

## **“Distribution of Masks and Hand Sanitisers and Awareness Camp on the Covid-19 Pandemic”**

(Report on the event conducted in New Delhi on September 17, 2020)

Abstract: This event was conducted by a para-legal volunteer from Legal Aid Centre, S.L.S. Noida. Firstly, the participants were informed about the present state of affairs of the country and how important it is to follow the guidelines issued by the government. Then, the participants were made aware by getting informed about the ‘laws’ and ‘duties’ which are in place and which they also have to follow and abide by. They were also made aware about the redressal mechanisms which they can avail if the need arises.

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## **1. Concept Note**

The Legal Aid Centre at Symbiosis Law School Noida conducted a legal awareness program on "DISTRIBUTION OF MASKS AND HAND SANITIZERS TO THE POOR PEOPLE AND HOMELESS PEOPLE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. Basically the members had to create awareness about the recent pandemic (Covid-19) which has taken place and how it has effected the lives of every citizen. In light of this it was important to inform the people that how important it is to take proper precautionary measures and not just for any particular section of people like senior citizens or children for example, but for every section of society irrespective of their age or health. As a member/legal aid volunteer I had conducted this programme in New Delhi.

The present condition of majority of citizens is quite grim. The virus has taken a heavy toll on the lives of every citizen especially those who belong from underprivileged sections of society, those who are poor and those who are homeless. Masks and hand sanitizers are the basic resources and essentials required for the prevention of Covid-19 and its spread but unfortunately these sections do not have access to even those basic essentials. These people due to their financial constraints and social position in society are not privileged enough to get access to these resources. They even have limited access to healthcare. They are denied their basic rights and are looked down upon by the society and in majority of the cases are left homeless without any aid. They are left unattended due to which most of them get into begging while others die due to poor conditions of living, unhygienic environment and lack of resources. Thus, it is very important to spread awareness among these sections of people regarding the current state of affairs and what all guidelines are being issued by the concerned authorities for the safety of the people. More importantly since they do not have access to the basic essentials, it is our obligation as a concerned citizen to help them in these trying times and

make the best we can. This will ensure them a brighter and safe future and they will be able to live their lives under good and safe conditions.

## **2. Objective**

The main objective of the LAC of SLS-N was to create awareness and educate people about the current pandemic and the duties of the citizens which they have to abide by to ensure their safety, security and how it is important for them and the society at large. The urban populace is well versed with its duties and is well aware regarding the recent trends along with the means to safeguarding their rights.

- To educate people about the current pandemic through articles, videos etc.
- To make them aware about our society's state of affairs
- To make them capable of handling this difficult situation by providing them with the necessary resources such as masks and hand sanitizers and making them aware about the same.

## **3. Preliminary Preparation**

Before conducting the event, the following preparations were made-

- Making notes and collecting data for giving information on the topic.
- Collecting masks and hand sanitizers for distributing.
- Arranging refreshments to be served after the event.

## **4. Conducting the program**

The said event was conducted in Dwarka at New Delhi where there are many people who are needy and belong to underprivileged sections of society. The target population were people from all walks of life. The place acts as a dwelling place for these people in a sense that it houses people together who belong from different backgrounds and strata of society mostly from the underprivileged sections of society. They live together in the same place. People come here and donate as well as distribute different

things for the welfare of these people. I thought that it would be ideal to conduct the campaign here since majority of the people living there belong from disadvantaged sections of the society and hence are uneducated and unaware of their rights and duties and more importantly the current situation.

I took help from the notes and posters which I had prepared before coming for the campaign and explained them the current situation which we are going through and how important it is for all of us to fight this situation i.e. the pandemic together and keep ourselves immune from the virus. Furthermore, I also explained the redressal mechanisms they can avail if they contract the virus or if any close relatives or friends of theirs get the virus or come in contact with a Covid positive person.

After explaining them the same, I donated masks and hand sanitizers to them which I had brought along with me.

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

The reaction of the audience was very encouraging and positive. They were thankful of the things distributed to them and were pleased to know the information given to them. They were unaware about this initially and were benefitted immensely by this awareness drive.

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

Similarly conducting these awareness drives in other areas and institutions so that more people can be benefitted from it.

## **7. Suggestions/Feedback**

The objective could be better served and achieved if there were more number of volunteers participating since this increases the support and spreads the message much faster to a wider audience. Prior collaboration with an NGO would also be better as it would increase the target audience

and the purpose of the social message would be much more effectively served.

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

It was an amazing experience conducting this campaign. I got the chance to educate people on this and give them items necessary for their survival this made me feel very good. Also this is not only beneficial for the target audience but is also beneficial for the society at large. Looking forward to participating in more such campaigns in the near future.

**Annexure 1**  
**Pictures of the event**











