

“LEGAL AID CAMP: CLEANLINESS AND SANITATION DRIVE IN A PUBLIC PARK ”

(Report on the event conducted in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh on December 19, 2019).

ABSTRACT

This Cleanliness drive was conducted by me and my batchmate AngkrishSoti with the help of my two more friends from (Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University, Lucknow) in a public park where we not only volunteered in cleaning the park but also educated some children playing in the park about importance of community hygiene.



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1. Concept Note:

The Legal Aid Centre Symbiosis Law School, Noida conducted several awareness programs for public awareness on different issues such as self defence, first aid, good or bad touch etc between (September to November, 2019) the best part of these events was that all these events were organised in schools for children in order to enlighten them from very beginning.

I always got an opportunity as a volunteer to become part of such events. I found that during my winter break I must organise a Cleanliness drive in a public park as this activity of mine will make a difference in sanitation condition of that park and I will also get an opportunity to interact with Childrens playing there and influence their minds with the thought of "Importance of community hygiene" in public domain.

2. Objective:

The objective of the event was guided by government's policy on "Swachh Bharat" which aimed at making country Open Defecation Free in the year 2019 the target for which has been almost achieved, as this year we are marking 150th birth anniversary of Father of our nation Mahatma Gandhi who compared cleanliness to godliness. Our Prime Minister, many celebrities and intellectuals from different fields from time to time came forward to tell us about the importance of Cleanliness under the banner of Swachh Bharat which ultimately aims at community hygiene.

I as a volunteer of LAC believes that such initiatives must work upon the concept of "Think Nationally, Act Locally" which means that if we are aspiring for a clean country we must begin from our home as an individual and as a citizen we must ensure that we must devote sometime for cleaning our surroundings which include (Parks, streets, community areas etc) as this is not only the function of state but as a good citizens it is our moral obligation.

3. Preliminary Preparations:

Before conducting the event, I contacted my Friend Angkrish who told me about the Public Park where condition of Sanitation is not good. I visited there to review the condition and I observed the same. Next day I

contacted my two friends from RMLNLU Lucknow and they agreed to become the part of this cleanliness drive the next day we bought gloves, broom and other essential stuff required for cleaning the place. I further deliberated all my colleagues about purpose of events and also guided them after completion of Sanitation drive we will educate children playing in the same park about the importance of Community Hygiene.

4. Conducting the programme:

I organised the event in a public park near Buttler Palace locality in Hazratganj, Lucknow. There were four volunteers including me, we first started picking up Plastic wastes which are non-biodegradable in nature such as (used bottles, packets and rolls) and kept them in separate bag for disposal then we move forward to broom leaves and other Biodegradable waste and kept them in a separate bag for disposal.

Next, we gathered some children about 5-6 children from the park as they were curiously observing our activity from 30 minutes we told them about following features and need of Community hygiene:

- It is a good habit to throw all sorts of garbage in bins kept in park because it makes work easy for ones who are cleaning the parks.
- It is good to volunteer in cleaning there park and streets once a week if possible with their parents in order to keep surroundings clean and ensure their health.
- They must both at personal and community level ensure that everyone should throw all sorts of wastes in dustbins as ultimately they are benefited with these small initiatives.

5. Response of the target population:

It was the time of afternoon when we conducted the drive and city of Lucknow is experiencing winter these days due to which there were many peoples in the park from every age group in order to get exposure to sunlight some of the old aged people asked us about the purpose of doing such drive and praised us for same while the childrens whom we counselled were very curious to know about the rationale and purpose behind such activity after we finished with our

deliberation on community Hygiene they all stood up and promised to keep their park clean and ensure that each and everyone does the same.

6. Future Plans of action:

One such event is not sufficient to raise awareness or make change but it has to be conducted regularly with cooperation and support from more number of volunteers either from college or any NGO or independent body aimed at working towards community hygiene. Such activities must ensure in future that authorities must be communicated about the places which are suffering from sanitation problems.

7. Suggestions/Feedback:

The ways in which the Cleanliness drive and Awareness event can be organised more efficiently are as follows:

- No. Of Volunteers- For cleanliness drive on a larger scale in a bigger compound with more public influence it is essential to have more number of volunteers.
- Collaborations- In future the awareness event must be done in collaboration with Drama Society SLS Noida through which by means of play, skit or "Nukkad natak" we can influence not only children but Adults in a given locality about the importance of community hygiene.

8. Conclusion:

As a Legal Aid Volunteer I found Cleanliness Drive a very productive activity because when you look at the place after cleaning it creates a feeling of Happiness and satisfaction towards your work while creating awareness among children about community hygiene is also an activity which nurtures your counselling and influencing skills and also expose you to the real mindset of society about the issue.

(The photographs relating to this programme are attached as annexure)

Annexure-1







Annexure- 2

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