

# EVENT ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The Legal Aid Centre organized an event on 8th March'19  
celebrating International women's Day

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## **1. Concept Note:**

Legal Aid Centre organized an event on 8<sup>th</sup> March' 19 on the day of International Women's Day, celebrating the achievements of women across the various fields. The event was conducted in a government school located in Sector 63, NOIDA Uttar Pradesh.

The centre recognizes that the importance of values like equality and respect for the both the genders should be inculcated in one's life from the very beginning; for only then it can fully manifest itself during one's adulthood, enriching the society as a whole. Understanding this, the centre chose a junior government school as the most appropriate location to conduct the event. Children's mind can be molded in any direction, therefore exposing them to positive values such as equality and the concept of consent is extremely vital.

## **2. Objective :**

The main objectives of this event conducted by the Legal Aid Centre of SLS- NOIDA are as follows:

- To inculcate the feeling of respect and equality amongst students.
- To make the students aware of the concept of consent and domestic violence.

- To enlighten the students on the importance of formal education to build a bright future for themselves.
- To make the students aware of their right to education and its various provisions in a comprehensive manner.

### **3. Preliminary Preparations:**

Following steps were undertaken before conducting the event:

- Seeking permission from the respected school to conduct the event.
- Making a list of all the necessary supplements such as chart paper, posters and musical instrument to attract the attention of the students.
- Doing research and selecting women, whom children can look up to as role models.
- Simplifying the provisions of Right to Education for children to understand.

### **4. Conducting the Event:**

The government school of Bisrakh, Wajidpur was kind enough to co-operate with us and grant us the permission to conduct the event. The main focus of the event was to target the economically backward students to enlighten

them to the concepts of equality and consent. In order to bring equality amongst both the genders has always been the essence of International Women's Day. Real equality can only be achieved when it is implemented even in the most remote areas of the country. Therefore a junior government school located in Bisrakh, Wajidpur was chosen. The children coming to the school belonged to economically weak families and such values are usually missing in their lives. In order to succeed in this task of fulfilling the essence of the day, it was decided by the team that the lives of Kalpana Chawla and Dr. Pratibha Patil will be narrated to the students, highlighting their achievements. The life story was narrated by Ritam Khanna, legal aid volunteer, in an animated tone, using simple Hindi language for better understanding of the students. The story telling was followed by Tanya Jaani, a para-legal volunteer explaining the basics of domestic violence. Domestic violence was incorporated in the event as it is strongly believed that children are the vehicle of change and they can work very well as the eyes and ears to bring about a social change. It is only when children are informed about the evils of the society will they be able to bring about a change. Only after they have been educated about what is domestic violence, will they be able to stop it when they see it happen around them. In order to explain such a complex topic children were given simple examples and pointers through which they can identify domestic violence and were informed about the steps that can be undertaken to solve the issue.

The third act involved enlightening the children about their right to education. This was involved in the event primarily because in order for the children (especially young girls) it is important for them to attain formal education. This act was performed by Amira Dhawan, legal aid volunteer. The various provisions of the right was explained to the children in the form of a story comparing the lives of two young girls, one who attains education and one who doesn't.

### **5. Response of the Target Audience:**

The target audience in the event comprised of children, varying from the age of 5 years to 10 years old. The children were very excited and forthcoming during the event. Some of the children even asked questions and showed eagerness to learn more about on the topics they were being informed about. An interesting thing to note about was the fact that the children were already aware about International Women's Day. They showed enthusiasm when they were questioned about their daily lives and in general as well. The overall response of the children as well as the teachers was very encouraging and the children whole heartedly paid attention to the information that was being imparted to them.

## **6. Future Plan of Action:**

The team strongly felt especially after seeing the reaction of the target audience that such events should also be conducted in other junior schools. The ambit of the event can be extended. Multiple posters should be made so that different teams can go to different schools on the same day and everyone gets a chance to be a part of this mission.

## **7. Suggestions/ Feedback:**

The essence of celebrating International Women's Day could have been fulfilled in a better manner had the team conducted a drive in the neighborhood area. Explaining and elaborating the various rights that are conferred to women through multiple legislations that have previously been passed. Had such a drive been undertaken, the team would have been able to gather a firsthand information about the various problems that are faced by women and been able to provide them with a solution there itself.

## **8. Conclusion/Remark:**

Overall it was a great experience and a learning process. The team felt content and satisfied by seeing the reaction of the target audience. The

children were all smiles, they patiently waited and posed for group pictures and were very happy to interact with the team members after the event was over. The teachers also thoroughly enjoyed the session as it was fruitful and furthered their interest as well. Moreover due to the small size of the target audience the team members got a chance to interact with the students and teachers. They were able to take the feedback of students there and then only, which would be of utmost importance to them in future while conducting more such events.

## Moments Captured:







