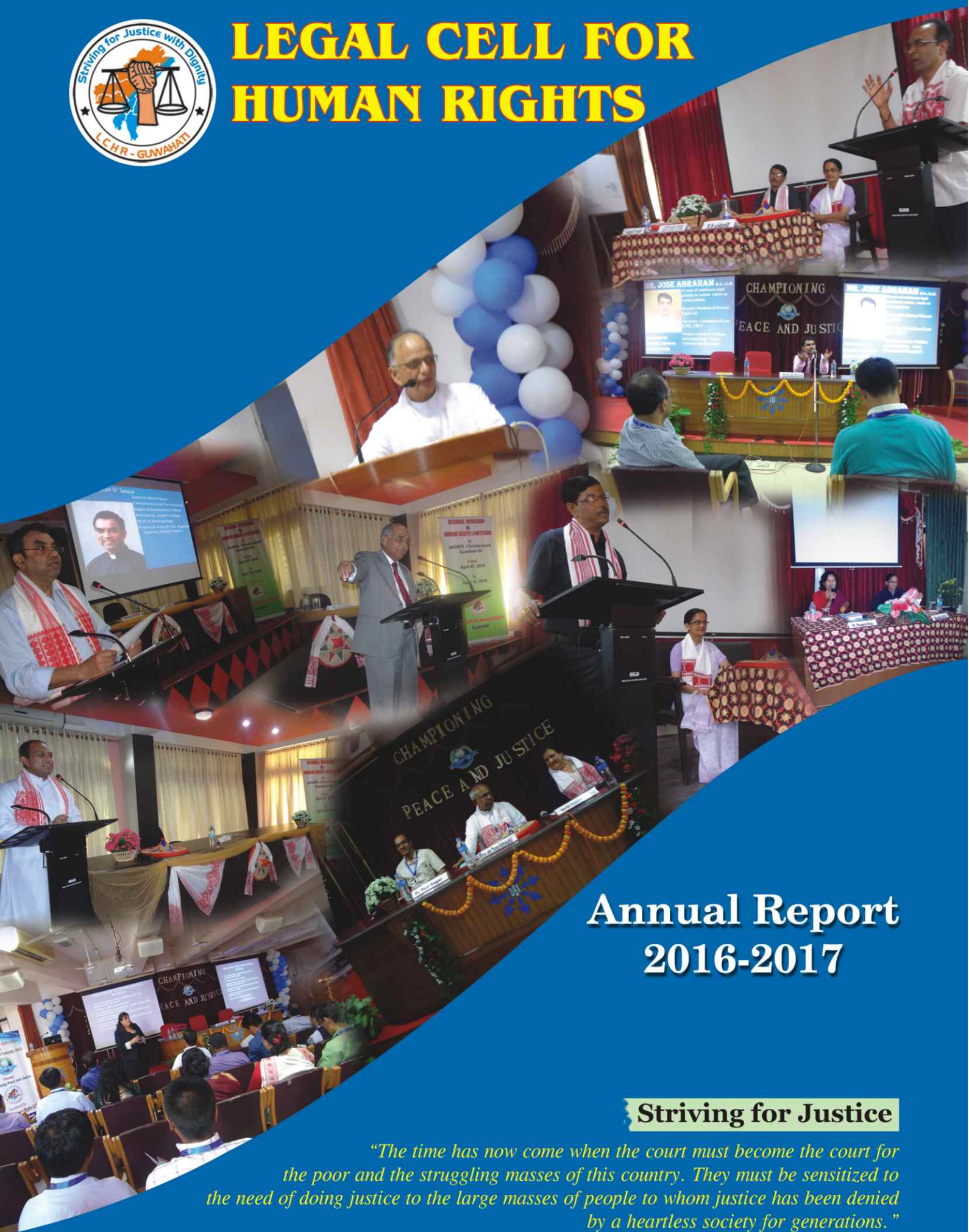




LEGAL CELL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS



Annual Report 2016-2017

Striving for Justice

"The time has now come when the court must become the court 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 heartless society for generations."

(AIR 1982 SC 1473)

