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LEGAL CELL

For Human Rights

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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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Message from the President...

It is with immense joy that I present to you the Annual Report of Legal Cell for Human Rights (LCHR). During 2018-19, the LCHR team members found themselves on their toes with an action-filled packed calendar. The team was engaged in a variety of activities which were people-focused for that is truly the purpose of LCHR's existence in the North East. The target groups included children, youth, women, parents and differently-able people. I wish to briefly mention some works undertaken by LCHR in 2018-19.

As many as 134 youths were trained as Para Legal Persons (PLPs) from the tea gardens of Assam in order to help them organize legal-awareness and capacity-building programmes in their respective places. It is heartening to note that the women PLPs in

turn helped to train others in their localities. Legal awareness and capacity building programmes were organized for differently-able persons in collaboration with Mobility India. LCHR was instrumental in creating structures in some villages of Assam for the protection of children through Village Child Protection Committees (VCPC) and child parliaments.

The staff at LCHR has done a commendable job during 2018-19. While congratulating the LCHR team for their accomplishments, I assure them my best wishes and continuing support during the next year.



Dr. Melvil Pereira
President, LCHR

Message from the Director...

On behalf of the LCHR team, glad to present the Annual Report for the year 2018-2019. LCHR has served people by involving in building network with groups, organizations, in making positive changes in the lives of people through various 'legal awareness and capacity building' programmes.

It is indeed pleasant to see LCHR responding to the rising needs and expectations and reshape the way of work with increased enthusiasm in many ways by promoting and providing help to the needy people with legal awareness, workshops, seminars, training programmes and conventions within North-East India.

During the year, 2018-2019 LCHR not only achieved success in litigation but also focused mainly on Rights of women and children, Rights of Persons with disability and others.

In line with the Motto '*Striving for Justice with Dignity*' LCHR has contributed immensely in setting up and supporting NELF (North East Legal Fraternity). The year 2018-2019 marked the beginning NELF as a unit with special focus on legal of support to the people.

My sincere gratitude goes to all well-wishers, partners, and collaborators and especially to my LCHR Staff members for their tireless work for the organization.



Owen Chourappa
Advocate
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 of 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 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 LCHR

Legal Cell for Human Rights (LCHR), Guwahati, is a programme initiative of Prachodaya Trust. It is a civil society organization, for the integral development of the people in North East 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. It is for protection and promotion of inalienable human rights, socio-cultural rights in order 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 inhuman 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 retribute 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 Objectives

- To join hands with the Government in framing pro-people policies in order to create public opinion through social advocacy.

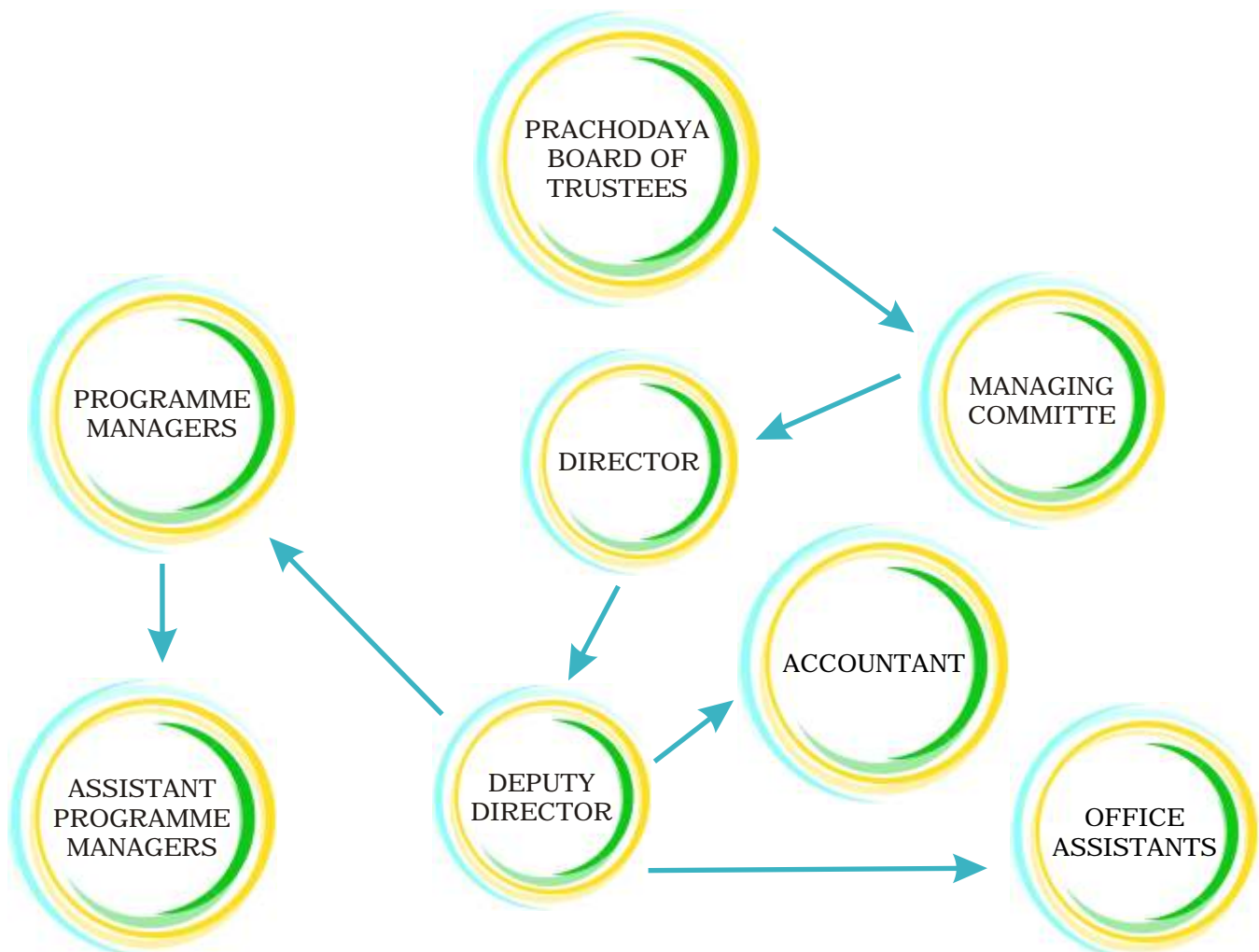
- To awaken the rural masses through the dissemination of information about their rights and duties.
- To initiate a process of Alternative Dispute Resolution System through negotiation, arbitration and conciliation based on the principles of natural justice and other acceptable legal principles.
- To 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.

LCHR 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.

LCHR Organizational Structure



Experience as a Successful Para Legal Person (PLP)

I am **Babul Thakur**, a trained Para Legal Person and a member of 'Ujjal Manav Adhikar Manch' from Borboruah, Dibrugarh. A group was created under LCHR to become a member of Ujjal Manav Adhikar Manch to help the village people and I am associated with this organization from 2017 onwards. On 7th February 2019 around 3 pm, I received information about a strange woman, who was unfamiliar in my place and moreover she was suffering from mental disorder, but nevertheless she was able to tell her name as Pritom Singh and contact number of her family. Whereas the woman was very hungry since, she had not taken food. Her body was with wounds, so I took her home where my wife gave her first aid, bathing and fed her. Next day I went to the Borboruah Police Station and reported the case. The concerned authority of the station asked me to take care of her for few days. After that, I made arrangements and sent her back to Bihar. Now, she has recovered from sickness.



Internship Experience

I am **Kartik Lokare**, pursuing my LL.B (3rd semester) in St. Joseph's College of Law, Bangalore. Interning in LCHR was a wonderful experience. Time was utilized judiciously on working with various programmes such as drafting, conducting training programmes in different districts, meetings with PLPs and knowing their success stories, going to court and many more. Learning was so much fun that I really forgot it was already end of my internship. I felt happy for taking right decision to intern at LCHR. This made me realize where I stood and where I should improve myself. I am grateful to the Director of LCHR, Adv. Owen Chourappa, for giving me such an opportunity as intern, along with him. The internship was a memorable one and especially the office staffs who were so cheerful, supportive and encouraging to me.



