

LEGAL AID CAMP: THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOOD TOUCH AND BAD TOUCH

**(Report on event conducted in Delhi, on
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Abstract: This event involved making kindergarten students aware of the concept of good touch and bad touch, and the steps they can take if any emergency situation arises. The event was conducted by an LAC Volunteer of Symbiosis law school, Noida.

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1. Concept Note

'Good touch' and 'bad touch' are terms that are usually used to refer to the difference between the types of physical behaviour that are and aren't acceptable. The concept of personal space, privacy, consent and intention are also involved in this.

This event was conducted on the occasion of World Human Rights Day because we the members of the Legal Aid Centre of Symbiosis Law School, Noida, understand the importance of making the population aware of their basic and fundamental rights. The target group for this event were small kids aged around 3 to 4 years of age because the concept of good touch and bad touch is such, that the sooner the child learns what sort of behaviour is considered proper towards him by others and by him towards the others, the better our future world would be.

2. Objective

The objectives of this event were-

- Making the children aware about acceptable and unacceptable types of physical behaviour.
- Making the children aware of the concept of private parts and the concept of consent.
- Telling them about steps to be taken in emergency situations.
- Making them understand that they should never hide anything from their parents and they should never lie.

- Making them understand the concept of law, lawbreakers, prisons and police.
- Making them aware of the child helpline number.

3. Preliminary preparations

Before conducting the event, several preparations were made like-

- Making appropriate posters highlighting the private part areas in the human body and the child helpline number
- Contacting the owner of the school and seeking her permission to conduct the event
- Preparing drafts of what language and examples to use with children in order to make them understand the concept properly

4. Conducting the Program

The event was organised in a kindergarten school named, '*Baby's Day Inn*'. The students there were about 3 to 4 years of age. First, they were told the meaning of the words 'good', 'bad', and 'touch' individually and then in combined forms.

They were helped to understand that some touches can be good or bad depending on the situation. Like, a doctor was allowed to examine their private parts if they were ill, but only during the presence of and by the consent of their parents.

They were told to shout “NO!” and “Help!” when someone touched them in an inappropriate manner and to quickly inform their parents or their teacher.

They were informed about the concept of law, lawbreakers, prisons, police and helplines. They were told about the situations in which they can call the 24*7 child helpline number 1098 and they were told never to give false complaints.

A doubt session was also held to make the concept even more concrete in their brains and the posters were given to their teacher to put up in the class for a few days so that the kids remember the helpline number.

5. Response of the target population

Even though the children were rather small in age, still they were able to grasp the basic concept of what is considered to be good and bad. They even posed a few questions and shared their own experiences to be evaluated as good or bad by the LAC Volunteer. They listened to the whole presentation with a good amount of interest and made it a very interactive event.

6. Future Plan of action

Since the concept of good touch and bad touch is very important for kids to learn and remember, the teacher was given both the posters used in the event to put them up in the class.

There will be a follow up discussion with the teacher to see if the children need another session on this concept in the future. A kid reported that he was troubled by a man in his neighbourhood, he was told about the steps that were needed to be taken in this regard and the teacher was asked to contact his parents regarding the same, a follow up about this issue would be taken up by the volunteer from the teacher.

7. Feedback

- The target population chosen was perhaps too small to remember and to understand the true essence of the concept of good touch and bad touch nicely.
- For future events of the same nature, the medium of stories can be used to indulge the attention of the children in a better manner.
- The children can be handed leaflets with the child helpline number written on them instead of/ in addition to showing them one big poster of the same.

8. Conclusion

Overall, the event was quite successful as the children did understand the basic concept of good touch and bad touch at a rather early age and even shared their own experiences. The teachers of the school were also quite happy with the presentation.

Annexure 1

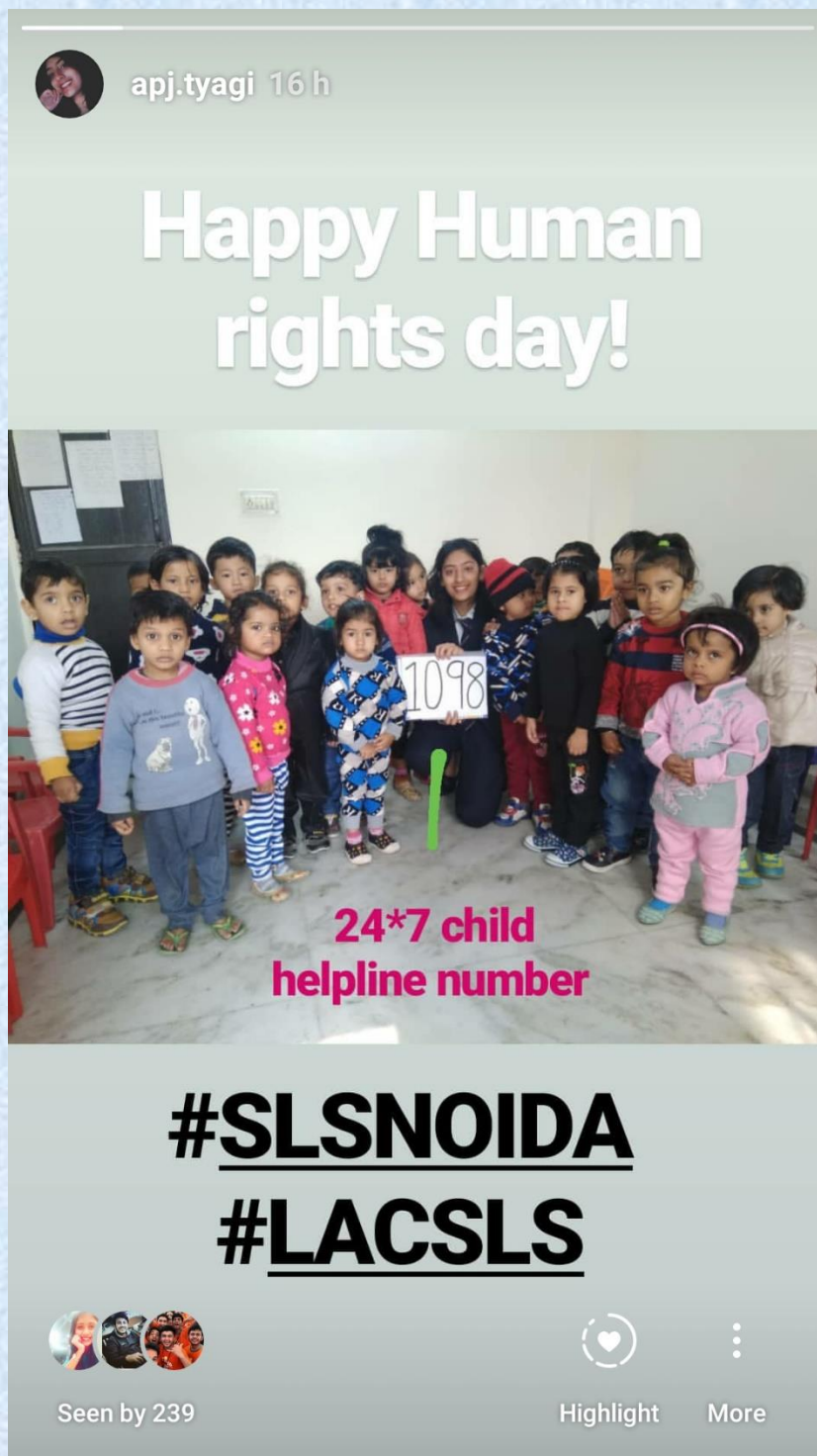








Annexure 2



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