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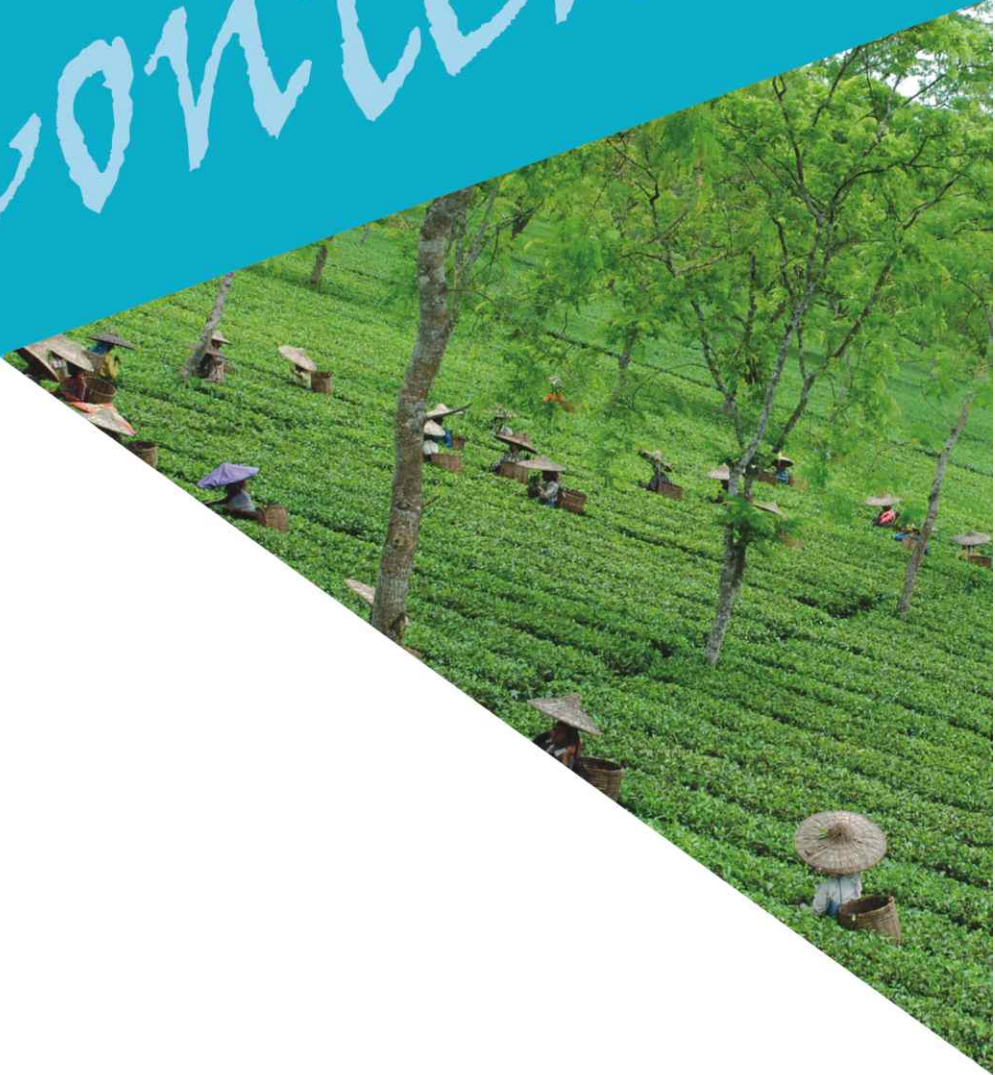
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President's Desk...

Human rights education is needed to everyone, whose decisions or policies affect the lives of other human beings. Human rights education serves as means of understanding and embracing principles of human equality, dignity and commitment to respect and protect the rights of all. Once the people grasp human rights concept, they begin to look for their realization in their own lives, examining their communities, families and personal experiences through the human rights lens.

I am delighted to present the annual report 2016-2017 of LCHR. It will provide all the activities of the past one year.

I am extremely overwhelmed and sincerely thank LCHR team for their dedication and immensely getting involved in the rural and tea-garden areas to social protection especially in education, health and other social services of the children. I wish them good luck for the upcoming tasks and pray to almighty God to tackle all the situations in the future.



Arul Susaimanickam
Chairman, LCHR

Director's Desk...

The human rights education and human rights in itself is a major concern of each and everyone in the fast changing socio-economic cultural order, particularly, in the light of emerging view as a result of rights based approach to development.

I am grateful to present to you the annual report of LCHR of the year 2016-2017. In this one year LCHR has conducted many trainings and achieved good results working for the vulnerable sections of the people in the tea- garden areas.

I am happy to share that LCHR completed its 10th successful years on February 15, 2017. I thank all our Partners, Well Wishers, Supporters, Associates and all the others who have helped and supported us in our continuous growth. My sincere thanks to LCHR team for the commitments and cooperation in striving for justice.



Ravi Sagar
Director, LCHR

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 the 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.



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 peoples' 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 re-claim for themselves their inalienable human rights and human dignity, which has been 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 reconstitute 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 the society such as the poor, women, children, aged, minorities, physically & mentally challenged, tribal communities, SCs, other most backward and vulnerable sections of the 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 socio-economically backward and vulnerable sections of the society such as women, children, the aged, tribal communities, physically and mentally challenged persons and minorities seeking to protect and promote their socio-cultural, economic, political and human rights.

