

LEGAL AID SERVICES- WEST BENGAL

5, K.S.ROY ROAD (GROUND FLOOR), KOLKATA-700001

MINUTES OF AGM FOR 2014 – 2015, HELD ON 19TH JUNE, 2016 (SUNDAY)

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Legal Aid Services – West Bengal (LASWEB) for the year 2014 – 2015 held at ADR Hall, Flat No. 176, 5th Floor, Karnani Estate, 209 A.J.C Bose Road, Kolkata – 700017 on 19th June, 2016 (Sunday) at 11 a.m. in presence of the following members –

- 1) Mr. Justice D.K. Basu
- 2) Mr. Justice Arunabha Barua
- 3) Mr. Santi Sekhar Mukherjee
- 4) Mr. Gitanath Ganguly
- 5) Mr. M. P. Chakraborty
- 6) Ms. Samita Mukherjee
- 7) Mr. Subrata Chakraborty
- 8) Dr. Amal Kumar Mullick
- 9) Mr. Sanjay Mukherjee
- 10) Dr. Ahana Chakraborty
- 11) Mr. Somnath Pyne
- 12) Ms. Krishna Basu Roy
- 13) Mr. Tusar Kanti Basu Roy
- 14) Dr. Arati Basu Sengupta
- 15) Dr. Sudipta Dutta
- 16) Ms. Kajari Das Gupta
- 17) Justice Toufique Uddin
- 18) Dr. K.B. Bakshi
- 19) Mr. Anshuman Bhattacharya
- 20) Mr. Anjan Chakraborty
- 21) Ms. Abir Mukherjee
- 22) Ms. Manashi Mukherjee
- 23) Mr. Tarun Kumar Ghosh
- 24) Ms. Malabika Das
- 25) Ms. Paulami Banerjee
- 26) Ms. Arnaba Ghosh
- 27) Ms. Swarnali Dasgupta
- 28) Mr. Biplab Kumar Sarkar
- 29) Mr. Mrinal Majhi
- 30) Mr. Haradhan Das
- 31) Ms. Rita Maity

- 32) Ms. Sagarika Mondal
- 33) Mr. Bidhan Chandra Mondal
- 34) Mr. Chanchal Kumar Dutta
- 35) Mr. Dilip Kumar Mitra
- 36) Dr. J. Goswami
- 37) Mr. Buddhadev Sasmal

JUSTICE D.K. BASU, CHAIRMAN, LASWEB PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING AND RESPECTED MEMBERS TOOK PART IN DELIBERATION AND RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS :

1) TO READ AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM HELD ON 14TH FEBRUARY, 2015 (SATURDAY) AT ADR HALL.

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 14th February, 2015 (Saturday) was read and confirmed.

2) TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2014 – 2015 TO BE PLACED BY THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN BEFORE THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Executive Chairman, Sri Gitanath Ganguly placed the Annual Report of the year 2014 – 2015. Members present considered and discussed the activities of LASWEB during the period under consideration. The report of the Executive Chairman was considered unanimously and approved by the House.

3) TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2014 – 2015.

The Executive Chairman, Sri Gitanath Ganguly placed the draft Annual Audited Accounts for the year 2014-15.

Final Accounts would not be submitted due to sudden illness of Mr. M.R. Sen, Auditor and the House gave due authorization to Mr. M.P. Chakraborty, Treasurer to get the accounts signed by Mr. M.R.Sen, Auditor and to be submitted duly before the next A.G.M.

4) TO APPOINT AUDITOR FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2015 – 2016 AND TO FIX HIS REMUNERATION.

Mr. M.R. Sen has been appointed as the Auditor for the year 2015 – 2016 with same remuneration as in 2014-2015.

5) TO CONSIDER THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2015 – 2016 AND 2016 - 2017.

The budget for 2015 – 2016 and 2016 – 2017 was placed by the Treasurer before the House and it was approved by the House.

6) TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ACTION PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2016 – 2017.

