

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



The past year has been a pleasure for me as I had the privilege and opportunities to get to know our Staff and Community participants. What I have witnessed makes me even more excited about our future and the ways in which we can deepen our journey towards 'Striving for Justice'. It gives me immense joy to present to you the Annual Report 2019-2020.



Legal Cell for Human Rights (LCHR) team has played a pivotal role in effecting positive change in the tea garden areas by educating, giving legal awareness and enhancing legal capacity of the beneficiaries. Formation of new Supplementary Education Centres (SECs), Child Parliaments & Village Child Protection Committees have added strength to the important structures at village communities. Street plays, filing of Right to Information (RTI) and special legal awareness programme on Plantation Labour Act, 1951 in the tea gardens have been the prime focus activities of LCHR for the year.

Thanks to all our well-wishers, partners, collaborators and friends for their support and contribution. I would also like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our LCHR team for their commitment and dedication to carry on this service. I wish the Director and Staff members good luck in their endeavours and may cross many more milestones in the years to come.

Dr. Melvil Pereira
President, LCHR

Message from the Director



Providing legal awareness and capacity building training to rural people and labourers in the tea gardens of Assam is challenging yet satisfying. It is challenging because of the logistics involved in it and satisfying due to its positive impact on the beneficiaries. Last year LCHR planned meticulously and executed the activities mainly for the benefit of rural people of Assam and North East India and Assam Tea garden labourers in particular.



I am happy to present the 2019-2020 Annual report on the activities that were implemented. LCHR has conducted public awareness programmes, training of youth as Para Legal Persons (PLPs), setup 'Supplementary Education Centres' and has organized workshops, seminar and convention for the benefit of the members of North East Legal Fraternity (NELF).

The annual report presents the communities who have gained legal awareness and feel equipped to access justice amicably. It is a satisfying story of working for the vulnerable sections of the society in the tea garden areas. As you turn the pages of Annual Report, you will capture the impact the programmes have made on the lives of the people.

I express my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all the partners for their support in the past year. I thank all the Staff members for their quality service and team spirit for the organization.

Owen Chourappa

Advocate

Director, LCHR

Message from the Deputy Director



Life is all about the choices we make. But how about when someone or something determines our choices in life? It is the same provided we make it our own positively.

On 1st January, 2020, I joined the LCHR, a choice made by the authorities of the Society of Jesus. I treated this choice as a new chapter to my life. And tried to stay away from the thoughts what might have been and look at what could have been, had I not been sent here. Hardly a few fortnights had gone by in the LCHR, another global choice maker came up; the pandemic Covid-19 with several nation-wide lockdowns. This gave me an opportunity to ask what I really need to do or live reasonably well. Like others, I too introspected and took measures to reduce needless movements, needless and excess consumption of food, needless shopping of consumer foods, etc. One of the most poignant aspects of this pandemic is that the dying has to die a lonely death with no loved ones near him or her by the bedside at the final hour of life. Another experience I went through is a deep spiritual satisfaction that I became a more praying person, and contacted, knew and helped more people than perhaps I could have done in a normal scenario.



No doubt, no one's life will ever be the same post corona virus. However, the pandemic has taught us many great unforgettable lessons how to love, help and spend time with ours and the needy ones quantitatively and qualitatively and appreciate those who help us.

Anupchand K. Minj
Advocate
Deputy 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

LCHR 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 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 restitute 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



IMPACT STORIES

Experience as a Successful Para Legal Person (PLP):

I am Ananda Gowala, a trained PLP from Kathalguri, Nagaon (Assam). I have been trained as PLP in 2008 by LCHR. I have received training on various topics such as RTI, Public Distribution System (PDS), Protection of Women and Child Rights, Land Laws, Child Parliament, Right to Education (RTE) & Plantations Labour Act, 1951. I have conducted various awareness programmes in my locality to create awareness among people regarding Rights and Duties. I have filed numbers of RTI in order to bring to surface various forms of corruption that are going on in our society. As a result, I was successful in exposing corruption and malpractice that were happening in our Panchayat System as well as PDS. I managed to cancel the license of a person concerned, with the help and approval of 'Food and Civil Supply Department', Kaliabor sub-division for being involved in a corruption of PDS under Kathalguri Gaon Panchayat.



