

# **“LEGAL AID CAMP: SENSITIZING THE CHILDREN ABOUT THEIR RIGHTS”**

*(Report on the event conducted in  
Agra, U.P on 10 th November, 2018)*

**Abstract:** This event was conducted by legal aid cell volunteer from Legal Aid Centre, S.L.S.-Noida. Firstly, the children from a slum area in Agra were informed about the basic rights vested to them by the constitution of India, i.e. Right to education, Right to Freedom, etc. Then they were made aware of the wrong practices like child marriage, child labour etc.

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## **1. Concept Note**

The Legal Aid Centre at Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA conducted various awareness programme to sensitize the society towards different legal and social issues. As an extension of the above initiative I, student of the college and a Legal Aid Cell volunteer at Legal Aid Centre conducted a program in Dayalbagh area of Agra, U.P on 8<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2018.

## **2. Objectives**

The main objective of the Legal Aid Centre of SLS- NOIDA was to make society sensitize towards the child labour, child marriage, child trafficking make children aware of the basic rights which no one can take from themselves such as Right to education, Right to Survival, Right to Protection, etc. In order to achieve the ultimate goal, interlocutory measures were undertaken the most important of which were educating and reminding the people of their legal & moral duties towards children.

a) To remind people (especially parents of children aged 7-18 years) that they have a fundamental duty to educate their child.

b) To create awareness in the minds of people about existing laws against child labour, child marriage, sending them for begging , etc in India and about the actions that could be taken against them if they don't follow these laws or if they avoid/ ignore these laws.

### **3. Preliminary Preparations**

Before conducting the event few important preparations were made:

- a. Planning the event with Robin Hood Army, Agra on how and what I am going to do at there Academic Drive .
- b. Making various other arrangements like arranging for the refreshments to be served after the event, arranging for the gifts to be given to the children.

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

The event was conducted in the Agra city of Uttar Pradesh. The area where the event had to be conducted was selected on four basis **a)** The number of slum houses in the area **b)** Number of people living in

that area **c)** The number of children in that area **d)** The educational and economic status of the people. Finally, dayalbagh area was selected.

After the area was selected after discussing with rha volunteers I visited the area at the scheduled time , we chose the time 4 pm as some students of the area go to school. People living in that area were not unaware about the fact that children were waged as labourers in that industry so they initially were not willing to participate but slowly and slowly after hearing the voices they gathered.

The volunteer discussed with the participants the existing laws against child labour, child marriage, child trafficking in India which the public had ignored/ forgotten completely and explained them that what action could be taken against them if they don't follow such laws. I preferred to make the event an interesting one for all I used videos which I showed them on my laptop . This made learning an interesting one for them.

These videos were selected by the volunteer from the government run programs. The volunteer also told the children about Good Touch and Bad Touch with the help of a Diagram.

Last but not the least, sloganeering was done by the volunteer along with the participants and sweets, biscuits and stationaries were distributed among children to make them happy.

## **5. Response of the Target**

The population of the city was not completely unknown about the concept as there were many incidences which came up before the residents of the city . The concept was therefore unsettled and for the same reason it had to be taken up for creating awareness in the minds of the people.

Initially, the people belonging to the poverty stricken area were not willing to participate in the event but after hearing the voice they gathered around to become a part of the event. When there was sloganeering against wrong practices by the volunteer much to the surprise was the participation of the children, men and women in that sloganeering.

## **6. Future Plan of action**

One session/ event was not enough to make every resident of the city aware about the concept and therefore it is suggested that more programs like these should be organized in future.

## **7. Suggestions/ Feedback**

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

**No. of Volunteers** - The number of volunteers for the program should be definitely more than one, because if there are more helping hands, then the objective could be better served and achieved.

**Association with NGOs** - A prior association with RHA functioning in the particular area was helpful in a great way to execute the programs successfully because they helped to accumulate groups and they also improved the techniques of the execution of the program.

## **8. Conclusion/ Remarks:**

Overall this was a great experience and learning process as legal aid cell volunteer and it indeed did make me aware of the society's mind-set at a very basic level, which is needed and useful for every law student for their comprehensive and holistic understanding of Law. It made me more equipped with handling twisted legal dilemmas. I would like to thank the whole LAC team which helped me in deciding the topics on which we could take up for the event. At last I would like to tell that the happiness I received after saying a goodbye to the students was really heart touching.









Annexure – B

(Photos posted on Facebook & Instagram)

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TheVolunteers photo shared by Robin Hood Army on there Instagram Page



Photos posted by the Volunteer on his Facebook Profile





Comments Received on the Facebook Profile

The screenshot shows a mobile interface for a Facebook profile page. At the top, the status bar displays '4G R', signal strength, '12:39', '0.10 KB/s', 'LTE', '4G', and '9%' battery. Below the status bar is a blue header with a back arrow, the name 'Yash Jain', and a search icon. A circular refresh icon and the text 'Load previous comments' are visible. The main content area lists several comments:

- Shivangi Jain**: Very good yrrr keep it up... go ahead. 1w. Like Reply Message. 1 like.
- Priyanshu Verma**: Ishpreet Singh apna Yash BHai, keep it up bruh. 1w. Like Reply Message. 2 likes.
- Ishpreet Singh**: Priyanshu Verma lac m... (comment partially obscured).
- Vivek Agarwal**: Sabas beta very good job page raho. 1w. Like Reply Message. 1 like.
- Kavita Jain**: Great work beta. 1w. Like Reply Message. 1 like.
- Kamlesh Rani**: Great work yash. 1w. Like Reply Message. 1 like.
- Samiksha Jain**: (comment partially obscured).

At the bottom, there is a text input field with a plus icon, a camera icon, and the placeholder text 'Write a comment...'. The Android navigation bar is visible at the very bottom.

