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**Legal Literacy Classes held**

**TURA, May 12:** Legal Literacy Classes were today organized by the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority (MSLSA) especially for School students at the Tura Public School premises.

The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) was constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 to provide free Legal Services to the weaker sections of the society and to organize Lok Adalats for amicable settlement of disputes. In turn to give effect to the policies and directions of the NALSA and to give free legal services to the people and conduct Lok Adalat in every state, the State Legal Services Authority was constituted.

Mr. V. K. Mantri, District Magistrate West Garo Hills, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In his address to the gathering he informed that the Legal Literacy Classes were being organized with the objective of disseminating among the students their constitutional and legal rights. "Under it, the State is constitutionally commanded to secure the operation of the legal system promotes justice, on a basis of equal opportunity, and shall, in particular, provide free legal aid, by suitable legislation or schemes or in any other way, to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by reason of economic or other disabilities" he said, adding "The Act makes provision for giving free legal services to various categories including any person if he or she is, a member of a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe; a victim of trafficking in human beings or beggar as referred to in Article 23 of the Constitution; a woman or a child; a person with disability; or an industrial workman".

The Legal Literacy Classes deliberated and shed light to the gathering on subjects ranging from FIR, Bail Matters, Human Rights and Consumers protection rights etc. The Campaign was attended by school teachers and students from various institutions in and around Tura.

The resource persons at the campaign were Mr. M. L. Thangal, Advocate, Mr. G. Mustafa, Advocate, Mr. T. M. Sangma, APP, Tura Court and Ms. D. Kharbteng, Advocate.

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