Experience as a Successful District Coordinator:

I am Ashok Thakur, a trained PLP, presently serving as Dibrugarh district coordinator. I have been receiving training from LCHR from 2017 onwards. Firstly, I would like to thank LCHR for providing me opportunity to be part of the organisation. LCHR had disseminated knowledge on various aspects of Human Rights and Laws. I have received various legal knowledge on land laws, women rights, child rights etc. through which I am able to resolve many illegal issues and activities in my area. I have acquired knowledge on various laws and many other topics through LCHR for which I remain grateful. Here, I sincerely express my gratitude to LCHR team for their constant guidance and support. Lastly, hope to grow and blossom more in serving the people of society in near future and preserve Human Rights with the help of LCHR.



My Experience your Inspiration:

I am, Suresh Gorait, a trained PLP from Dejoo Valley T.E., Nagaon, Assam. I am associated with LCHR since 2016 onwards. On 11th November, 2018, I along with the Child Parliament committee members went to Dejoo Valley where a road was being constructed. I met the contractor and urged him to put a speed breaker on the road nearby the school to avoid accidents. At the beginning, he was reluctant but after listening to Child Parliament committee members, he agreed to our request. A speed breaker is constructed at the designated place near the school for the safety of the students crisscrossing the road. I express my deep appreciation to LCHR, through which I gained knowledge and gathered courage to speak out and stand against injustice.



LCHR ACTIVITIES DURING 2019-2020

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. As a whole One Hundred and Thirty Four (134) PLPs were given awareness and trained on various laws relating to Labour Welfare, Women and Child Rights, RTI, RTE, Health and Hygiene, Government Schemes with regard to pre-post maternity benefits and so on.

Activities carried out under this programme Training on Laws & Schemes Related to Women & Children



The training programme was conducted for empowerment of women and development of children in the Tea Estates. It was organised in three different places where the PLPs of 7 districts participated (Nagaon, Sonitpur, Udalguri, Biswanath, North Lakhimpur, Dibrugarh & Tinsukia).

On 29th & 30th April, 2019, the first phase of training was held at North East Diocesan Social Forum (NEDSF), Kharghuli, Guwahati. The resource persons were Adv. Sauradeep Dey and Adv. Suraj Sharma. Besides the main resource persons Ms Mosumi Kalita, Mr. Abinash Narzary, Ms Mary Sonia Besra, Ms Chasom Hakhun of LCHR facilitated the training through input session on various legal topics. The total numbers of 93 PLPs participated in the training programme.

Second phase of the training programme was held on 30th & 31st August, 2019, which was held at St. Xavier's School, Mancotta, Dibrugarh. The main resource persons in the training programme were Mr. Nitumoni Das (Dy. Superintendent of Police Dibrugarh), Adv. Dr. Nazarana Ahmed and Mr. Satya Narayan Baruah. The LCHR staffs Ms Chasom Hakhun and Ms Mousumi Kalita substantiated the training with relevant legal topics. A total of 29 PLPs who were mainly women participated in the training. The topics such as 'Cyber crime', 'Land Laws', 'Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006', 'Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012' and 'Reproductive Rights' were covered in the training programme.

The third phase of the training was held on 19th & 20th September, 2019, at North East Diocesan Social Forum (NEDSF), Kharghuli, Guwahati. The resource persons were Special Branch Cyber crime Assam Police, Adv. Pranab Sharma, Adv. Sauradeep Roy and Adv. Amal Dutta. A total of 40 PLPs participated in the training programme.

Exposure



An exposure visit was organized on 24th and 30th September, 2019, to Social Welfare Office, Court Charali, Tezpur and to Perona Child Home. As many as 56 PLPs including 3 district coordinators from Nagaon, Sonitpur and Udalguri participated in the exposure to Tezpur, and 44 PLPs from Dibrugarh & Tinsukia district were present in the exposure. The main purpose of this visit was to gain new insight into the activities of the programmes of the center which would be useful to implement in the respective areas. The visiting team interacted with Mr. Dilip Kumar Borah (chairperson of CWC Sonitpur), Ms Barnali Sarmah Boruah (Member of JJB, Sonitpur), Ms Popy Das (Protection Officer institutional care, Sonitpur), and Ms Astha Rani Laskhar (A counselor in Sonitpur district). Ms Sudipta G Biswas, member of CWC motivated and encouraged the PLPs to help the people in need. The exposure visit was very fruitful for the team members as it gave them knowledge about the involvement of members working and kinds of activities carried out in the centres.