Mr. Gitanath Ganguly, Executive Chairman, LASWEB has placed a blue print of action plan for the year 2016 – 2017. He gave special emphasis for completion of Senior Citizen Home at Shakuntala Park, Behala on an urgent basis and suggested improvement of P.G.D.C.C. in details with a view to place LASWEB a dealing part in this regard. The Executive Chairman's move is highly appreciated by the members of the House.

7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS FOR WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN.

The Executive Chairman, Sri Gitanath Ganguly pointed out the difficulties faced by LASWEB for accommodation of Central Office in High Court arena due to sudden move of sponsorer , United Bank of India to vacate the Central Office. After exhaustive discussion, the House gave due authority to Mr. M.P. Chakraborty, Treasurer and Mr. Sanjay Mukherjee, Secretary, P.G.D.C.C. to keep due touch with the bank authorities accordingly.

As there was no other business, the meeting ended with vote of thanks by Mr. M.P.Chakraborty, Treasurer to all concerned.

Annual Report (2015-2016)

EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, LASWEB PLACED BEFORE THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2016 HELD ON 11TH DECEMBER, 2016 AT 11 A.M. AT THE ADR INITIATIVE HALL, FLAT NO. 176.(5TH FLOOR), 209, A.J.C. BOSE ROAD, KOLKATA-700017.

Respected Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen, Members of the Legal Aid Services-West Bengal, Social Activists, Counsellors, my dear fellow members of the staff and assistants of Legal Aid Services-West Bengal,

I extend my thanks and gratitude to all the distinguished persons present and also others who helped me in discharging my office during the period under review.

I am glad to inform you that five meetings of the Executive Council were held on 19th June, 2015, on 14th August, 2015, on 11th September, 2015 (Special General Meeting), on 23rd December, 2015 and again and emergent meeting on 11th March, 2016. In these five meetings, the different agenda discussed, were, the day to day functioning of the LASWEB accounts, management of the property of Silpara, Behala, pertaining to LASWEB Counselling Centre. An emergent meeting was held on 11th March 2016 for considering the status of P.G.D.C.C vis-a-vis scheme for admission for academic year 2016 and to finalize logistics of Convocation (held on 1st April, 2016) and also approval about the date of retirement of C.K.Dutta, Office Secretary and to organize a retirement fund.

ACTIVITIES OF LASWEB

The following programmes are held during the period under consideration. First, we furnish, for your information, a report on the ongoing activities, and thereafter, a chronological account of the events organized during the period under review.

**** ONGOING ACTIVITIES****

❖ COUNSELLING CENTRE AT 5 K. S. ROY ROAD, KOLKATA.

Legal assistance to common men including running of the Family Counselling Centre at 5, K. S. Roy Road, Kolkata – 700001 is making steady progress, the total number of registered cases during the period of being 1st April, 2015 to 31st March, 2016. being 102. Out of these 102 cases Family Counselling registered cases were 62 in number, the period wise break up being : 1st April, 2015 to 30th September, 2015 (38) and from 1st October, 2015 to 31st March, 2016 (24). Out of pending cases total 101 cases were closed during the period under review. Out of these closed cases mutually settled matters were 28 in number.

❖ BEHALA CHAPTER OF LASWEB COUNSELLING CENTRE

We are happy to inform you that the property of Silpara has been effectively utilized as new counseling centre and two counselors are sitting there, providing day to day assistance to the downtrodden people. As it is newly started counseling centre we hope to extend more effective service to the locality and surrounding areas. Day to day counselling, consultation and assistance are provided to the people who are seeking help and aid.

