

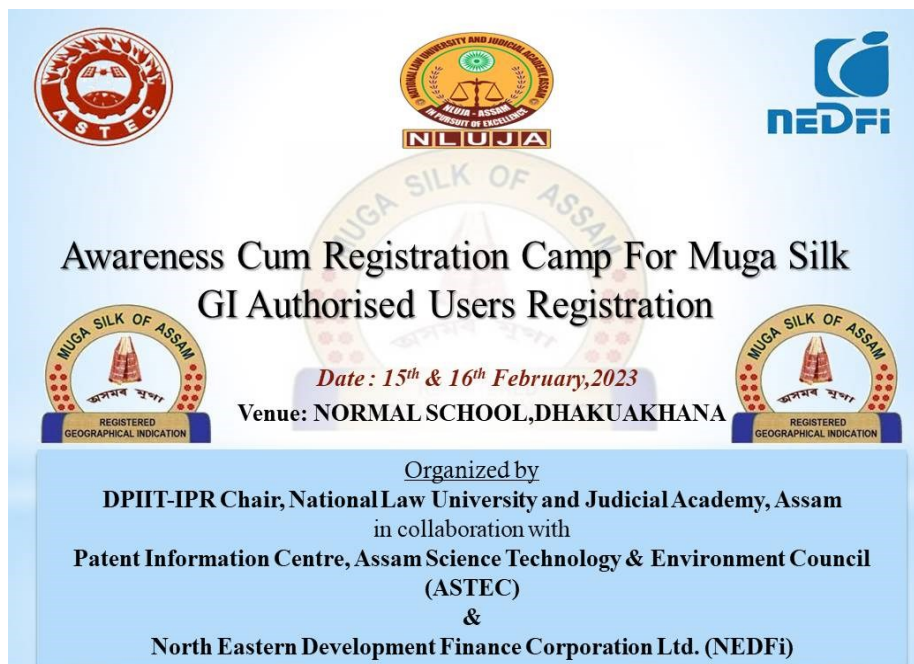
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### REPORT

#### AWARENESS CUM REGISTRATION CAMP FOR MUGA SILK GI AUTHORISED USERS REGISTRATION AT DHAKUAKHANA, ASSAM 15<sup>TH</sup> AND 16<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY, 2023

The DPIIT-IPR Chair of National Law University and Judicial Academy (NLUJA), Assam in collaboration with Patent Information Centre (PIC) of Assam Science Technology and Environment Council (ASTECH) and North



Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited (NEDFi) had organised an Awareness Cum Registration Camp for Muga Silk GI Authorised Users Registration at Dhakuakhana, Assam on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

Dhakuakhana, a sub-division of Lakhimpur district of Assam, is known as the land of Muga culture of Assam. About 90% of the families of this sub-division have been involved in Muga production and weaving since times immemorial and this has eventually formed into cultural identity of the people of this region. Therefore, Muga culture is a means of livelihood for the people of the region. However, most of the Muga producers and weavers are yet to be sensitised about the Muga Silk of Assam GI and enrolled as Authorised Users of the same.

The DPIIT-IPR Chair comprising of the Chair Professor (Dr. Pankaj Kumar), Research Assistants (Ms. Sharmistha Baruah and Ms. Dolly Kumar), Office Assistant cum Data Entry Operator (Mr. Priyanko Mahanta) and Field Assistant (Mr. Pranjal Baishya) conducted the Awareness Cum Registration Camp for Muga Silk GI Authorised Users Registration with a view to sensitise the producers (including the weavers) of Muga Silk of Dhakuakhana, Assam about the Muga Silk of Assam GI and to enroll them under the umbrella of Authorised Users of the Muga Silk of Assam GI.

