

# BIRBHUM DISTRICT MEETING

## ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION AND LAW

13 July , 2019

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HUMAN RIGHTS LAW NETWORK organized a Legal awareness camp on 13 July 2019 At Bolpur about Environment Pollution and Law with collaboration of local NGO Lok Kalayan Parishad. Many people like school teachers, College Professor , Social Workers, Advocates, Leaders (women ) of self help groups, NGO workers etc participated in this meeting . The meeting started at 2 PM and continued up to 5.45 PM . The Law against pollution and the various pollution of water, soil, sound, air, plastic is the discussion issue of the meeting. The Hon'ble speakers discussed about pollution, Law, Pollution Control Board, National Green Tribunal etc.

First Speaker:- Mr. Santosh Kumar Mukherjee.

Mr. Santosh Kumar Mukherjee a representative from Paschim Banga Vigayn Mancha, Birhum District Committee, delivered his valuable speech on world environment day 5 June. He said Paschim Banga Vigayn Mancha observed 5<sup>th</sup> June in every year through various activities. He said few years ago we were worried for Air Pollution, Water Pollution and Soil Pollution. But presently we are most worried

for Plastic pollution. He also said United Nations Organization is worried about Water and Plastic Pollution.

Sound Pollution is now a great problem. From wedding ceremony, Picnic Spot, Religious and Social Festival the organizers use DJ Box comprehensively and they are creating 250 decibel sound system which is very harmful to human beings specially for the heart patients, aged man and children. There is so lack of awareness in this matter. We use Plastic glass and other pots made from thermocol in our festivals which are also very harmful in environment. After firing these goods the air is being polluted greatly. Plastic Cups for drinking tea also affected our stomach. As a result air pollution normal temperature of the world is increasing day to day. So natural environment is being harmed.

Water is being polluted rapidly even the water of Ganga river is not Suitable for bath. The fishes producted from the Gangas is now unjust the fishes of the Ganga river is now discreasing the antibiotic power of human body.

The submersibles and tubewell pumps of the villages and towns are descreasing the water of level of under ground water. Arsenic and fluoride are now present in the under ground water. Many people and school student of Nasipur village of Rampuhat sub-divion of Birbhum District are affected by the diseases of arsenic. We were gone there and lock all the tubewell by the help of the local administration. Mr Chatterjee also said that as the pollution of water, air, sound, soil are

increasing so rapidly. Quick awareness is needed amongst us. We should organize meeting on Pollution, water preservation from school level. We should give emphasis on tree plantation programme. We should reduce the use of Motor cars, air conditioner machine etc.

Mr Kesab Chakroborty. Forest Range Officer. Bolpur.

Mr. Kesab Chakroborty the forest ranger Officer spoke on Forest Act 1965 of the British Government. He informed us that there are two types of Forests. Protective Forest and Reserve Forest. He said that according to Law the Protective Forest Act human beings are eligible to enter in the forest, they are also eligible to collect leaves from the jungle for their livelihood. But they are not eligible for cutting trees.

He also informed us there are punishment by the Law of Forest Act. For cutting trees in the jungles. He said that in the case of private land should plant two trees for cutting one tree and it is also permissible from the local concerned ( Panchayat or municipality ) authority.

About the soil conservation Act 1980 to protect land, jungles and wild animals. He said the tribals who are living in the Jungle area upto 2005 are issuing patta to them. To protect green world and environment co-operation from all solicited.

Md. Saddkkas. Social worker.

Md Saddakkas a social worker said that The Government of India Project “ Swachha Bharat Abhiyan” as also “Mission Nirmal Bangla” are not being successful enough. In the village area some people of our society are not using toilet till date. He suggest that campaigning to protect environment should be organized not only in the town or cities but also in villages.

Md. Saddakkas also informed us, He was complain to the Respected Prime Minister of India about the not use toilet properly all over society. He proposed to HRLN and LOK KALAYAN PARISHAD for organize awareness meeting in village area and to have efforts to clean the street in every week.

Soumitra Karmakar, Advocate, HRLN.

Soumitra Karmakar advised us how to complain against Pollution. She said when we face any type of pollution we complain to the nearest police station, panchayat or municipality. We also complain to the local administration, pollution Control board under District Magistrate Office. It can be complained to the NGT(National Green Tribunal). They have so much power to solve the problem. Any problem regarding pollution is solved here within six months. In case of disobey the rules of the pollution there is punishment of both jail and fine. He said to control pollution we may apply the matter to the Honorable Supreme Court.

Soumitra Karmakar also trained the participant how to write and submit a complain letter to the proper authority . She also said, when we face any type of pollution we must complain as soon as possible.

Sandip Mukherjee, Advocate.

Sandip Mukherjee, the Ld. Panel Advocate of District legal Services Authority. He said some times there are natural calamities that cause loss of green cover. He said, we should take proper steps to protect forest and to organize tree plantation programme. For example he said the trees are cut off by the side of Copai (Shantiniketan) river and as a result the said river is turned in to canal. He advised as to report to the case to the local administration. Every body should help in this matter.

Mohiuddin Ahamed, Activist

Mohiuddin is the organizer of the meeting, thanked all respected guest who delivered their valuable speech of the meeting. And he briefed all on the role of HRLN. Lastly some audience ask some question about pollution in their locality and provided feedback on forms.





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