Legal Aid Services –West Bengal, Silpara Branch, Behela (South 24 Parganas) was established on 15th November, 2014 with a focus to extend the legal aid service to the needy people residing in the surrounding areas as well as to the remote areas of South 24 Parganas. To establish this idea, various efforts were made for publicity. New sign boards in the neighbouring locations were put up and hand bills were distributed through newspaper vendors, in order to reach the common and needy people. Efforts were also made to run the said centre by generating a local establishment fund. All efforts have been made to create legal literacy awareness in the minds of the common men and women. Day-to-day assistance was provided to all the people attending the Counselling Centre. Legal Aid clinics were held from time to time. Student- counseling was given to large number of students of different Law Colleges. Training was provided to the intending Counsellors through a curriculum wherein distinguished Lawyers, Hon'ble Judges of the Court, lecturers of the Department of Sociology, Psychology, Physiology and Law contributed as faculty members.

❖ PERFORMANCE OF BEHALA BRANCH OF LASWEB COUNSELLING CENTRE, 2015 – 2016

Sl. No.	Type of Service	Quantity
1.	Registration	(4)
2.	Consultation	(5)
3.	Referral Service	(1)
4.	Assistance for Legal document searching	
5.	Assistance for Expediation of pending court cases	(2)
6.	Conveyancing	(1)

In addition to above more than 40 nos. free counseling has been provided to the poor people residing in the locality. Most of the cases are related post marital conflicts and alcoholism.

Pending Issues :- At the time of visit of police station and local clubs the police authorities have expressed the limitation to forward the cases directly to LASWEB and the surrounding clubs are directly involved with day to day political activities which restricts them to come forward without approval of the higher authorities. In order to overcome the aforesaid situation, the Executive Council of LASWEB authorized Mr. M.P. Chakraborty, Treasurer who is a resident of the locality, to take adequate measures to overcome the obstacles in fulfilling the goal of the organization.

Report by Dr. J. Goswami, Director, PGDCC on session 2016

The members are aware that after the success of the short duration Certificate Course in Family Counselling, conducted by LASWEB for a continuous period of long 28 years, LASWEB introduced the Post Graduate Diploma Course in Counselling, affiliated with the University of Calcutta, covering the basic needs of human rights and responsibilities, socio-psychological justice, contemporary problems of domestic violence and marital conflicts, stresses and strains, individual freedom and human value systems, career counseling, geriatric counseling and fundamental knowledge of law, etc., required for the counselors.

The PGDCC started its journey since 2014 with the First Batch. The Second Batch was successfully completed in 2015. The Third Batch will be completed after the Final Semester Test at the end of December, 2016, Admission to the 4th Batch for 2017 is already in progress.

In every batch we have enrolled candidates who are highly qualified college and school teachers, practising advocates and medical professionals, psychologists, social workers, NGO executives, retired and senior govt. officers. In order to meet the needs of such a special target group of aspiring students and scholars, LASWEB has identified very competent members of the faculty, to handle the course module. The theoretical classes of (1) Psychology (2) Law (3) Sociology (4) Physiology are strengthened by practical assignments and visits to Civil / Family courts, ESI Hospital, Joka with the Department of Psychiatry, National Institute of Orthopaedically Handicapped (NIOH), recently been renamed to National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (Divyangjan) and Role Plays etc. Co- curricular activities and group discussion, seminar and workshop are also arranged for self expression along with practical sessions of counseling, supported and conducted by practising psychologists and psychiatrists as well.

This year, we have received permission for our students to attend OPD of the Department of Psychiatry at ESI Hospital, Joka. They have visited there and have gained immense practical knowledge to see the Psychiatrists and Psychologists treating their outdoor patients. The remarks made by Dr. Ujjal Banerjee, Head of Department, Psychiatry of ESI Hospital, Joka who came for the Practice Counselling Session on 13th of November, 2016, are very significant. He stated that *“what medical advice and treatment for the past five years could not do, the PGDCC scholars made it possible with the patients of typical mental condition of abnormality only by few sessions of interactions with the patients”*.

Many of our PGDCC students from session – 2014 and 2015, have been absorbed as Internees in D.K. Basu & Co. Some of our ex-PGDCC students have worked as Counselor in Family Counselling Centre (FCC) of LASWEB. A few students have been working as Teacher – Counsellor in some schools.

