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**Micro Legal Literacy Campaign held**

**TURA, April 30:** A micro Legal Literacy Campaign was today organized by the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority (MSLSA) in collaboration with the Deputy Commissioner's Office and the Superintendent of the Tura Civil Hospital at the Tura Civil Hospital 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. Sanjay Goyal, Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In his address to the gathering he informed that the Legal Literacy Campaign was being organized with the objective of fulfilling one of the directive principles of State policy enunciated in Article 39A of the Constitution of India. "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 Campaign deliberated and shed light to the gathering on subjects ranging from MACT Cases, HIV and trafficking, traffic rules and grievances, registration of birth and cases, etc. The Campaign was attended by Doctors, nurses, patients, medical practitioners and members of the police force.

Mr. V. K. Mantri, ADC, i/c Judicial chaired the function while the resource persons at the campaign were Mr. J.R. Marak, Advocate and President, Bar Association, Tura, Mr. D. Tulshyan, Advocate, Mrs. J. Chetry, Mr. U. Rimsu, Advocate, Mr. J. K. Sharma, Advocate and Mrs. D. Kharbteng, Advocate.

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