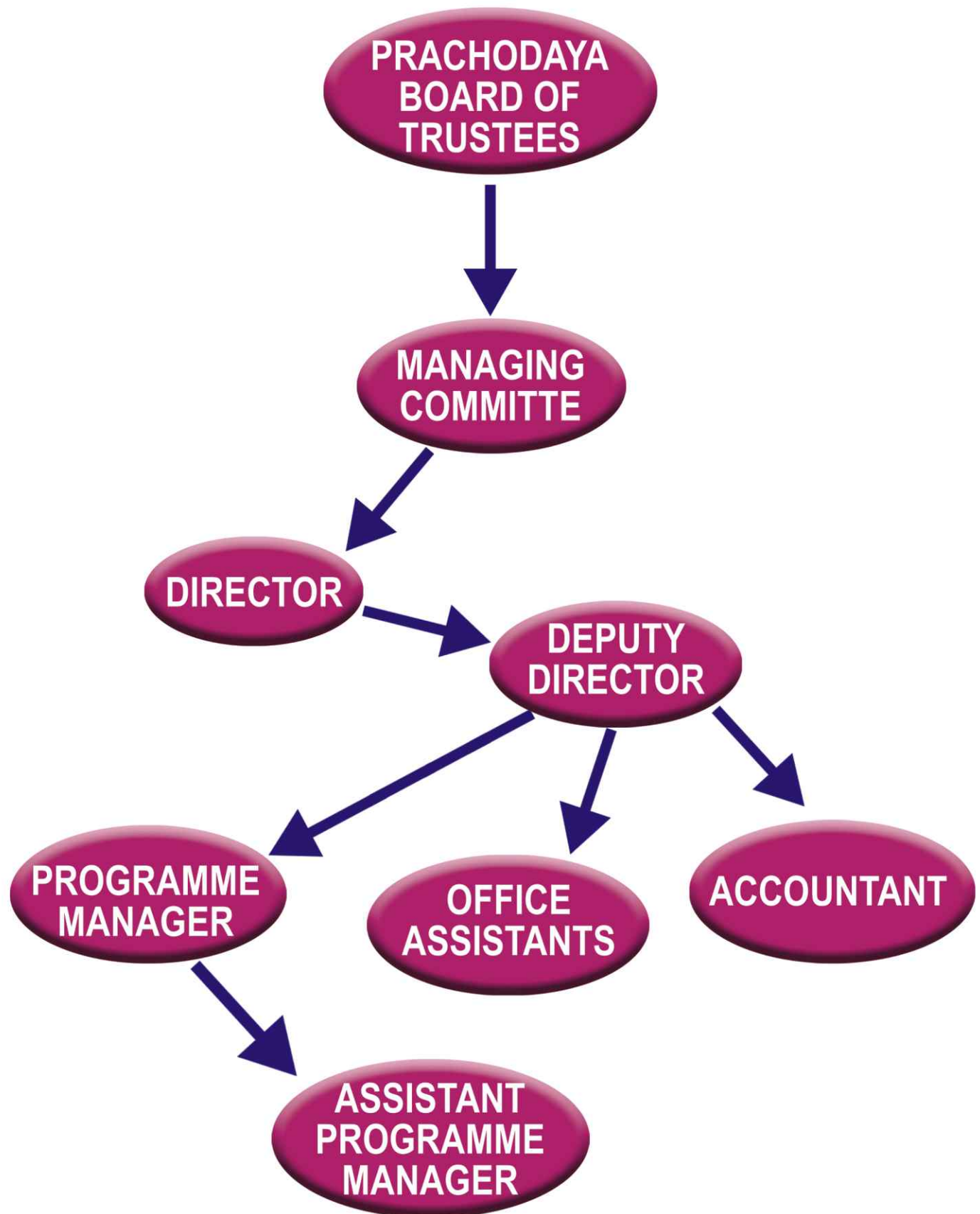
Our Objectives

- ❖ 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 peoples 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 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 Organization Structure



PLP IMPACT STORIES

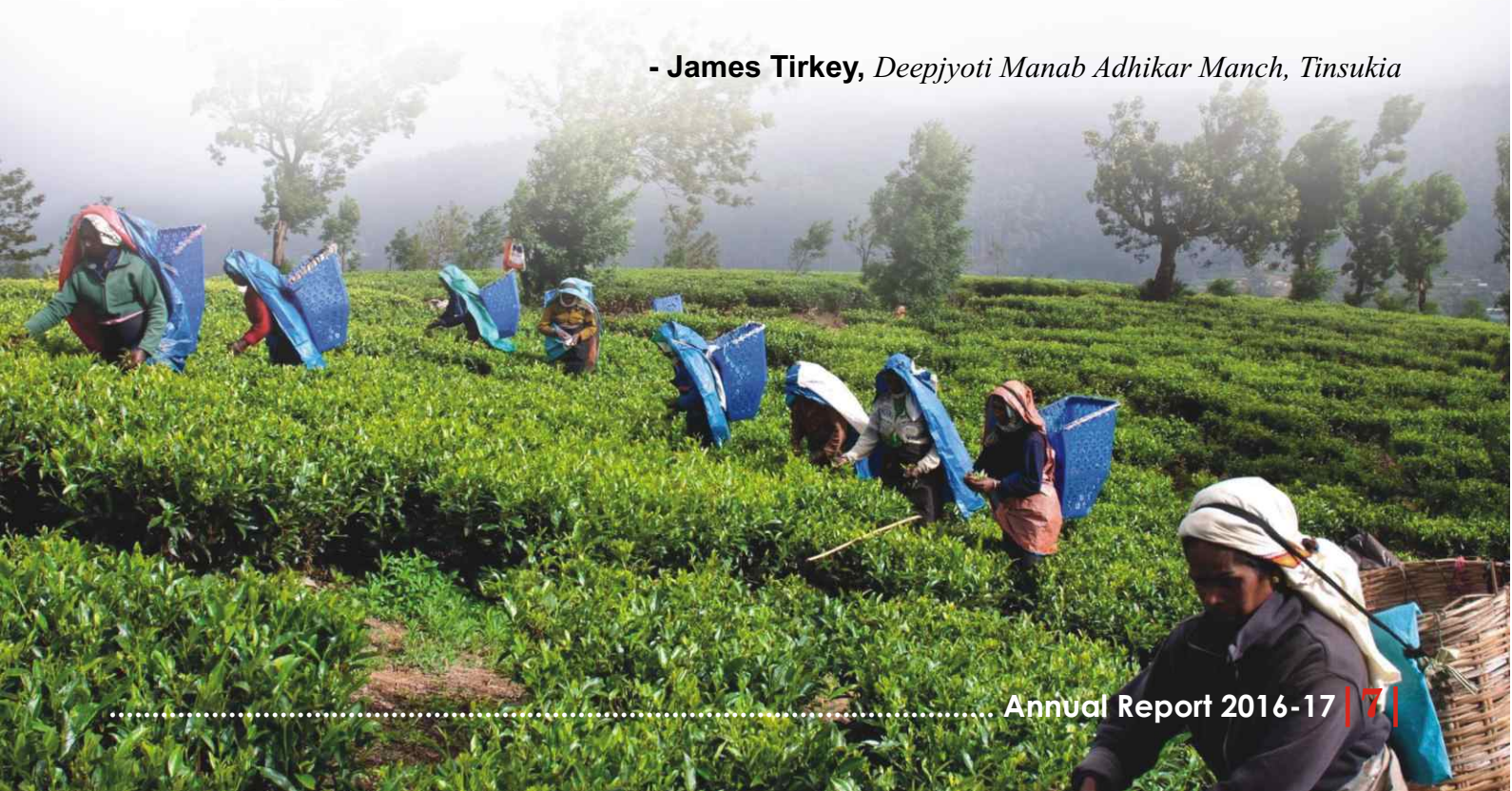
I am Ruben Orea, a trained PLP from Margherita Manab Adhikar Manch, Tinsukia. In the last few months I, along with the group successfully solved 2 child marriage cases, 3 child labour cases and helped families in obtaining death certificates. I helped the people of my locality to get residential proof certificates from the office of the Gram Panchayat to apply for ration card and PAN card. The hospital of my place was damaged by the storm. Our group volunteered in repairing the hospital. We were successful in banning the making of rice-beer which is very common in the tea garden areas. I thank LCHR team for the trainings given to us because without the trainings our group would not have the ideas and motivation to help the vulnerable people who are in need.



After the training given in April 2017 by LCHR, our group did survey on the school dropout children and found out that among the total number of dropouts 10 of them were girls. We discussed about the matter with their respective parents and readmitted them in schools. Our group conducted awareness camps on RTE, Child Labour, Women Law, Child Marriage and Right to Protection & Survival of Children. People were cooperative in organizing the camps. They became aware about the issues and were motivated to help the people who are in need. I thank LCHR for providing me such opportunities to help my people.



- James Tirkey, Deepjyoti Manab Adhikar Manch, Tinsukia



LCHR ACTIVITIES DURING 2016-2017

Training on Right to Survival and Protection of Children:



A 3-day training for the PLP cluster groups was held on Right to Survival & Protection of Children from March 23 to 25, 2017. A total number of 106 PLPs from 7 districts of Assam participated in this training. Jitu Dutta, the Chairperson of Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Kamrup and the LCHR team members were the resource persons. The PLPs were trained on legislations enacted to protect and safeguard the children and on various social security schemes that are been provided by both the Central and the State Governments.

Training for the Office Bearers:



A 3-day training on Group Management and Advocacy Skills was conducted for the Office Bearers of 16 PLP cluster groups from 7 districts of Assam at Don Bosco Institute, Joypur, Guwahati from January 31 to February 2, 2017. Dr. Swapna Deka Brahma, Assistant Professor of Dispur Law College, Guwahati was the Guest of Honour at the inaugural function. She highlighted the trainees about the main problems of people living in the tea-

garden areas and the measures to protect them from various kinds of exploitations. She expressed her happiness on seeing the interest among the PLP cluster groups and appreciated the work of LCHR in promoting justice and human rights for the vulnerable sections of people. Valerian Castelino S.J, Director of Purvanchal Pragati Samaj was the main resource person. He elaborately explained the system of book keeping, maintaining the group accounts, procedure of loan application, advocacy skills and also on Acts and schemes that are beneficial for the PLP cluster groups.

Evaluation Meeting of Office Bearers':

LCHR conducted the evaluation meetings of the Office Bearers' of 16 PLP cluster groups at NEDSF, Joypur, Guwahati on December 19 and 20, 2016. 64 Office Bearers from 7 districts of Assam participated along with the District Coordinators. The outgoing office bearers briefed their roles and responsibilities to the incoming office bearers. The evaluation was done on the activities of the first year of the programme, 'Formation of Cluster Groups among the Para Legal Persons & Training them to Access Justice in the Assam Tea Plantations'.

Workshops:



- A 2-day regional workshop of the North East Legal Fraternity (NELF) was organized at Jagriti, Christianbasti, Guwahati from April 7 to 10, 2016 in which 50 participants representing 13 legal fraternities form different parts of North East India attended. Hon'ble (Retd.) Justice Cyriac Joseph, Supreme Court of India and member of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) was not only the Chief Guest at the inaugural session but also the main

resource person who spoke on the theme, “Human Rights Lawyering” and outlined the concept and evolution of Human Rights. Hon’ble Justice Tinlianhang Vaiphei, Judge, Gauhati High Court graced the valedictory session. Dr. Fr. Hector D’ Souza S.J. spoke on “We Cannot but be Social Engineers in Civil Society” and Fr. Bobby VC from Margherita, Dibrugarh spoke on “Let Your Light Shine”.

- On June 9, 2016, the third workshop of the Agartala Legal Fraternity was held in Agartala, Tripura. 7 persons were present in the workshop. During the programme, the Director of LCHR Ravi Sagar SJ advised the members of the fraternity to invite more young and vibrant people having law background to join the fraternity so that they can keep close links and work together for the people who are in need.
- On July 24, 2016, the third workshop of the Mizoram Legal Fraternity was held in Aizawl, Mizoram. 7 persons including Shobha K.P., Deputy Director of LCHR were present. The fraternity had a wide discussion on helping the poor and needy through legal awareness programmes and by assisting them in the court of law.
- On July 2, 2016 the third workshop of the Ialam Lynti Legal Fraternity was held in Shillong, Meghalaya. Ravi Sagar SJ, Director of Legal Cell for Human Rights, Mr. Abinash Narzary and Ms. Margaret Thomas Deka, Programme



Managers of LCHR facilitated the workshop. Shri. Billy P. Domes, journalist, was the main speaker in the workshop. The other speakers were Most Rev. Archbishop Dominic Jala, Archbishop of Shillong and Fr. John Madhu, the Vicar General of Shillong. It was formally announced that the name of the fraternity would be changed from “Ialam Lynthi Legal Cell” to “Ialam Lynthi Legal Fraternity”. Regarding the

activities carried out by the Fraternity, it was said that the Fraternity has conducted several awareness programmes on women rights. Plans are afoot to observe International Women’s Day and Human Rights Day. Proposal was made to oppose the imposition of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act, 1958 in the Garo Hills of the state.