Many of our past students have a desire to take up counselling and they look forward to the authorization or official permission from the competent authority in the form of Registration or Professional Licence. I believe, some initiative may be required to take this idea forward.

We sincerely acknowledge our gratitude to the present the then Vice Chancellor of the University of Calcutta Dr. Sugata Marjit, Pro Vice Chancellor, Academic Dr. Swagata Sen and the Registrar Dr. Soma Bandoopathy. We also acknowledge with gratitude the services and the help provided to us by Professor S.S. Chatterjee, Hazra Law College, University of Calcutta to promote our scheme and I have no hesitation in acknowledging our gratitude to them for the status given to us by the University authorities.

I conclude with the hope that PGDCC will attract young and interested minds to serve humanity for the cause of healthy and harmonious, fair and anxiety free social living.

❖ INTERNSHIP

LASWEB had received several students in the placement scheme who had joined LASWEB as Internee from different Law School, College and University.

All the students who approached the LASWEB were provided with study materials, the case done by the LASWEB from time to time and they were also granted certificates by our office in order to enable them to produce the same to the respective colleges as a record of their participation in this programme. The following students were admitted as internee during the period mentioned herein below:

NAME OF THE INTERNEE, APRIL 2015 TO MARCH 2016

Sl. No.	Name	Name of the University	Year & Semester
1.	Ms. Swarnali Dasgupta	Dept. of Law, Calcutta University, Hazra Campus.	2 nd Year, B.A., L.L.B
2.	Ms. Megha Sarkar	Dept. of Law, Calcutta University, Hazra Campus.	2 nd Year, B.A., L.L.B
3.	Ms. Aastha Pratik	The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences	2 nd Year, B.A., L.L.B (Hons)
4.	Ms. Ringicha Chakma	The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences	1st Year, B.A., L.L.B
5.	Ms. Anindita Kundu	KIIT University, Bhubaneswar	1st Year, B.A., L.L.B
6.	Ms. Nehal Binani	Symbiosis Law School, Pune	1st Year, B.A., L.L.B
7.	Ms. Shraddha Dubey	Symbiosis Law School, Pune	1st Year, B.A., L.L.B
8.	Ms. Swastika Nandy	KIIT University, Bhubaneswar	2 nd Year, B.A., L.L.B
9.	Ms. Pooja	Chanakya National law University, Patna	1st Year, B.A., L.L.B
10.	Ms. Urmimala Mukherjee	Amity University, Jaipur	4 th Year, B.Com., L.L.B.
11.	Ms. Sandhya Gupta	KIIT Law School, Bhubaneswar	3 rd Year, B.A., L.L.B
12.	Ms. Sweta Sharma	Surendranath Law College, Kolkata	2 nd Year, B.A., L.L.B

13.	Mr. Karan Bapuli	Christ University, School of Law, Bangalore	1st Year, B.A., L.L.B
14.	Ms. Sreemanjaree Sur	Gujarat National Law University	3 rd Year, B.A., L.L.B (Hons)
15.	Mr. Pratulya Choudhury	O.P. Jindal Global University, School of Law, Sonipat	1st Year, B.A., L.L.B
16.	Ms. Afreen Perveen	Jogesh Chandra Chowdhury Law College	5 th Year, B.A., L.L.B(Hons)
17.	Ms. Vanessa Angelic Hogg	Jogesh Chandra Chowdhury Law College	5 th Year, B.A., L.L.B(Hons)

❖ LASWEB'S INITIATIVES IN PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION

Over the last several years, LASWEB has initiated several public interest litigations in the interests of Justice and Social Welfare. The stated objective of the organization is to come to the help of the hapless people to ensure all round effort and to bring dignity to the life of the people, and to intervene wherever there is a violation of Fundamental Rights and also to ensure preservation of Constitution rights wherever there is any violation.

LASWEB has signed a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Bangladesh Legal Aid Services Trust (BLAST), a voluntary non – government organization in Bangladesh with whom LASWEB is actively involved for the effective repatriation and rehabilitation of displaced and migrated people who have either by mistake have crossed over to India or has been trafficked in India. LASWEB has taken initiative to file Public Interest Litigation in different times whenever needed.

