

# DRAWING COMPETITION ON INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DISABLED PERSONS

Abstract: Initiative undertaken under the aegis of Legal Aid Centre, Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA and the Leadership of Mr. Ankur Sharma (Head L.A.C). The team comprising of Deepansi Trivedi, Devyanshu Sharma, Ruchika Singh, Meghna Rana (L.A.C. Volunteers), Pranav Bhaskar Tiwari (Co-Convener) & Nikhil Naren (Moment Catcher) visited the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (Divyangjan) - Model Special Education Centre on 3rd December 2018.

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## 2. Concept

The Legal Aid Centre at Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA conducts various awareness programs to sensitize the society towards different legal and social issues. As an extension of the above initiative the L.A.C. Team conducted this event.

Theme of the Event	Drawing/Painting Competition
Timing	10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
No. of children present	50
No. of Class	04 (Pre-Primary, Primary, Sec. & Pre-Voc/Vocational)
Venue	NIEPID MSEC, C-44A, Sector-40, NOIDA - 201301 (UP)

## 3. Objective

- a) To interact with children with disabilities and sensitize the members of the L.A.C.
- b) To promote art among differently abled by organizing drawing and coloring activities.
- c) To draw together with the differently abled and make sure they feel accepted.

## 4. Preliminary Preparation

The L.A.C. Team decided to conduct a painting/drawing competition. The Team contacted ***Bhagirathi Disability School*** but since they were busy due to other commitments, the event could not be finalized. The Team thereafter searched for some more schools and National Institute for the

Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities- Model Special Education Center of NOIDA opened its doors for the L.A.C. Team to organize the above-mentioned programme on 3rd December 2018 to observe International Day of Disabled Persons. According to their specifications, we brought prizes according to that which were toys with no small parts and mind games. We provided drawing-sheets, pencils, eraser, sharpener, sketch pens, pencil colors and plastic crayon colors. We shared chips and toffees which were permitted by their School Authorities. We got certificates printed for them as a token of achievement

## **5. Conducting of Program**

The L.A.C. Team reached the venue at 10 a.m. and met the Principal of the Centre. The administrator of the Centre had arranged the auditorium for us with sheets on floor for students to sit and draw freely and comfortably. The students came in from different age group and classes. There were pre-primary, primary, secondary and vocational wings.

The L.A.C. Team divided in five groups to distribute sheets and colors to them. We had kept the theme **"the thing you like the most"**. While children from higher classes could draw and disability of some obviated them from drawing. Apprehending such a situation we had already taken with us drawings of cars, cartoons etc. which could be colored. Some scribbled, some drew, all enjoyed!

We brought them chips and toffees to motivate them to work. After hour or so, we collected the sheets back and gave gifts to all who made the most efforts. Needless to say, everyone was a winner and received a **Certificate of Appreciation** by the Head L.A.C. and the Principal of the Centre. We clicked pictures of the Children with their terrific Work of Art. Then we had a talk with doctor on how more projects with them can be done

## **6. Response of the members**

This Event was an eye-opening experience for the L.A.C. Team as much to our surprise we learned from the kids more than the kids from us. It was quite impressive to see that none showed any form of competition or rivalry for the Prize. Everyone was extremely happy that their friend won.

This was just one of the numerous lessons that we took away from this visit. A humble reminder of what our society can be if we just observe these pious souls.

## **7. Future plan of Action**

The L.A.C. Team had an elaborate discussion on how our Law School can help in the future with collaborations and meaningfully participate in developing the future of the differently abled children.

## **8. Feedback**

It was a nice and soul touching experience to work with little children, help them with drawings and feel what they go through daily. The team went from blessed to feeling motivated. The team look forwards to long-term projects with the Centre

## **9. Conclusion**

It was a wonderful experience which made us release our social responsibility towards less privileged ones. It made a great impression on my mind and soul.