

## REPORT ON

**TITLE: Inaugural Programme of Legal Aid Clinic at Dispur Law College**

**And**

**Speech on “Importance of Legal Aid Clinics for Law Students and Impact on Access to Justice for All” organized by District Legal Services Authority, Kamrup (Metro)**

**Date: 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2019**



**Fig.1: Inauguration of the Legal-Aid Clinic**

The inaugural address was delivered by Dr. Gargi Dutta Paul, Principal in charge of Dispur Law College. Mr. Satyandra Nath Sarma, Member Secretary, Assam, State Legal Services Authority spoke in detail about the free legal services provided by the District Legal Services Authority. He also talked about the genesis of the Legal Aid Clinic, its composition and scope. The Legal Aid Clinic is established the college to provide legal aid to the people and the Legal Services Authority will collaborate with the college to provide access to the people.



**Fig.2:** Chorus performed by the students on the occasion

Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh Ch. Barpatragohain, Advocate General Assam in his valuable speech as a Guest of Honour said that the main objective of the Legal Aid Clinic is to abridge the gap between the judiciary and the society. He also talked about the digital India Programme launched by the Government of India and encouraged the young minds to be involved in the services of humanity providing access to marginalized sections to free legal aid.



**Fig.3:** Inaugural of the Clinic by Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Judge, Gauhati High Court and Executive Chairman, Assam State Legal Services Authority

Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Judge, Gauhati High Court and Executive Chairman, Assam State Legal Services Authority inaugurated the Legal Aid Clinic at Dispur Law College and delivered his speech highlighting the importance of Legal Aid Clinic the success of which will depend upon the students. The Legal Aid Clinic is the platform which provides free legal service to the needy person and it is forum where one can understand how legal system works. The speaker also laid emphasis on the qualities which a person should have in pursuing legal profession. He explained in detail the provisions of the Constitution of India, the Preamble and fundamental rights particularly Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution. He also laid emphasis on the use of simple and lucid language to make legal aid more accessible to common people.

Smti Jyotshna Das, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Kamrup (Metro) also graced the event as a Guest of Honour. An interactive session was held between Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Judge, Gauhati High Court and Executive Chairman, Assam State Legal Services Authority and the students.

The programme ended with the vote of thanks was offered by Dr. Gargi Dutta Paul, Principal in charge of the college.

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