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Striving for Justice with Dignity

"The time has now come when the courts must become the courts for the poor and the struggling masses of this country. They must be sensitized to the need of doing justice to the large masses of people to whom justice has been denied by a cruel heartless society for generations."

(AIR 1982 SC 1473)

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LCHR staff guiding the trainees on Grassroots Comics



FROM PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Promotion of human rights generates not only peace and harmony but also inclusive socio-economic development.

The committed staff of LCHR provided many services to the poor and the needy. They have conducted many capacity building and training programmes in far flung areas.

All activities undertaken in different areas are expression of a carefully worked out strategy for the protection and promotion of human rights along with human rights based approach to development.

I am delighted to present to you the Annual Report 2014-2015. I congratulate the Director and his team for tireless efforts in rendering effective services to the poor and the needy. May their tireless efforts enhance the quality of life of the people whom they serve.

My sincere gratitude goes to all our well-wishers, partners, collaborators, and friends for their marvelous support and contribution.



Arul Susaimanickam
President, LCHR

FROM DIRECTOR'S DESK...

I am, on behalf of the entire LCHR team, glad to present the Annual Report 2014-2015. The priorities of the poor and the needy are the priorities of LCHR.

Rural awareness and training sessions have created tiny ripples in the vast ocean of backwardness. Rural folk has now become soldiers to protect and promote human rights and spread the human rights based approach to development.

The strong sustained advocacy skills have resulted reaping the changes. As you turn the pages of this Annual Report, you will capture the impact that made on the lives of the people.

During 2014-15 LCHR apart from litigations and trainings in Assam, LCHR has also ventured into other states of Northeast India as well. Training and sensitization of the empanelled lawyers has been a new initiative in this year.

LCHR team has been the backbone to strive for justice. Partners, well wishers and friends have extended continuous support. I remain indebted to them.



Ravi Sagar
Director, LCHR

ABOUT US

Legal Cell for Human Rights (LCHR), Guwahati, is a programme initiative of Prachodaya Trust. Being a civil society organization for the integral development of the people of Northeast India, LCHR visualizes itself as people's initiative for the protection and promotion of their inalienable human, socio-cultural and civil rights to restore human dignity.

Our Vision

LCHR visualizes itself as a people's initiative for the protection and promotion of inalienable human rights and socio-cultural rights to restore human dignity and to uphold constitutional values by preventing violence, discrimination and marginalization and by preserving equality, justice, peace, liberty, fraternity and harmony among people; with a preferential option and affirmative action, we strive to create a humane and just society.

Our Mission

The mission of LCHR is to empower the powerless in order to reclaim for themselves their inalienable human rights and human dignity, distorted by in human structures, by creating awareness, by disseminating legal information, knowledge and education, and by accompanying the weak, poor and the needy in their struggle for justice, LCHR endeavours to empower the powerless to observe their duties, to approach the appropriate forums and to restore their socio-economic, cultural, religious, human rights and civil liberties.

Our Focus

LCHR shall focus on groups such as politically powerless, economically poor, socially backward, culturally unorganized, exploited and vulnerable sections of society such as the poor, women, children, aged, minorities, physically & mentally challenged, tribal communities, SCs, other most backward and vulnerable sections of society.

Our Aim

LCHR aims to empower the weak, the poor and the powerless with legal knowledge and a sense of justice, to bring radical changes in society, to create just social structures and to live in harmony and brother/sisterhood.

Our Thrust

The thrust of LCHR is to serve the socio-economically backward and vulnerable sections of society such as women, children, the aged, the tribal, physically and mentally challenged persons and the minorities. LCHR seeks to protect and promote their socio-cultural, economic, political and human rights.

Our Mode of Collaboration

LCHR collaborates with any individual or group of goodwill that shares the same vision and mission and it shall make every attempt to collaborate with voluntary organizations as well as governmental agencies, remaining rooted locally and addressing the issues globally.

Our Objectives

- ❖ To join hands with the Government in framing pro-people policies in order to create public opinion through social advocacy.
- ❖ To awaken the rural masses through the dissemination of information about their rights and duties.
- ❖ To initiate a process of Alternative Dispute Resolution System through negotiation, arbitration and conciliation based on the principles of natural justice and other acceptable legal principles.
- ❖ To accompany the poor, the weak, the powerless and the marginalized on a preferential basis in critical litigations.
- ❖ To network with voluntary organizations and people's movements.
- ❖ To publish leaflets, handouts and other materials for mass movements.
- ❖ To train volunteers as trainers in para-legal and advocacy skills for social transformation.
- ❖ To train young advocates in court procedures and legal matters.