LASWEB is continuing its ever vigilant endeavour for the protection of Human Rights and therefore is ever ready to take up any cause for the benefit of the mankind.

❖ FUTURE PLANS OF LASWEB

SHORT STAY HOME : For extending legal aid and assistance to the destitute women we had to face certain impediments for providing short stay home for those who have been thrown out of their matrimonial home. We have a plan for providing short stay home in the building / house property at Silpara, Behala, South 24 Parganas.

SENIOR CITIZENS' HOME : We are glad to announce that our attempt for construction of Senior Citizen's Home at Shakuntala Park, Behala is progressing in right direction. Shakuntala Park property where our four storeyed Senior Citizen's Home is required to be constructed and necessary sanction from the Kolkata Municipal Corporation has been accorded and our member Mr. Anjan Ray, Advocate taken up initiative with the developer to build Senior Citizen's Home under the supervision of Mr. M.P. Chakraborty, who is in –charge of the building committee.

In the financial year 2015 – 2016 several steps had been taken to take the dream project of “Naba Nibas” forward. We are glad to inform that our members and associates have shown considerable interest in realizing the project and continuation have been received from all quarters. We appeal to all concerned to keep on contributing and help us generate further contributions towards fulfillment of the construction of the Senior Citizen Home which has tremendous socio economic importance and significance for us. Needless to remind that all contributions are entitled to relief U/S -80G of Income Tax Act, 1961 as we do possess necessary certificate for the same.

Income tax department has accorded sanction granting 80G of the income tax act 1961 where the donor will get 50% exemption and we hope that for generating a huge fund for the building of senior citizen home, people will come forward to patronize our scheme for holding the scheme for generating fund for construction of senior citizen home.

For Senior Citizen's Home LASWEB functionaries have decided to generate awareness and campaign for generating a fund for senior citizen home.

ONLINE COURSE : After a fairly long tour abroad our Chairman, Justice D.K.Basu thought about a new pattern of online course on different field of study – Sexual and Gender Identities, Human Rights and Justice, Slavery and Human Trafficking, Gender, Health and Marginalization, Rethinking the Family, Sex, and Gender etc. following MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), USA. Suggestions were given by Shri Anjan Chakraborty, member LASWEB and Shri Sanjoy Mukherjee, advocate. It was decided to review the position further and in greater depth, and then take a suitable decision.

EVENTS ORGANIZED DURING THE YEAR

❖ OBSERVATION OF RABINDRA JAYANTI BY THE PARTICIPANTS OF SECOND BATCH, P.G.D.C.C. ON 9TH MAY, 2015.

The participants of the second batch P.G.D.C.C. organized Rabindra Jayanti on 9th May, 2015 at 3 p.m. at the Multipurpose Room of Shri Shikshayatan School, 11 Lord Sinha Road, Kolkata – 71. They performed dance recital, recitation and sung various songs composed by Rabindra Nath Tagore. Two artists who came from Shantiniketan were present in the programme and sung various songs of Tagore. Justice D.K. Basu, the Hon'ble Chairman, LASWEB recited a poem. Mr. Gitanath Ganguly, Executive Chairman, LASWEB delivered a speech on Rabindranath. Participants' family members, friends and office staff of LASWEB Family Counselling Centre attended the occasion with lot of enthusiasm.



Students gave their tribute by singing Rabindra Sangeet.



Guitar performance by one of the students



Justice D.K. Basu, Hon'ble Chairman, LASWEB felicitated with bouquet by a Student of PGDCC 2nd Batch on 9th May, 2015



Justice D.K. Basu, the Hon'ble Chairman, LASWEB recited a poem.



Mr. Gitanath Ganguly, Executive Chairman, LASWEB felicitated with bouquet by a Student of PGDCC 2nd Batch on 9th May, 2015.