Experience as a Successful District Coordinator

I am **Rinku Parida**, a trained PLP, presently serving as Nagaon district coordinator.



Since 2013, I have been receiving training from LCHR. During training programme, LCHR staff taught me about various Laws and Acts (Legislations) and learnt about various Government Schemes. I was satisfied to learn about RTI Act, 2005. Adv. Amal Dutta trained us to file an RTI. After the training, we filed RTI at Tea and Ex-Tea Welfare Board, Kaliabor sub-division and possibly, we got much information. I helped my village people by filing RTIs in various departments from which they learnt about various schemes. As a result, people got entitlements of Government Schemes like – Bicycle, Sewing Machine and Rs. 9000/5000/3000 under 'Family Oriented Income Generating (FOIG) Scheme'. After acquiring all information, I disseminated it to aware the public and make them understand regarding scheme. Now in our Tea Estate, people have benefitted from various governmental facilities and schemes. Therefore, I would like to express my gratitude to LCHR for giving me wonderful opportunity to be part of this Organization for the good of the society.

LCHR ACTIVITIES DURING 2018-2019

Formation of Cluster Groups among Para-Legal Persons and Training them to Access Justice in the Assam Tea Plantation

About this programme: The programme focuses on formation of cluster-groups among Para-Legal Persons (PLPs) and training them to access Justice in the Assam Tea Plantation. The PLPs are enthusiastic, mostly unemployed persons with leadership quality, trained by LCHR from various areas of Assam Tea Plantation. Their main motto is creation of legal awareness for the tea garden labourers to access justice. A total of One Hundred and Thirty Four (134) PLPs were given awareness and trained on various laws relating to Labour Welfare, Women and Child Rights, Right to Information, Right to Education, Health and Hygiene, Government Schemes with regard to pre-post maternity benefits and so on in the current year.

Activities carried out under this programme

Training on Account Management & Child Parliament



LCHR organized three days training programme on, 'Account Management & Child Parliament', for para-legal persons in the districts of Nagaon, Dibrugarh and Sonitpur. The aim of the training was to teach PLPs including members of SHGs present regarding

Group/Account Management, which would help them to maintain and manage their savings. They were also given training on Child Parliament. The effort was made to enable the PLPs to work to protect the Rights of the Child. The training was given with the view to create Child parliaments in each of the villages and provide training to the children.

For convenience and active participation, the programme was organized in four phases in the months of July and August.

The first training programme was on 30 & 31 July, at State Institute of Panchayat & Rural Development (SIPRD), Nagaon where fifty participants were present for the same.

The second training programme was held at Bishop's House Dibrugarh from 18th-20th of August where seventy participants were present.

Third training programme was on 22nd-24th of August at TSSS Dholail, with twenty participants. The fourth training programme was held at Gana Chetana Samaj, Tezpur from 27th-29th of August, with twenty-five participants.

Training of Female PLPs on Women's Right to Health & Hygiene

The aim of this training programme was to educate the participants regarding rights of women with respect to their Health and Hygiene. As the women PLPs are from Tea Garden areas and they are



mostly deprived, illiterate, unaware of the schemes relating to Right to health. Therefore a two days training programme on 'Women's Right to Health & Hygiene', was arranged on 05th and 06th January 2019 at SIPRD Amoni, Nagaon where total number of 26 women participated. Resource persons were the staff of LCHR, Miss Mousumi Kalita, Miss Mary Sonia Besra and Rinku Parida, Coordinator of Nagaon district.

Training on Laws & Schemes Related to Women & Children



This training programme was conducted for empowerment of women and development of children in the Tea Estates. It was organized in two different places where the PLPs of 6 districts participated (Nagaon, Sonitpur, Udalguri, North Lakhimpur, Dibrugarh & Tinsukia).