Our Vision Statement

We, the members of LCHR, drawn from diverse ethnic and religious groups with rich cultural backgrounds, having professional expertise, are called to walk in the spirit of pioneers to realize the constitutional values in our society.

Among our people we discern a deep yearning for: human rights, justice, liberty, equality, fraternity, peace, ethnic reconciliation, the restoration creation with ecological and climate justice, freedom from the ill-effects of liberalization; building up of well-knit families and human communities; the preservation of their ethnic identity, cultural and religious traditions.

We, being aware that our people are part of the global community, respond to these aspirations and make them our priorities.

We incarnate them in all our endeavours in the spirit of the excellence, as a joyful team on a mission, with constant discernment, respecting every team member and collaborating with others committed to the same cause of building up India to realize its constitutional values.



OUR ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE





Seminar on Socio-Economic Justice, Guwahati, 2009



Public Hearing on RTE, Hojai, 2012

















Training on Child Rights & Police, Tezpur, 2012



Minority Women Training, Kamrup, 2014

OUR IMPACT over the YEARS

-  LCHR activities vary from court-room litigations to legal capacity building programmes in remote villages accompanying the poor and the needy in their fight for justice and human rights.
-  LCHR in collaboration with the Judges, Magistrates and Judicial Officers deputed by the Guwahati High Court, Legal Services Committee, State Legal Services Authorities and District Legal Services Authorities educated rural masses on various laws, government schemes and projects.
-  LCHR has delved into the challenging tasks of training Para Legal Personnel (PLPs). These bare foot lawyers are trained in order to take the law straight to the door- steps of the people.
-  Providing legal consultancy, LCHR has settled cases of the poor and has assisted women in litigations to restore justice to the needy.
-  With its legal expertise LCHR has helped more than 300 Educational Institutions to obtain the minority status certificate in pursuance of Article 30 of the Constitution of India.
-  Several organizations have invited LCHR to be Resource Persons in their trainings to share LCHR expertise and training skills.
-  LCHR has facilitated 3 Public Hearings in Assam in collaboration with the Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights.
-  LCHR in partnership with the Department of Justice under Ministry of Law & Justice, Govt. of India, has been training and sensitizing 400 lawyers empanelled with State Legal Services Authorities of 8 States of North east India including Sikkim.
-  LCHR conducted scores of Legal Literacy Camps among the rural people of Assam and has covered more than 16 districts in which 52,526 villagers have benefitted for the last 7 years.
-  As a tool for social transformation, LCHR brought alive social legislations such as RTI, MGNREGA, PDS, Panchayati Raj and other national as well as state schemes among the rural populace.
-  With the publication of the legal awareness series, LCHR educated the masses.
-  In association with different NGOs, LCHR has organized several seminars, workshops and trainings on legal awareness for grass-root animators and social activists.
-  In partnership with the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India, LCHR has trained 125 minority women in 5 villages under the programme "Nai Roshni".
-  LCHR has created and strengthened advocacy capacity of 40 voluntary organizations in Northeast India in order to promote human rights, justice and peace in all their developmental and charitable projects.

Impact Stories...

“Many children in our tea gardens do not go to school. All my efforts to persuade their parents to send their children to school were in vain. After attending the 2nd training by LCHR, I organized awareness camps on the provisions of 'Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009 (RTE)'. I enlightened them on the availability of free education for the children by the government. I explained to them that books, uniforms and mid-day meals are also provided to the children free of cost by the Government. The result is that after knowing the availability of these facilities, the parents and guardians themselves were interested in enrolling their wards in schools. Consequently child labour is also reduced”. Mr. Binod Ghatowar, Gangabari Tea Estate, Tinsukia district, PLP.



“A year back, I knew nothing about the availability of government schemes for the poor. Even if they were available, access to information was impossible. After my trainings in LCHR, I organized awareness camps on many topics. One of them was on housing facilities for the poor namely Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY). Beneficiaries of this scheme in my village were facing difficulties in constructing their IAY houses. One day,



I along with some villagers went to the office of the village panchayat to request them to complete the construction of the IAY houses. They also informed the officials that if the construction is delayed, they would not hesitate to file RTI application and would inform the higher officials as well. The Village Committee assured the villagers that they would get the IAY houses as per the scheme. They also pleaded us not to file RTI application. The construction of the houses started that very day. Most of the houses were completed within a very short time. I am delighted to see the happiness of people to get their IAY houses”. Poonam Das Panika, Batabari village, Baksa District, PLP.

