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Striving for Justice :

"The time has now come when the courts must become the courts for the poor and the struggling masses of this country. They must be sensitized to the need of doing justice to the large masses of people to whom justice has been denied by a cruel heartless society for generations." (AIR 1982 SC 1473)



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Lack of awareness and education on various rights, entitlements and social security schemes have kept the poor and marginalized people of our society voiceless. Thus the need for literacy on human rights grows day by day in our society. It is imperative on us to educate the poor and the needy on their rights and entitlements enshrined in our constitution and in legislations framed there-under to create a better and more just society.

I am delighted that LCHR has been reaching out even to the remote corners of North East India to empower people on their rights. The Para-Legal Persons trained by LCHR are now become the beacons of hope for many downtrodden.

LCHR has crossed another fruitful year of service. It is my great pleasure to present to you the Annual Report 2013-2014. Thanks to the Director and his committed team for their tireless efforts in rendering effective services to the needy. My sincere gratitude goes to all our well-wishers, partners, collaborators and friends for their marvelous support and contribution. I extend my best wishes to the LCHR team for their dedicated service in the years to come.



Fr. Arul Susaimanickam SJ
President, LCHR

Human rights provide armour to every human being to protect oneself. These rights were laid down against any kind of discrimination towards every human irrespective of the poor and the rich, the weak and the strong. Nonetheless, the violation of human rights can be seen at different places due to various vested interests best known to the rights violators. The right to live with justice and dignity are yet to be known by many. In this context and keeping its motto, "Striving for Justice", as its guiding light, in true spirit, LCHR has been stepping forward with dedication at its best to protect and promote human rights among the people of North East India. It has been amplifying the voice to the poor and the weaker sections of the society in demanding for their rights. Capacity building, advocacy, networking and legal awareness programmes have been carried out by LCHR to promote justice to the needy.

I am glad to present to you the annual report of LCHR of the year 2013-2014. This 8th annual report of LCHR highlights the activities during 2013-2014. My heartfelt thanks go to all the partners and well-wishers for their continuous valuable support and collaboration. My sincere thanks to the LCHR team which played an important role in making the organization's dream come true.




Ravi Sagar
Director, LCHR



LCHR 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.

LCHR 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.

LCHR 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.

LCHR 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.

LCHR 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.

LCHR 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.

