

Event Title: A One Day Workshop On Access to Justice Through Legal Provisions

Event Date: 25th of April, 2023

Resource Person: 1. Mr. Owen Chourappa, Executive Director, LCHR, Guwahati

2. Dr. Tony Das, Associate Director, LCHR

3. Mr. Amal Dutta, Advocate, Gauhati High Court

4. Mrs. Debasmita Ghosh, Advocate, Gauhati High Court

Participants: Faculty Members: 4 Nos

Students: 50 Nos



Fig.1: Students and faculty members attending the workshop

On the 25th of April, 2023, a workshop entitled “A One Day Workshop on Access to Justice through Legal Provisions” was organized by the Legal Cell for Human Rights (LCHR), Guwahati in collaboration with IQAC, Dispur Law College. Dr. Swapna M. Deka, Co-ordinator, IQAC, Dispur Law College- cum- Vice-Principal of the college anchored the programme. The welcome

address was delivered by Dr. Gargi Dutta Paul, Principal, Dispur Law College. It was followed by the elucidation of the objectives of the workshop which was presented by Mr. Owen Chourappa,



Fig.2: Dr. Swapna M. Deka, Co-ordinator, IQAC, Dispur Law College- cum- Vice-Principal of the college anchored the programme.

Executive Director, LCHR, Guwahati. He said that the main objectives of the workshop were to generate awareness among the students regarding access to justice through legal provisions as well as to share knowledge with them concerning implementation, benefits and misuse of laws.

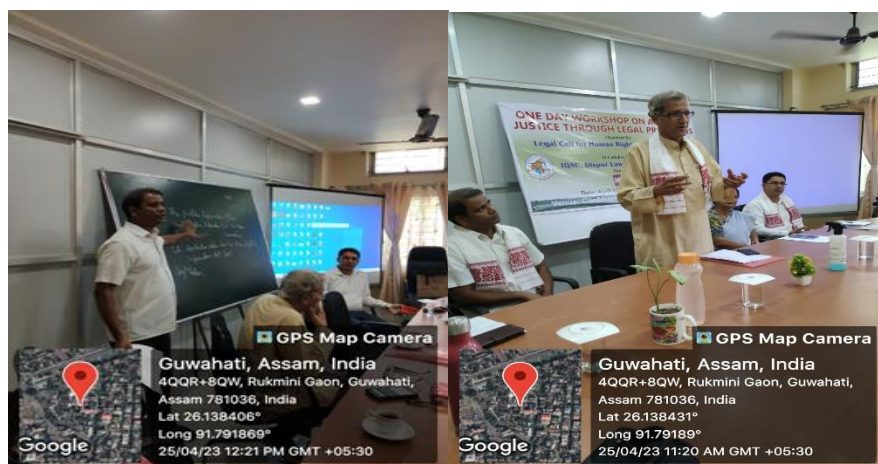


Fig.3: Resource Person Mr. Owen Chourappa & Dr. Anthony Dias delivering their sessions

In the first Session of the workshop, the speech on “Human Rights” was delivered by Dr. Anthony Dias, Associate Director, LCHR. Dr. Das in his speech talked about the significance of human rights highlighting the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948. He lucidly explained about human rights with reference to Part III and Part IV of the Constitution of India. He also talked about the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966 and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 1966. Furthermore, he advised the students who participated in the workshop to be human rights defenders.



Fig.4: Mr. Amal Dutta, Advocate, Gauhati High Court and alumni of Dispur Law College delivering the speech entitled “The Right to Information Act, 2005”

In the second Session of the workshop, Mr. Amal Dutta, Advocate, Gauhati High Court delivered the speech entitled “The Right to Information Act, 2005”. At the beginning of the speech, he stated that the main purpose of the Act is to provide for setting out the practical regime of right to information for citizens to secure access to information under the control of public authorities as well as to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority. Mr. Dutta elucidated all the provisions of the Act in detail following clarification of meaning of some

expressions, such as appropriate government, information, competent authority, public authorities, Central Information Commission, State Information Commission, right to information, and third party etc. He stated that all citizens have the right to information under Section 3 of the Act. However, we can exercise this right subject to the provisions of the Act.



Fig.5: Mrs. Debasmita Ghosh delivering the speech on “The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013”

In the third Session of the workshop, the speech on “The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013” was delivered by Mrs. Debasmita Ghosh, Advocate, Gauhati High Court. The speaker started her speech with the background of the passing of the Act highlighting the “Vishaka Guidelines” of the Supreme Court of India in 1997 which have laid down the foundation for the Act of 2013. Mrs. Ghosh stated that the main objective of the Act is to provide protection against sexual harassment of women at workplace and for the prevention and redressal of complaints of sexual harassment. The speaker explained in detail the provisions of prevention of sexual harassment under Section 3 of the Act; Internal Complaints Committee under Section 4 and Local Complaints Committee covering Sections 5 to 7 of the Act; and the procedure of making complaints of sexual harassment under Section 9 of the Act. Furthermore, the speaker presented various case studies regarding sexual harassment of women at workplace.



Fig.6: ‘Vote of Thanks’ offered by Mrs. Pallavi Neog, Librarian, Dispur Law College.

Following the third Session of the workshop, an Interactive Session was conducted among the speakers and the students. The workshop was ended with the ‘Vote of Thanks’ offered by Mrs. Pallavi Neog, Librarian, Dispur Law College.

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