Monitoring



Monitoring is the periodic supervision of the implementation of activities done by the PLPs and targeted outputs. It is scheduled every month by the Programme Manager. Monitoring is an essential part of the programme as it provides opportunities to interact with the field staff, sharing of new ideas and setting of targets. The PLPs share and discuss about the activities, challenges and success stories. Monitoring is also an opportunity for motivating the PLPs to remain socially conscious.

Coordinator Meeting



The aim of this meeting was to take stock of monthly progress made by PLPs under the direction of Coordinators of each districts. The District Coordinators come to LCHR office every month for evaluation and planning of their activities. They are guided and supervised by LCHR team while they in turn guide the PLPs cluster groups.



EVALUATION PROGRAMME

Evaluation programme for the above mentioned programmes was held on 30th October, 2019, at NEDSSS, Kharghuli, Guwahati. The meeting was conducted to assess the effectiveness of the programmes implemented in the past years and learn for future improvements and creative adaptations as per the mandate of the project. The total numbers of 56 participants were present, including five district coordinators. It was organized by the Programme managers of LCHR. The evaluation programme was very satisfying as it revealed the strengths and areas for improvement for the future. This programme was an opportunity to further motivate the PLPs and the beneficiaries to remain socially conscious citizens in the community.

LCHR has trained PLPs including men and women in different topics. Such as a Fundamental Rights & Duties, RTE, RTI, Land Law, Panchayat Raj, Plantations Labour Act, 1951, Cyber crime, Child marriage, Child labour, POCSO, Juvenile Justice Act, Human trafficking, Reproductive rights etc in seven districts of Assam.

CREATING AND STRENGTHENING OF VIGILANT COMMUNITIES THROUGH LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMES IN THE TEA GARDENS OF ASSAM

About this programme:

In continuation of the work for the benefit of the tea garden labourers, LCHR undertook the next phase of the programme titled '**Creating and Strengthening of Vigilant Communities through Legal awareness programmes in the Tea gardens of Assam**'. The aim of this programme is to create new Vigilant communities and strengthen them legally through awareness and training programmes. The second aim was to create legal awareness among the people in the 6 tea gardens and 4 villages of North Lakhimpur district to create safe environment for children in the villages.

Currently the programme is being implemented in Girja line, Deepa line, 7 no line, Bogri line, Pucca line, 2 No line, Chanmari, Ahubari, Kathoni basti and Bogolijaan of Hurmutty area under Karunabari Block in North Lakhimpur district for the year 2019-2020. Similar number of villages will be included from Dhemaji district in the future.

Activities carried out under this programme Awareness Programme:



LCHR had conducted 19 awareness programmes in 5 months at Harmutty area under Karunabari Block in North Lakhimpur district. LCHR provided resource team for the awareness programme. The same was conducted at 6 tea gardens and 4 villages where 451 people benefited under this programme. The awareness was given on Constitution of India, provisions of Fundamental Rights & Duties, Law against Domestic Violence and awareness on laws and schemes related to health and hygiene, rules relating to housing under Plantation Labour Act, 1951. The above-mentioned awareness programmes were conducted in North Lakhimpur District of Assam. The beneficiaries included tea garden labourers, women, elderly, children and the others. This awareness programme has enlightened the tea garden workers and other people who attended the programme.



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 Faith based legal fraternities or cells in all the fifteen dioceses of North-East India. The programme is intended to take advantage of the available resources of legal competence among lawyers of the region and to assist local communities to benefit from the legal expertise of the members. The programme also seeks to introduce spiritual dimension into the legal profession by teaching them to facilitate justice through the good practice of law.

Activities carried out under this programme Diocese Level Workshop, 2019:



It is one of the scheduled programme of the project which is being implemented through the year. In the year 2019 a total of seven such programmes were conducted in six Dioceses. The first part of the programme consisted of organizing workshops for the benefit of the members to enhance the skills to organize public awareness programmes. It was a well appreciated programme. A total of 110 Catholic lawyers participated and benefited from the programme.