“I learnt through LCHR trainings that there are lots of Government Schemes available for the vulnerable sections of society, but due to the ignorance they failed to receive benefits. Funds are misused by rampant corruption and nepotism. After knowing the availability of schemes, I collected forms from my Panchayat relating to Solar Lamps, Tailoring Machines and water supply and filled them up not only for me but also for other 15 women. Out of 15, 14 of them got the solar lamps, tailoring machines and water supply at their homes. Now, we are able to stitch clothes in our neighborhood which helps us to meet some expenses of our family” Mrs. Kripa Tirkey, Jamuguri, Baksa district, PLP.



OUR REACH over the YEARS

"A tree stands strong not by its fruits or branches, but by the depth of its roots".

Anthony Laccione



In a short span of 8 years, LCHR has branched out to 8 states of North East India focusing in 16 districts of Assam, with a firm foothold in the villages and tea gardens of Assam. It has disseminated legal information to over 52,600 villagers & 14,435 tea plantation labourers in more than 314 tea gardens in Assam. LCHR has also trained over 468 Para-legal persons in advocacy skills.

OUR KEY INTERVENTIONS 2014-2015

Field Visits for Consultation

In newly identified villages in Baksha, Tinsukia, Dhubri, Udalguri, Sonitpur, Nagaon, Dibrugarh and Kamrup districts, LCHR Resource Team made exploratory visits in order to conduct orientation programmes prior to starting new phases of various projects. In January, May, June 2014 and in February 2015, LCHR consulted local leaders and the general public on project activities. The idea behind these visits is to seek their opinion in selecting PLPs at the village level, who are trusted and supported by the people to establish a just social order. This acted as a catalyst for building rapport with the beneficiary villagers in disseminating project concepts.



Consultation visit in Sonitpur District

Training Persons on Para-Legal and Advocacy Skills

116 PLPs from the remote villages and tea gardens of Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Baksa, Udalguri, Sonitpur, Nagaon, Dhubri and Kamrup districts of Assam were trained on various issues in accordance to contemporary alteration in the social, economic and political environment in 2014-15. RTI, RTE, MGNREGA, The Plantation Labour Act 1951, schemes related to tea garden labourers, PF, Panchayati Raj Institution, Free Legal aid to the Poor, Child Rights, Public Distribution System, Criminal Justice System, Indian Constitution, Social Security Schemes, Human Rights, Land Laws, Women Laws, Human Trafficking and Leadership Skills were dealt with in the trainings, to inculcate a sense of social responsibility among them. While claiming their rights their voices too are carried forward to be heard by the policy makers.



Session on Public Distribution System

Training for Para-legal Volunteers (PLVs) of Assam

LCHR facilitated logistic support in organizing a 3-day Training for 56 PLVs from May 28 to 30, 2014 at Guwahati, organized by the Committee for Legal Aid to the poor (CLAP) Odisha, in association with the Assam State Legal Services Authority (ASLSA) at NEDSF, Joypur, Kharghuli, Guwahati. 56 PLVs from 4 districts of Assam, namely, Darrang, Kamrup, Nalbari and Nagaon were trained on various legal issues like access to justice, role of paralegal volunteers, important features of the Constitution, understanding Indian Legal System and institutional mechanism, fundamentals of crime and law and issues relating to civil law. The training sought specifically to strengthen the access to justice to the poor and the downtrodden through PLVs who were trained to understand the structure and function of legal aid institutions, law as well as practical and legal aspects of issues of the marginalised.

“We are given an excellent training environment with adequate facilities and resources. The topics dealt with in the training are based on our own rights and privileges. With the lessons learnt I could now take up certain legal issues of my own village”.

Mukesh Diggall,
Trainee from Udalguri District



LCHR Resource Team with Para-Legal Volunteers

Tackling Human Trafficking Through Grassroots Comics.

