

The Pro Bono Legal Services Club conducted legal awareness campaigns from 6 February 2023 to 8 February 2023 in various colleges of Assam under the guidance of Dr. Diptimoni Boruah, Associate Prof. of Law, and NLUJAA along with seven students of the University. The campaign aimed at proliferating the ideas and application of law for the younger generation to understand the importance of the same in the present era. The awareness drive gave insights to the students across various colleges on the significance of legal recourse when anything wrong has been or had happened with them or anyone around them.

JOGANANDA DEVA SATRADHIKAR GOSWAMI (JDSG) COLLEGE,
BOKAKHAT, 6 February 2023

The first legal awareness campaign was organized at Jogananda Deva Satradhikar Goswami (JDSG) College in Bokakhat on 6th February, 2023. The event commenced with the Welcome Address by the Principal of the college, followed by the enlightenment on the objectives of the legal awareness programme by the Head of the Pro Bono Legal Services Club, Dr. Diptimoni Boruah. She enumerated the aims of the programme and objectives envisioned by the Club via the legal awareness campaign. She also explained about various aspects of Legal Services authority Act, 1987, access to justice and alternative dispute resolution system, viz. Lok Adalat, Mediation, etc., and victim compensation. The speakers were:

Siddhant Das: Criminal Justice System, Rights, and Obligations of the People;

Saranga Phukon: Right to Information; and

Rajpratim Kakati: Domestic Violence and Legal Remedies.









GOLAGHAT COMMERCE COLLEGE, GOLAGHAT, 7 February 2023

The second legal awareness campaign was organized at Golaghat Commerce College in Golaghat on 7th February, 2023. The event commenced with the Welcome Address by the University Principal followed by the enlightenment on the objectives of the legal awareness programme by the Head of the Pro Bono Legal Service Club, Dr. Diptimani Boruah. She enumerated the aims of the programme and objectives envisioned by the Club via the legal awareness campaign. Other speakers were:

Siddhant Das: Criminal Justice System, Rights, and Obligations of the People;

Niyor Ghatowar: Cyber Security;

Devanshi Srivastava: Protection of Children from Sexual Offences;

Shambhavi Vatsa: Sexual Violence at Work Place and its Remedies; and

Rajpratim Kakati: Domestic Violence and Legal Remedies.







DERGAON KAMAL DOWERAH (DKD) COLLEGE,
GOLAGHAT, 7 February 2023

The third legal awareness campaign was organized at Dergaon Kamal Dowerah College in Golaghat on 7th February, 2023. The event commenced with the Welcome Address by the University Principal followed by the enlightenment on the objectives of the legal awareness programme by the Head of the Pro Bono Legal Services Club, Dr. Diptimani Boruah. She enumerated the aims of the programme and objectives envisioned by the Club via the legal awareness campaign. She also highlighted access to free legal aid, advantages of alternative dispute resolutions, viz, Lok Adalat, and Assam Victim Compensation Scheme 2012. Three speakers discussed three different legal issues.

Siddhant Das: Criminal Justice System in India and Legal Protections;

Devanshi Srivastava: Sexual Violence at Work Place and Legal Remedies; and

Rajpratim Kakati: Domestic Violence and Legal Remedies.







MARIANI COLLEGE, JORHAT, 8 February 2023

The fourth legal awareness campaign was organized at Mariani College in Jorhat on 8th February, 2023. The event commenced with the Welcome Address by the University Principal followed by the enlightenment on the objectives of the legal awareness programme by Dr. Diptomani Boruah. She enumerated the aims of the programme and objectives envisioned by the Club via the legal awareness campaign. The other speakers were:

Siddhant Das: Criminal Justice System in India and Legal Protections;

Rajpratim Kakati: Domestic Violence and Legal Remedies

Niyor Ghatowar: Cyber Security

Saranga Phukon: Right to Information; and

Adreet Hazarika: Consumer Protection- Rights and Obligations of the Consumer.

The first speaker from NLU, Assam was Siddhant Das who spoke on the topic of 'Criminal Justice'. The speaker elaborated on justice in terms of crimes committed in the present age. He highlighted as to the nature of crimes which are supposed to be reported and what are the various other forms of crimes. The most important part in criminal justice that a citizen needs to be aware of is an FIR i.e., First Information Report. The FIR results in the proceedings of a crime. The

speaker via his topic proliferated the awareness among the students as to how to proceed when an offence has been committed and what are the legal remedies available as per the Indian Legal system

The second speaker was Saranga Phukon from NLU, Assam, speaking on the topic 'Right to Information'. The speaker enlightened on the basic two objectives of the right to information, which are firstly, transparency. Transparency is the main factor in the right to gain correct and adequate information. In order to be cognizant of the true information, transparency on the part of-governing authorities plays a crucial role for the citizens of the nation. Secondly, with the growing cases of corruption, it becomes essential for the individuals across various spheres to have the correct information regarding the working of the government authorities. The speaker emphasized on the legal right of the citizens in attaining information pertinent to the working of the duly elected government bodies.

Following, the second speaker was Niyor Ghatowar from NLU, Assam with the topic 'Cyber Security'. She spoke on the importance of cyber awareness and the various forms of cybercrimes that happen around in today's era. The speaker emphatically spoke upon the importance of using the internet and social media judiciously and wisely. Cyber attackers prey on vulnerable users, who have little knowledge of the cybercrimes, and blackmail them by using their sensitive information and data. Thus, it becomes very important for all individuals to understand the significance of cyber cells and the importance of reporting such crimes. The speaker through speech spread awareness on how such crimes occur, and the innocent lives are kept at stake, which makes it essential for the present generation to understand the cybercrimes and the legal recourse to resolve them, with the growing rampant use of the Internet.

