

“LEGAL AID EVENT: CLEANLINESS DRIVE”

*(Report on the event conducted at Laxminagar,
East Delhi on December 02, 2019)*

Abstract: This event was conducted by Volunteer, Legal Aid Centre, and S.L.S. Noida. As our theme was cleanliness drive we went to the slums at laxminagar and cleaned the parks. Other LAC volunteers and I cleaned the park which was near the children’s School. We explained to citizens living there that what are the consequences of not keeping your parks neat and clean. We also made children aware about these things that they should keep their neighborhood neat and clean. At last we all LAC volunteers and people living there came together and cleaned the park.

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1. 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 I, student of the college and a Volunteer at Legal Aid Centre conducted a cleanliness drive on December 2, 2019 at B School Park, Laxminagar, New Delhi.

Cleanliness is next to Godliness. We've heard this phrase many times. But do we actually follow this? A lot of people don't. There are some people who don't even respect the people who clean the trash. But cleanliness is very important. With the help of cleanliness we can keep our physical and mental health clean which makes us feel good. It gives rise to a good character. I think it's everybody's responsibility to keep their surroundings neat and clean. It brings good and positive thoughts in the mind which slows down the occurrence of diseases. So, our motive was to clean the park and aware the people that they should keep their neighborhood neat and clean as much as they can.

2. Objectives

The main objective of the Legal Aid Centre of SLS-N was to create awareness and educate people that cleanliness is very important for their life. We tried to aware them as much as we could. Our other objectives were:

- a) To make young children realize the gigantic responsibility that they have on their shoulders to keep their environment neat and clean as much as they can.
- b) To make them aware about possible steps that need to be undertaken

to prevent their neighborhood from getting polluted.

- c) To imbibe into them the mantra of 'Reduce, reuse, recycle' and how it can be incorporated in day to day life.
- d) To inspire them to take a stand for themselves and the environment.

3. Preliminary Preparations

Before conducting the event a few important preparations were made :

- a) Collecting plastic bags, cloth bags and other similar material for effective demonstration of the mantra 'Reuse, reduce, recycle'.
- b) Gloves and mask were arranged.
- c) A van was also called to collect the garbage and other waste material.

4. Conducting the programme:

The cleanliness drive was conducted at a park in laxminagar. That site was chosen mainly because of a large chunk of their population living near that park. We cleaned the park and made aware the people that they should keep the park neat and clean. And while we were cleaning the park we came across both biodegradable and non-biodegradable. We discussed and thought which articles can be reused or recycled and what would be the best disposal mechanisms for single use articles. It was all about making them aware about cleanliness and other important which they should practice in their day to day life.

5. Response of the Target Audience:

When we started cleaning the park they were looking at us that why certain students from nowhere are cleaning our parks and neighborhood but after seeing us they also came up and joined us and started cleaning the park. We got a very positive response them and when we were telling them that how they can keep their parks neat and clean they were very much serious and were very attentive.

6. 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. We had one to one conversation with the people and we tried our level best to make them aware about the consequences of not keeping their neighborhood neat and clean. Most of the children present there had never been briefed about the cleanliness and thus the feeling of being their 'first' was incredible. Secondly, it made me realize the importance of education and its power to change lives and the world.

7. Future plan of action

Considering how the resources are getting depleted and the environment is getting degraded at an alarming rate, one session talking about awareness and preventive measures is not enough to ensure that people make environmental conservation methods a part of their lifestyles and keep themselves neat and clean as much as they can.

Thus, more such sessions need to be organized in the future.

8. Suggestions/Feedback

Follow up action should be encouraged and more and more such topics to be taken up not just with children but with people of all ages so that these preventive measures that we talk about become habits and a way of life.

9. Conclusion/Remarks:

This was a great learning experience. I got the opportunity to take a progressive stand on an important issue and also got the chance to educate or say make people aware about it. Also, as a law student and a future legal professional, it was of tremendous help as I understood some techniques and strategies to be

used while dealing with the rural populace, who are not often educated on such issues so as to create a comfortable space for discussion.

Annexure I