- On July 14, 2016, the third workshop of the Jirsong Legal Fraternity was held in Diphu, Assam. 6 persons attended the workshop. There were discussions on several key points. The name of the fraternity was finalised as “Jirsong Legal Fraternity” with due consent of all the members present. Mr. Abinash Narzary and Ms. Margaret Thomas Deka from LCHR facilitated the workshop. It was also resolved to increase the number of members of the fraternity.
- On August 13, 2016 a meeting of the Kohima Legal Fraternity was held at Dimapur, Nagaland. The leaders of the fraternity Liangsi Niumai John, Stephen Yanthan and Siby John were present to plan for a workshop. It was decided that the workshop of the fraternity would be held on September 10, 2016 in which the full pledged executive body of the fraternity would be formed. Shobha K.P. and Abinash Narzary from LCHR were present to facilitate the meeting.
- On August 27, 2016 the third workshop of Garo Hills Legal Fraternity was held in Tura, Meghalaya. A total number of 9 persons participated. Discussion was made on how to strengthen the fraternity. It was resolved that the fraternity would increase its members and organise legal awareness programmes as far as possible. Initial planning to set up the office of the fraternity was made. Shobha K.P., Deputy Director of LCHR facilitated the workshop.
- On September 3, 2016 the third workshop of the Dibrugarh Legal Fraternity was held at Dibrugarh, Assam. Rt. Rev. Joseph Aind, Bishop of Dibrugarh amplified the importance of Legal Fraternity, for the poor and needy, with his presence throughout the workshop. 5 members of the fraternity namely Stephen Tirkey, Robert Santosh Ekka, Moonmoon Das, Pushpa Aind and Noas Lakra were present. Abinash Narzary from LCHR facilitated the workshop. Phuspa Aind, a member of the fraternity said that there are many cases of trafficking in the tea garden areas and this can be

tackled by the legal fraternity. Noas Lakra, another member of the fraternity said that the awareness programmes among the people on various legal topics is very good and would help the people to know their rights and create awareness on various issues. It was resolved that the fraternity would organise legal awareness programmes in the rural areas and also assist the poor and needy in the courts.

- The Kohima Legal Fraternity organised its third workshop on September 10, 2016 in Dimapur, Nagaland. LCHR facilitated the workshop in which a total number of 14 people were present including Shobha K.P, Deputy Director and Mr. Abinash Narzary, Programme Manager of



LCHR. Shobha urged the participants to go beyond their own tribes and help people of every tribe who are in need of legal help. She also urged the members to assist the rural people in getting the benefits of the available schemes of the Government through awareness programmes and guidance, and to ensure that the schemes reach the people. P. Pius Lotha, a senior lawyer, said that the Legal Fraternity needs to fight on various issues of the people. He suggested filing of Public Interest Litigation (PIL) on certain issues of the public. K. James Yalie moderated the election of the members to the 'Interim Executive Body' of the fraternity. It was decided that this interim body would hold the office till the Constitution of the fraternity is framed and is brought into effect. Persons elected to the interim body were Liangsi Niumai John and P. Pius Lotha as Advisors, D. Stephen K. Yanthan as President, Elizabeth Ezung as Vice President, Joseph Y. Keikung as General Secretary and K. James Yalie as Treasurer.

- On September 17, 2016 the third workshop of

Lamjingshai Legal Fraternity was held in Nongstoin, Meghalaya. 12 persons participated in this workshop. Ravi Sagar SJ and Shobha K.P. from LCHR encouraged and motivated the members of the fraternity and urged them to provide much needed services to the poor and needy on legal aspects.

- The third workshop of the Guwahati Legal Fraternity was held on 18th of September, 2016 in the office of LCHR, Guwahati, Assam. Ravi Sagar, Shobha K.P. and 9 students of law studying in different law colleges in Guwahati were present. Students were invited to this workshop to encourage and to motivate them in their studies. Ravi Sagar advised the students to come together from time to time and have discussions on various topics of law. The students resolved to invite more students in the upcoming meetings and workshops.
- On September 20, 2016 the third workshop of the Manipur Legal Fraternity was held in Imphal, Manipur. The members of the fraternity unanimously agreed to have the fraternity's name as "Manipur Legal Fraternity" as proposed by Phungyo Zingkhai. For the smooth functioning of the fraternity, an ad-hoc committee was formed. The members elected were T. Mark Khapai as the President, George Munlao as the Vice President, Daniel Nehlunlal, as the Secretary, Zaccheus Gangmei as the Joint Secretary, L. Eloni as the Treasurer and Yaomatai Luiram as the Accountant. A total number of 9 persons participated. The Director of LCHR Ravi Sagar facilitated the workshop.
- LCHR facilitated the 'First Regional Convention' of the North East Legal Fraternity at Don Bosco Institute, Joypur, Guwahati from October 7 to 10, 2016. 88 delegates from across



North East India participated in the convention where they delved on the theme “Championing Peace and Justice”. Hon’ble Judge Virginia Mary Kendall, a Federal Judge of the District Court of Northern District of Illinois, USA, Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate on Record at the Supreme Court of India and Secretary of the Committee for Law & Public Interest Litigation, CBCI, Most Rev. Thomas Menampampil, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Jowai, Rt. Rev. John Thomas Kattrukudiyl, Bishop of Itanagar, Thomas Ettiyil V.C. and Dr. Hector D’ Souza S.J., Acting Regional Superior of Kohima Jesuit Region were the guest speakers in the convention.