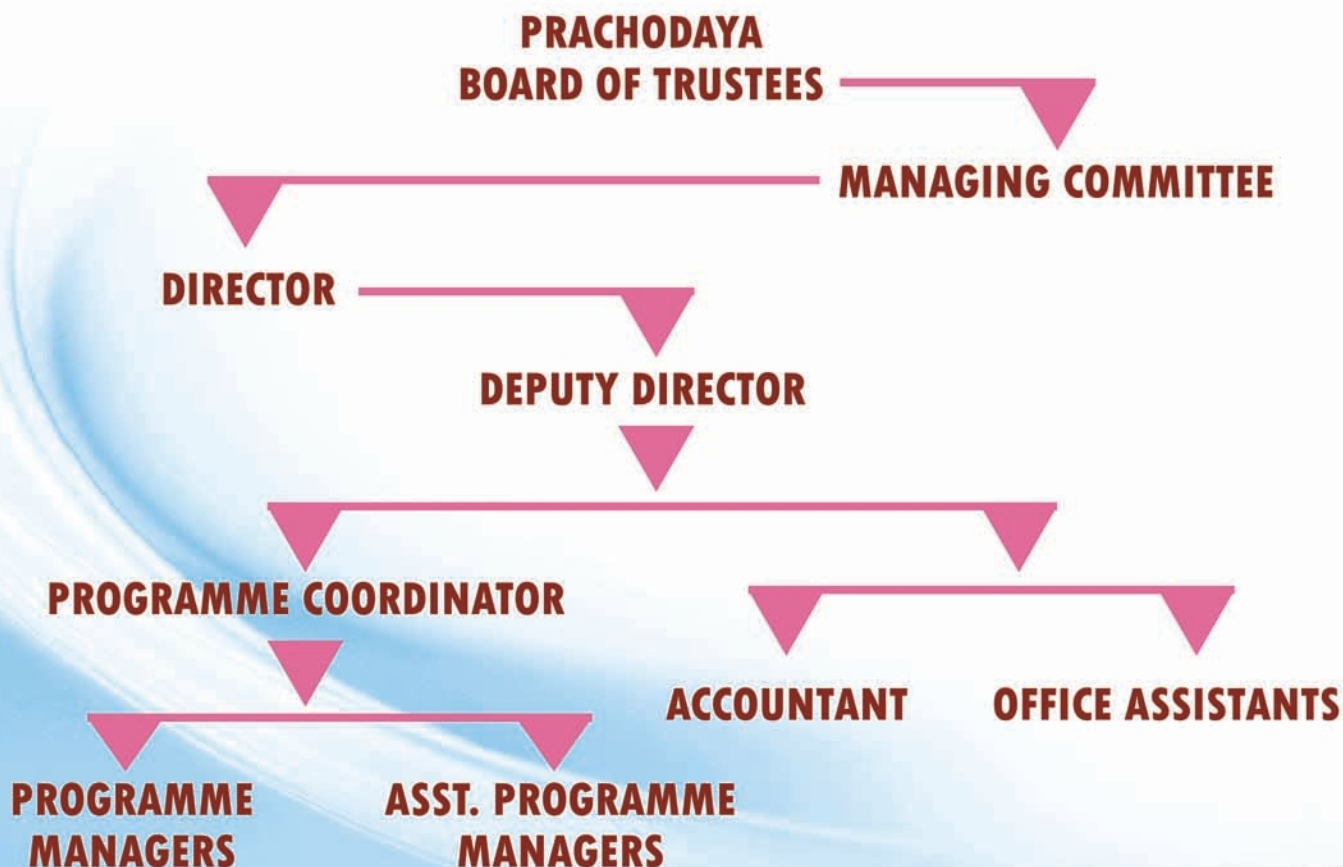
LCHR OBJECTIVES

- ☞ 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.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



LCHR ACTIVITIES DURING 2013-2014

Training Para-Legal & Advocacy Skills

LCHR has been involved in training individuals on para-legal and advocacy skills under the programme designed as, "Training on Para-legal & Advocacy Skills". These trained individuals are called Para-legal Persons or PLP in short.



In the year 2013-2014, 96 PLPs from different parts of Assam irrespective of caste, creed, community and gender were trained on Right to Information Act - 2005, Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act - 2009, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act - 2005, Panchayati Raj Institution, environmental laws, free legal aid to the poor, consumer protection laws, FIR, PIL, criminal justice system, child rights, women laws, land laws, public distribution system, grass root comics, human trafficking, social security schemes and other programmes that can enhance their lives. The Tea plantation labourers were given training on The Plantation Labourers' Act - 1951, and other laws and schemes related to tea garden labourers. These PLPs have been teaching these rights to the needy and poor sections of society through legal awareness sessions and by directly getting involved in helping them to achieve their due rights.

Participants from districts of Assam such as Kamrup, Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Nagaon, Sonitpur, Udalguri, Dhubri and Baksa were trained in the year 2013-2014.

Consultation for Heads of Minority Educational Institutions

LCHR organized a consultation programme on "Emerging Trends in Educational Institutions" at Bosco Reach Out (BRO) in Guwahati on April 18 and 19, 2013. The programme was organized for the heads of minority educational institutions of North East India. 36 participants representing different institutions from states like Assam, Nagaland and Manipur took part in the programme. Vigorous sessions on Minority Rights towards coherence and consistence, Right to Information: How to deal with RTI Applications, RTE-2009: Its implications on Minority Educational institutions and Emerging trends in Minority Educational Rights were conducted by the resource persons.



