

Training imparted on anti-human trafficking laws

GUWAHATI, Aug 18: A training-cum-sensitisation programme on human trafficking was organised recently at Don Bosco Institute, Kharghuli, a press release stated.

The programme was organised by the Assam State Legal Services Authority (ASLSA) for the public prosecutors (PPs) of Zone-III judicial districts of Assam, viz. Kamrup (Metro), Kamrup (Amingaon), Nagaon, Morigaon, Karbi Anglong, Nalbari, Baksa and Barpeta.

Member secretary SN Sarma informed that the training was an initiative of ASLSA as per direction from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs to sensitise the PPs to combat the spurt in crime.

More such programmes will follow for other zones of the State. The Deputy Secretary and Under Secretary of ASLSA, Gitali Rabha and Meenakshi Sarmah respectively facilitated the proceedings of the event.

Delivering the keynote address, the ADGP (Prosecution), Assam, YK Gautam pre-

sented national data in the context of Assam on human trafficking. He said that the role of PPs is crucial regarding investigation and punishment.

He also emphasised on upgrading the skills of PPs to handle cyber crimes. The District and Sessions Judge (retired) and former Member Secretary of ASLSA, AFA Bora spoke on procedural laws in combating human trafficking.

He expressed concern over the insensitivity with which identity of the victims is often disclosed.

Participating in the programme, the IGP of CID, Assam, Surendra Kumar, gave a presentation on the nature of crime, investigation challenges and issues relating to investigation of inter-state trafficking.

Kumar announced that the Centre has approved an amount of Rs 70 lakh to all anti-human trafficking units in the districts to maintain the expenses of rescue and rehabilitation. PP Baruah, Public Prosecutor of Gauhati HC gave a presentation on examination and cross-examination.