On 24th & 25th January 2019, the first phase of training was at North East Diocesan Social Forum (NEDSF), Kharghuli, Guwahati. The resource persons were Mousumi Kalita, Mary Sonia Besra, Nirupam P Baishya, Abinash Narzary, Shiblal Panika, Kartik Lokare & George Thomas of LCHR with total number of 34 participants.

On 27th & 28th January 2019 the second phase of training was organized at St. Xavier's School, Mancotta, Dibrugarh. The resource persons were Mousumi Kalita, Mary Sonia Besra, Nirupam P Baishya, Ashok Thakur, Kartik Lokare & George Thomas of LCHR where total number of 44 members participated.

Awareness Programme



An awareness programme on 'Women and Child Rights, RTE and Human Trafficking', was organised by PLPs & Mr. Shiblal Panika, Coordinator of Udalguri district at Buglamari Goan, Mazbat on 19th March, 2019 where 40 women and 38 men participated. Main objective of conducting the same was to sensitize the people regarding rights of women and children to make them realise the importance of education. The RTE Act, 2009, which provides free and compulsory education for the children below the age of fourteen years, was explained to them along with adverse effects of Human Trafficking.

Exposure



On 28th of September, 2018 there was an exposure visit to Gram Vikash Parishad, Nagaon, where the total numbers of 47 PLPs including 3 district coordinators from Udalguri, Nagaon and Sonitpur participated. During this visit they interacted with the Secretary of Gram Vikash Parishad, Mr. Siraj Uddin Ahmed who gave them brief information about the GVP and its activities. He explained to the visiting team how GVP is

involved in helping the people by providing Old Age Home and Children Home. The exposure visit was very enlightening for the team members. The visit gave good knowledge about the centre and its activities to the team.

Monitoring



The aim of monitoring is to observe the performance of activities done by the PLPs and achieved results. Monitoring is a monthly meeting by the Programme Manager carried out in the districts under respective projects. On 5th April, 2018 Sunita Borgoyari and Mousumi Kalita went for monitoring of PLPs group, 'Deepjyoti and Margherita Manav Adhikar Manch (MAM)' in Tinsukia district. The meeting was held at Samugaon Lamagaon, Margherita where ten PLPs were present along with the district coordinator.

Coordinator Meeting



The aim of this meeting was to take stock of monthly progress made by PLP's under direction of coordinators of each districts. This was a monthly meeting held mostly at LCHR

office Guwahati. Eleven Coordinator's meetings were organized in the year from April, 2018 to March, 2019 at Reference Room, LCHR, Guwahati under this Programme. Mousumi Kalita, the programme manager, presided the meeting where five district coordinators participated. Each coordinator has a duty to submit the monthly record of activities along with the work accomplished by them to the Programme Manager. Hence, the coordinators submitted their respective reports during the meeting.

Evaluation Programme



A summative evaluation programme was held on 30th October 2018 at Gana Chetana Samaj Hall, Tezpur to assess the effectiveness of PLPs activities as per the mandate of the project. The total numbers of 42 participants were present including five district coordinators. It was organised by Ms. Mousumi Kalita, the programme manager and Mr. Reshab Murmu, an intern of LCHR. Through this exercise we were able to identify issues and make plans and changes for the enhancement of the project.

Creating Faith Based Legal Cells in 15 Dioceses of North-East India to Access Justice

About this programme: The aim of this programme is to create legal fraternities or cells in all the fifteen dioceses of North-East India to tap the resources of legal competence among lawyers of the region and to assist local churches at each place. It is also to introduce

spiritual dimension into their profession by teaching them to facilitate justice through the good practice of law.

Activities carried out under this programme

Third Regional Workshop of North East Legal Fraternity



The Third Regional Workshop of the North East Legal Fraternity (NELF) was held from April 27 to 29, 2018 at the Conference Hall of North East Diocesan Social Forum (NEDSF), Kharghuli, Guwahati, Assam. Eighteen representatives from seven dioceses were present in the workshop. The guests and the resource persons were Dr. Melvil Pereira, Director, North Eastern Regional Social Research Centre, Guwahati, Mr. Manas Sarania, Senior Advocate, Gauhati High Court and Vice President of Gauhati High Court Bar Association, Dr. Paul Pudussery, Dr. Swapana Deka Brahma, Assistant Professor of Dispur Law College and Most Rev. Archbishop (Emeritus) Thomas Menampampil.

