

**“LEGAL AID CAMP: SPREADING  
AWARENESS ABOUT RIGHTS OF SENIOR  
CITIZENS, MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN  
AND DONATING FOOD, BOOKS AND  
CLOTHES TO THEM ON WORLD HUMAN  
RIGHTS DAY”**

(Report on the event conducted in New Delhi on  
December 10, 2019)

Abstract: This event was conducted by a para-legal volunteer from Legal Aid Centre, S.L.S. Noida. Firstly, the participants were informed about the present state of affairs of senior citizens, women and children in the society and the role played by them in the society. Then, the participants were made aware by getting informed about the 'laws' and 'rights' which they have as citizens of this nation and were also helped in getting informed about the methods of implementing the same. They were also made aware about their 'duties' towards others.

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## **1. Concept Note**

The Legal Aid Centre at Symbiosis Law School Noida conducted a legal awareness program on "Spreading awareness about rights of senior citizens, men, women and children and donating food, books and clothes to them on World Human Rights Day". Basically the members had to create awareness about rights of senior citizens, women, men and children and the conditions under which they live, make them more educated and knowledgeable about the same and helping them in pursuit of getting justice if they have faced any injustice yet. As a member/legal aid volunteer I had conducted this programme in New Delhi.

The present condition of majority of citizens especially those who belong from backward classes or underprivileged sections of society both in rural as well as urban areas reflects a sorry state of affairs in our society. These people are harassed and humiliated and are denied their basic rights and looked down upon by the society and in majority of the cases are left homeless without any aid. They are left unattended due to which most of them get into begging while others die due to poor conditions of living, unhygienic environment and lack of resources. Thus, it is very important to spread awareness among these sections of people about the rights which have been granted to them by our constitution and various statutes so that they can make a full use of them to their advantage and hope to see a brighter future and live their lives under good and decent conditions.

## **2. Objective**

The main objective of the LAC of SLS-N was to create awareness and educate people about rights of citizens and how it is important for them and the society at large. The urban populace is well versed with its rights and is aware of the means to safeguard their rights.

- To educate people about their rights vested to them by our law books.
- To make them aware about our society's state of affairs

- To make them capable of handling any legal difficulty by themselves by educating them and making them aware about the same.

### **3. Preliminary Preparation**

Before conducting the event, the following preparations were made-

- Making notes and collecting data for giving information on the topic.
- Collecting food, books and clothes for donation.
- Arranging refreshments to be served after the event.

### **4. Conducting the program**

The said event was conducted at Hanuman Mandir in Connaught Place at New Delhi where there are many people who are needy and belong to underprivileged sections of society. The target population were people from all walks of life. The place acts as a dwelling place for these people in a sense that it houses people together who belong from different backgrounds and strata of society mostly from the underprivileged sections of society. They live together in the same place. People come here and donate different things for the welfare of these people. I thought that it would be ideal to conduct the campaign here since majority of the people living there belong from disadvantaged sections of the society and hence are uneducated and unaware of their rights and duties.

I took help from the notes and posters which I had prepared before coming for the campaign and explained them the rights which they have and how they are fully immune through them. Furthermore, I also explained the redressal mechanisms they can avail if they become victims of any unwanted acts after their rehabilitation or otherwise.

After explaining them the same, I donated food, books and clothes to them which I had brought along with me.

## **5. Response of the target population**

The reaction of the audience was very encouraging and positive. They were thankful of the things donated to them and were pleased to know the information given to them. They were unaware about this initially and were benefitted immensely by this awareness drive.

## **6. Future plan of action**

Similarly conducting these awareness drives in other areas and institutions so that more people can be benefitted from it.

## **7. Suggestions/Feedback**

The objective could be better served and achieved if there were more number of volunteers participating since this increases the support and spreads the message much faster to a wider audience. Prior collaboration with an NGO would also be better as it would increase the target audience and the purpose of the social message would be much more effectively served.

## **8. Conclusion/Remarks**

It was an amazing experience conducting this campaign. I got the chance to educate people on this and give them items necessary for their survival this made me feel very good. Also this is not only beneficial for the target audience but is also beneficial for the society at large. Looking forward to participating in more such campaigns in the near future.

# Annexure 1

## Pictures of the event













## Annexure 2

### Social Media Coverage of the Campaign

**WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY**

**Celebrated this wonderful day by spending time with the needy and distributing alms to them. It was an enriching experience which pushed me more closer towards the reality and instilled in me a better understanding of the problems faced by our society.**



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