- On November 19, 2016 the first workshop of Year II of the Ialam Lynti Legal Fraternity was held in Shillong, Meghalaya. Few social workers, 11 members of the fraternity and 2 staff members of LCHR comprising of Shobha K.P. and Sunita Borgoyari participated. Discussion and interaction among the participants were made on how to be aware of various laws and make others aware about them.
- On December 7, 2016 the first Workshop of Year II of the Tezpur Legal Fraternity was held at Jesuit's Bhawan, Tezpur, Assam. Altogether 16 people were present for the workshop. Tiluttoma Hasnu, the first female advocate from the Dimasa tribe was a guest of honour who shared her life's experiences of fighting all odds and successfully becoming a law graduate. Thomas Barla, the Director of Gana Chetana Samaj, a voluntary organisation based in Tezpur in his talk said that 'Legal Fraternity' is a very good platform built. He said that there are discriminations of sections of people and problems everywhere. He shared his social work experiences and urged the members of the fraternity to fight for justice of the poor and needy. The fraternity decided to work on land issues and other issues by identifying the most realistic ones.
- Lamjingshai Legal Fraternity organised its first workshop of Year- II on January 22, 2017 in Nongstoin, Meghalaya. The workshop was divided into two parts, viz. (i) sessions and (ii) discussion among fraternity's members. The Superintendent of Police of East Khasi Hills district was the guest of honour in the inaugural programme. Youth leaders from different parts of Meghalaya attended the first part of the

workshop. 8 members of the fraternity were also present. Ravi Sagar and Abinash Narzary from LCHR facilitated the workshop. The inaugural programme was followed by a session on “Sexual Offences against Women in Working and Other Places” by F. Catherine Rymbai, President of Lamjingshai Legal Fraternity. This was followed by a session on “Child Labour” by Ravi Sagar. Abinash Narzary took a session on “Cyber Crime”.

- On February 5, 2017 the first workshop of Year II of the Garo Hills Legal Fraternity was held in Tura, Meghalaya. 10 members of the fraternity and 2 staff members of LCHR participated in this workshop. Challang Artius CH Marak, the President of the fraternity highlighted the purpose of the gathering. He explained the new comers about the idea of Legal Fraternity and what has been done so far. The members present resolved to strengthen the fraternity. Clara Mendonca and Abinash Narzary from LCHR facilitated the workshop. It was confirmed that the name of the fraternity would remain as “Garo Hills Legal Fraternity”.
- On March 5, 2017 the second workshop of Year II of the Agartala Legal Fraternity was held in Agartala, Tripura. Abinash Narzary represented LCHR as the facilitator of the workshop. It was resolved to organise a programme on a law topic for the youth leaders of the state.
- On March 11, 2017 the second workshop of Year II of the Tezpur Legal Fraternity was held at Jesuit's Bhawan, Tezpur, Assam. Nearly 100 people including social workers and the members of the fraternity attended the workshop. The topic of the workshop was land laws.
- On March 13, 2017 the second workshop of Year II of the Mizoram Legal Fraternity was held in Aizawl, Mizoram. The main discussion was on strengthening the fraternity by increasing its members.
- On March 13, 2017 the second workshop of Year II of the Dibrugarh Diocese Legal Fraternity was held in Dibrugarh. 14 members of the fraternity and Ravi Sagar, Director of LCHR were present.
- On March 25, 2017 the second workshop of Year II of the Guwahati Legal Fraternity was held in the office of LCHR at Christianbasti in Guwahati. 6 members of the fraternity attended the workshop.

Monitoring and Evaluation:

In every month, the LCHR team visited the PLP cluster groups for monitoring and evaluating their activities. The groups shared their activities, success stories, challenges and action plans. They were guided and motivated by the LCHR team to organise awareness programmes on various social security schemes and legislations enacted to protect and safeguard children. The LCHR team also participated in the awareness programmes and spoke on the rights of children.



The District Coordinators' meetings were held once in every month at LCHR office to discuss and evaluate the functioning of the PLP cluster groups. The Coordinators also shared their activities and planned for future course of action together with the Programme Managers of LCHR.

Exposure and Internship:

LCHR offers internship to the students of law and social work from Assam as well as from other states of India. 9 students from different educational institutions did their internship in LCHR in the year 2016-2017.



On November 8, 2016 a group of 43 MSW students from North East Institute of Social Science and Research (NEISSR), Dimapur visited LCHR as a part of their exposure programme to know about LCHR and its activities and also to learn the practical aspects of Social Work.



The PLP cluster groups of 7 districts of Assam were taken to different organization as part of their exposure visit to learn the activities of those organizations and to enhance the understanding of local issues. The LCHR resource team guided the groups throughout the exposure visits.

The cluster groups of Sonitpur district were taken to an organization called, Peoples' Action for Development (PAD), Lakhimpur on November 5, 2016.