Some crucial resolutions were taken in the workshop for the progress of North East Legal Fraternity (NELF).

Diocese Level Workshop of Legal Fraternity, 2018

On 11 September 2018, the Bongaigaon Legal Fraternity (BLF) organized a meeting at the office of Bongaigaon Gana Seva Society. Owen Chourappa (Director), Ms. Sophia Sharma and Mr. Abinash Narzary from



LCHR were present to assist the legal fraternity and its members.

A meeting of Tezpur Legal Fraternity (TLF) was held on 19 September 2018 at Rangapara Parish. LCHR facilitated the meeting, which was presided over by Adv. Joseph Minj and Fr. Sushil John Soren, priest-in-charge of the fraternity. Total numbers of 12 members were present including Mr. Abinash Narzary, Programme Manager of LCHR and Miss K. Sophia Sharma. Mr. Abinash Narzary highlighted the purpose of gathering young lawyers and to aware them about the importance of Legal Fraternity.

Mr. Abinash Narzary attended a meeting of the Lamjingshai Legal Fraternity (LLF) of Nongstoin Diocese, which was held at Youth Centre in Shillong on September 16, 2018. The President of the fraternity Mrs. Catherine Rymbai, the General Secretary Mrs. K. Evangeline Rymbai and an Office Bearer Ms. Balary Kharbani were present. The meeting was not so fruitful due to less attendance of members.

On 8 September 2018, Mr. Abinash Narzary and Miss. Sophia Sharma from LCHR had a meeting with members of Garo Hills Legal Fraternity at Bishop's House, Tura. The total numbers of eight members of

fraternity and the priest-in-charge were present. Meeting was presided over by the president of fraternity, Mr. Challang Artius Ch. Marak where a thorough discussion was on every point of fraternity's constitution.



Adv. Owen Chourappa, Director LCHR, visited Agartala on September 30, 2018 to have a meeting with members of the Agartala Legal Fraternity. The priest-in-charge, Dr. Paul Pudussery and two members of the fraternity Mr. Mintu Debbarma and Mrs. Khumtiya Debbarma attended the meeting in which, a broad discussion was made on bringing the lawyers together and conducting programmes.

Third Regional Convention of NELF



The Third Regional Convention of North East Legal Fraternity (NELF), held at Ramsa Hall of North East Diocesan Social Forum (NEDSF), Kharghuli, Guwahati from October

19 to 21, 2018, was memorable one. Theme of the Convention was "Challenges of the Catholic Societal and Cosmic Teachings Today". Legal Cell for Human Rights (LCHR) facilitated the convention. 80 delegates, including lawyers and law students from thirteen legal fraternities of North East India participated. The resource persons comprised of Dr. Jerry Rosario, Dr. Athnash Kerketta, Sr. Rose Paite, Director of CDI, Guwahati. Besides the resource persons, the dignitaries who attended the convention at the invitation of LCHR were Most. Rev. Thomas Menampampil, Archbishop Emeritus, Rt. Rev. (Dr.) James Thoppil, Bishop of Kohima and Dr. Varghese Velickakam, Director of NEDSSS. The first ever election for the Executive Members of North East Legal Fraternity (NELF) was conducted during this Convention on October 20, 2018 from 6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. at Sohra Hall of North East Diocesan Social Forum (NEDSF).

Legal Fraternity Workshop, 2019



A legal awareness programme cum meeting of Tezpur Legal Fraternity (TLF) was at Rangapara Parish in Sonitpur district of Assam on February 23, 2019. The total number

of 60 youth leaders and few senior citizens of Rangapara Parish were present. Fr. Sushil John Soren, advocate and priest-in-charge of TLF initiated the awareness programme. Adv Joseph Minj the President of (TLF) spoke on importance of Land laws and others basic laws applicable for the rural folks. Mr. Abinash Narzary, Programme Manager of LCHR spoke on RTI Act 2005 and Cyber Laws.