A 3-day workshop was organized by LCHR from November 20 to 22, 2014 in the Auditorium, Shilpgram at Guwahati on ***“Tackling Human Trafficking through Grassroots Comics”***. 51 PLPs from Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Udalguri, Sonitpur, Nagaon, Dhubri, Baksa and Kamrup districts of Assam took part in the training. The PLPs were trained on how to make grassroots comics and use it as a medium to mobilize and create awareness on human trafficking and other rights among the people of their areas in a more convenient way. Distinguished personalities like Justice (Retd.) P.K. Musahary, Chairperson of State Police Accountability Commission, Assam, Smt. Monidipa Borkotoky, Member Secretary of Assam State Commission for Women, Dr. Rajeev Sharma, General Secretary, Global Organization for Life Development (GOLD) Guwahati graced the event with their presence.



Workshop on Grassroots Comics

“We were trained by distinguished district judges, advocates, high ranking government officials and human rights activists. Such interactions gave us more confidence to claim our rights from the government. These trainings were a great opportunity for us to reveal our plight and raise our voice in front of the government officials”.

Elina Toppo, PLP from Tinsukia district.

Health Camps on Health Care Schemes and PCPNDT Act

Health in Rural Assam is one of the major concerns which still seek attention of the Government, Policy makers and other Welfare Service Organizations. Lack of primary health care amenities and medical resources in hospitals affect the rural masses in a drastic way. In order to disseminate information on the availability of government health services to the needy and to curb and prevent the evil practices of infanticide especially female, LCHR in collaboration with Kamrup District State Legal Services Authority (KDSLA) organized 14 Legal Literacy Camps from October 15 to 28, 2014 on the availability of health care schemes and Pre-Conception and Post Natal Diagnostic Technique (PCPNDT) Act. The resource team of LCHR comprising of Mr. Satya Narayan Boruah, Mr. Abinash Narzary, Mr. Sanjeev Hazarika and Ms Preeti Rekha Gogoi went to 14 different villages like Kharghuli, Amching, Kurkuria, Amsong, Senimur, Ural Basti, Medhikuchi, Nijarapar, Teldipu, Bota Kuchi, Moira Kuchi, Bakrapara, Manik Nagar and Borbaka of Kamrup (rural) district, to impart the health care awareness, benefiting about 686 people.



Awareness Programme in Kamrup District

Awareness on Mediation and ADR Mechanism

Mediation is an informal, confidential and flexible process in which the mediator helps the litigant parties to understand the interests of everyone involved and their practical and legal choices. LCHR in association with Kamrup District Legal Services Authority (KDSLISA) has come forward to make the people aware of the importance of Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) by organizing several awareness camps in order to benefit the poor and the needy. The Resource Team of LCHR from December 6 to 21 2014, organized 6 awareness camps in 6 different places of Kamrup district viz. Hahim, Amsong, 10 mile, Bonda, Barkasorong, Pesamhoru benefiting 214 People.



Awareness Programme in Pesam Soru, Kamrup

Training 400 Empanelled Lawyers with State Legal Services Authorities

The Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 mandates to provide free legal services to the weaker sections of society. In order to realize the objectives of free legal aid for weaker and marginalized sections of society, lawyers are empanelled with the State Legal Services Authorities (SLSAs) that render legal services to the persons approaching the SLSAs for legal aid and assistance. In collaboration with the Department of Justice under Ministry of Law & Justice, Govt. of India, LCHR from February 2015 has been training and sensitizing 400 lawyers empanelled with Legal Services Authorities of 8 states of the Northeast including Sikkim. The project was initiated with the objective of training on various social justice legislations to the empanelled lawyers so that they can deliver legal advice, legal counseling,

mediation, conciliation, litigation, public interest litigation and can bridge the gap between the downtrodden and the justice system.



Interaction with the trainees during training in Mizoram

Minority Status Certificates

Article 29 and 30 of the Constitution of India guarantee certain rights to the minorities to safeguard their rights and interests. Emphasizing the provisions of these articles, LCHR with its legal expertise has been helping several minority educational institutions across Northeast India to obtain the minority status certificate from the National Commission For minority Educational Institutions in Delhi since 2007. In 2014-2015, LCHR assisted 25 schools to obtain Minority Status Certificate.



Offering Legal Assistance in Morigaon, Kamrup

Conciliation and Legal Assistance

Besides spreading legal awareness and education, LCHR also offered legal assistance to the poor through legal advice, counseling and consultancy, LCHR encouraged disputing parties to resolve their differences and negotiate through ADR which included out of court settlement, mutual dialogue, conciliation and mediation to determine a possible



settlement, thus saving precious time, resources and peace of mind. In 2014-2015, LCHR assisted 230 persons in various legal issues and have helped them in settling disputes by developing alternatives to reach a resolution by agreement.

