

# **“LEGAL AWARENESS EVENT ON WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR”**

*(Report on the event  
conducted in Hisar,  
Haryana on 12<sup>nd</sup> June,  
2019)*

**Abstract:** This event was an effort which was conducted to make small and medium shopkeepers and vendors aware of the Child Rights under Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986. The significance of Rights of Children along with the objectives as well as the goals of the Act were also discussed.

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## **1. Concept Note**

The Legal Aid Centre at Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA is always at the service of the public. Various initiatives have been implemented at the ground-level to practically solve the problems rather than just displaying issues in documents. In the light of the numerous examined coherent activities, an event was conducted to educate and spread awareness amongst shopkeepers and vendors to not support Child Labour under Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986. The main target of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act is to bring about change in society by removing Child Labour from grass-root level. Small and medium shopkeepers often keep children as helping hands in their day to day transactions for the sake of inexpensive and energetic labour. Small shopkeepers are more prone of not knowing the basic rights due to lack of proper education. This vulnerability has caused harm to a lot of lives which would otherwise have been in better regard. This drive was held to sensitize the shopkeepers to go completely against Child Labour. Considering all the key aspects, the volunteer along with Child Line (N.G.O.), Hisar in association with M.R.Y.D.O. (Model Rural Youth Development Organization) supported by M.W.C.D. (Ministry of Women and Child Development) in the presence of S.H.O. (Station House Officer), Police Staff, Members from D.C.P.U. (District Child Protection Unit) participated in the campaign in order to give proportionate effect to the rising issue.

## **2. Objective**

- To educate the shopkeepers to spread awareness of Child Rights under the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 to reduce Child Labour.
- To make the target audience know about the ill-effects of hiring children as labourers which destroy the lives of the youth.
- To make the target audience understand about the legal consequences of being a part of Child Labours.

### **3. Preliminary Preparations**

Before conducting the event, a few preliminary preparations were made like:-

- Creating Banner with relevant information and purchasing markers.
- Inviting S.H.O., Police Staff and Members from D.C.P.U. to participate.
- Brushing up on the knowledge of Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986.
- Informing the shopkeepers of the event in advance.

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

The event was organized in the market area at Hisar, Haryana; a popular hub of shopkeepers and vendors. Initially, the shopkeepers in the area were informed of such an event two days beforehand. On the day of the event, the volunteer initiated the program by introducing the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 and summarizing the significance of the Act. After this, the signature campaign was started and the target audience was informed of the vital aspects which are required to be provided while implementing the Act. Following this, the legal obligations and retribution was informed to the people. This was followed by an exhaustive explanation of the duties to do away with the prohibition. The event succeeded by a question-answer session (misgivings). The signature campaign implied their pledge to not be a part of committing the illegal act of Child Labour.

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

Most of the shopkeepers graced the event in light of their presence including the persons with special importance. Their queries were regarding basic rights and duties in such a case. The pamphlets were distributed considering future course of action. The discussion was not only limited to the Child Rights but also the way to increase their awareness for the rights and duties as prescribed by the State. The target population actively participated and was really enthusiastic to understand law of the land. Overall, the response of the people invited was soulful and energetic.

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

Follow up sessions should be made requisite in order to keep an eye on impact of the event. Only a few campaigns might not help us to reach the desired results. We were able to initiate the occasion at foundation level only. We collectively have the opinion to register a number of events to be conducted at ground-level for entirely getting rid of the issue.

## **7. Suggestions/Feedback**

Various ways in which the program could be better conducted in future are as follows:-

- It would be of immense help if the audience who were a part of the event already had a proper idea of Child Rights.
- It is important to act on ground level (in field) for actually spreading awareness and educating people who employ children as employees/labourers.
- Primary research must have been undertaken to understand the primary requirements of the target audience.

## **8. Conclusion/Remarks**

Overall, this was a flabbergasting experience and deep-learning process. It not only helped me out to reach to the untapped market but also gave me a pleasant opportunity to conclude the event successfully. It felt very satisfying to plant a seed of revolution in the hearts of chosen groups. As it is rightly said that it is through the acknowledgement of a problem that it can be solved, resolved and dissolved. Moreover, receiving very positive response from the audience made the team although more connected with the problem-solving margins than the problem-stating issues. On the occasion of such a great day, conducting an event which surpassed all the limits was of support to many who are in need of it.



