

**“LEGAL AID EVENT:
CLEANLINESS DRIVE ON
NATIONAL POLLUTION
CONTROL DAY 2ND DECEMBER”
(REPORT ON THE EVENT CONDUCTED
AROUND BORING ROAD AREA,
PATNA)**

Abstract: This event was conducted by Volunteer, Legal Aid Centre, and S.L.S. Noida. Firstly, I went to the college nearby and asked a few students to volunteer in the cleanliness drive. Then we went to an NGO and spoke to them about our cleanliness drive plan and asked if they could help in the same. The students from the art department of Patna Women’s College helped us in making a few Placards which was made out of recycled waste. And we pasted it on the lamppost.

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Concept Note:

The Legal Aid Centre at Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA conducts various awareness programs to sensitize the society towards a plethora of legal and social issues. As an extension of such initiatives I, student of the college and a Volunteer at Legal Aid Centre conducted a cleanliness drive on National Pollution Control Day in area around Boring Road in collaboration with the reputed NGO, TRY Foundation, Patna. National Pollution Control Day is observed on December 2 to raise awareness about the issue of increasing pollution. Currently, not just India but the world is battling pollution. The day is observed in the memory of those who lost their lives in the Bhopal Gas tragedy of December 2nd, 1984 which is known to be as the biggest industrial disaster in the history. It occurred when a poisonous chemical MIC (Methyl Isocyanate) in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. There are various laws in India against pollution. Few of them are water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act of 1974, Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act of 1981, Environment (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act of 1986.

1. Objectives :

The main objective of the Legal Aid Centre of SLS-N was to create awareness and educate people about preventive measures pertaining to environmental degradation. So in this cleanliness drive we took students along with us to clean the area around. The main objectives were:

- To create awareness among the youths about the pollution that we ourselves have created around our own neighbourhood.
- To make them realise about their responsibilities.
- To make them realise that we do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors; We Borrow It from Our Children.

- To inspire them to take a stand for themselves and the environment by taking small steps

2. Preliminary Preparations:

Before conducting the event a few important preparations were made:

- Contacting the students about this event and making them aware of what all will be included in this cleanliness drive.
- Selecting an area where waste created by the youth was present so that there could be an element of selfrealisation.
- Contacting the NGO for collaboration and asking them about what help they can do.
- Arranging for a few posters made by reusable materials.
- Researching effective strategies to make discussion revolving around environmental pollution and preservation.

3. Conducting the programme:

The cleanliness drive was conducted on December 18 around Boring Road Area. This site was selected mainly for the reason that the waste here was created by the college and school going students which mainly included plastic wrappers, straw, plastic plates and cigarette buds. Collaborating with the NGO ensured that our cleanliness drive had some strong backing and also they sponsored a gift which was supposed to be given to the vendor who ensured to keep his area clean and kept a dustbin.

I went to the NGO and then told them about my action plan and they were really elated by it and decided to send their youth representative along with us who was supposed to be of 20 years so that she could connect more with us. We then went to the Arts department of Patna Womens College and then asked a few students to help us they were kind enough to help us and they

said they would like to contribute by making a few posters by reusable materials which was really appreciable. Then came the day for action wherein I went to the selected spot and randomly started speaking to people about pollution and tried to know about their opinion and then asked them whether they would assist me in the same. To my surprise a few of them helped me in cleaning the area and slowly we had around 10 people with us.

After we cleaned the area then we went to the stalls which was around that area and choose the shop who had a dustbin and kept his area really clean. TRY foundation gave him a gift and appreciated his good work and we told other vendors to follow the same. After all this we went to paste that placard on a lamppost nearby and this was done by the students themselves.

This was all that we did and then I thanked everyone for all the efforts that they made to keep our Environment clean.

4. Response of the Target Audience

Since National Pollution Control Day falls in December most Indian schools in North India observe a winter break and most children are thus, travelling or visiting their relatives in their hometowns. Therefore, I could not gather a crowd as big as the one I would have liked to, with most children visiting their native villages. But still I managed to have random people with me on board and I believe that every small step makes a difference and every small step counts.

