

# ONLINE SESSION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

(Report on session conducted in Mumbai through online mode, on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021)

*Abstract: This event was organised by Vanshika Rana, volunteer at Legal Aid Centre, SLS NOIDA in collaboration with Sakhya NGO, Mumbai.*

*The event aimed at spreading awareness on the issue of Human Trafficking on National Human Trafficking Day with the objective of making Children have a better understanding of the danger and consequences of trafficking.*

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## CONCEPT NOTE

“Human trafficking” refers to the trade of human beings for exploitative purposes including bonded and forced labour, commercial sexual exploitation and illegal organ-trade is called ‘human trafficking’. Given the nature of the crime, it also involves forceful and illegal migration of the victims who are traded.

### ***Who are the victims of human trafficking?***

Victims of human trafficking in India live amidst us, in our day-to-day surroundings. The most common victims are:

1. Children and young women brought from rural areas or sometimes even other states, to be engaged as domestic help in households or various small-scale establishments in urban centres. Many of these people eventually get exploited economically, physically and also sexually.
2. Children and adolescents begging or selling knick-knacks on the streets in towns and cities.
3. Women and children sold into commercial sex trade market
4. People lured to foreign countries by fraudulent recruitment agencies with lucrative job offers, to be employed in menial work involving inhuman working conditions.
5. The victims of the illegal organ trade racket.

Unfortunately, Human Trafficking in India is very common so, this event was conducted on the occasion of National Human Trafficking Day because we the members of Legal Aid Centre of Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA, have full knowledge of our responsibility as citizens of this nation to make people aware of the grave consequences of Human Trafficking.

The site of the event was Nallasopara, Mumbai and the event was conducted with the help of Sakhya NGO who gathered children for the session.

## **OBJECTIVE**

1. To make children have a better understanding of the danger and consequences of trafficking.
2. To make them aware of issues that makes one vulnerable to exploitation.

## **PRELIMINARY PREPARATIONS**

Before conducting the event, several preparations were made like:-

- Searching for a suitable site where the event could be conducted.
- Making session plan for the event.
- Selecting the mode of communication. Herein it was google meet.

## **CONDUCTING THE EVENT**

The event was organised in Nallasopara area, Mumbai, Maharashtra. The event was conducted with the help of Sakhya NGO who managed to provide a moderator and gathered children. The medium through which the event was conducted was Google Meet as during this pandemic physically conducting the event was not possible.

The session was of one hour which began with an ice breaking quiz which was followed by what is meant by Human Trafficking and why is it important to have knowledge about it. In order to make the session interactive the issue was discussed by telling them stories and animated videos so that they could get comfortable and they would be able to discuss their issue with me or any of the Ngo volunteers to help them out.

## **RESPONSE OF ATTENDEES**

The children were made aware about the issue as at the end of the session they were able to answer the questions posed by me. As it was an interactive session the attendees enjoyed it and asked me questions as well. At the end of the session they were very happy and asked me to conduct another session on different issue.

## **FUTURE PLAN OF ACTION**

In the coming days, the NGO workers will visit the children again and if they found any such issue a child went through further action will be taken by them.

As requested by the NGO and the children another session on a different session will be conducted to spread awareness.

## **FEEDBACK**

- As the session was held virtually it lacked the physical touch that if it would have been possible would make the session more successful.
- While conducting the session it is really important to take into consideration the needs of the attendees. As the attendees were living in Maharashtra they were more comfortable with Marathi but I lacked the fluency in that language the moderator helped me out with this issue as she used to translate for few children who were not comfortable in Hindi.

## **CONCLUSION**

With the active participation of the attendees and the support shown by the NGO, the event went really well and the children were made aware about the issue of Human Trafficking. It was heart-warming to see them being so passionate about knowing the issue.

Human trafficking jeopardizes the dignity and security of trafficked individuals, and severely violates their human rights. The Constitution of India guarantee the equal rights of men and women, but they are often merely rhetoric when it comes to the question of practical implementation. In order to combat trafficking and thus to protect the human rights of the vulnerable people, strong political will of the government is vital in implementing their anti-trafficking mandates. Thus, we can say any crime which can be used as business one day becomes a big social evil as in the case of human trafficking. The problem is still in our hands to be solved if the strong steps are taken deliberately and policies are made and implemented strictly. If timely steps are not taken then in very short time it will remain late but too late.

Teaching and interacting with these children has definitely given me a different perspective of my own self as well as that of the world around me. The children there have a subtle way of touching our lives in so many ways and I feel that I have been transformed by this experience in a very subtle way.

# ANNEXURE 1

