

EVENT ON NATIONAL VOTERS' DAY

**(Report on the event conducted
in NOIDA on January 25th, 2019)**

Abstract: This event was conducted by a group of students consisting of Convener, Co-Convener and Volunteers from Legal Aid Centre, S.L.S.-Noida. A play was conducted in order to spread the awareness about the importance of voting. Further, a quiz competition was organized; it was based on the knowledge of Constitution and facts related to the voting rights.

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1. Concept Note:

The Legal Aid Center of Symbiosis Law School, Noida conducted an event based on voting rights and the significance of the same on 25th of January, 2019. In order to encourage the young voters to take part in the political process, the Government of India decided to celebrate 25th of January as National Voters' Day.

The democratic set-up of our country encourages the Adult Suffrage system and thus it is pertinent to know the importance of even a single vote. The event was conducted in the college premise to enlighten and empower the students with a significant phrase "*The ignorance of one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all*". Voting is a kind of duty which is not imposed by any authority but is present inherently and thus one is obliged to vote and make a change because "*Every vote counts*".

Right to vote is neither a fundamental right nor a Constitutional right; it is a legal right which means the right originates from the constitutional mandate enshrined under section Article 326. The Article clearly specifies the age for the adult suffrage as eighteen years and it is important to discuss to create the awareness among the students.

2. Objective:

- The main objective of the Legal Aid Centre of SLS- NOIDA was to make the students aware about the right to vote.
- To infuse the knowledge about the importance of a single vote.
- To reflect the condition of the people of India who ignore the magnitude of this right and as a result is subjected to pathetic conditions.

3. Preliminary Preparations:

Before conducting the event,

- The group of students made some preliminary preparations. The event was bifurcated into three components: the first component was the photo-booth so the materials were procured beforehand.
- The play required practice; the team practiced the Nukkad Natak several time to make it flawless.
- The third component was the small Quiz competition so the questions were prepared and discussed within the team.

4. Conducting the Event

The event was organised in the college premise at 12:05 p.m. a play was conducted titled as "bharat ki janta" was performed to represent the feeble condition of the people. The aim of the play was to show the target population and make them familiar with the suffrage of the people. The glory of India can't be expressed in words but these political parties are eating away all the richness and draining all the wealth. This was the theme of our play. After the play a quiz competition was hosted and three winners were declared. The first use of EVM machines, the number of national parties in India and other questions were put in front of the students and the student who answered the most questions correctly got the prize.

The other component of this event was photo-booth which encompassed the competition of highest number of likes on the photograph. Through the play, we tried to share an important and powerful message and to make it lighter we introduced the photo-booth component.

5. Response of the Target Population

All the three components seemed to arouse the interest of the students. They actively took part in the quiz and clicked the photographs on the photo-booth. It was a small but fruitful initiative. They showed immense participation throughout the event.

6. Future Plan of Action

One event is not enough to make the target population aware of topics chose, in great detail. We could only provide them with a basic structure. More events should be organised in order to spread the awareness.

7. Suggestions/Feedback:

Various ways in which the program could be better conducted in future are as follows:-

- No. of Volunteers- The number of volunteers for the program should be definitely more, because if there are more helping hands, then the objective could be better served and achieved.
- Introduction of more creative ideas- Creative ideas like dance, Nukkad Natak, poetry etc. should be promoted and inculcated to spread the powerful message.

8. Concluding Remarks:

The overall experience was good as the crowd was participative in nature. Through this event the reflection of the down trodden situation of India was brought to everyone's eyesight and how the political parties have left everyone is shambles.

9.Moments Captured:



Nukkad Natak



College Staff at the Photo Booth



L.A.C. Team at the Photo Booth



Quiz Contest on Voters' Awareness