Two artists were present in the programme and sang Rabindra Sangeet. They came from Shantiniketan.

❖ **28TH FREE LEGAL AID CLINIC AND AWARENESS CAMP ON 25TH & 26TH JULY, 2015.**

It was organised by Mongal Bari Social Welfare Society, Pakuahat, Malda and sponsored by Legal Aid Services – West Bengal, Family Counselling Centre (FCC) in collaboration with Association of Retired Justices – West Bengal and Rotary Club of Calcutta, Sutanuti. The clinic and awareness camp was held on 25th and 26th July, 2015 (Saturday and Sunday). The clinic was opened by lightening of the lamp by the Hon'ble Justice Indira Banerjee, High Court,

Calcutta. Many respected guests viz. Mr. Krishnendu Narayan Chowdhury, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Food & Horticulture, Govt. of West Bengal, Mr. Asit Baran Basu, Chairman, Bar Council of West Bengal, Mrs. Sonia Mazumder, District Judge, Malda were present on the opening and closing ceremony of 28th Free Legal Aid Clinic and Awareness Camp. The Guest of Honour on the occasion was eminent Justice Ms. Indira Banerjee, High Court, Calcutta. LASWEB functionaries like Justice D.K.Basu, Hon'ble Chairman, Justice Malay Sengupta, Vice Chairman, Justice Arunabha Barua, Vice Chairman, Mr. Shanti Sekhar Mukherjee, Vice Chairman, Dr. Amarnath Mallick were present on the said occasion. Respected members of LASWEB, counselors, staff, legal activists (lawyers) and other dignitaries took part in the programme.

In the above mentioned Free Legal Aid clinic total no. of cases registered by the counselors were 156. Out of these 23 were civil cases, 26 criminal cases, 63 land matters, 11 consumer affairs, 15 family disputes, 7 service matters, 4 bank loan matters and 7 miscellaneous cases.



Mr. Subrata Chakraborty, Asst. Director, LASWEB addressing opening program of 28th Free Legal Aid Clinic and Awareness Camp at Pakuahat, Malda.



Justice D.K. Basu, Chairman, LASWEB, is delivering his speech.



Lighting of the inaugural lamp by The Hon'ble Justice Indira Banerjee



Mr. Krishnendu Narayan Chowdhury, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Food and Horticulture, Govt. of West Bengal is addressing opening Program of 28th Free Legal Aid Clinic.



Respected guests seated on dais.



Justice Arunabha Barua (Retd.) Vice-Chairman, LASWEB is delivering his speech.



The Hon'ble Justice Indra Banerjee delivering her valuable speech.



Applicant's problem is registered by Family Mr. Sanjay Mukherjee, Abir Mukherjee, Advocate



Mr. Santi Sekhar Mukherjee, Vice Chairman, LASWEB and Ms. Advocate, Member, Along with Ms. Malabika Das, Counsellor, LASWEB providing their advice to the applicant.

SYMPOSIUM ON “VIOLENCE ON WOMEN AND DOWRY”

This symposium was held on 25th July, 2015 at Dalla High School, Pakuahat, Malda. It was organized by Dalla High School in association with Legal Aid Services – West Bengal, Family Counselling Centre (FCC) and Mongal Bari Social Welfare Society, Pakuahat, Malda. The symposium was addressed by the Hon’ble Justice Ms. Indira Banerjee, High Court, Calcutta. Other speakers were Justice D.K.Basu, The Hon’ble Chairman, LASWEB, Justice Malay Sengupta, Vice Chairman, LASWEB, Mrs. Sonia Mazumder, District Judge, Malda and Mr. Pradip Ganguly, social activists, Malda. Participants were the students of class IX, X, XI and XII. After discussion, an interactive session was held with the students. The students came to know about the problem of dowry death and domestic violence in the day to day life of women.



Students of Dala High School who participated at the Symposium on
“Violence on Women and Dowry”



Justice D.K.Basu, Chairman, LASWEB, Justice Malay Sengupta, Vice – Chairman, LASWEB,
Hon’ble Justice Indira Banerjee, Judge, High Court, Calcutta seated on dais
and Head Mistress, Dala High School is addressing Symposium.