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### **15 February, 2023 DAY 1: Awareness Programme for Muga Silk GI Authorised Users Registration**

An awareness programme on IPR in general and GI in particular was organised on 15<sup>th</sup> of February, 2023 for the grassroot producers and weavers of Muga Silk at Normal School, Dhakuakhana. The programme was attended by the Mr. Lakhi Konwar, Principal of Normal School, Mr. Prasanna Patra and Mr. Utpal Deka, Seri-Demonstrators, Sericulture Department of Dhakuakhana, and Mr. Arup Ranjan Dutta, Chairman, Charikaria Muga FPC Ltd., alongwith the local producers and weavers of Muga. The programme commenced with the felicitation of Dr. Pankaj Kumar, DPIIT-IPR Chair Professor, NLUJA, Assam and a welcome address by the Principal of Normal School.

Dr. Pankaj Kumar started his deliberation by providing an understanding of the concept of Intellectual Property Rights with examples. He then explained in simple language the concept of GI with illustrations and the rights as well as benefits associated with it. Dr. Kumar discussed about the misuse of GI tagged products, particularly Muga Silk of Assam, by a section of scrupulous people who strive to deprive the authentic producers of such GI tagged products. He stressed that inorder to protect and prevent such misuse a system has to be made which checks the authenticity of the production of GI tagged products as well as preserves the rights of the producers of such GI products. He then proceeded to discuss about the system made by the Government that involves registration of the original producers of GI tagged products as 'Authorised Users'. Dr. Kumar harped about the benefits of registration and the effects of non-registration as authorised users as well as the penalty involved in using the Muga Silk of Assam GI tag without being an Authorised User. Sir also discussed about the post GI system which involve quality control and maintenance. Finally, the insightful deliberation ended with an interaction with the audience.

The session then proceeded with a deliberation by Ms. Dolly Kumar, Research Assistant, DPIIT-IPR Chair, NLUJA, Assam who at the onset informed the audience about the objective of this programme and also about the registration camp for Muga Silk GI Authorised Users Registration scheduled on the next day, i.e., 16<sup>th</sup> of February, 2023. She elaborately explained the local producers and weavers in Assamese about IPRs stressing on Geographical Indications and also discussed about Muga Silk of Assam GI registration. She explained the audience about the proof of authenticity of a product by means of GI registration. She therefore, emphasised about the rights and benefits of GI products and the need to enroll as an authorised user of a GI product.

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Ms. Kumar urged the local Muga producers and weavers to attend the Authorised Users registration camp to be held on the next day so that the authentic Muga producers and weavers can reap the benefit of the Muga Silk of Assam GI and guard their livelihoods.

The programme further proceeded with a deliberation by Ms. Sharmistha Baruah, Research Assistant, DPIIT-IPR Chair who discussed in detail about the registration of Muga Silk GI and the need for Authorised User registration. She also informed the people about the classes of goods covered under Muga Silk of Assam GI which encompasses the people who cultivates and weaves Muga Silk. Ms. Baruah illustratively outlined the people the meaning of ‘Registered Proprietor’ and ‘Authorised User’ and their significance in the GI regime. She emphasised the need to register as Muga Silk Authorised User and then elucidated the requirements as well as benefits of the same. She also responded to the various queries asked by the people regarding the authorised user registration process.

Around 50 plus people attended the awareness programme which ended with an interactive session with the participants. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Lakhi Konwar, Principal of Normal School, Dhakuakhana.



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### **16 February, 2023 DAY 2: Registration Camp for Muga Silk GI Authorized Users Registration**

The DPIIT-IPR Chair team conducted the day-long registration camp for enrolling the Muga Silk of Assam producers including the weavers under the umbrella of authorised users of the same. Around 120 people attended the camp and 81 nos. of applications were filled in by the team which has been submitted to the PIC of ASTEC for processing of the Authorised User Certificates to the applicants, subject to approval of the GI Registry.

