

“LEGAL AID EVENT: AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON HUMAN RIGHTS DAY AND CLEANLINESS DRIVE”

*(Report on the event conducted at the slums of
Sarsaiya ghat, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh on
December 11, 2019)*

Abstract: This event was conducted by Volunteer, Legal Aid Centre, and S.L.S. Noida. Firstly, children mainly belonging to the age group of 5-12 were explained the importance of human rights and I also taught them how to curb pollution and make efforts in minimizing it.

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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 way that leads them from darkness to light of legal and social issues. With a viewpoint of promoting such initiatives I, student of the college and a Volunteer at Legal Aid Centre conducted a session on *World human rights Day and a cleanliness drive* in slums at Sarsaiya Ghat , Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh in collaboration with the reputed NGO, Vishwa Bharti Vikas Sansthan, Kanpur and namami gange project on December 11, 2019.

Human rights are the norms that describe certain standards of human genre. Commonly understood as fundamental rights to which a person is inherently Entitled simply because she or he is a human being regardless of their age nation of origin , location, language, religion or any othere status applicable They are applicable everywhere and at every time in the sense of being Universal and same for everyone. They are regarded as requiring empathy and the rule of law and imposing an obligation persons to respect.

2. Objectives :

The main objective of the Legal Aid Centre of SLS-N was to create awareness and educate people about the human rights that are inherently available with them and also to carry out a cleanliness drive in order to make people aware of the damages that the pollution is causing to the environment and also to make them aware of the preventive measures that can be taken in order to minimize it to its lowest. The adults are comparatively more educated and knowledgeable about these rights so thus, the target audience of this demonstrative and interactive session were children belonging to the age group of 5-12 years. With the next generation being the future of not only this country but also of this world it becomes very important in making them aware of all the rights that are available to them in order to make them apply in a right and fruitful manner. Apart from that pollution is one of the most major things that this country is dealing with, specially in India of tomorrow, it is imperative for growing kids to be well versed with ways to prevent the pollution and degradation of the environment. Therefore, the main objectives were:

- a) To make young children realize the gigantic responsibility that they have on their shoulders to utilize resources responsibly and preserve the environment for themselves and their future generations.
- b) To make them aware about the rights that they possess with them to get it implied in a fruitful and audacious way.

- c) To lead by an example for the little ones and boosting them up for the future challenges and motivating them to tackle any situation that comes in their way.

3. Preliminary Preparations:

Before conducting the event a few important preparations were made :

- a) Collaborating with the vishwa bharti vikas sansthan and arrangements for the proper seating conditions.
- b) Collaborating with namami gange project and make their workers understand the manner in which the drive has to be carried out.
- c) Arrangement of the dustbins in order to dump the waste.
- d) Arrangement of gloves, masks were also kept in mind in order to carry a safe cleanliness drive.

4. Conducting the programme :

The awareness programme was conducted in slums of sarsaiya ghat, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh. These sites were chosen mainly because of a large chunk of their population belonging to the age group of 5-12 years. Collaborating with the NGO ensured mass mobilization of people so that more and more people could be benefitted by my session on *Environmental*

Conservation. I went to the members of the namami gange project and collaborated with them, Kanpur chapter with a detailed proposal of the event and they were elated to have me on board.

We began with our event at Sarsaiya Ghat. I visited the slums along with members of the vishwa bharati vikas sansthan and invited all children and young adults to come out and attend the event. Firstly, I explained the importance of human rights and the rights that they inherently possess with them. Further I made them realize about the pollution and at what extent it is causing the harm to the environment and also how the cleanliness drive will help in eradicating the water pollution as well as the cleaning of ghats will provide a safer environment to reside in . I f. I further explained the correct way to dispose waste in green and blue dustbins. This interactive session culminated with a poster making activity. The kids drew their hearts out and painted their best interpretation of environmental conservation on paper.

Similar events transpired at other slum sited during the course of the day.

5. Response of the Target Audience:

The response of the target audience was really amazing. They were glad to contribute to some important measures that are majorly been carried out in order to not only make a city or a particular country but this whole world a better place to reside in. the children seemed excited and were eager to know about the human rights that they possess with them and they were equally excited to put their best step forward to apply these rights in the most fruitful way.

The response of the target audience made me extremely happy as I was successful in conducting an event that not only has helped the children to realize the importance of the human rights but also how to curb the pollution that it is emerging as a major hazard to the mother nature.

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. Most of the children present there had never been briefed about the environment 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.

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

Keeping in mind my inability to conduct such sessions frequently owing to academic and time constraints, I briefed other volunteers who had accompanied me that day as to how they should go about things in my absence, gave them the posters that I had prepared and shared with them relevant articles and links so that the unavailability of one person does not hinder slow but necessary progress. I will be following up and will be kept in loop throughout and will conduct similar sessions in the future as and when possible.

7. Suggestions/Feedback :

Events like these help the children in growing up as a great individual with some social as well as legal responsibilities to carry on their shoulders and how to make carry them in a very fruitful manner. Further not only children but also the adults should also be included in these drives in order to make children understand that even their peers are leading by the example and this will motivate them in getting to the zenith of success.

8. Conclusion/Remarks:

Conducting such an event gives you a major boost in order to educate people and make them aware about the rights which they inherently possess. Also by guiding them through the cleanliness drive that was carried out, it gives you a sense of achievement that you have done something audacious that is poised in making this world pollution free as well as making people realize the inherent rights and the fruitful way to make them exercise their rights.

Annexure 1