❖ NEW CHAPTER

The success of the camp cumulated into a Branch Office (new chapter) of LASWEB at Pakuahat, Malda, inaugurated by Justice Malay Sengupta and Justice D.K.Basu for the purpose of continuing the commendable work of providing free legal aid and spreading awareness among the people of Pakuahat, Malda at the valedictory session on 26th July, 2015.

The Mongal Bari Welfare Society extended their heartfelt gratitude to LASWEB, Association of Retired Justices - West Bengal and Rotary Club, Sutanuti, Kolkata for making this camp so memorable and successful.

Justice Indira Banerjee emphasized the importance of gender equality and women empowerment. She emphasized upon the importance of educating girls and arresting social evils like domestic violence and dowry. “I am extremely glad that LASWEB has taken up such an initiative where, in the true purpose of law which is serving the people can be extended to such remote parts of our state and awareness be generated”, she commented about the camp.



Justice Malay Sengupta, Vice Chairman, LASWEB is opening a new chapter at Pakuahat, Malda by cutting red ribbon.



Justice D.K. Basu, Justice Malay Sengupta and organizers of Free Legal Aid Clinic.

❖ FELICITATION PROGRAMME HELD AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE OF LASWEB, FCC

A warm felicitation was given to Shri R.N.Das, Senior Advocate, Vice Chairman, LASWEB, and President, Calcutta High Court, Bar Association, on 11th September, 2015. He has assumed president ship of Calcutta High Court, Bar Association thrice. The felicitation programme was presided over by Justice D.K.Basu, Chairman, LASWEB. Members of LASWEB, advocates and other activists were present in the said occasion.



(From Left): Mr. Sukumar Ghosh, Advocate, I.J., Member, LASWEB, Justice Pradipta Ray (Retd.), Mr. Gitanath Ganguly, Executive Chairman, LASWEB, Justice Dilip Kumar Basu, Chairman, LASWEB, Mr. R. N. Das, Sr. Advocate, Vice – Chairman, LASWEB and Justice Malay Sengupta, Vice – Chairman, LASWEB.



Mr. R.N.Das, Vice Chairman LASWEB is Felicitated with Uttariyo & Memento by Justice D.K.Basu, Chairman LASWEB .



Mr. R.N.Das, Vice Chairman LASWEB is Felicitated with Bouquet by Mr.Gitanath Ganguly, Executive Chairman, LASWEB.

❖ **OBSERVATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DAY ON 10TH DECEMBER, 2015.**

In connection with the observation of Human Rights Day, on 10th December, 2015 a programme was organised by Legal Aid Services – West Bengal, Family Counselling Centre (FCC) in collaboration with the Second Batch of PGDCC, at the Central Office of LASWEB, FCC at 4 p.m. Welcome address was delivered by Mr. M.P. Chakraborty, advocate, Treasurer, LASWEB. Key note address delivered by Mr. Gitanath Ganguly, Executive Chairman, LASWEB. One of the member of LASWEB Mr. Sitesh Dutta Chowdhuri, advocate, City Civil Court delivered his speech on Human Rights. All the speakers emphasized on the emerging trend of Violation of Human Rights and focused on possible means to protect human rights in our society. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks given by Ms. Ankhi Ahmed, counselor, ex-student of first batch, PGDCC. Student of PGDCC second batch, staff of LASWEB and other activists were present in the said programme.