The programme was organized in Shillong Archdiocese, Bongaigaon Diocese, Diburgarh Diocese, Golaghat of Dibrugarh Diocese, Miao Diocese, Imphal Archdiocese and Tura Diocese.

The Programme Manager along with resource persons conducted the programme to the satisfaction of every participant. The Bishops are appreciative of the programme and some of them were personally present during the programme which was encouraging to the participants. It is an ongoing programme and being implemented in the scheduled dioceses as per the convenience of all the participants.

Regional Seminar of NELF, 2019:



A regional seminar on “Faith and Justice: Opportunities and Challenges in North East India in the present context”, was organized at North East Diocesan Social Forum, Kharghuli Hills, Guwahati on 22nd and 23rd June, 2019. Total numbers of 25 Catholic lawyers from various Diocese participated in the regional seminar including the Office Bearers and Executive Members of the Fraternity.

Legal Awareness Programme:

This scheduled programme is being implemented by the lawyers in their respective dioceses. LCHR is facilitating the organization of these programmes by providing technical support and resource persons etc. The aim of this programme is to encourage Catholic lawyers to utilize the skills organizing programmes for the benefit of the people in the villages. Some of the lawyers took the initiative to organize the programme for diocesan youth,



women's groups and students. The lawyers organized programmes on POCSO, RTI, Cyber Law, Domestic violence and Child Rights. As a result of these programmes the awareness among the people has increased and people have benefited much from the programmes.

Fourth Regional Convention of NELF:



The Fourth Regional Convention of NELF was held at Bosco Reach Out, Ulubari, Guwahati from 6th to 8th October, 2019. It was organised by LCHR. Theme of the Convention was "Catholic Lawyers for New India". The resource persons were Dr. Jerry Rosario SJ, Advocate and Social Activist, Dr. Hector D' Souza SJ and Rev. Fr. Valerian Castelino SJ. The patron of NELF Rt. Rev. Albert Hemrom, Coadjutor Bishop of Dibrugarh Diocese and Rt. Rev. Andrew R. Marak, the Bishop of Tura Diocese added joy to the programme by their gracious presence in the convention.

More than 50 members participated in the Convention, which included practising Lawyers and law students. In this convention newly approved flag of NELF was hoisted for the first time in the convention by Mr. Challang Artius Marak, the President of NELF.

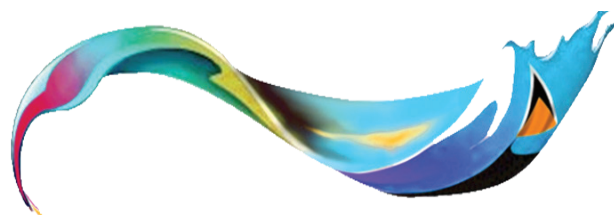
The Convention was of 3 days programme. The first day was a 'Retreat' by Dr. Jerry Rosario SJ who was one of the resource persons. 'Retreat' focused on 'Challenges of the Man of Jesus', 'Challenges of the Mission of Jesus' & 'Challenges of the Message of Jesus'. He also took sessions on 'Lawyers as Conscience - Keepers, Living Constitutions and Nation - Engineers'.



Rt. Rev. Albert Hemrom, the first and newly appointed patron of NELF was welcomed by the gathering in the second day's programme. The second day's programme concentrated on 'Lawyers as Pillars of the Church in North East India'. We express our heartfelt appreciation to North Eastern Regional Bishops' Council (NERBC) for accepting our proposal and appointing Rt. Rev. Albert Hemrom, as patron of NELF.

Dr. Hector D'Souza SJ took a session on 'Lawyers as Pastors' and Rev. Fr. Valerian Castelino SJ on 'Lawyers as Leaders'.

The programme was a success with the approval of the Constitution, NELF.



Diocesan Training Programmes on Capacity Building, 2019:



The aim of this programme is to capacitate the lawyers in delivering lectures and to schedule the programmes as per the needs of the parishes. This is an ongoing programme which has been implemented in seven Dioceses namely, Bongaigaon Diocese, Shillong Archdiocese, Imphal Archdiocese, Dibrugarh Diocese, Aizwal Diocese, Itanagar Diocese and Tezpur Diocese. A total of 85 Catholic lawyers participated in this programme. The programme was facilitated by each Diocesan Priest In charges and ably guided by Programme Managers from LCHR, Guwahati. The programme has benefitted the participants who in turn are able to help the people in need of their villages and communities.