The resource persons and the special invitees who made the programme successful were Most Rev. John Moolachira DD, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Guwahati, Rt. Rev. Thomas Pulloppillil, Bishop of the Diocese of Bongaigaon & Chairman of North East Regional Commission for Education, Dr. Cyriac

Thomas, Member of the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI), Dr. Rudolf C. Heredia, S.J., a noted writer, Sr. Mary Scaria, SCJM, Advocate, Supreme Court Of India, Fr. K.M. Joseph, Advocate, Patna High Court, Mr. B. K. Das, Director, Elementary Education, Assam and Mr. G. C. Bora, Academic Officer, Board of Secondary Education (SEBA), Assam.

Awareness Camps on Anti-Ragging Laws

There have been several reports on incidences of ragging in the dailies. The victim youth had undergone the not only physical and emotional injuries but also psychological trauma which has in turn led them to commit suicide. LCHR in collaboration with Assam State Legal Services Authority (ASLSA) organized awareness camps on anti-ragging laws in 11 educational institutions in Guwahati, Assam, from August 19 to September 4, 2013.

The institutions covered were K.C. Das Commerce College, Lalit Chandra Bharali College, Assam Govt. Ayurvedic College, Cotton College, West Guwahati Commerce College, Pragjyotish College, Narangi Anchalic College, Assam Don Bosco University, IIT - Guwahati, Assam Engineering Institute and Asian Institute of Management and Technology (AIMT), Guwahati. 1,105 students along with the Principals and faculty members participated in the camps at their respective institutions. The LCHR resource team comprised of Ravi Sagar, Shobha K.P., Felcita D' Souza, Amal Dutta and Abinash Narzary. Mr. M. A. Ali, Member

Secretary, ASLSA spoke to the students of K.C. Das Commerce College and Mrs. Munmun Sarma, Deputy Secretary, ASLSA also spoke to the students of Cotton College during the camps.

Awareness programmes on Mediation

On ASLSA's proposal, LCHR organized 11 awareness programmes on mediation at different places in and around Guwahati from September 21 to October 7, 2013. 330 men and 319 women were awakened to the meaning and benefits of mediation. The entire process of mediation was also presented to them. The resource persons discovered that none of the participants were aware of mediation and its benefits prior to the sessions conducted by LCHR.



Legal Literacy Camps on Human Rights & Legal Rights of Persons Affected with HIV/AIDS

LCHR in collaboration with ASLSA organized 10 literacy camps on human rights and legal rights of persons affected with HIV/AIDS in Guwahati and its nearby localities from December 2 to 17, 2013. The resource team of LCHR through these camps could impart knowledge to 677 people. The programme also aimed for integral development of the persons affected with HIV/AIDS and to motivate the people of the larger community to co-operate towards collective efforts to reclaim the fundamental rights of the affected people, which are enshrined and guaranteed under the



Constitution of India and other national and international enactments. Almost all the participants evoked similar reactions saying that they had never heard of such legal entitlements earlier.



International Human Rights Day Celebration

LCHR observed International Human Rights Day on December 10, 2013 in association with ASLSA at NEDFi House, Guwahati. Hon'ble Dr. Justice Aftab Hussain Saikia, Chairperson, Assam Human Rights Commission was the guest of honour for the programme. Mr. M. Ali, Member Secretary, ASLSA and Ravi Sagar, Director, LCHR were the other guests present. 75 participants comprising of Principals, faculty members and students from 9 educational institutions, and members from 14 voluntary organizations took part in the programme. 7 students from law colleges and other institutions presented their views on, "Human Rights in the prevailing society – A youth's perspective".



Awareness Camps on Rights of Women on PWDV Act & PNDDT Act

In order to help form a better society, there is a need to educate numerous women of their rights and the various women specific laws enacted for them by the legislature. LCHR in collaboration with ASLSA organized 8 legal awareness camps on rights of women and on Protection of Women against the Domestic Violence Act (PWDV Act) & Post Natal Diagnostic Test Act (PNDDT Act) from January 20 to 31, 2014 throughout Guwahati. 341 women got a direct opportunity to know about such laws and their rights which are absolutely essential for women empowerment and equal opportunity in a patriarchal society. The camps were organized at Magursila, Uttar Baka, Christianbasti, Upper Tepesia, Bonda, Garo Basti and Bishnupur. The resource team from LCHR comprised of Amal Dutta, Mitali Sharma, Satya Narayan Boruah and Abinash Narzary.

