

“LEGAL AWARENESS EVENT - CYBER BULLYING, CYBER CRIMES AND DATING ABUSE”

*(Report on the event conducted in
Chandigarh AT AFWWA 12 WING ON MAY 28,
2017 AND AT AFWWA 3BRD ON JUNE 18,
2017)*

Abstract: This event was conducted by Para-legal volunteer Vaishali Singh from Legal Aid Centre, S.L.S. Noida. The event basically focused on creating awareness among the wards of defense personals about the issues relating to cybercrimes and dating abuse and preventive measures they can take to avoid such issues.

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I. Concept Note

The advancement of technology has made man dependent on Internet for all his needs. Internet has given man easy access to everything while sitting at one place. Social networking, online shopping, storing data, gaming, online studying, online jobs, every possible thing that man can think of can be done through the medium of internet. Internet is used in almost every sphere. With the development of the internet and its related benefits also developed the concept of cybercrimes. Cyber-crimes are committed in different forms. The advancement of technology has made man dependent on Internet for all his needs. With the development of the internet and its related benefits also developed the concept of cybercrimes. Cyber-crimes are committed in different forms.

A few years back, there was lack of awareness about the crimes that could be committed through internet. In the matters of cybercrimes, India is also not far behind the other countries where the rate of incidence of cyber-crimes is also increasing day by day. Cyber-crime is a broad term that is used to define criminal activity in which computers or computer networks are a tool, a target, or a place of criminal activity and include everything from electronic cracking to denial of service attacks. It also covers the traditional crimes in which computers or networks are used to enable the illicit activity.

Cyber-crimes are a new class of crimes which are increasing day by day due to extensive use of internet these days. To combat the crimes related to internet The Information Technology Act, 2000 was enacted with prime objective to create an enabling environment for commercial use of I.T. The IT Act specifies the acts which have been made punishable. The Indian Penal Code, 1860 has also been amended to take into its purview cyber-crimes.

Dating abuse is controlling, abusive, and aggressive behavior in a romantic relationship. It can happen in straight or gay relationships. It can include verbal, emotional, physical, or sexual abuse, or a combination. dating violence is violence that occurs when teens are in an intimate relationship and it has both short-term as well as long-term consequences. While it's commonly reported in the West, it's a matter of concern in India too with more and more young people getting into relationships at an early age. What's disturbing is that patterns of dating violence behaviour often start early and carry through into adult

relationships.

However, with most teens hiding the fact that they may be victims of such violence or even unaware of the magnitude of the issue, parents are often not aware of what's happening. Dating violence can affect both boys and girls irrespective of what their culture, socio-economic background or sexual orientation is.

II. Objectives

The main objective of the event was to make the children aware about different issues like cybercrimes and dating abuse. Also, to make them understand that they can use different methods to tackle this issue. The major objectives were-

- i. Create awareness among the wards of Air personals about different modern day crimes.
- ii. To make them understand what different methods can be adapted by them to avoid such crimes.
- iii. Also to tell them how they can deal with such a situation if they find themselves in it.

III. Preliminary Preparations

Before conducting the event,

- i. Did a research on the current status of the cybercrimes in India.
- ii. Gained permission from the Air Force authorities in Chandigarh to carry out the event at AFFWA.
- iii. Ensured that I carry an identity card issued to me by Legal Aid Cell of SLS, NOIDA.

IV. Conducting the Event

The para-legal volunteer first introduced herself and Legal Aid Center of SLS, Noida. Then the PLV received permission from the Air Force authority to conduct the event. She was allowed to conduct the event on 28 May 2017 at AFFWA 12 WING and on 18 June 2017 at AFWWA 3BRD. She was allowed to take pictures of the event conducted in AFWWA 3BRD but was denied the same for the event conducted in AFWWA 12 WING. She went there with

her presentation and ensured that the children became aware of such issues. On both occasions she had to do two presentations as one event was common for all the kids who were on cybercrimes and children of all age groups were present there. The other event was targeted on the age group of 12-17 years as it dealt with the issue of dating abuse.

V. Response of the Target Population

After completion of the event conducted on both occasion the response received was quite good. AFWWA has requested that such event be conducted even in the future. They have considered this event to be very informative and have requested that such an event be held if the PLV find herself in Chandigarh. In conversation with the kids she found that many of them were on various social platforms from very young age.

The PLV guided them and made them aware as to how they can avoid such situations and how they shouldn't share the personal information on social networking sites and the measures they can follow if they find themselves if they are being targeted. Overall, people were responsive and showed interest in talking to the PLV.

VI. Future Plan of Action

As a similar event had already been conducted during the last vacations the crowd consisted of mixed audience some of them were to an extent aware about it. Moreover as the Air Force is already treating the issue of cybercrimes as one of the major issue since it also affects the security of the force so it has taken various steps to tackle it.

VII. Suggestion/Feedback

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

- It can be conducted on a larger scale.
- There could be supporting banners and posters to attract people's attention towards the event.

VIII. Concluding Remarks

Overall the people were responsive and inquisitive. They wanted to get their doubts cleared. They promised me not to share their intimate details on social networking sites. They also promised that they will get their family and friends involved if they find themselves in such a situation. In all opinion the event was a success.

Some moments from the event













