it from the small.

Following the above stated idea, an exhibition and awareness seminar was conducted to promote small household businesses managed by women in our society. This seminar not only promoted business but also kept the importance of the day itself in mind and hence made women aware of their rights.

Project Chaitanya believes that for a child to have a protected life, it is most important that his or her mother is empowered. And working on the same lines, our project aims to collaborate with organizations working for the cause of women and children, thus supporting SDG 4 and 5. The Freedom Lifestyle works to mobilize and empower women as Agents of Change. It promotes a holistic approach towards life where women are the Agents, guiding the much-needed change in society.

II. Objective

The main aim of this event was to spread awareness and give women who handles small businesses a platform to showcase their talent in the form of exhibition. It included training to facilitate & support the women and their children as well as their families by creating the right mix in all areas of life through our Programs, Courses, Trainings, Workshops, Consultations provided by experts in the Academy & Community. The focus was also on creating gender sensitization and rights of women and children.

III. Preliminary Preparations

Before conducting the event, the organiser got in touch with The Freedom Lifestyle, and obtained the consent of Ms. Deepa Arora, the organisation's founder, to spearhead the event.

IV. Conducting the Event

The event was divided into two part first empowering women and second celebrating constitution day. The event was commenced at 11:30am with a Prayer Service. Followed by our chief guest Mrs. Mriganka Singh founder of M.D. DPS Group of Institutions also a politician and a BJP Leader. She is a great role model for women that they can do anything if they want, they have that stamina, straight they don't need anyone for a successful career. After the speech of Mrs. Mriganka Singh, the community member awards distribution took place and the women who have worked tirelessly to make their and their family life better were given an opportunity to express their stories. It was followed by chief guest Shri Chandan Chauhan who is an MLA Mirapur Vidansabha, Uttar Pradesh.

Then we started with celebrating constitution day. Every year on November 26th, our nation commemorates the adoption of the "Constitution of India" by observing Constitution Day, also known as "Samvidhan Divas." The Indian Constitution, which took effect on January 26, 1950, was enacted by the Indian Constituent Assembly on November 26, 1949. The rights given in constitution to the women empowerment session given by the Legal Perspective Mr. Vikram Singh. Under the Constitutional law, women have equal rights as men so as to enable them to take part effectively in the administrative of the country.

- Article 14 embodies the general principles of equality before law and equal protection of laws.

- Prohibition from discrimination on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth

(a) Article 15(1) and (2) prohibits the state from discriminating against any citizen only on the basis of any one or more of the aspects such as religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth or any of them.

(b) Article 15(3) makes it possible for the state to create special provisions for protecting the interests of women and children.

(c) Article 15(4) capacitates the State to create special arrangements for promoting interests and welfare of socially and educationally backward classes of society

- Equal Opportunity:

(a) Article 16 provides for equality of opportunity for all citizens in matters relating to employment or appointment to any office under the State.

(b) Article 39 requires the State to direct its policy towards securing for men and women equally the right to an adequate means of livelihood [Article 39(a)] and equal pay for equal work for both men and women [Article 39(d)].

(c) Article 39A directs the State to promote justice, on the basis of equal opportunity and to promote free legal aid by suitable legislation or scheme or in any other way to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by reason of economic or other disabilities.

Then our Chief Guest Justice Dr. Balbeer Singh Chauhan, chairman of Law Commission of India, Hon'ble judge of Supreme

Court of India, Chairperson Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal gives a speech and make as more understanding with the constitution.

It was followed by Lady Chief Guest Ms. Sunita Bainsla, Director General of Income Tax (intelligence and criminal investigation).

Then followed by our special Guest of Honor Mr. Hemant Arora, Partner Hemant Arora & Co. LL.P, Former Chairman CII Uttarakhand State Council. And Mr. SPS Panwar, designated Senior Advocate, CSC Uttar Pradesh, Nainital High Court.

V. Response of the Target Population and Outcomes

The target population heard the presentation attentively and gave insightful examples and remarks. The outcome of the event was that the event benefited to the stakeholders present there. It gives us a knowledge on constitution and our right which most of the women avoid and become housewife is they want to do something in their life without knowing their rights they sacrifice their dreams for the name of society, family, husband, parents, or children. I observed there that many of the women come first time on the stage and speak the hesitation of speaking in the public where you don't know anyone is something that most of the women present there were suffering. With the help of this event, they overcame their hesitation of speaking on the stage. Members were passing their business cards making network which will help them grow. This event thus helped to grow the small business together.

VI. Conclusion

While India is making leaps and bounds in its quest for development, it is sadly leaving behind half of its population. As

the years progress, the labour force participation of women continues to decrease, a strange contrast from other countries. This is because, while a lot of women perform labour, that labour is not recognised. It is therefore of the utmost importance to empower them, to cast the spotlight on them, and to enable them to take their rightful place as the leaders of change in this country.

GLIMPSES OF THE EVENT