Capacity Building of Minority Women on their Constitutional Rights



LCHR trained 125 minority women under the programme, "NAI ROSHNI", a programme sponsored by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India. The participants consisted of Muslim and Christian women. The training sessions were conducted separately for six days each in five different villages by the resource

team of LCHR from February 14 to 19 and March 3 to 8, 2014.

These women, who were permanent residents of Mandakata Gaon Panchayat under the Bezera Development Block of Kamrup District, were trained on women specific laws, Constitutional Rights of Minority Women, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act - 2005, Right to Information Act - 2005, Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act - 2009, Panchayati Raj Institution and various other relevant social security schemes.

Awareness Camps on Availability of Different Welfare & Social Security Schemes

Social security schemes are schemes imposed and controlled by Government units for the purpose of providing social benefits to members of the community as a whole, or of particular sections of the community.

To spread awareness of these schemes, five legal awareness camps on different welfare and social security schemes were organized by LCHR in collaboration with ASLSA in the month of February 2014 from 14 to 28. 180 people from Guwahati and its nearby areas like Simelibari, South Mandakata and North Mandakata benefited from the programme. The resource persons from LCHR who spoke in the camps were Ravi Sagar, Abinash Narzary, Felcita D' Souza, Amal Dutta and Satya Narayan Boruah.

Consultation Programme on AFSPA

On March 8, 2014 LCHR in collaboration with North Eastern Social Research Centre (NESRC) organized a consultation programme on the Armed Forces (Special Power) Act (AFSPA) at JAGRITI, Christian Basti, Guwahati. Dr. Melvil Pereira, Director, NESRC, Mr. R.N. Ravi, Former IB Chief, Dr. Sanjay Barbora, Assistant Professor, TISS, Guwahati and Mr. Babloo Loitongbam from Imphal, Manipur were

present in the programme. There were a total of 87 participants from different parts of the Northeast region.



Seminar on Human Trafficking

LCHR organized a three day workshop on Human Trafficking from February 27 to March 1, 2014 at JAGRITI, Christian Basti, Guwahati. Various issues related to human trafficking were discussed in the workshop. It was attended by Para-legal Volunteers from Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Nagaon, Sonitpur, Udalguri and Dhubri districts of Assam. Mrs. Nirjumoni Dutta Bharali, State Assistant Programme Director, Assam State Mahila Samata Society was the main resource person of the workshop. The closing function was graced by Dr. Thushar Rane, Chief, Assam Field Office, UNICEF. Ravi Sagar, Director, LCHR thanked the resource persons and the participants for making the workshop noteworthy.



Minority Status Certificates

One of the important services rendered by LCHR to the minority educational institutions is to help them acquire the critically important Minority Status Certificate from the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions, Delhi. These schools are established and administered by the minority communities in the north eastern states of India and LCHR has been helping them to obtain the Minority Status Certificate since 2007. Over the years it has faced many hurdles from the state government and in spite of these difficulties, LCHR Team has been successful in helping 250 educational Institutions obtain the Minority Status Certificate. In the year 2013 and 2014 after fulfilling the formalities of the state government, Shobha K.P., Deputy Director, LCHR has assisted to obtain Minority Status Certificate to 14 schools from different parts of the North East.