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The following is the list of persons whose applications were filled in by the DPIIT-IPR Chair team for Authorised User Registration:

<b>LIST OF APPLICANTS FOR AUTHORISED USER REGISTRATION OF MUGA SILK OF ASSAM FROM DHAKUAKHANA (LAKHIMPUR) REGISTRATION CAMP ON 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023 AT NORMAL SCHOOL, DHAKUAKHANA</b>		
<b>Sl.No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
1	Upen Dihingia	Vill-Kekuri Dighali;P.O-Kekuri,Pin-787055
2	Babul Gogoi	Vill-Narayanpur;P.O-Dhakuakhana;Pin-787055
3	Rina Gogoi	Vill-No.1 Bantow Gaon;P.O-Dhakuakhana;Pin-787055
4	Bina Chamuah	Vill-No.1 Bantow Gaon;P.O-Dhakuakhana;Pin-787055
5	Dinesh Changmai	Vill-Sapatia Chetia Gaon;P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787058
6	Tulumani chetia	Vill-Sapatia Chetia Gaon;P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787058
7	Juga Prava Gogoi Chetia	Vill-Sapatia Chetia Gaon;P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787058
8	Manju Chetia	Vill-Murtia Gaon;P.O-Dhakuakhana;Pin-787058
9	Lalit Dihingia	Vill-Kekuri Dighala;P.O-Kekuri;Pin-787055
10	Namita Konwar	Vill-Bhuma Ahom Gaon;P.O-Jugisuti;Pin-787055
11	Pratima Hatibaruah	Vill-Khaman Konwar Gaon;P.O-Bahpara;Pin-787055
12	Manika Borgohain	Vill-Bhuma Ahom Gaon;P.O-Jugisuti;Pin-787055
13	Karabi Dhingia	Vill-Bhuma Ahom Gaon;P.O-Jugisuti;Pin-787055
14	Sangita Das	Vill-No.2 Bantow Gaon;P.O-Joysagar;Pin-787055
15	Durgeswar Dutta	Vill-Kamar Gaon;P.O-Dhakuakhana;Pin-787055
16	Anil Dutta	Vill-Kamar Gaon;P.O-Dhakuakhana;Pin-787055
17	Suwala Boruah	Vill-Sapatia Chetia Gaon;P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787058



