

## **REPORT ON THE “LEGAL SERVICES CLINIC” HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> AND 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2017 IN DIBRUGARH DISTRICT.**

**Under the initiative of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), New Delhi, a unique awareness programme on legal and other services available to the beneficiaries was conceptualized. In this programme, direct interaction between the service seekers and the service providers in a fair like setting was preferred over the common practice of delivering lectures from the podium to a seating audience.**

**The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) organized the first “Legal Services Camp” of this nature in Mukalbari Tea Estate and Dibrugarh University Auditorium Complex on 16<sup>th</sup>& 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 respectively in the District of Dibrugarh in Assam in association with the Assam State Legal Services Authority.**

**The programme was graced by Hon’ble Mr. Justice RanjanGogoi, Judge, Supreme Court of India& Executive Chairman, National Legal Services Authority along with Hon’ble Mr. Justice Ajit Singh, the Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court and Hon’ble Mr. Justice Hrishikesh Roy, Judge, Gauhati High Court and Executive Chairman, Assam State Legal Services Authority.**

Keeping the sole idea of the programme in mind, all concerned government departments, public sector companies, NGOs, Indian Army were invited to cooperate and actively participate in the programme and erect stalls, highlighting the schemes and activities of their respective departments.

The following government departments, authorities, institutions had installed 27 stalls and interacted with the beneficiaries in presence of the Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court and the Gauhati High Court.

Assam State Legal Services Authority, Social welfare, ZilaParishad, Health & Family Welfare, Panchayat and Rural Development, Tea Board, District Rural Development Agency, Public Health engineering, Indian Army. Army Wives Welfare Association, BhagwanMahaveerViklangSahayataSamiti, Sri SankardevaNetralaya, Guwahati, Handloom and Textile, Agriculture, Education department , APDCL, Childline, Common Services Centre, Labour Department, Nationalized Banks etc.

The programme focused on the following welfare schemes of the State and Central Government available to the people.

1. National Social Assistance Programme (NSP)
2. Human Resource Development
3. AtalAmritAbhiyan
4. Mahatma Gandhi BunkarBimaYojna (MGBBY)
5. Kishori Shakti Yojna

6. Biponi
7. DeenDayalUpadhyayaKaushalyaYojana (DDU-GKY)
8. Zero Interest Crop Loan Scheme Assam
9. Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)
10. PradhanMantriFasalBimaYojna (PMFBY)

The stalls of various departments witnessed a considerable footfall including the stall put up by the Assam State Legal Services Authority (ASLSA) where 797 persons enquired about legal aid and other services offered by ASLSA under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. ASLSA also received 119 applications for legal aid and other grievances in the programme.

The programme at Mukalbari Tea Estate and Dibrugarh University Auditorium Complex saw around 1500 and 2000 people respectively. All the people who came to the programme were offered breakfast and lunch at the venue.

In order to make the programme a fruitful exercise, Assam State Legal Services Authority deputed seven of its DLSA Secretaries to visit all 07 Blocks of Dibrugarh district and gathered knowledge regarding specific grievances of the people there. The Secretaries received a good number of applications of various nature as indicated below.

Tinkhong Block	: 41	No. of applications
Khowang Block	: 1985	-do-
Lahoal Block	: 13	-do-
Jaipur, Borborua, Tengakhat and Moran	: 04	-do-

During the programme (on 16.12.2017) a Legal Services Clinic at Mukalbari was opened by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjan Gogoi, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, National Legal Services Authority.

At the Mukalbari programme, the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan under the department of Elementary Education took an initiative to admit 10 numbers of drop out

**children to schools on the spot and the Tea Board provided financial assistance to 20 school going children belonging to the Tea Garden Community.**

**There the Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Performing Arts, Dibrugarh University performed street plays on Domestic Violence and benefits of LokAdalat. They also performed street play on the said subjects at Dibrugarh University Auditorium Complex as well.**

**His Lordship was also pleased to open a fully Digitized Legal Aid Clinic at Central Jail, Dibrugarh on 16.12.2017.**

**On the occasion, the Dibrugarh Bar Association provided utensils for the jail inmates and the ceremonial distribution of the same was initiated by His Lordship Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjan Gogoi, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, National Legal Services Authority.**

**On 17.12.2017 His Lordship opened the first Legal Literacy Club of Assam at Dibrugarh Govt. Girls Higher Secondary Multi-Purpose School, the first Girls School in Assam.**

**His Lordship declared open two legal aid clinics in DHSK Law College, Dibrugarh and RKB law College, Dibrugarh respectively.**

**On both the days during the programme, direct interaction was held between the public and officials of various departments in presence of the Hon'ble Judges.**



At Mukalbari Tea Estate, Dibrugarh on 16.12.2017



Medical Camp at Mukalbari Tea Estate, Dibrugarh on 16.12.2017



At Dibrugarh University on 17.12.2017