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3.	F. No. 18 of 2010	St. Xavier's School, Harmutti, P.O. Merbil, Lakhimpur, Assam.
4.	F. No. 25 of 2010	C.K. Mission School, Doolahat, Singra, Dist. Lakhimpur, Assam.
5.	F. No. 26 of 2010	Don Bosco School, Pabhoi, Borpukhri Via, P.O. Pabhoi, Sonitpur, Assam.
6.	F. No. 28 of 2010	Catholic Mission L.P., M.E. High School, P.O. Salana, Dist. Nagaon, Assam.
7.	F. No. 29 of 2010	Don Bosco M.E. School, Borgang, Dist. Sonitpur, Assam.
8.	F. No. 31 of 2010	St. Paul's English School, Rangapara, Dist. Sonitpur, Assam.
9.	F. No. 36 of 2010	Mangaldai Don Bosco High School, P.O. Mangaldai, Dist. Darrang, Assam.
10.	F. No. 37 of 2010	Sacred Heart High School, P.O. Udalguri, Dist. Udalguri, Assam.

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Conciliation & Legal Assistance

LCHR believes in the process of "Alternative Dispute Resolution System" through negotiation and conciliation based on the principles of natural justice and other acceptable legal principles. The organization encourages persons from vulnerable sections, especially the poor and the needy who are not able to approach the courts. Conciliation is an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) process whereby the parties to a dispute use a neutral third party (who is the conciliator), identify the disputed issues, develop options, consider alternatives and endeavour to reach a resolution by agreement. The process is strictly confidential between the parties. LCHR reaches out to people in the interior villages assisting them in settling their disputes. It has successfully settled many issues completely and saved families by creating a healthy community.

LCHR TRAINING & OTHER ACTIVITIES

- A 5 day training programme was organized at North East Diocesan Social Forum, Guwahati, from June 8 to 12, 2013 in which a total number of 60 PLPs from Tinsukia, Udalguri, Dibrugarh, Nagaon and Sonitpur districts participated under ongoing project “Training 180 Para-Legal Personnel among the Tea Plantation Labourers in Assam”
- A 5 day training programme was organized at Capuchin House, Guwahati, from June 14 to 18, 2013 in which 22 trainees from Tinsukia, Baksa and Dhubri districts were trained on various Acts and schemes under “Capacity Building of Tribal Leaders Through Para-Legal & Skill Trainings”
- Another 5 day training programme for the Para-Legal Persons of Dimoria Development Block called, “Training Para-Legal Personnel in Kamrup District of Assam in Northeast India” was organized at Capuchin House, Guwahati from July 20 to 24, 2013 in which 13 PLPs were trained.
- On August 27, 2013, students pursuing their degree in Masters of Social Work (MSW) from Assam Don Bosco University (ADBU) along with their faculty members visited LCHR to understand activities of LCHR from the Human Rights perspective.
- From September 19 to 23, 2013, another 5 day training programme was organized by LCHR at JAGRITI, Christian Basti, Guwahati in which 23 trainees from Tinsukia, Baksa and Dhubri districts participated as part of an ongoing project “Capacity building of tribal leaders through Para-legal & Skill Trainings”.
- A 5 day 2nd training programme of YEAR II “Training 180 Para-Legal Personnel among the Tea Plantation Labourers in Assam” was organized at JAGRITI, Christian Basti, Guwahati from September 27 to October 1, 2013 in which 60 participants from Tinsukia, Udalguri,

Dibrugarh, Nagaon and Sonitpur districts were trained.

- The 3rd training programme of YEAR II, “Training 180 Para-Legal Personnel among the Tea Plantation Labourers in Assam” was organized at JAGRITI, Christian Basti, Guwahati from January 21 to 25, 2014 wherein 45 participated from Tinsukia, Udalguri, Dibrugarh, Nagaon and Sonitpur districts of Assam.
- A 5 day training programme on “Capacity Building of Tribal Leaders Through Para-Legal & Skill Trainings” was organized at JAGRITI, Christian Basti, Guwahati from January 24 to 28, 2014 in which 21 participated from Tinsukia, Baksa and Dhubri districts of Assam were trained during the programme.
- The 1st training programme of Year II called, “Training Para-legal Personnel in Kamrup District of Assam in Northeast India” was organized at JAGRITI, Christian Basti, Guwahati from February 19 to 23, 2014 in which 25 trainees participated.
- A workshop on human trafficking was organized at JAGRITI, Christian Basti, Guwahati from February 27 to March 1, 2014 in which 50 participants attended.
- 9 interns from Assam Don Bosco University, NEF Law College, NEF Institute of Management and Technology, Assam Institute of Technology and North Eastern Regional Institute of Management were trained during year 2013-2014.