5. Key Personal Takeaway:

The feeling of making a difference in the lives of so many budding citizens of the nation and influencing them in a constructive way was indeed an amazing experience. The people then realised about how knowingly or unknowingly we tend to harm our very own environment. The people around

felt proud of themselves of having done something for their environment and the same feeling transpired in me.

6. Future Plan of Action:

Pollution is a major issue in today's era and everyone needs to be aware of this. So, in future I would want to conduct an awareness programme in schools and slum areas where we can talk to them about reuse, reduce and recycle. I would also want to make sure that this time I have a bigger crowd and a better area.

7. Suggestions/Feedback:

There should be more frequent cleanliness drive in areas around schools and colleges. Also even our college students can go for an awareness programme and a cleanliness drive session.

8. Conclusion/Remarks:

This was a great learning experience. I got the opportunity to realise and make people realise that how we are affecting our environment and harming it. As a law student I also realized that with increasing pollution even our human rights are being infringed and we need to take a firm stand on it. Lastly I would conclude by saying that what we need to do is to protect earth's poetry from its death. Landscapes of great wonder and beauty lie under our feet and all around us. They are discovered in tunnels in the ground, the heart of flowers, the hollows of trees, fresh-water ponds, seaweed jungles between tides, and even drops of water. Forests are the lungs of our land, purifying the air and giving fresh strength to our people. Life in these hidden worlds is more startling in reality than anything we can imagine. This earth of ours, which is only a speck in the heavens, has so much variety of life, so many curious and exciting creatures. What is the use

of the planet if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on? We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations.

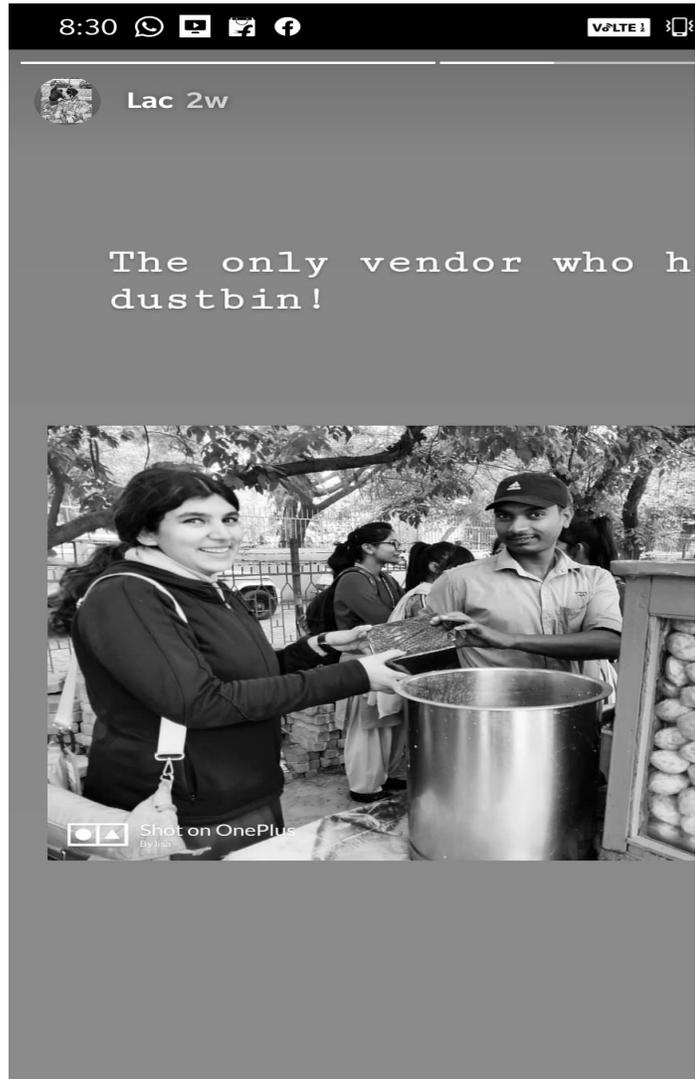
Annexure – I







ANNEXURE II



SOCIAL MEDIACOVERAGE

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VOLTE



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