

# “LEGAL AID EVENT : CLEANLINESS DRIVE ON NATIONAL POLLUTION CONTROL DAY”

(Report on the event conducted in a park of Laxmi Nagar area of Delhi on December 02, 2019)

**Abstract :** This event was conducted by Volunteer, Legal Aid Centre and SLS NOIDA. A Cleanliness Drive was organised so as to let people know the importance of clean environment to reduce pollution and realise that everyone has a responsibility towards the environment and by taking small steps also pollution can be reduced.

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## Concept Note

The Legal Aid Centre at Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA conducts various awareness programmes to sensitize the society towards a plethora of legal and social issues. As an extension of such initiatives a student of the college and a volunteer at Legal Aid Centre conducted a Cleanliness Drive on *National Pollution Control Day* in a park of Laxmi Nagar area of East Delhi on December 02, 2019.

Pollution is a major problem that India is not only facing, but the whole world is battling with it. It is also known as environmental pollution. There are several factors that are responsible for causing pollution like the bursting of crackers, vehicles running on the roads, bomb blast, leakage of gases via industries, etc. It is quite dangerous for the Environment When the level of Pollution gets an increase in the Environment. It is very important to manage the Pollution for making the Environment clean and better to live in it. Pollution free Environment is very necessary for every people to do all the tasks in a better way and to remain Disease free. With the development of science and technology, there has been a huge growth of human potentials. People have become prisoners of their own creations. We waste the bounties of our nature without a thought that our actions cause serious problems. We must deepen our knowledge of nature`s laws and broaden our understanding of the laws of the human behavior in order to deal with pollution problems. The effects of air pollution are alarming. It causes global warming, acid rains, respiratory and heart problems, and eutrophication. A lot of wildlife species are forced to change their habitat in order to survive. Soil pollution occurs when the presence of pollutants, contaminants, and toxic chemicals in the soil is in high concentration that has negative effect on wildlife, plants, humans, and ground water. Water pollution is able to lead our world on a path of destruction. Water is one of the greatest natural resources of the whole humanity. Nothing will be able to live without water. However, we do not appreciate this gift of nature and

pollute it without thinking. Environmental pollution has negatively affected the life of both animals and human-beings. The only way to control current environmental issues is to implement conservation methods and create sustainable development strategies. We should find some effective solutions in order to restore our ecological balance. Environmental pollution is one of the biggest problems caused by human activities that we should overcome to see a tomorrow and guarantee our descendants a healthy life. There are many environmental concerns for communities around the world to address. We should always remember that pollution problems affect us all so each of us has to do his or her best to help restore ecological balance to this beautiful place we call home.

Thus, there is an urgent need to control the level of pollution as much as we can.

So, making people aware about the topics such as *Pollution Control* is the need of the hour today.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The main objective of the Legal Aid Centre of SLS-N was to create awareness and educate people about pollution control to eradicate environmental degradation. Mostly everyone knows about pollution and its drastic effects but still most of the people don't pay attention to it and thus, the target audience is general public. As in general public majorly all the age groups are covered i.e. from olds to children and each one of them can put a little contribution towards the environment in some way or the other. So, by the means of this cleanliness drive it was to be demonstrated that by keeping the nearby areas clean one can reduce pollution. Pollution can be reduced not only by keeping the environment clean but in other ways too. Cleanliness Drive is just a medium for demonstration of the same.

Therefore, the main objectives were :

- a. To make people aware and spread awareness on causes of various pollution like water, air, soil, noise and their effect the environment and obviously health.
- b. Give knowledge to the people regarding pollution so that a better or clean environment can be formed.
- c. To make them realise that it's their responsibility to reduce pollution.
- d. To inspire them to take small steps towards controlling the level of pollution.

## **PRELIMINARY PREPARATIONS**

Before conducting the event a few important preparations were made :

- a. Purchased sacks for collecting the waste
- b. Purchased gloves as a protection gear
- c. Arranging volunteers for the event
- d. Taking permission from RWA

## **CONDUCTING THE PROGRAMME**

The cleanliness Drive was conducted in a community park of Laxmi Nagar, Delhi. This area was chosen mainly because that park was no more in use and was gradually converted into a dumping ground. We began our event by dividing ourselves into pairs and divided the park area amongst us and started collecting the waste. On seeing all of us indulged in cleaning the nearby residents started watching us. Some of them appreciated us for the good deed also. We all even talked to them while cleaning that there is a need to keep the environment clean which helps in controlling pollution. On seeing that and realising the same some of them joined us and the elderly ones who could not join us gave us moral support. As the park was huge

and too dirty and we were manually cleaning the same it could not be completely cleaned but yes it was cleaned upto a large extent.

## **RESPONSE OF THE AUDIENCE**

When we started cleaning the park, many residents on seeing us gathered around and some of them even joined us. Few residents were so happy with our initiative that they even called for professional restoration of the park. There were residents who gave moral support and appreciated our work. After seeing the park cleaned one of the families residing there offered us to wash our hands at their place. Everyone was happy on seeing this gesture of ours and many of them even said that they take the responsibility to keep the park clean and bid thanks to us for taking this initiative of cleaning the park. Residents even said that they are not going to throw waste further in the park and will keep it clean.

As the park was too dirty and huge it was difficult for us to clean it completely but we put our full efforts and cleaned it upto a large extent . Our work was appreciated by many people and seeing this they even called labour for helping us clean the park.

## **FUTURE PLAN OF ACTION**

In the coming days, we can visit the park again and see whether its maintained or not and if required another cleanliness drive can be arranged. Further dustbins can be placed in the park and further demonstrations can be given about proper waste disposal.

## **FEEDBACK**

- When we started the drive some of us were having the pollution masks while some were not having so, some residents arranged masks for us but it was the time when we had almost completed cleaning the park. They even helped us to put on the masks but after putting it on the residents threw the mask packets the ground itself.
- Some of the residents appreciated us while some even said that they are just wasting their time.
- Some people also suggested to burn the garbage which inturn would create more pollution.

All this shows that there is still a need of encouragement and such topics should be taken up more so as to create more awareness.

## **CONCLUSION**

This was a new and good experience for me as I got the opportunity to take a progressive stand on a such an issue and got a chance to spread awareness about the same. Through this initiative I also understood that some new and more initiatives have to be taken so as to create a greater impact on the people for realising their responsibility towards environment.

## ANNEXURE 1











## ANNEXURE 2





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## National Pollution Control Day



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