LCHR RESOURCE TEAM

- * Ravi Sagar was invited to take classes for the students pursuing degree in Master of Social Work (MSW) at Bosco Institute, Jorhat from April 22 to 24, 2013.
- * Ravi Sagar spoke as a resource person on “RTE and its implications on educational institutions” to 38 participants of the members of CRI, Tura Unit at Tura on July 17, 2013.



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- * Ravi Sagar taught on “The effective use of law in pastoral ministry” to the 4th year students of Orien's Theological College, Shillong from September 2 to 4, 2013.
- * On September 7, 2013, Ravi Sagar was the resource person at a seminar on “Animators' Capacity Building Programme on Land Issues and RTI Act” at St. Anthony's School, Mariani organized by Grain Bank Department and the Diocese of Dibrugarh & Tezpur.
- * On September 13 and 14, 2013, Amal Dutta and Satya Narayan Boruah were the resource persons in a training programme on Advocacy Skills at Jirsong Asong, Diphu organized by Jirsong Asong.
- * Amal Dutta and Satya Narayan Boruah were the resource persons in the legal awareness programmes organized by Betany Sisters at Gorchuk area on September 24 and 25, 2013. They took sessions at Betany Community College, Katahbari, Dhirenpara and Fatasil Ambari.
- * On November 8, 2013, Amal Dutta was a resource person in a programme organized by World Vision at Nortap, Sonapur wherein he spoke on Right to Information Act.
- * Ravi Sagar was a resource person in “A Consultation on Anti Human Trafficking” organized at Bethany Provincial House, Guwahati on December 14, 2013.
- * Ravi Sagar spoke on “rights of under trials” on January 12, 2014 as a resource person in the “Rajiv Gandhi Advocates' Training Programme” for young lawyers which was organized by the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam in collaboration with Bar Council of India and sponsored by Govt. of India, Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Legal Affairs from January 6 to February 2, 2014.
- * On February 15, 2014, Ravi Sagar was a resource person at a one day workshop on “Advocacy and Lobbying Skills” which was

organized for the students of Department of Social Work at NEF College of Management & Technology, Christianbasti, Guwahati.

- * From March 4 to 8, 2014, Ravi Sagar and Owen Chourappa were the resource persons at five consultation programmes on minority educational and constitutional rights were held for the heads of educational institutions at St. Joseph's Boys High School, Bangalore, St. Aloysius High School, Mangalore, Bishop's House, Karwar, St. Loyola College, Manvi and Bishop's House, Bellary in which 175 participated representing their educational institutions .
- * Amal Dutta was a resource person on Women's Day Celebration at Baganpara, Baksa district on March 10, 2014.
- * On March 15, 2014, Ravi Sagar was the resource person at the CRI General Body Meeting, Arch-diocese of Guwahati where he talked on Family & Law: Civil and Ecclesiastical at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral, Panbazar, Guwahati.
- * Felcita D' Souza was invited as a resource person to speak on the occasion of International Women's Day Celebration at Central Jail, Guwahati on March 16, 2014.

LCHR PARTICIPATION

- ❖ On June 5, 2013, Ravi Sagar attended a panel discussion on laws against trafficking.
- ❖ Ravi Sagar participated in a workshop on Research Methodology, 'Social Science Research: A Movement Towards Heuristic Enactive, Participatory Epistemology,' organized jointly by Assam Don Bosco University and the Indian Council of Social Science Research from June 24 to 28, 2013 at Assam Don Bosco University.
- ❖ Ravi Sagar and Shobha K.P. attended a conference titled, 'Courting Justice: A Human Rights Lawyering Conference' at



National Law School of Indian University (NLSIU), Bangalore on July 13 and 14, 2013 which was organized by the Alternative Law Forum (ALF), Bangalore and the Human Rights Project, NLSIU, Bangalore.