The training programme on capacity building for the members of Garo Hills Legal Fraternity (GHLF) was on February 16, 2019 at Bishop's House, Tura. Six members of the fraternity including its President Mr. Challang Artius Ch. Marak and the General Secretary Mr. Augustine R. Marak participated. Adv. Owen Chourappa and Mr. Abinash Narzary, the Director and Programme Manager of LCHR respectively, were the resource persons.

On 9 February 2019, a legal awareness programme on child rights cum training on capacity building for the office bearers and members of Lamjingshai Legal Fraternity (LLF), Nongstoin was at Conference Hall of Nongstoin Social Services Society (NSSS). A total number of 33 persons, including the staff members of NSSS, were present in the programme. Mr. George Jarain, Director of NSSS, Adv. Owen Chourappa, Director of LCHR, Mrs. Catherine Rymbai, President of LLF and Ms. Balarly Kharbani, Treasurer of NELF were there among others.

Training & Consultation on Strengthening NELF & Leadership



A two days Programme, titled, 'Training & Consultation on Strengthening NELF & Lead-

ership', was organized by Legal Cell for Human Rights (LCHR) on March 3rd and 4th, 2019 for the Office Bearers of North East Legal Fraternity (NELF) at Capuchin House, Guwahati. A total number of 12 members from different legal fraternities participated in the Programme. The resource persons were Mrs. Debasmita Ghosh, an Advocate and Director of Human Rights Law Network (HRLN) Guwahati spoke on 'Art of Advocacy for Human Rights Activists & Rights Based Organizations, Dr. Walter Fernandes, Senior Fellow of North Eastern Social Research Centre, Guwahati spoke on 'The possible impacts of Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 in North East India and Fr. Nilesh Parmer SJ spoke on 'Characteristics of Christian Leadership for Effective Management of Organisation'.

Eradication of Child Labour in the Tea Gardens through Awareness & Education in the District of Sonitpur, Assam

About this Programme: The programme aims at eradication of child labour in tea gardens of Assam through education of tea garden workers in Sonitpur and Lakhimpur districts. The implementation of the project began in month of May 2018. Thereon, the project has covered seventeen tea gardens and villages in the district, which includes few villages of North Lakhimpur, Biswanath districts and Gohpur Zone.

Activities under this Programme Formation of Study Centre



On 4th April 2018, LCHR Staff Pushpa Rana & Sabita Barwa organized a

programme for formation of study centre with regard to eradication of child labour at Dheeringpathar. Miss Sabita Barwa explained about the objectives of meeting and gave brief information of LCHR. She explained that LCHR is a civil society organization working for the protection and promotion of human rights. She spoke on eradication of child labour in the tea gardens, through awareness & education training programme. Till date LCHR is successful in forming 17 study centres under this Programme.

Awareness Programme



An awareness programme to eradicate child labour from the tea garden areas was organised at Karigaraj village on April 27, 2018 by Legal Cell for Human Rights (LCHR). Mr. Abinash Narzary, Programme Manager of LCHR was the resource person and assisted by Mr. Innocent Surin, an Office Assistant of LCHR. About 45 women and 5 men were present in the programme. Karigaraj is a village under the Nalinibari Gram Panchayat in Biswanath district of Assam where there are no Upper Primary and High Schools.

Training on Rights of Children and Teaching skills in Study Centre

Three days skill development programme was organized from 01.06.2018 to 03.06.2018 at Tetonbari Parish for village volunteers and coordinators. The programme concentrated on children's rights and methods of teaching

in study centre. A total number of 26 persons participated in the training programme. Members of LCHR were resource persons for the programme.