The cluster groups of Nagaon and Udalguri districts were taken to an organization called, Tezpur Social Service Society (TSSS), Dholaibil on November 7 and 8, 2016 respectively.

The cluster groups of Tinsukia and Dibrugarh districts were taken to three different places viz. Shanti Seva Ashram (a children's home), Alternative Dispute Resolution Center and to the office of District Child Protection Unit, Tinsukia on January 21, 2017.

The immersion group from Peace Centre, Marquette University, USA visited LCHR on January 10, 2017. A team from LCHR guided this group to Amlakhi Tea Estate in Nagaon district of Assam for an exposure programme and to interact with the PLPs.

On March 29, 2017 a team from LCHR accompanied Dr. Eva Wallensteiner, DKA Project Officer India to Salona Tea Estate in Nagaon district of Assam. Dr. Wallensteiner interacted with the PLPs of the district and discussed about the activities of the PLP cluster groups and the problems of the people living in the tea-estate areas.

Legal Literacy Camps:

LCHR in association with Bethany Social Service Society (BSSS) organized 3 legal literacy camps in April, 2016 at Barsapara, Jyotikuchi and Garchuk in Kamrup Metropolitan district of Assam

on various Central and State Government Schemes, National Food Security Act, 2013, Pension Schemes, RTI and MGNREGA. The provisions of MGNREGA were explained as there were rural migrant workers in the programmes.

On April 30, 2016 LCHR in association with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Kamrup organized legal literacy camp at Ekra Bari and Bonda in Kamrup district on Motor Vehicle Laws.

In June, 2016 LCHR in association with DLSA, Kamrup organized 5 legal literacy camps in Kamrup district on RTI, School Dropouts and, Adoption and Modalities Thereof.



In August, 2016 LCHR in association with DLSA, Kamrup conducted literacy sessions on Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties in 10 schools of Kamrup district on different dates to bring awareness among the students. 892 High School students participated in the sessions.

In August, 2016 DLSA, Kamrup joined hands with LCHR to conduct literacy session on Anti-Ragging laws. The sessions were held at North Eastern Regional Institute of Management (NERIM), Guwahati and West Guwahati Commerce College, Guwahati from which 240 students were benefited.

On September 18, 2016 LCHR conducted literacy session on RTI Act and its rules at Khankar



(Hatichila) under Chandrapur Development Block in collaboration with DLSA, Kamrup. The participants were told about the provision of the Act, its rules and importance.

On September 25, 2016 LCHR in association with DLSA, Kamrup conducted literacy session on Domestic Violence at Nortap in Kamrup district. Resource person from LCHR explained to the participants the meaning of domestic violence, different forms of domestic violence and the provisions of The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act.

In October, 2016 LCHR in association with DLSA, Kamrup organized 2 awareness programmes in Kamrup district on School Dropouts, remedies to the problem of school dropouts and the provisions of The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, MGNREGA and RTI Act, 2005.



In February, 2017 LCHR in association with DLSA, Kamrup organized 5 awareness camps in Kamrup district. They were held at Subash Nagar, Garigaon, Patherquari, Geetamandir and Mairapur on the topics right to education and rights of parents and senior citizens.



LCHR RESOURCEFULNESS

Ravi Sagar-

Was the resource person in a seminar on 'Legal Issues in Education' at St. Paul's Institute of Education, Phesama, Nagaland on April 16, 2016 in which 105 participants attended.

Was the resource person at a workshop held at Bishop's House, Dibrugarh on May 3, 2016 and spoke on "Provident Fund, Employees State Insurance Act and Gratuity". The workshop was organized by the Education Commission, Diocese of Dibrugarh.

Was the resource person at St. Paul's Institute of Education, Phesama, Nagaland and spoke on "Policy for Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults from Sexual Abuse and Maltreatment" on May 20, 2016 in which 60 participants were present.

Was one of the resource persons in a 3-day seminar on "Current Legal Issues Relating to Minority Educational and Charitable Institutions" organized by Navjyoti Niketan at Kurji, Patna, Bihar on May 23 to 26, 2016.

Facilitated a session on "Draft National Education Policy and Rights of Minorities" at KROSS, Bangalore organized by Karnataka Regional Educational Commission (KREC) on July 22, 2016 in which 110 participants attended.

Was the resource person for the workshop on "Draft National Education Policy and Rights of Minorities" on July 30, 2016 at Bethany Generalate, Bendur, Mangalore organized by the Bethany Educational Society.

Gave a lecture on "Effective use of Law in Pastoral Ministry" at Oriens Theological College, Shillong from September 20 to 22, 2016.

Was the resource person for 2-day seminar on 'Current Legal Issues relating to Minority and Charitable Institutions' at Tabor, Nagaland which was held on October 12 and 13, 2016.

Was the resource person at the seminar on "In Service Teachers' Training Programme" and spoke on Provisions of RTE and other Legal Provisions Applicable to the Teachers at St. Paul's Institute of Education, Phesama, Nagaland on January 7 and 8, 2017.

Gave a lecture on "Legal Issues in Education"

and "POCSO Act, 2012" at a seminar on "Re-imagining and Re-imaging Catholic Education for the 21st century on February 24 and 25, 2017 organized by North East Education Commission (NEEC).

Was the resource person at Don Bosco Provincial House, Dimapur and spoke on "Current Legal Issues Relating to Minority and Charitable Institutions on March 17 and 18, 2017.

