

LEGAL AWARENESS AND LEGAL LITERACY CAMP - 2nd June, 2022

On **June 2nd, 2022**, the Pro Bono Legal Service Club (PBLSC) of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam hosted a **Legal Awareness and Literacy Camp at Dakhin Kamrup College, District-Kamrup (Rural)**.

The Programme began with the welcome address of Dr. Navjyoti Das, Principal, Dakhin Kamrup College, who explained the pertinence of legal awareness in India and further invited Dr. Diptimoni Boruah to succinctly explain the issues that are to be discussed and deliberated. She enumerated the three major topics that were taken up during this session for discussion and interaction –

- Consumer Awareness
- Drug-abuse awareness& prevention
- Cyber security

Once Dr. Boruah gave a preliminary account of the three topics, the student volunteers took up the mantle, and provided a detailed discussion on the topics. A detailed summarization of the developments has been enumerated hereunder -

(A) CONSUMER AWARENESS

(Speakers - Pranav Gandhi and Bomkesh Mandal):

The speakers discussed all the important issues relating to consumer's rights and duties. They informed about the significance of consumer awareness, by delineating the same as an act of ensuring that the consumers, of both goods and services, as defined within the aegis of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, are given appropriate information about the goods or services that they seek to procure for consideration. Being one of the foremost facets of consumer law, access to proper consumer awareness is significant since it helps the consumers to reach a conclusion on the goods and services that they would suitably seek to procure from the sea of choices within the Indian capitalistic market setup. The speakers also emphasized the other pertinent rights that consumers have within the aegis of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, namely – the right to safety, the right to choice, the right to be heard, the right to seek redressal as

well as the right to consumer education. Simultaneously, the speakers also highlighted the responsibilities that the consumers themselves need to have, and the role that the same plays in ensuring the prevention of consumer abuse or exploitation through unfair trade practices.

(B) DRUG-ABUSE AWARENESS & PREVENTION

(Speakers - Swaswata Das, Saket Sourav and Anurag Das Bhuyan):

The speakers discussed about the mental and physical health problems that the consumption of drugs and alcohol can cause to individuals. They then elaborated on the high level of correlation that can be seen between teenage addiction, and domestic abuse during adulthood. Further, the risks involved in consumption of drugs and other illicit substances, and the unintentional fatalities from overdoses was highlighted. Finally, the speakers elucidated the academic risks that students who fall into the dark hole of drug addiction face during their teenage and adolescent lives, including but not limited to dropping out from schools, social delinquency, and addiction.

(C) CYBER SECURITY AND CRIME

(Speakers - Rajat Kumar Garg, Rajeev Malakar and Rahul Bora):

The speakers discussed the basic issues related to Cyber Law, primarily the issues related to accessibility and safety within the cyber-space domain. Accessibility is a primary issue in modern India, especially when coupled with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of *Digital India*. However, mere accessibility to the cyber domain is not enough since it is also pertinent that the safety of the netizens in the cyber-space be ensured. The speakers focused on raising awareness about the pertinent issue of cyber-safety, and highlighted the various forms of cyber-attack that people generally face. Frauds that are commonly utilized to defraud people in the cyber-domain were also discussed to ensure greater awareness. The speakers also touched upon the relevance of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, and the role that these two will play in the future. Finally, the significance of cyber laws, especially in a nation which espouses digitization of country was discussed, and primary focus was levied at the legal rights of persons within the domain of cyber-space, especially the rights related to digital privacy and also the rights enshrined that safeguard people from cyber-crime.

To close the programme, Dr. Kumud Bhagawati, Assistant Professor, at Dakhin Kamrup College gave a vote of thanks.

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