- ❖ Ravi Sagar attended a core committee meeting at Don Bosco Provincial House, Panbazar on July 29, 2013 on the topic, 'Child Friendly Guwahati Project'.
- ❖ Ravi Sagar participated in a "One day workshop with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) on Trafficking: Realities in Assam" held on October 5, 2013 at Bosco Reach Out, Ulubari, Guwahati which was organized by UNICEF, Assam in collaboration with Social Welfare Department.
- ❖ On November 10, 2013, Amal Dutta attended a seminar on "Challenges to Sustainable Farming for Globalization and Climate Change" at Town Club, Guwahati.

NOTABLE PERSONS IN OUR CAMPUS

- Most Rev. John Moolachira DD, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Guwahati
- Rt. Rev. Thomas Pulloppillil, Bishop of the Diocese of Bongaigaon & Chairman of North East Regional Commission for Education
- Dr. Cyriac Thomas, Member of the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI)
- Dr. Rudolf C. Heredia, S.J., a noted writer.
- Mary Scaria, SCJM, Advocate, Supreme Court Of India
- Fr. K.M. Joseph, Advocate, Patna High Court
- Mr. B. K. Das, Director, Elementary Education, Assam
- Mr. G. C. Bora, Academic Officer, Board of Secondary Education (SEBA), Assam
- Fr. Tom Lawler, S.J., Jesuit Provincial of Wisconsin, U.S.A.
- Dr. J.B Ekka, IAS, Commissioner of Taxes, Government of Assam
- Mr. A. Shrivastava, Dy. Commissioner, PF, Assam
- Dr. P. N. Bora, State Programme Manager, NRHM, Assam
- Mr. Luis Aind, IPS, Superintendent of Police (Special Branch), Guwahati
- Mrs. Nirjumoni Dutta Bharali, State Assistant Programme Director of Assam State Mahila Samata Society
- Dr. Thushar Rane, Chief, Assam Field Office, UNICEF
- Mr. Pranab Kumar Sharma, Advocate, Gauhati High Court
- Mr. Ved Prakash Gautam, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF, Office for Assam
- Dr. Bhuvan Ch. Barooah, Principal, Tezpur Law College
- Mr. M. A. Ali, Member Secretary of Assam State Legal Services Authority
- Prof. Meera Barooah, Chairperson, Assam State Commission for Women
- Mrs. Pari Barman, Mediator and Advocate, Gauhati High Court
- Mrs. Nikita Baruah, Mediator and Advocate, Gauhati High Court
- Mr. Paresh Sah, Senior Technical Expert, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), Delhi
- Mr. Chandan Barman, Junior Technical Experts, NCPCR, Delhi



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CHANGES IN LCHR

On July 16, 2013 the office of Legal Cell for Human Rights (LCHR) was shifted to newly constructed multi facility building at JAGRITI, Christian Basti, Guwahati. The formal inauguration took place on August 2, 2013.

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LCHR ACTIVITIES IN THE NEWS :

The activities carried out by LCHR in the year 2013-2014 were published in various Media. These are some of the news published in both english and vernacular languages.

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days training, the trainees have planned for their practical field work in the coming months on the topics that are dealt with. Speaking at the concluding ceremony of the training programme, Mr. Poresh Sah Sr. Technical Expert & Mr. Chandan Barman the Consultant of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) spoke on Protection of children, their education and on trafficking. Mr. Luis Aind SP Special Bureau Guwahati encouraged the trainees by telling them about his own life experience and urged them to have a change of mind which makes the person to see oneself differently. He said it is not important where we come from but where we go. His sharing of life experience touched the trainees very much. Adv. Ravi Sagar Director of LCHR Congratulated the trainees for volunteering to work for the poor, the marginalized and all the efforts put in after getting trained by LCHR. He motivated the trainees to work for the protection of human