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19	Papumon Chutia	Vill-Sapatia Chetia Gaon;P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787058
20	Munu Chetia Gogoi	Vill-Chetia Gaon;P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787055
21	Bubul Borah	Vill-Gobindapur;P.O-Gobindapur;Pin-787055
22	Swapna Das	Vill-Sapatia Chetia Gaon;P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787058
23	Nayana Doley	Vill-Purana Parghat;P.O-KhuraGhuk;Pin-787034
24	Parisimrita Chamuah	Vill-Chetia Gaon;P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787055
25	Hemanti Chamuah	Vill-Bhuma Ahom gaon;P.O-Jugisuti;Pin-787055
26	Shiba Gogoi	Vill-Dhenukhana;P.O-Dhenukhana;Pin-787053
27	Bina Handique	Vill-Bhuma Ahom gaon;P.O-Jugisuti;Pin-787055
28	Lakshi Chetia	Vill-Khaman Konwar gaon;P.O-Bahpara;Pin-787055
29	Joyamoni Gogoi	Vill-Katahbari Gaon;P.O-Dhakuakhana;Pin-787055
30	Mamani Dowarah Chetia	Vill-Sapatia Chetia Gaon;P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787058
31	Maghali Sonowal	Vill-Chetia Gaon;P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787055
32	kabin Dihingia	Vill-Kekuri Dighali;P.O-Kekuri;Pin-787055
33	Sadananda Chetia	Vill-Sapatia Chetia Gaon;P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787058
34	Bhudhar Konwar	Vill-Narayanpur;P.O-Ouguri dangdhara;Pin-787055
35	Bharati Gogoi Chetia	Vill-Sapatia Chetia Gaon;P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787058
36	Indira Gogoi Chetia	Vill-Sapatia Chetia Gaon;P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787058
37	Lakhi Saikia	Vill-kamar gaon;P.O-Dhakuakhana;Pin-787055
38	Narendra Mohan	Vill-Khargorihula;P.O-Bahpara;Pin-787055
39	Kusheswar hatiboruah	Vill-Sapatia Chetia Gaon;P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787058
40	Marami Gogoi	Vill-No.1 Bantow Gaon;P.O-Dhakuakhana;Pin-787055
41	Dipak Gogoi	Vill-Dhenukhana;P.O-Dhenukhana;Pin-787053
42	Rama Boruah	Vill-Narayanpur Sapor;P.O-'O' Guri Danddhara;Pin-787055
43	Kalpana Gogoi	Vill-No.1 Bantow Gaon;P.O-Joysagar;Pin-787055
44	Rina Chamuah	Vill-No.1 Bantow Gaon;P.O-Joysagar;Pin-787055
45	Gagan Gohain	Vill-No.2 Baghedhorolia;P.O-Batmari;Pin-787055
46	Birinchi Konch	Vill-Jiamoria,Dhemaji Road;P.O-Dhakuakhana;Pin-787055
47	Swapna Gogoi	Vill-No.2 Hiloidari Gaon;P.O-Dhakuakhana;Pin-787055
48	Rajendra Prasad Gogoi	Vill-No.1 Bantow Gaon;P.O-Joysagar;Pin-787055
49	Mouchumi Gogoi	Vill-No.2 Hiloidari Gaon; P.O-Dighala Hiloidari;Pin-787055
50	Gunalata Lagachu	Vill-No.2 Hiloidari Gaon;P.O-Dhakuakhana;Pin-787055
51	Tileswar Boruah	Vill-Narayanpur;P.O-'O'Guri Dangdhara;Pin-787055
52	Tidip Boragohain	Vill-Bhuma Ahom Gaon;P.O-Jugisuti;Pin-787055
53	Khiramai Gogoi	Vill-Chetia Gaon;P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787055
54	Krishna Gogoi	Vill-Narayanpur;P.O-'O'Guri Dangdhara;Pin-787055
55	Gunalata Chetia	Vill-Sapatia Chetia Gaon;P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787058
56	Muhim Chandra Gogoi	Vill-Kekuri Dighala;P.O-Kekuri;Pin-787055
57	Meri Borah Chamuah	Vill-Sapatia Chetia Gaon;P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787058
58	Phul Chetia	Vill-Sapatia Chetia Gaon;P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787058
59	Mina Gogoi	Vill-Sapatia Chetia Gaon;P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787058
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64	Bhagyawati Borgohain	Vill-Sapatia Chetia Gaon;P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787058
65	Rumi Hatibaruah Chetia	Vill-Khaman Konwar Gaon;P.O-Bahpara;Pin-787055
66	Suren Chandra Gogoi	Vill-Narayanpur;P.O-'O'Guri Dangdhara;Pin-787055
67	Rantu Chetia	Vill-Chetia Gaon;P.O-Dhakuakhana;Pin-787055
68	Jamuna Handique	Vill-Chetia Gaon;P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787058
69	Pampi Chamua	Vill-Chetia Gaon;P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787058
70	Barnali Gogoi	Vill-Murtia Gaon;P.o-Sapatia;Pin-787058
71	Sunil Kumar Neog	Vill-Malabari;P.O-Mohemari;Pin-787055
72	Nitya Chetia	Vill-Khaman Konwar gaon;P.O-Bahpara;Pin-787055
73	Jahnabi Gogoi	Vill-Bhuma Ahom gaon;P.O-Jugisuti;Pin-787055
74	Tapan Gogoi	Vill-Khargorihula;P.O-Bahpara;Pin-787055
75	Nijumoni Gohain Gogoi	Vill-Sapatia Chetia Gaon; P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787058
76	Lakshi Gogoi	Vill-Narayanpur Saponi; P.O-'O' Guri Danddhara;Pin-787055
77	Nagen Gogoi	Vill-Sapatia Chetia; P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787058
78	Inamoni Gogoi	Vill-Sapatia Chetia;P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787058
79	Jyoti Buragohain	Vill-Sapatia Chetia;P.O-Sapatia;Pin-787058
80	Rajani kumar Gogoi	Vill-Ghilaguri;P.O-'O'Guri Dangdhara;Pin-787055
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