

Training to the Preraks on Legal Literacy Components for the state of Tripura

16 – 18th June 2016, Shahid Bhagat Singh Yuba Hostel, Agartala



**Organized by: State Resource Centre Assam
in Collaboration with:**

**Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice &
NLMA, Govt. of India and State Literacy Mission Authority, Govt. of Tripura**



Dr. P. K. Goyal, IAS, JS & Director, Secondary Education cum Member Secretary, SLMA Tripura is looked on Podium during Inaugural Function of the Training



Mrs. Bader Jehan, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, DoJ is addressing the participants during Inaugural function of the training

Introduction:

A three days training to the Preraks / Literacy functionaries on Legal literacy Components was held on 16-18th June 2016 at Shahid Bhagat Singh Yuba Hostel, Agartala. The training programme was organized by SRC Assam in collaboration with SLMA Tripura as per MoU signed between Deptt. Of Justice and National Literacy Mission Authority, Govt. of India. The objective of the training programme was to transmit the messages of various legal issues to the grass root people through Preraks/Literacy functionaries. During three days training, total 38 participants were attended, out of which 30 were the Preraks, 3 were the district Coordinator and 5 were the block Coordinators.



Shri Samiran Brahma, Director SRC Assam briefing the objectives of the training programme through PPT



Mrs. Silpi Choudhury, Advocate, Tripura Bar Association interacting with participants on Free Legal Aid

Day one (16.06.2016):

In connection to the Training Programme, an Inaugural Function was organized which was conducted by Shri Alindam Das, State Project Consultant, SLMA Tripura. The three days training Programme was formally Inaugurated by Dr. P.K. Goyal, IAS, Joint Secretary and Director, Secondary Education as well as Member Secretary, SLMA Tripura through lighting of candle. The Welcome address was proposed by Shri P. K. Mallik, HO & DDO, SLMA Tripura. Thereafter, Sh. Samiran Brahma, Director, SRC Assam explained the objectives of the training programme. Shri Brahma, explained clearly the mandate of SRC Assam on Legal Literacy components and its benefits. The booklets in 11 Laws developed by SRC Assam in Bengali were released in the Inaugural Function of the training by Dr. P. K. Goyal, IAS, Joint Secretary and Director, Secondary Education as well as Member Secretary, SLMA Tripura. Attending in the Inaugural function, Dr. P.K. Goyal, appreciated efforts taken by SRC Assam and DoJ specially focusing different laws. In reference to Literacy status of the state, he said, Tripura has already achieved a total literacy. He added, apart from Basic Literacy in the state, the Govt. of Tripura is undertaking Equivalency Programme so that Education can be provided to the needy students in the line of formal education. Attending in the Inaugural Function, Mrs. Bader Jehan, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, DoJ highlighted efforts jointly initiated by Deptt. of Justice and NLMA on legal Literacy Components. She also appreciated so far activities conducted by SRC Assam. The Vote of thanks was proposed by Shri Alindam Das, SPC, SLMA Tripura.



Participants are looking busy during Pre test session




Participants are looking during training game

The technical session of the day one started with Pre -Test of the Participants which was conducted by Mrs. Sushnata Goswami, Research Officer, SRC Assam. Each part of questionnaire of the Pre test is basically relevant contents of the Legal Issues comprises of 25 numbers questions thereof.

After Pre – test session, Sri Samiran Brahma, the Director, SRC Assam started presentation on the topic on Legal Literacy: Need & its importance for stakeholders. In his presentation, he described, how SRC Assam developed IEC materials with the help of experts, Selection criteria of Preraks and SBM districts. He also pointed out that SRC Assam is not going to provide only training but also IEC materials are to be provided to the selected GPs including Booklets, Folders and Posters.

Participating as Resource Person, on the topics of Rights and Duties of Indian Citizens & Free Legal Aid, Mrs. Silpi Choudhury, Advocate, Tripura Bar Association initiated discussion on various issues relevant to the above laws. In her Presentation, she briefed about the necessity of human rights, fundamental rights of Indian Citizen, importance of awareness on rights and duties were the points of discussion. The session was so interactive with many questions and reply from both sides.

The post lunch session started with a Rapport building training game played by Director, SRC Assam. All the participants enjoyed the game.