The programme has increased the motivation of the lawyers to be socially relevant and attentive to the needs of the people.

Training on strengthening NELF Leadership:



A two-day Programme, titled “Training on Strengthening NELF Leadership”, was organized by LCHR on 22nd and 23rd February, 2020, for the Office Bearers and Executive Members of NELF at Capuchin House, Guwahati. A total number of 20 members from different legal fraternities participated in the Programme. The resource persons were Rev. Fr. G.P. Amalraj, Deputy Secretary, NERBC who spoke on ‘Exploring the possibilities of serving the Region/Diocese’, Mr. Shammi Joseph Tigga, Labour Commissioner North East Region who spoke on ‘Labour laws and Christian institutions’, Dr. J.B. Ekka, Principal Secretary-Panchayat & Rural Development, Transformation & Development, Parliamentary Affairs and Labour Welfare & Tea Tribes Welfare Departments who spoke on ‘Areas of NELF’s Service & Growth in the North East India’ and Dr. Lukose P.J., Head, Department of Social Work, Assam Don Bosco University, Guwahati who spoke on ‘Organisational Commitment in Leadership’.

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 and prevention of trafficking in tea gardens of Assam through legal awareness and education of tea garden workers in North Lakhimpur and Biswanath districts. The implementation of the project began in the month of May 2018. Thereon, the project has covered 11 tea gardens and 6 villages of North Lakhimpur and Biswanath districts.



Activities under this Programme

Public Awareness Programme:



An awareness programme on 'RTE Act 2009' & 'Effects of Excessive Alcoholism' was organized at Dhullie Girja Line on 21st October, 2019, by LCHR team. This awareness was conducted for the villagers. 45 members attended the programme. The same was organized at Morachengelijan on 15th September, 2019. A total number of 35 villagers attended the awareness programme.

As part of the public awareness programme children with the help of local coordinator and LCHR staff organized a street play on 19th October, 2019, at Dufflaghur village in the market place. The theme of the street play was "Child labour as a scar on healthy society". The purpose of the programme was to give public awareness to the people regarding Child labour, its existence and ill effects on the society and the children. The entire market was gathered together for 30 minutes duration. At the end of the street play many parents and others learned about the reality of child labour and need to send the children to school. Similar street plays were organized at Dufflaghur Line No. 2 and 23, Karigeraj and Morachengelijan. A total of 98 children including the incharge of SECs participated.



Formation of Child Parliament:



Children's Parliaments are structures in the neighborhood organized to promote children's participation in issues of importance for the society. Such structures provide platform to come together, to discuss together, to decide together and involve together in action for social change. The structure provides platform for learning with fun. Creating Child Parliaments in the project area is an important component of the programme. The Child parliament also assists in character formation of the participants and increases the motivation to be socially conscious citizens. The children involved in the activity come from humble background and are enthusiastic to learn and better their own living conditions. The Child Parliaments in the project area were formed to assist the children towards character formation and development of skills and enhance leadership qualities and self-confidence in them.

On 18th October, 2019, LCHR team visited Morachengelijan for monitoring and establishing child parliaments. Total number of 60 children participated in the election and cast their votes. Similar activity was carried out in Karigeraj where 50 children cast their votes and 42 children at Dikhpukhri, 52 children at Dejoo and 32 children at Bharaluwa SECs. A total of 5 Child Parliament have been formed in Gohpur and North Lakhimpur Zone six more are nearing completion of formation.

Exposure



The exposure tour was organised by LCHR. The main aim of the programme was to build effective learning, personal development, enhance skills and improve teaching skills. Exposure was also a time for participants to visit new places, interact with people and learn various relevant ideas for social change. A total of 375 students from all the SECs were taken on exposure tour.

The children of Gohpur zone were taken for an exposure in Borgang parish and hospital on 15th July, 2019, children of Lakhimpur zone were taken in Dejoo tea Estate on 13th July, 2019 and the children of Biswanath were taken for an exposure at St. Xavier College Sonabheel on 17th July, 2019.