Training of SMC Members & Guides of Study Centre

Two days training programme was held on 18/03/2019 and 19/03/2019 at Dhalailbil, TISSS, Sonitpur. The title of the programme was 'Training of SMC Members & Guides of Study Centre', organized by LCHR. The resource persons were staffs of LCHR Ms. Mary Sonia Besra, Ms. Chasom Hakhun & Mr. John Sonjit Besra. The main resource person was Mr. Basanta Bhagawati (Block Resource Person) of Nagaon district. The total number of 19 participants were present in the training. The resource person, Mr. Basanta Bhagawati (BRP) shared on 'RTE Act 2009 & Roles and Responsibilities of SMC Members'. The LCHR Staff spoke on 'Roles of Teachers



in Education', 'POCSO Act, 2012', 'Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006', 'Child Labour and Juvenile justice (Care and Protection of Children Act, 2015)' & 'Child Parliament'. The two days training programme concluded with good remarks given by participants and resource person to LCHR staffs.

Child Parliament



The Child Parliament was formed to motivate and encourage children to take part in the activities of the society.

On 20 December 2018, Mr. Abinash Narzary, Programme Manager of LCHR visited Dufflaghur T.E. Line No.23 for monitoring and conducted election for formation of child parliament. After brief information to the children regarding Child Parliament and the responsibilities, the election was conducted and the child parliament was constituted in Dufflaghur T.E. Line No.23 study centre.

The formation of Child Parliament builds a leadership quality in a child. It creates a platform for a child where she/he can confidently raise voice on issues and give perspective on things they believe to be vital to their progress. Child Parliament creates unity and integrity among children in the society.

Monthly Monitoring of Evening Study Center

Under this Program 12 Monitoring & Evaluation programmes were carried out from the month of April, 2018 to March, 2019 in whole year at each evening study centre in above-mentioned places. The staff of LCHR

and the study centre Guide organized public awareness programmes on relevant topics every month.



Children's Day Celebration at Study Centres of Gohpur Zone in Dufflaghur T.E. Line No. 23

The children from study centres namely, Dufflaghur T.E. Line No. 2, Dufflaghur T.E. Line No. 23, Barmahjan T.E. Line No. 1 and Barmahjan TE Line No. 12 were brought together for the celebration. About 600 participants including parents, school teachers and village elders participated. Mr. Abinash Narzary, Programme Manager of LCHR and study centre in-charge mobilized and gathered people with the help of few youths.

Similar celebrations were organized at Karigaraj (320 children), Dheringpathar (273 children) in Biswanath district, and at Dejoo (151 children) for the North Lakhimpur district for the remaining study centres.



Activities of LCHR in Collaboration with other organizations



On 1st & 2nd December 2018, Human Rights Law Network (HRLN), conducted a State Level Training cum Consultation Programme on the topic, 'Reproductive Rights and the Law' in collaboration with LCHR at Bosco Reach out, Ulubari Guwahati. LCHR team Abinash Narzary, Mary Sonia Besra, Mousumi Kalita & Pushpa Rana attended, as resource persons on training and addressed on POCSO, Right to Food, Health and Hygiene.

On 28th March 2019, Mobility India conducted an awareness programme on laws in collaboration with LCHR, at Dhupguri Khetri Kamrup (M) Assam. LCHR team Mousumi Kalita, John Sonjit Besra & Owen Chourappa (Director) attended, as resource persons and addressed on Fundamental Rights, PWD & Domestic Violence against women at work place.

Visitors in LCHR



On 8th January 2018, the Immersion Group of students and Professor from Peace Centre, Marquette University, USA visited LCHR and interacted with the staff members. They were given inputs on the activities of LCHR and its success stories.

LCHR as Resources



On 28th February, 2019, Adv. Owen Chourappa, was the resource person on the topic, 'Training on Domestic Worker's Rights', at Peace Centre, Ambari Guwahati. He gave lecture on Domestic violence against women Act 2005 and Minimum Wages Act 1948. Above 100 women participated in the training programme.

On 18th January 2019, Adv. Owen Chourappa was the resource person on 'Teachers Orientation Programme at Don Bosco School Hojai'. He delivered a motivational speech for Teachers and George Thomas (intern) spoke on POCSO Act 2012.