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| <p><i>Shri Ajit Das, Joint Director, Elementary Education, Govt. of Tripura interacting as RP on Right to Education Act, 2009</i></p> | <p><i>Participants performing group song</i></p> |

After that the topic on “Right to Education Act, 2009” started. Before starting the session, a documentary film on RTE was shown to the participants. Shri Ajit Das, Joint Director, Directorate of Elementary Education, Govt. of Tripura imparted the training as Resource Person. During his 1 hr 30 minutes discussion, he had highlighted constitutional recognition of the Act, background of the Act, role of the teachers, provision of Mid day meal, free and compulsory education to the students between the age group of 6-14 years, role of SMC, teacher -student ratio etc. were the vital points of discussion.

Before wrapped up of the day one training, the participants were divided in to two groups in connection to prepare Wall Paper. The participants were asked to prepare the Wall Paper in the

hostel so that same may be displayed next day session. The participants were looked so enthusiastic in preparing the Wall Paper.

The technical session of the day one declared over by S. Brahma, the Director, SRC Assam.

Day two (17.06.2016):

The session of the day two started at 10 am with a literacy song performed by Shri Madan Debnath and Shri Samiran Brahma, Director, SRC Assam respectively.

Thereafter, Shri Samaljit Das, Cluster Resource Person, Dhalai district read out the proceedings of the day one activity.

After tea break, the Director, SRC Assam call out ten number of participants to play a training game. The name of the training game was 7 up. The training game was played about 5 minutes and participants played the game very interestingly.

After the training game over, Smt. Manika Dutta Roy, Chairperson, Tripura Women Commission initiated discussion on Domestic Violence Act, 2005 and Dowry Provision Act, 1961 through Power point presentation. The definitions of Domestic violence Act, provision of getting benefit by the victim person through the Act were the major points of discussion. Similarly, need of intensive awareness drive against dowry at community level, legal provision and punishment procedures were the major parts of discussion of the dowry provision Act, 2061.



Smt. Manika Dutta Roy, Chairperson, Tripura Women Commission is interacting with the Participants on Domestic Violence and Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961



Dr. Manas Deb, Secretary, Right to Information Commission, Tripura sharing the provision under the act with the participants

The next point of discussion was Sexual Harassment of Women at work place. The topic was conducted by Smt. Aparna Dey, Member Secretary, Right to Information Commission, Tripura. In her presentation, she had cited various examples towards Sexual Harassment of Women at

work place. The remedy and other preventive measures were also the points of discussion. The topic was so interactive and found to be so sensitivity.

The topic of technical session 3rd was on Right to Information Act, 2005. Before processing the topic, the Director, SRC Assam apprised Dr. Manas Deb, Secretary, Right to Information Commission, Tripura about the concept of Wall Magazine adding how participants showing enthusiasm in preparing Wall Magazine over the night. Dr. Deb appreciated the participants for such holistic approach. Thereafter, leader of one group invited Dr. Deb to formally release the Wall Magazine. On the other hand, the other Wall Magazine was released by Smt. Bader Jehan from Doj. After releasing the wall Magazine, the Director, SRC Assam requested the officers of SLMA Tripura to keep the Wall Magazine in a best AEC centre for public domain. The request was endorsed by SLMA Tripura and also welcome by the participants.

Before initiating his presentation, Dr. Manas Deb, distributed a booklet on RTI prepared in Bengali language. He also said booklet of RTI Act is also available in Kok Borok. Dr. Manas Deb, shared provision underlined in the act, its norms, duration and channel of applications and many more. The discussion was found informative and practical.



Bader Jehan of DoJ putting her signature after release of Wall Magazine



Shri S. Brahma, Director, SRC Assam briefing the concept of Wall Magazine to Dr. P. K. Goyal, Joint Secretary, Secondary Education, Govt. of Tripura

The Post lunch session started with topic on Entitlements under selected Central Govt. Schemes, Food Security Act, 2013. The topics were presented by Sri Manik Lal Saha, Asstt. Director and Sri Sushanta Banerjee, Asstt. Director, Food Deptt. Govt. of Tripura.

The second day session winded up with a group song performed by the participants on the theme “We shall overcome someday”.

Day three (18.06.2016):

The session of the last day started at 09:00 am with a literacy song performed by the participants. At the outset, Shri Mithu Kumar Bonaj, Asst. Block Coordinator, Durga Chowmuhani RD Block, Dhalai District read out the proceedings of the day two activities. After reporting, the Director, SRC Assam call out four numbers of participants to act roll play. The theme of the roll play was how, where, when and for whom legal literacy is to be addressed at village level. The roll play was relevant to the subject and found very interesting. After role play, the groups have been divided in to four groups. The objective of group discussion was to assess level of learning of the participants during two days training. Accordingly, four groups were formed as per following topics.