## विश्व बाल श्रम निषेध दिवस के अवसर पर चाइल्ड लाइन ने चलाया हस्ताक्षर अभियान



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**हिसार।** विश्व बाल श्रम निषेध के अवसर पर बुधवार को चाइल्ड लाइन 1098 के तत्वावधान में विश्रौई मंदिर मार्केट में हस्ताक्षर अभियान चलाया गया।

इस अभियान में मार्केट के सभी दुकानदारों ने हस्ताक्षर करते हुए शपथ ली कि वे अपनी दुकानों पर बाल श्रमिक नहीं रखेंगे और न ही अन्य दुकानों पर रखने देंगे। सेंटर कॉर्डिनेटर कुलदीप शर्मा ने कहा कि बाल मजदूरी एक अभिशाप के साथ साथ कानूनी अपराध भी है। छोटे बच्चों से किताबें व खिलौने छीनकर उनका बचपन छीनना न केवल उनका शोषण है, बल्कि कानूनी तौर पर भी अपराध है। लेबर इंस्पेक्टर राजेंद्र, सिटी थाना एसएचओ विनोद कुमार, एसआई सुरेंद्र, जिला बाल संरक्षण इकाई से

सुनीता व मोनिका ने कहा कि बाल मजदूरी निषेध जागरूकता अभियान के बाद विभिन्न विभागों के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में गठित रेस्क्यू टीम की ओर से ढाबों, दुकानों, कारखानों व घरों में छोटे बच्चों से काम करवा रहे लोगों पर सख्त कानूनी कार्रवाई की जाएगी।

कार्यक्रम के दौरान उपस्थित सभी दुकानदारों ने अपनी दुकानों पर बाल मजदूरी न करवाने के पोस्टर भी लगवाए। मार्केट प्रधान राजकुमार, कृष्ण रहेजा, गुलशन, राजेंद्र चूटानी आदि ने भी इस अभियान को सफल बनाने तथा मार्केट को चाइल्ड लेबर फ्री मार्केट बनवाने का आश्वासन दिया। इस मौके पर चाइल्ड लाइन सदस्य पूनम, काउंसलर अंजनी, मनोज, रंजीत, लॉ स्टूडेंट लक्षिका और सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता प्रवीन महता सहित अन्य गणमान्य मौजूद थे।




**सार्वजनिक सूचना**

**18 वर्ष से कम आयु के बच्चे से कार्य करवाना कानूनी अपराध है। यह अपराध करने पर 50000/- रुपये तक जुर्माना व दो वर्ष की कैद या दोनों हो सकते हैं।**

**बाल श्रम की शिकायत चाइल्ड हेल्पलाईन-1098 या श्रम विभाग हिसार :- 01662-231110 पर कर सकते हैं।**



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**दस नौ आठ, अब होंगे बच्चों के टाट**



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**1098 एक टोल फ्री नम्बर है इस मुफ्त और आपातकालीन राष्ट्रीय फोन सेवा पर फोन करे अगर....**

- ❗ कोई बच्चा अकेला और बीमार हो।
- ❗ किसी बच्चे को आश्रय की जरूरत हो।
- ❗ कोई बच्चा छोड़ दिया गया हो या गुम हो गया हो।
- ❗ अगर कहीं कोई बच्चा (ईट के भट्टे, होटल, रेस्टोरेंट, फैक्ट्री, दुकान आदि या कहीं और) मजदूरी कर रहा हो।
- ❗ रास्ते पर किसी बच्चे का उपीड़न हो रहा हो।
- ❗ बाल विवाह हो, मानसिक या शारीरिक हिंसा से पीड़ित हो।
- ❗ यदि आप चाइल्ड लाइन को अपनी सेवाएँ देना चाहें।
- ❗ किसी बच्चे का शोषण हो रहा हो।
- ❗ कोई बच्चा नशे का आदि हो।
- ❗ कोई बच्चा भीख माँग रहा हो।

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