

Legal Awareness Program, Saraighat College, Changsari

On 15th November, 2022 a Legal Awareness Programme was organised by the Center for Clinical Legal Education and Legal Aid Cell of NLUJAA in collaboration with Saraighat College, Kamrup. Legal literacy programs are the effective tool to aware people about their rights and the legal system for its enforcement. With this aim the program was conducted. In the Program the volunteers of Centre for Clinical Legal Education and Legal Aid Cell along with the final year students of NLUJAA, and the students and teachers of Saraighat College participated. Dr. Shailandra Shingh and Himangshu Ranjan Nath (Assistant Professors of NLUJAA) accompanied the students in this programme.

Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh Borpatra Gohain, former Advocate General, Govt. of Assam was the chief guest of the program who has highlighted on several aspects of 'law in a daily life'. He praised National Law University and Judicial Academy Assam for organizing the legal awareness programme as they being connected with the field of law were very much concerned about the law and order situation. Dr. Gohain also talked about as to how ignorance of law is not an excuse where else in every other field of life ignorance is excused. He also talked about how justice delayed is justice denied and how legal aid played a crucial role in helping the indigent people. He emphasized on establishing Fast track Courts as they were the need of the hour.

The Principal of the College Mani Sharma in his speech also mentioned that illiteracy and poverty are factors which need to be removed in order to make people fight for their rights. According to him even policies framed by government are useless because of illiteracy and poverty. As per him such Legal Awareness Camps assumes even more importance as they directly benefit such neglected and deprived sections of the society. He thanked the Legal Aid Cell for conducting the Legal Awareness Programme as it would be very beneficial for the village people and students.

The Vice Chancellor of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam in his speech mentioned about the various other camps and legal awareness programs previously conducted by our university and emphasized on the point as to how legal aid camps are important to empower communities on varied issues including fundamental rights, legal aid, right to information laws, women rights and child protection laws and how the knowledge and

understanding of these issues is significant given the realities of today's world. He invited everyone to the university in case they require any legal aid or assistance.

Four students of NLUJAA namely, Siddhant Das, Gauri Goswami, Shrestha Banerjee and Neil Madhav Goswami spoke on the issues of Consumer Protection, Domestic Violence, Cyber Stalking and Protection of Ecology through Law. Thereafter, the Principal of the college Mani Sharma expressed gratitude to National Law University and Judicial Academy Assam for choosing the college. According to him this was a big opportunity for the students of his college to gather some knowledge in the field of law.