

STATE CONSULTATION ON CHILD RIGHTS

**Organized by Bachpan Bachao Andolan in collaboration with
Assam State Legal Services Authority**

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Bachpan Bachhao Andolan in collaboration with Assam State Legal Services Authority and State Child Protection Society, Assam has organized 2 days State Consultation on implementation of Juvenile Justice Act and Child Labour Act.



The inaugural session was chaired by Dr. Sunita Changkakoti, Chairperson, Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (ASCPCR). The other dignitaries are Dr. L. R. Bishnoi, ADGP, CID, Mr. Satya Nath Sarma, Member Secretary, Assam

State Legal Services Authority (ASLSA), Mrs. Gitali Rabha, Deputy Secretary, ASLSA, Mr. Hemen Das, Member Secretary, State Child Protection Society (SCPS), Assam and Mr. Dhananjay Tingal, Executive Director, Bachpan Bachao Andolan.



In the inaugural session, Dr. L.R.Bishnoi, ADGP, CID, in his speech he informed that in Assam, there are total 34 numbers of Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) in all districts which have been functioning properly. He further informed that "Cyber Gram Project" which is a new initiative has been taken by Assam police for creation of database of missing children, trafficking children, abandoned children etc. He mentioned that within a short period, this project will be actively implemented in Assam.



Different Issues relating to violation of laws with regards to child rights were taken up during the deliberation. The discussion tried to analyze the reasons behind the crimes against children and came to conclusion that natural disaster, ethnic conflict and poverty have been some of the primary causes of numerous crimes against children in this part of the world. Problems like child trafficking, ever rising cases of missing children etc. have time and again proved to be the fallouts of the aforementioned causes. It was unanimously agreed that actions should be taken to bring down the number of crimes against children to the point of eliminating it totally from the state of Assam.

The problems in fit facilities, fit persons and seat capacity in the Observation Homes for Children in Conflict with Law (CCL) were raised by the participants. It was discussed that there are insufficient numbers of Children Homes/Observation Homes to place the children in need of Care and Protection or Children in Conflict with Law.

It was unequivocally acknowledged that due to lack of collaboration, coordination and consultation, a huge gap has been created between the stakeholders, causing hindrances in implementation of the Juvenile Justice Act properly







At the end of the panel discussion, recommendations were made, which are as indicated below:-

1. Appointment of all mandated members of ASCPCR.
 2. Appointment of all mandated CWC members in each districts of Assam.
 3. Appointment of all mandated DCPOs in each district of Assam.
 4. To increase the sitting days of CWC in each district of Assam.
 5. Develop the technology for the data base of missing children, trafficking children, abandoned children etc.
 6. Increase the numbers of Observation Homes in the state of Assam.
 7. Child Friendly Police Station in each district.
 8. Recommendation for Fit Facilities and Fit Persons in every district
 9. Appointment of all the staff in every DCPUs.
 10. Juvenile Justice Boards (JJBs) and Child Welfare Committees (CWCs) should be filled up.
 11. To reduce pendency of cases in JJBs and CWCs.
 12. To increase the rate of conviction.
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