Hornbill Festival

*What is this life, full of care
We have no time to stand and stare
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows*

-William Henry Davis

Finding some leisure from the busy work schedule LCHR from November 30 to December 3, 2014 went for a 4 - day vacation trip to enjoy one of the biggest extravaganzas in Northeast i.e. the Hornbill Festival in Nagaland. The trip was to celebrate the year ending and to start a new beginning. Apart from the Hornbill Festival, the team also enjoyed a pleasant stay and other tourist attractions of Nagaland.

LCHR Resourcefulness

Ravi Sagar

- Delivered lectures on law and social legislations at Bosco Institute, Jorhat to the students pursuing Master of Social Work (MSW) on April 25 to 26, 2014.
- Was the resource person at NEDSF, Joypur, Kharguli, Guwahati on May 18, 2014 to speak on "Rights Based Approach to Development" to 27 participants who were undergoing a month long "Development Dynamic Course".
- Was the Resource person at a workshop on "Family in the modern world" at NEDSF, Joypur, Kharguli, Guwahati on June 13, 2014 which 42 participants attended.
- Delivered a lecture on the legal requirements for the registered societies and trusts at annual general meetings of various societies and trusts at Jesuit House, Uzanbazar, Guwahati on July 7, 2014
- Was the resource person at 5 consultations on obtaining Minority Status Certificate to Minority Educational Institutions held at Bangalore, Mangalore and Karwar districts of Karnataka from July 25 to 28, 2014.
- Delivered lectures on "Effective use of law in Pastoral Ministry" in Oriens Theological College, Shillong from August 25 to 27, 2014.
- Was a resource person at a one day workshop

on "Enhancement of Quality of Apostolic Life of the Religious" at annual General Assembly organized by CRI, at NEDSF, Guwahati on September 7, 2014.

- Was the Resource Person at the Jesuit Principals' meet from Northeast India and spoke on "Implications Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009" at Jesuit House, Uzanbazar Guwahati on September 16, 2014.
- Delivered lectures on the "Critical Perspective on the Criminal Justice System and Rights of Citizens" at the TISS, Guwahati Campus to the students of M.A. in Social Work who are specializing in community organization and Development Practice on September 27, 2014.
- Delivered a lecture on "The Critical Perspective on the FCRA" at NEDSF to the Directors and Project Coordinators on October 21, 2014
- Delivered lectures on "Legal Provisions & Policy Framework" at the National Consultation on Human Rights Education in Schools on the theme: Human Rights Education for Development and Social Change, organized by NDSSS in Collaboration with Don Bosco University Azara, at NEDSF Joypur, Kharguli, Guwahati on October 24, 2014.
- Conducted a workshop on Right to Education and other legal perspective in education for the 40 Principals and teachers at Maniknagar, Guwahati on December 29, 2014.
- Was the resource person at the consultation on the laws related to Minority Educational Institution in Guwahati organized by the Archdiocese of Guwahati on March 3, 2015.

Shobha K.P.

- Was a resource person at "Training on Human Rights Education for School Teachers' of Assam" and spoke on Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) organized by NEDSSS, Guwahati which 45 participants attended on March 14, 2015.
- Shobha KP along with Abinash Narzary and Veronica Nriame was the resource person at Asian Institute of Management and Technology (AIMT) Guwahati and spoke on Anti-Ragging laws to the fresh batch of students of the year on August 3, 2014.

Mr. Abinash Narzary

- Was the resource person in a workshop on grassroots comics at Rajgarhali Tea Estate, Tinsukia on December 11, 2014. He trained about 20 participants to use grassroots comics as a medium to communicate messages and information with the illiterate rural people.

Ms. Preeti Rekha Gogoi

- Was the resource person on the occasion of the observance of International Women's Day at Jagun, Tinsukia and spoke to about 400 women participants on "Anti trafficking laws to deal with trafficking" on March 8, 2015.

Mr. Satya Narayan Borah

Satya Narayan Borah along with Abinash Narzary, Preeti Rekha Gogoi and Sanjeev Hazarika was the resource person in a legal awareness sessions organized by Bethany, Guwahati at Gorchuk and Boragaon and spoke on the rights of the child and social security schemes for the urban and rural dwellers on March 17, 2015.

