

“LEGAL AWARENESS EVENT: INFORMING THE PROCEDURE AFTER BEING ARRESTED”

*(Report on the event conducted in
Bhubaneswar, Odisha; June 28, 2017)*

Abstract: This event was conducted by para legal volunteer, Seetal Patra from Legal Aid Centre, SLS NOIDA. The target population was made aware of the procedure and how they can avail their rights that area entitled to them by the Constitution.

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1. Concept Note:

The Legal Aid Centre at Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA conducts various awareness programme to sensitize the society towards different legal and social issues. As an extension of the above initiative, Seetal Patra, Para-legal volunteer at Legal Aid Centre, conducted a program in Labour Chowk area of Bhubaneswar (Odisha) on 28th June' 2017.

2. Objective:

The main objective of the Legal Aid Centre of SLS Noida was to make society aware about the procedure of the police enquiry and how they have the right to be represented by a lawyer. Basically to ring a bell in their minds as to what basic rights they are entitled to in this country.

3. Preliminary Preparations:

Before conducting the event, the PLV had made a few preliminary preparations like;

1. Printing the banner of SLS Noida
2. Contacting the residents of the Labour Chowk area, of whom almost all are the labourers who are engaged in the construction work and hence the name.
3. Made briefings in order to help them understand in a very lucid manner.

4. Conducting the program:

The event was conducted in the city of Bhubaneswar of Odisha. Labour Chowk was the slum area selected where the event was to be conducted. There was an extensive interaction made with the labourers in order to know if there was any such incident happened in the past or in the near future in relation to the topic of the event. And her intention being; making them aware about some of the provisions of Cr. P.C and the same was accomplished successfully through the event.

5. Response of the target population

The people were not so willing and therefore the turn up was low but at the same time, the ones those who were present were interested actually to make themselves aware of their

rights and how they can avail of the same.

6. Future plan of action

One session is not enough to make the target population aware of topic chosen in entirety. We could only provide them with a basic structure. We think more programmes like these should be organized in future so that the people can have a clearer idea and have a greater understanding of the topics.

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 1, because if there are more helping hands, then the objective could be better served and achieved.
- Information to the Police Department- An association with lot more volunteers and a larger target audience and a proper street display of banners and posters requires a prior information to police department so that operation and program could be conducted without any hindrance to the society.
- Contacting nearby police department- Contacting the nearby police station would help in accomplishing the goal more effectively as anything from the horse's mouth has a different impact altogether.

8. Conclusion/Remarks:

Overall this was a great experience and learning process as para-legal volunteers and it indeed did make her 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 and makes her more equipped with handling twisted legal dilemmas.

PHOTOS OF THE EVENT CONDUCTED