Monthly Monitoring of SECs:



Under this Programme 9 Monitoring & Evaluation programmes were carried out from the month of April, 2019 to March, 2020 at 17 SECs. The staffs of LCHR and centre incharges supported the children to access quality education and they had also conducted many co-curricular activities in addition to the normal course of study every month. Total numbers of 1,480 people benefited under this programme.

Children's Day Celebration at SECs:



Children's Day celebrations were organized in all the SECs. The celebrations were conducted by gathering the children of each SECs in their respective zone. As part of the celebration many fun activities such as outdoor games, dance competition, poem recitation, speech competition and drawing competition were conducted during the programme.

In Gohpur zone Karigeraj, Boroj and Morachengelijan SECs celebrated together and children of Dufflaghur Line No. 2, 23 and Brahmajan SECs celebrated together in one place. About 900 people participated in the celebration of Gohpur zone.

Similar celebrations were organised at remaining SECs of Biswanath Zone (300 participants) and North Lakhimpur Zone (230 participants) respectively.

ACTIVITIES OF LCHR IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATION



On 12th July, 2019, Mobility India conducted an awareness programme on laws in collaboration with LCHR at 62 No Khetri, Kamrup (M) Assam. LCHR team Ms Mousumi Kalita, Mr. Suman Indwar & Ms Nomita Bilung conducted the programme as resource persons on 'RTE Act, 2009', 'RTI Act, 2005', 'Domestic Violence' and 'Human trafficking'.

About 32 participants attended the awareness programme.

VISITORS TO LCHR



On 11th January, 2020, Bishop Peter Birkhofer, Archdiocese of Freiburg with his team from Germany visited LCHR and interacted with the staff members, PLPs group and Director. During the interaction there was a sharing of experiences and success stories by the PLPs group and staff members.

Welcome



LCHR team is happy to welcome Anupchand K. Minj as a new Deputy Director. He joined LCHR from 1st January, 2020. He is an Advocate at Gauhati High Court and highly motivated person. The Director and the LCHR team sincerely thanks Dr. Rev. Fr. Marianus Kujur SJ, the Provincial of Ranchi Jesuit Province for the New Year gift.

LCHR AS RESOURCE TEAM



On 17th May, 2019, Ms Mary Sonia Besra and Ms Chasom Hakhun of LCHR were resource persons of the training programme at Shanti Dan, Lankheswar, Guwahati. Training was given on the topics: 'The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015' and 'Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016'. 70 persons participated in the training programme.



Training on Laws & Schemes related to Women & Children at NEDSF, Guwahati



Poem recitation during Children's day at Morachengelijan, Gohpur



Fifth Executive Meeting of NELF at Capuchin House, Guwahati



LCHR Resource Team

Front Row Left to Right: Sunil Ghurni (*Office Assistant*), Mousumi Kalita (*Programme Manager*)
Mary Sonia Besra (*Programme Manager*)
Suman Indwar (*Assistant Programme Manager*)

Behind Row Left to Right: Owen Chourappa (*Director*), Anupchand K. Minj (*Deputy Director*)
Adam R. Marak (*Assistant Programme Manager*)
Sabita Barwa (*Accountant*)

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CHRISTIAN BASTI, GUWAHATI

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020

RECEIPTS	TOTAL	PAYMENTS	TOTAL
Donation & Contribution	86,74,160.41	Project Expenses	
Interest Received	5,41,723.00	Formation of Cluster-groups among the Para-Legal Persons and Training them to Access Justice in the Assam	20,49,675.00
		Tea Plantation	
		Creating Faith Based Legal Cells in 15 Dioceses of North - East India to Access Justice	23,44,093.00
		Eradication of Child Labour in the Tea Garden through Awareness, Education in the District Sonitpur, Assam	13,78,294.00
		Creating & Strengthening of Vigilant Communities through Legal Capacity Programmes among the Tea Plantation labourers in Assam (DKA V)	6,36,223.00
		<u>LCHR Programmes</u>	
		Awareness & Training Programme	22,253.00
		Publication	45,000.00
		Seminar & Workshop	5,380.00
		<u>Administrative Expenses</u>	8,68,375.54
		Charity & Donation	31,376.00
		<u>Capital Equipments</u>	
		Library Books	8,605.00
		Balance for the Year 2020-2021	18,26,608.87
Total(Rs)	92,15,883.41	Total(Rs.)	92,15,883.41



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