Was the resource person and spoke on "Current Legal Issues Relating to Minority and Charitable Institutions" to the members of the Governing Body of MSMHC at Bethel, Barapani, Meghalaya on March 30, 2017.

LCHR Team Members:

Hemanta Dahal, Margaret Thomas Deka and Mousumi Kalita were the resource persons on International Labour Day celebration at Puroi Salona Tea Estate, Nagaon which was organized by All Assam Tea Tribes Students' Association (AATTSA) in which about 300 tea plantation labourers took part in the event.

Abinash Narzary and Pampi Bharadwaj were the resource persons on International Labour Day celebration at Krishna Susaibini Tea Estate in Udalguri district which was organized by the unit of Assam Chah Mazdoor Sangha (ACMS) of the garden in which about 300 tea garden workers were present for the celebration.

On June 5, 2016 Shobha K.P., Pampi Bharadwaj and Mousumi Kalita were the resource persons at Bakrapara, Kamrup and, Abinash Narzary and Hemanta Dahal were the resource persons at Thutiabazar, Kamrup on the occasion of World Environment Day organized by DLSA, Kamrup in collaboration with LCHR in which a total number of 77 people were present for the celebration.

Shobha K.P. and Ravi Sagar facilitated a session on "Draft National Education Policy" as resource persons at Bishop's House, Nongstoin, Meghalaya in which 44 participants attended.

Shobha K.P. and Ravi Sagar were the resource persons among others in the workshop organized by CRI-NE Region at Bethel, Barapani, Meghalaya from August 28 to 31, 2016 in which 80 participants attended the workshop.

Shobha K.P. and Abinash Narzary were the

resource persons in a workshop on “Women’s Rights and Gender Mainstreaming” organised for the women leaders on August 18, 2016 at Jirsong Asong, Diphu in which 150 women from various centers of Dima Hasao and Karbi Anglong districts of Assam participated.

Shobha K.P. and Ravi Sagar were the resource persons at a 2-day seminar held on December 12 and 13, 2016 on ‘Current Legal Issues Relating to Minority and Charitable Institutions’ at Auxilium Provincial House, Nongthymmai, Shillong.

Pushpa Rana was a resource person on International Women’s Day celebration at Peace Centre, Ambari, Guwahati on March 8, 2017 where she spoke on the topic ‘what more can law do for the women and the privileges in workplace for women’ to the domestic workers from Kamrup district of Assam.



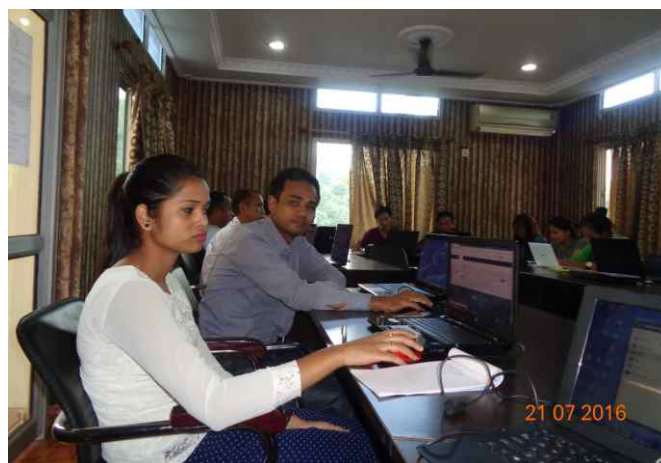
LCHR PARTICIPATION

Ravi Sagar participated in a consultation on “Draft National Education Policy of the Government of India” held at NEDSF, Joypur on July 4, 2016.

Ravi Sagar participated in a Regional Consultation on “Draft National Policy for Women, 2016”, organized by Government of Assam and Assam State Commission for Women in collaboration with National Commission for Women at Assam Administrative Staff College, Khanapara, Guwahati on June 27, 2016.

From July 20 to 22, 2016 Abinash Narzary and Sabita Barwa attended a training on “My Continuous Learning and Improvement of Project (My CLIP)” at NEDSF, Joypur. The

training was organized by DKA support team for all its partners from North East India.



On October 21 and 22, 2016 Ravi Sagar attended DKA partners' meeting at SVD House, Borjhar.

Shobha K.P. participated in a Lawyers’ meeting at Jnana Deepa Vidyapeet (JDV), Ramwadi, Pune from January 13 to 17, 2017.

Ravi Sagar and Shobha K.P. attended a seminar on ‘Justice Delivery System’ organized by Bar Council of India in association with All Assam Lawyers’ Association on November 13, 2016 at Pragjyoti Cultural Complex, Machkhowa, Guwahati.

Shobha K.P. and Sunita Borgoyari attended a seminar on the topic, ‘Laws Related to Marriage’ at Archbishop’s House, Shillong.

Sunita Borgoyari and Abinash Narzary attended a seminar on ‘Rethinking Autonomy, Self Determination and Sovereignty as Tools for Peace’ which was organised by North Eastern Social Research Centre (NESRC), Guwahati at Inspiration, Joypur, Guwahati on December 16, 2016. The participants were the Social Activist, Professors from various Universities, Research Scholars etc. They discussed about autonomous council areas and issues of the minority communities of Northeastern states.

LCHR celebrated its 10th Foundation Day on February 15, 2017. LCHR has trained nearly 500 persons on Para-Legal and Advocacy Skills and helped and supported the poor, needy and helpless to disseminate legal awareness and to provide the necessary help in the last 10 years.

LCHR Resource Team



Warm welcome to: Sunita Borgoyari, Pushpa Rana, Santosh Baxla
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