LCHR Participation

- Marlee Basumatary attended a summit on "Inclusive Growth for Women Agenda North East" at Hotel Brahmaputra Ashok organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) On June 13, 2014.
- Ravi Sagar attended a panel discussion "Small Money Big Impact: Philanthropy for Peace Building and Social Change" at Hotel Brahmaputra Ashok, Guwahati, organized by Foundation for Social Transformation (FST) on September 24, 2014.
- Felcita D' Souza and Mr. Abinash Narzary attended a development communication workshop on the use of media tools at NEDSF

organized by the World Comics Network, India on October 18 to 19, 2014.

- Felcita D' Souza attended a one day regional consultation on "Strengthening the Northeast Region Partnership in combating Human Trafficking" organized by the NEDAN Foundation at Kokrajhar on December 5, 2014.
- Ravi Sagar participated in a stakeholders' Consultation Programme on "Enhancing access to Justice for the marginalized in the Northeast" organized by the Department of Justice, Government of India at Hotel Brahmaputra, Guwahati on March 15, 2015.

Trainings by LCHR & Others Activities

Training Para-Legal Persons

- 5-day training "Capacity building of tribal leaders through Para-legal & skill trainings" from June 20 to 24, 2014 was held at JAGRITI, Guwahati. 29 participants including 9 women participated, from Tinsukia, Jagun, Chapar, Baganpara and Kumerikata.
- 5-day training on para-legal and advocacy skills for Para-Legal Persons among the Tea Plantation Labourers of Assam was organized at NIPCCD, Guwahati from June 29 - July 3, 2014. 50 trainees from 5 districts of Assam viz. Dibrugarh, Udalguri, Tinsukia, Sonitpur and Nagaon attended.
- 5-day training on para-legal and advocacy skills was organized for 10 trainees including 4 women from Boko Development Block of Kamrup district, Assam from July 16 to 20, 2014.
- 5-day training on para-legal and advocacy skills for Para-Legal Persons among the Tea Plantation Labourers of Assam was organized at JAGRITI, Guwahati from September 11 to

Impact Story...

"The Civil Hospital of Rajgarh Ali Tea Estate was not disseminating the benefits of 'Mamoni Scheme' to the pregnant women. Therefore, I filed an RTI application on the 'Mamoni Scheme' at the Civil Hospital on September 18, 2014. I asked for detailed information on the 'Mamoni Scheme'. The Hospital authority gave me the information about the scheme after 10 days from filing the application. The result of the RTI was that the hospital authority started to give the money under 'Mamoni Scheme' from October 17, 2014 onwards. They also gave all pending dues to the beneficiaries "shares Kishan Urang, PLP from Tinsukia district.



15, 2014. 34 trainees from 5 districts of Assam viz. Dibrugarh, Udalguri, Tinsukia, Sonitpur and Nagaon attended.

- 5-day training “Capacity building of tribal leaders through Para-legal & skill Trainings” from September 19 to 23, 2014 at JAGRITI, Christian Basti, Guwahati. 25 participants including 6 women participated from remote villages of Tinsukia, Jagun, Chapar, Baganpara and Kumarikata.
- 5-day training on para-legal and advocacy skills for Para-Legal Persons among the Tea Plantation Labourers of Assam was organized at the Capuchin House, Guwahati from January 8 to 12, 2015. Participants from 5 districts of Assam viz. Dibrugarh, Udalguri, Tinsukia, Sonitpur and Nagaon attended the training.
- 3-day workshop was organized from November 20 to 22, 2014 on “Tackling Human Trafficking through Grassroots Comics” to emphasize the urgent need of awareness among the rural people and tea garden labourers about the evil consequences of trafficking. 51 PLPs from Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Udalguri, Sonitpur, Nagaon, Dhubri, Baksa and Kamrup district of Assam took part in the workshop.
- 5-day training “Capacity building of tribal leaders through Para-legal & skill Trainings” from January 17 to 21, 2015 was held at JAGRITI, Christianbasti, Guwahati. 20 leaders from Tinsukia, Jagun, Chapar, Baganpara and Kumarikata participated.
- 5-day training on para-legal and advocacy skills was organized for 11 trainees from

Chandrapur Development Block in Kamrup district, Assam from February 21 to 25, 2015 at JAGRITI, Christianbasti, Guwahati.