Participants of women rights camp at Bishnupur



Our Partners from Netherlands



Para Legal Person making rural people aware of their rights



Well wishers of LCHR & NESRC at JAGRITI



Participants at a camp on Mediation and its Benefits organized by ASLSA in collaboration with LCHR



MSW students from Assam Don Bosco University on observation visit to LCHR



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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2014

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT
To Opening Balance		By Project Expenses	2,169,274.00
Cash in hand	55,742.50	(As per Schedule 'A')	
Cash at bank	1,855,276.00	" <u>LCHR Programmes</u>	
Investments	2,675,233.75	Awareness & Training Programme	529,924.00
	4,586,252.25	Legal Aid & Litigation	115,394.00
" Contribution to Corpus fund	647,000.00	Seminar & Workshop	161,924.00
" <u>Donation & Contributions</u>			807,242.00
Project Fund (As per Schedule 'A')	2,404,100.46	" <u>Administrative Expenses</u>	
General Fund	1,036,386.00	Periodicals	1,313.00
" <u>Bank interest</u>		Printing & Stationery	142,405.00
Saving Bank interest	57,073.00	Administrative Expenses	15,000.00
Interest on FD	251,988.00	Wages & Remuneration	69,120.00
" Income on Mutual Fund	19,994.45	Office Expenses	96,407.00
" Sale of booklet	8,305.00	Postage & Telephone Expenses	22,176.00
" Other Income	18,500.00	Office Rent	45,700.00
		Electricity Bill	63,472.00
		Subscription	1,180.00
		Computer Maintenance	57,270.00
		Vehicle Maintenance	18,390.00
		Audit Fee	9,989.00
		Miscellaneous Expenses	5,157.00
		Bank Charges	786.00
			548,365.00
		" Charity & Donation	1,000.00
		" TDS	4,939.00
		" <u>Capital Equipments</u>	
		Computer	74,000.00
		Books	7,245.00
		Equipments	13,000.00
		Vehicle	794,987.00
			889,232.00
		" <u>Closing Balance</u>	
		Cash in hand	47,569.50
		Cash at bank	493,947.46
		Investments	4,068,030.20
			4,609,547.16
Total (Rs.)	9,029,599.16	Total (Rs.)	9,029,599.16

For and behalf of
Prachodaya, Guwahati

Place : Guwahati
Date : 20.05.2014

[Signature]



As per our report of even date
For : H.K. Agrawala & Associates
Chartered Accountants
FRN-319293E

[Signature]
CA. Harish Kr. Agrawala
Partner
Membership No.-54776

LCHR TEAM

LCHR Team consists of committed Associates, Professionals and others who render their services to the needy in order to protect and promote their human rights.



Sitting Left to Right : Shobha K.P. (Deputy Director), Ravi Sagar (Director), Felcita D' Souza (Programme Co-ordinator)

Standing Left to Right : Ajay Basumatary (Office Assistant), Sabita Barwa (Office Assistant), Satya Narayan Boruah (Programme Manager), Amal Dutta (Programme Manager), Abinash Narzary (Programme Manager), Supriya Dey Sarkar (Office Assistant)

Not Seen in Photograph : Owen Chourappa (Associate), Mitali Sharma (Associate), Prakash Minj (Office Assistant)

A warm Welcome to : Satya Narayan Boruah, Mitali Sharma, Ajay Basumatary, Owen Chourappa S.J.

Thank you for your Service : Jakashmee Debbarma, Dibbyajyoti Sarma, Chandani Bordoloi, Vivek Vikram Borah, Shyamashree Choudhury, Prakash Minj

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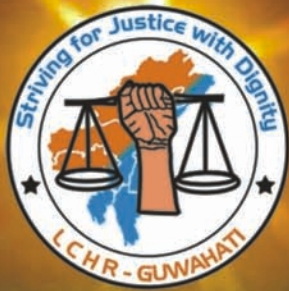


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*“The wisdom of bridges come from
the forest that they know the both sides,
they know both the shores”*

Mehmat Murat Ildan



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