

**REPORT
ON
LEGAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN
ORGANISED BY
THE CENTRE FOR CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION AND LEGAL AID CELL
(CCLELAC),
NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY AND JUDICIAL ACADEMY, ASSAM**

The Centre for Clinical Legal Education and Legal Aid Cell (CCLELAC) is a vital Centre at the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam. The Cell seeks to help the socially and economically disadvantaged people in the society to access justice. It aspires to become a bridge between the justice seeker and justice giver in the state. The Centre works to provide free legal aid to the needy people, create legal awareness in the society, promote legal literacy among the masses and motivate people towards alternative dispute resolution.

On 29th September 2023, the Centre organised a community outreach program from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM near Hajo Chowk, Amingaon. This initiative aimed to connect with the local residents, impart knowledge about their legal rights, and inform them about the services available at our university's Legal Aid Clinic. The university was well-represented by Dr. Kailash Jeenger and Dr. Monmi Gohain, who led a team of dedicated volunteers fluent in Assamese language.

The core activities of the program involved direct engagement with the residents. Volunteers approached the locals with a warm and approachable demeanor to establish a comfortable environment for communication. This personal interaction was considered essential in effectively conveying the message to the community. To provide residents with tangible legal information, the team distributed leaflets containing basic legal information on different legal issues and pamphlets displaying location and timings of the Legal Aid Clinic in Assamese language. The content was designed to be easily understood by a diverse group, ensuring that language or literacy barriers did not hinder comprehension.

Recognizing the importance of cultural sensitivity and local relevance, the team primarily communicated in the local language. This approach was vital in ensuring that the information provided was both comprehensible and respectful of the community's cultural identity.

During the interactions, it was observed that a common query from the residents was whether legal assistance could be provided over the phone. The team clarified that our Legal Aid services required individuals to visit in person for a more comprehensive legal consultation. This highlighted the hands-on approach and commitment to offering practical assistance. To further enhance accessibility to information, posters were strategically placed on prominent places of the

locality after obtaining due consent of the concerned. The intention was to create a lasting and easily accessible resource for the community.

Finally, the visit concluded with a memorable group photograph capturing the essence of our experience. Following these activities, the team returned to the university with a sense of accomplishment, knowing that they had made a positive impact by raising legal awareness within the community.

Ms. Anchal Singh, a BALLB 2nd year student at NLUJAA, member of the reporting committee of the Center, acted as the rapporteur for the event. She recorded the proceedings of the programme and prepared the report. Names of other volunteers: Mr. Saranga Phukon (student, 3rd year), Ms. Bellona Brahma (student, 2nd year) and Ms. Prosphutita Singha (student, 3rd year).