LCHR Participation

Mary Sonia Besra & Chasom Hakhun attended a 2-days discussion on, 'Ecumenical Peace Consultation and Workshop'. Theme: Cultivate and Create a Culture of Compassionate Christian Community in the North East India (NEI); at Mission Compound, Guwahati, Assam. It was organized by CBNEI, APBF, NCCI Northeast desk, North East India Social Forum, Joint Peace Mission Team (JPMT) and other partners from 29 October 2018 to 31 October 2018.

Pushpa Rana & Abinash Narzary attended seminar programme topic, 'National Seminar on the Role of women in Peace Process', conducted by NESRC held on 2nd & 3rd November 2018, at Jagriti 3rd floor, GMCH Road, Christian Basti, Guwahati, Assam.

Other Activities of LCHR



Two days training programme was on 26/10/2018 and 27/10/2018 at Jagriti Seminar Hall 3rd floor, Christian Basti, Guwahati. The training was on, 'The Methods and Techniques of Field Survey'. It was conducted by LCHR for the staff members and in addition, seven students participated from Dispur Law College.

Foundation Day of LCHR

LCHR celebrated its 13th Foundation Day on 15th February 2019. LCHR has associated with nearly 15th Dioceses of North East India and has formed a fraternity that is North East

Legal Fraternity (NELF). LCHR has trained executive members of NELF, assisted them to conduct workshop and has been monitoring & creating awareness programme in every Legal Fraternity.



LCHR Tour

"To Travel is to Live."

From December 3 to 6, 2018 LCHR staff went to Sikkim via Nepal for staff orientation programme.



My Experience your Inspiration...

I am **Arun Kumar**, PLP from North Lakhimpur district Assam. I am associated with LCHR since 2017 and assigned as teacher in study centre Digphukhuri village. On 8th November 2018, I went to Ananda Bagan for my personal work, there one lady approached me to borrow my phone for a while to talk with her daughter. After that day the girl called me back instantly, asking for help to rescue her from where she has been taken as house maid in Arunachal Pradesh long time ago. The owner did not pay her any remuneration for long time and she was not allowed to meet her

parents. She was restricted from returning home. Therefore, I decided to rescue her and bring back to home. I collected information about the residence of the girl with her owner and on 28th



December 2018 I was successful in rescuing. I am grateful to LCHR because it was possible for me to rescue the girl only after joining this organization as PLP. I learnt from LCHR to gain confidence and acquired knowledge about our Rights and Duties.

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Warm welcome to: John Sonjit Besra, Jerome Kullu, Suman Indwar & Adam R. Marak.


Thank you for your service: Abinash Narzary, Pushpa Rana & Lemnath Tirkey.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019

RECEIPTS	TOTAL	PAYMENTS	TOTAL
		Project Expenses	
Donation & Contribution	92,18,568.08	Formation of Cluster-groups among the Para-Legal Persons and Training them to Access Justice in the Assam	30,69,988.00
Interest Received	5,20,359.00	Tea Plantation	
		Creating Faith Based Legal Cells in 15 Dioceses of North - East India to Access Justice	17,04,273.00
		Base Line Survey of Tea Gardens	2,07,450.00
		Eradication of Child Labour in the Tea Garden through Awareness, Education in the District Sonitpur, Assam	16,93,790.00
		317.128-A180126A MA- vehicle tp Prachodaya	7,60,074.00
		<u>LCHR Programmes</u>	
		Awareness & Training Programme	29,674.00
		Publication	40,000.00
		Seminar & Workshop	2,470.00
		<u>Administrative Expenses</u>	9,05,873.6
		Charity & Donation	5,000.00
		<u>Capital Equipments</u>	
		Library Books	17,260.00
		computer software	32,922.00
		Audio Visual Equipment	1,300.00
		Balance for the Year 2019-2020	12,68,852.48
Total(Rs)	97,38,927.08	Total(Rs.)	97,38,927.08




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