Group 1: Rights and Duties of Indian Citizens & Free Legal Aid.

Group 2: Right to Education Act, 2009 and Right to Information Act, 2005

Group 3: Domestic Violence Act, 2005 & Dowry Provision Act, 1961

Group 4: Entitlements under selected Central Govt. Schemes, Food Security Act, 2013

The group members discussed the topics with pros and cons and compiled group reports of their own. Thereafter, report presentation was taken place by the leader of each group. Through group report, it was understood that the participants have gathered enough knowledge on legal literacy during two day training.

After group discussion, the topic on ST & other Traditional Forest Dwellers, Recognition of Forest Right Act & SC and ST Prevention of Atrocities were discussed with a help of Folder. The said topic was initiated by Samiran Baidya, District Coordinator, South Tripura.



Panel discussion by the leader of four group on learning points



Participants are busy in a group work

The technical session of the three days training programme came to an end by 11:30 am. Hence, the Post Test session was conducted by Mrs. Sushnata Goswami, Research Officer, SRC Assam and Shri Dipak Kumar Deb Burma, State Coordinator, Access to Justice, DoJ Agartala. In the Post test session, it was found that the performance of the participants found better in comparison at the time of pre test. In post Test, Shri Malin Dutta stood first scoring 25 marks out of 25 and Shri Sidhartha Chakravorthy and Showvik Bhattacharjee stood second with total marks 23. The Session of Post test was so interesting and interactive.



Distribution of Prize to the highest marks scorer in Post Test



Distribution of Certificates to the participants

After Post test session, a brief closing function was organized in which Dr. P. K. Goyal, IAS, Member Secretary, SLMA Tripura, Shri P. K. Mallik, DDO, SLMA Tripura, Mrs. Bader Jehan, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, DoJ, Govt. of India and Sri Samiran Brahma, Director, SRC Assam were present. The Certificate of Participation was distributed to the participants by the aforesaid persons.

The three days training programme declared wind up with a song “ ***We shall overcome someday*** “.

Outcome of the training:

- i) Released 11 number of Legal Literacy booklet in Bengali
- ii) Presentation of the Resource persons were very fruitful.
- iii) Training was so participative, interactive.
- iv) Strong group of participants.
- v) Preparation of two number of Wall Magazine during training period.
- vi) Availability of training hand out including folders in 11 laws.
- vii) Presence of Joint Secretary, Secondary Education, throughout three day training encouraged the trainee.

Training at a Glance:

1. Name of the Training: Training for Preraks on Legal Literacy Components for the state of Tripura
2. Date: 16- 18th June, 2016
3. Venue: Shahid Bhagat Singh Yuba Hostel, Agartala
4. Programme organized by: State Resource Centre Assam in collaboration with DoJ, Govt. of India, NLMA, Govt. of India and SLMA Tripura, Govt. of Tripura.
5. Total Number of Participants: 38 (Male: 37, Female: 1)
(Preraks/ Literacy functionaries: 30, District and Block Coordinators: 8
6. No. legal Laws covered: 11
7. No. of Resource Persons attended: 09

8. Guest / dignitaries participated in the training:

- i) Dr. P. K. Goyal, IAS, Joint Secretary and Director, Secondary Education cum Member Secretary, SLMA ,Tripura
- ii) Shri P. K. Mallik, HO & DDO, SLMA Tripura
- iii) Shri Alindam Das, State Project Consultant, SLMA Tripura
- iv) Mrs. Bader Jehan, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, DoJ, Govt. of India
- v) Shri Depak Kumar Deb Burma, State Coordinator, Access to Justice, NE & JK Project.
- vi) Shri Swapan Ch. Paul, Director i/c, SRC Tripura

9. Officials from SRC Assam

- i) Shri Samiran Brahma, Director, SRC Assam
- ii) Mrs. Sushnata Goswami, Research Officer, SRC Assam
- iii) Shri Nirmal Ch. Deka, Programme Officer, SRC Assam

10. Materials provided to the participants:

- i) Stationeries – Pen , Pad, Folders.
- ii) Certificate of Participation
- iii) Folders on 11 laws in Bengali
- iv) Chart Paper.

11. Special events organized during training period:

- i) Released of Booklets on Legal Literacy in Bengali Language
- ii) Preparation of two number of Wall Magazine by the participants
- iii) Performance of songs by the participants
- iv) Role Play and training game