TRAINING EMPANELLED LAWYERS

- 3-day training and sensitization for the panel lawyers empanelled with Manipur State Legal Service Authority (MASLSA) was held from February 27 to March 1, 2015 at Auditorium, High Court of Manipur. 51 empanelled Lawyers from 6 districts attended.
- 3-day training and sensitization programme for the panel lawyers empanelled with Mizoram State Legal Services Authority was held from March 5 to 8, 2015 at Aijal Club, Aizawl. 50 selected empanelled trainees from different districts of Mizoram participated.
- 3-day training and sensitization programme for the panel lawyers empanelled with Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) was held from March 20 to 22, 2015 at Hotel Acacia, Dimapur, Nagaland. 32 selected empanelled lawyers representing all districts of Nagaland participated.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- 50 students along with their faculty members from Assam Don Bosco University, Azara pursuing their MSW made an observation visit to LCHR on August 28, 2014 to understand the activities of LCHR.
- Interns from North Eastern Hill University (NEHU), N.E.F. Law College, Tezpur Law College, North East Regional Institute of Management underwent internship during the year 2014 - 2015.

Impact Story...

“My village’s fair-price-shop keeper was not supplying the essential commodities to the ration card holders under Public Distribution System (PDS) on a regular basis. One day, I asked the shop keeper about the irregularity in supplying the ration by him. The shop keeper in turn replied that the essential commodities were not provided regularly by the food and civil supplier department. Then, I told the shop keeper that I would file an application under the provisions of Right to Information Act, 2005 to find the reasons for shortage in supply. The very next day, the shop keeper came to me and pleaded me not to file the RTI application. He also promised me that he would provide the ration regularly. After 12 days, the shop keeper started supplying the rations regularly”. Biswajit Tudu, Nonai Tea Garden, Nagaon.

LCHR IN MEDIA

LCHR's efforts during 2014-15 grabbed the attention of the press.





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JESUIT HOUSE, UZAN BAZAR
JAHAI GHAT, GUWAHATI

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2015

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT
To Opening Balance		By Project Expenses	1,999,647.00
Cash in hand	47,569.50	(As per Schedule 'A')	
Cash at bank	493,947.46	" LCHR Programmes	
Investments	3,434,199.20	Awareness & Training Programme	1,319,528.00
Fixed Deposit	633,831.00	Legal Aid & Litigation	102,200.00
TDS Receivable	4,939.00	Seminar & Workshop	50,046.00
	4,614,486.16		1,471,774.00
" Contribution to Corpus fund	764,000.00	" Administrative Expenses	
" Donation & Contributions		Printing & Stationery	81,250.00
Project Fund (As per Schedule 'A')	1,957,599.00	Administrative Expenses	20,000.00
General Fund	2,977,272.00	Wages, Remuneration & Allowances	303,500.00
" Bank interest		Office Expenses	19,187.00
Saving Bank interest	67,758.00	Postage & Telephone Expenses	24,805.00
Interest on FD	269,172.00	Periodicals	1,587.00
" Vehicle Loan from Bank	900,000.00	Electricity Bill	126,704.00
" Sale of Vehicle	100,000.00	Repairs and Maintenance	29,981.00
		Computer Maintenance	50,435.00
		Vehicle Running and Maintenance	89,529.00
		Audit Fee	12,361.00
		Meeting Expenses	10,954.00
		Bank Charges	2,605.00
		Travelling Expenses	158,456.00
		Celebrations and functions	23,977.00
		Duties and taxes	18,738.00
		Hospitality Expenses	42,502.00
		Interest on Loan	23,908.00
			1,040,479.00
		" Charity & Donation	3,550.00
		" Loan Repayment	226,092.00
		" Capital Equipments	
		Computer	46,500.00
		Books	6,500.00
		Equipments	212,000.00
		Vehicle	1,136,563.00
			1,401,563.00
		" Closing Balance	
		Cash in hand	16,642.50
		Cash at bank	1,893,770.46
		Investments	3,534,199.20
		TDS Receivable	62,570.00
			5,507,182.16
Total (Rs.)	11,650,287.16		11,650,287.16

For and behalf of
Prachodaya, Guwahati

Place : Guwahati
Date : 22.05.2015



As per our report of even date
For : H.K. Agrawala & Associates
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*“I alone cannot change the world.
But I can cast a stone across
the waters to create many ripples”*

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