Next speaker was Rajpratim Kakati from NLU Assam, with the topic 'Domestic Violence and Its Remedies'. The speaker, through his speech, enlightened the audience on the various forms of domestic violence, such as physical abuse, which is the most common form; however, one form that is, sidelined is the emotional violence, which hampers the mental health of the individual. The speaker also imparted one crucial aspect of domestic violence, which is that the victims of domestic violence are not only women but men as well. The issue of domestic violence is usually left unaddressed and often the consequence is the death of the victim. The speaker highlighted the various helplines available when faced with the issue of domestic violence. It is pertinent for the younger Generation to be well aware of the in surroundings and people and be observant of

the sufferings of the people in or outside their respective houses. The speaker focused upon the protection officers which have been duly appointed in every district to deal with the issue of domestic violence and save the life of the victims.

Devanshi Srivastava was the next speaker from NLU Assam on the topic 'POCSO- Protection of Children from Sexual Offences.' The speaker through her speech enlightened the audience on the sexual offences committed against the minors. As a growing individual, it is very essential to observe the ambience around minors and children. One of the most important aspects of POCSO, which has emerged, is child pornography, which is the need of the hour to be reported immediately. Furthermore, the speaker rightly highlighted that the person inside the house, who knows the child well and is close to the family, commits most of such offences. Thus, it becomes essential for the torch-bearers of the present generation to be observant of the people around their younger siblings and other minors as well. Preserving the mental health of the child becomes extremely important in such a situation. The child must have a faith that the wrongdoer has been punished for the wrongs committed and that the law exists for everyone.

Next speech was by Shambhavi Vatsa from NLU, Assam with the topic, 'Sexual Harassment'. This was one of the most important topics for the current generation to understand and implement the legal remedies as sexual harassment can occur at any place and time. The crucial aspect of Sexual Harassment for the students is to understand and be aware of is the harassment at workplace, which is sometimes too subtle to understand. However, it is essential that if any behavior or any action or words by a colleague or a boss or a senior which are not found comfortable are to be categorized as sexual harassment and the victim has the right to raise the issue in the Internal Complaint Cell which is duly authorized to resolve the issue. Cases of sexual harassment are increasing day by day and it becomes essential for all the citizens to report the same and not be the victims of the vicious power play of such predators.

Last but not the least speaker was Adreet Hazarika of NLU Assam who spoke on the topic of 'Consumer Protection'. Such an issue is highly important for the students of the present generation to understand and not get trapped in false claims by the seller. The speaker through his speech gave the insights to the audience on the rights of the consumers and the duties to be followed. It was also highlighted that any issue pertaining to the same shall be dealt in the consumer redressal forums and duly addressed. The consumers need to be well aware of their rights and act responsibly when buying goods and services.





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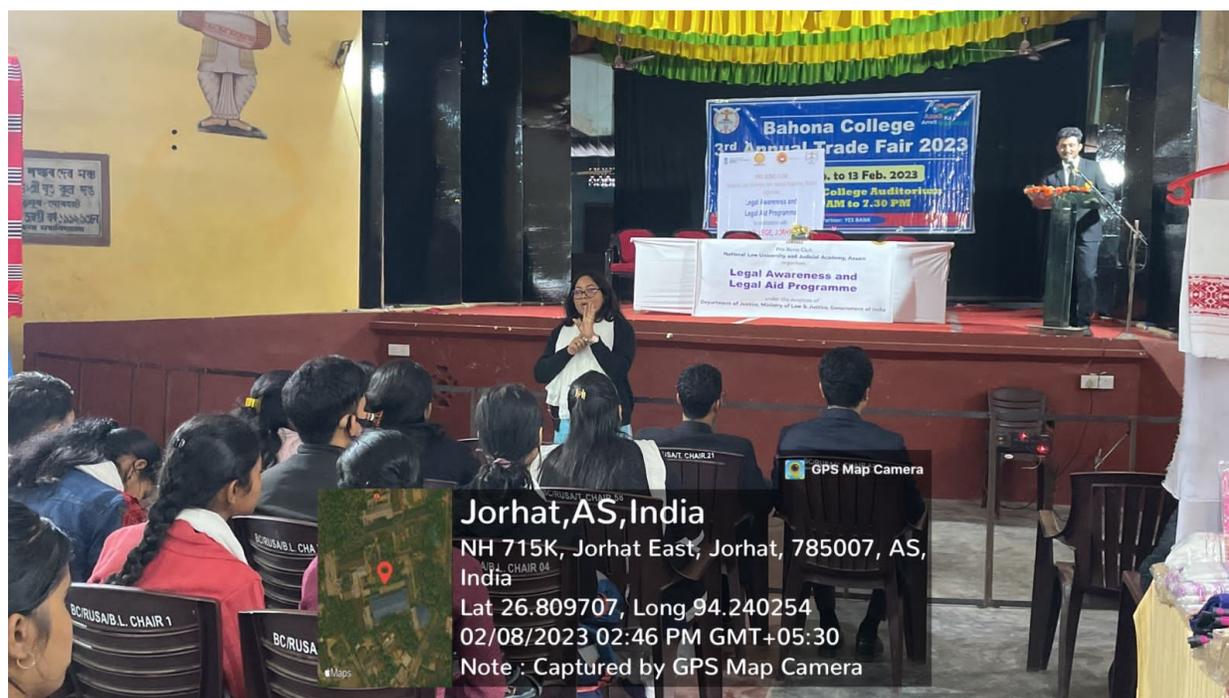
BAHONA COLLEGE, JORHAT, 8 February 2023

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