❖ **PRESS MEET ON “EMERGENCE OF COUNSELLING CONCEPT IN OUR SOCIETY VIS – A - VIS NECESSITY OF COUNSELLING COURSE” HELD ON 21ST JANUARY, 2016.**

A Press Meet on the above subject was held on 21st day of January, 2016 at 4 p.m. at the Press Club, Kolkata. Distinguished guests who were present and shared their views on the above subject, were – Smt Chandrima Bhattacharya, the Hon’ble Minister of State, Law and Judicial Affairs, Professor Swagata Sen, Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Calcutta, Justice D.K.Basu, Hon’ble Chairman, LASWEB, Justice Malay Sengupta, Vice-Chairman, LASWEB, Justice Arunabha Barua, Vice- Chairman, LASWEB and Mr. Gitanath Ganguly, Executive Chairman, LASWEB. Ex-students of 2nd batch PGDCC, new comers of 3rd batch, PGDCC and members of LASWEB and other activists were participants of the meeting. Shri Anjan Chakraborty, member LASWEB, anchored the event. Media reporters were present on the occasion.



Smt. Chandrima Bhattacharya, the then Hon'ble Minister of State, Law and Judicial Affairs, Govt. of West Bengal is addressing on the subject of "Emergence of Counselling Concept in our society vis-à-vis necessity of Counselling course" at Press Club, Calcutta



A moment of Press Meet.



Mr. Gitanath Ganguly, Executive Chairman of LASWEB is delivering his speech during Press Conference at Press Club, Kolkata.

❖ **INAUGURAL PROGRAMME OF THE 3RD BATCH PGDCC, 2016 HELD ON 30TH JANUARY, 2016.**

This programme was held on 30th January, 2016 at 4 p.m. at “Shri Shikshayatan Auditorium”, 11 Lord Sinha Road, Kolkata – 700071. It was organized by the Executive Council, LASWEB and Board of Management for the P.G. Diploma Course in Counselling (Affiliated to the University of Calcutta). Guest of Honour of the programme was Prof. Swagata Sen, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic), University of Calcutta. The function was presided over by Justice D.K.Basu, the Hon’ble Chairman, LASWEB. Members of LASWEB, former students of PGDCC 1st batch, 2nd batch and new comers of 3rd batch PGDCC, social activists, legal practitioners and other dignitaries were present in the inaugural programme. The programme was inaugurated with an inaugural prayer by Dr. J. Goswami, Course Director. Vote of thanks was given by Dr. Ahana Chakraborty, member, LASWEB.

❖ **FAREWELL OF SHRI CHANCHAL KUMAR DUTTA, ON 19TH JUNE, 2016.**

After 34 years service, our Secretary, Shri Chanchal Kumar Dutta retired from his post on 31st March, 2016. Accordingly a farewell programme was organized by LASWEB on 19th June, 2016 after AGM at ADR Hall, Flat No. 176, 5th Floor, Karnani Estate, 209 A.J.C. Bose Road, Kolkata – 700017. On that day a cheque of Rs. 1,20,000 /- (One lac twenty thousand) only was handed over to him along with memento, bouquet and uttario.



Sri Chanchal Kumar Dutta, Former Secretary , LASWEB is felicitated with uttorio, photo frame and bouquet.



Memento is given by Dr. K.B.Bakshi to Sri Chanchal Kumar Dutta, Former Secretary, LASWEB.

❖ AREAS OF CONCERN

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

BEHALA PROPERTIES :- We are exploring all avenues for effective utilization of the property at Shakuntala Park as well as the property held by us at Kali Kinkar Road, Shilpara at Behala. Notwithstanding our best efforts we are unable to construct the building at Shakuntala Park for Naba Nibas i.e. Old Age Home. But we are happy to inform you that the property at Silpara has been effectively utilized.

CENTRAL OFFICE :- Due to financial constraint, we have not been able to provide our office with up to date version of computer accessories. Financial crunch has also prevented us from developing and renovating our Central Office at 5, K. S. Roy Road with library and reading lounge and counseling booth. We need funds to keep and maintain the activities of LASWEB in the right direction.

HABRA PROPERTY :- I have also my anxiety for the Barasat Division of the LASWEB building as well as Habra property of the LASWEB which however, could not be given a share either on account of non-cooperation of the erstwhile Promoter of the Sisir Kunja or failure on the part of the property to provide us with the original documents in relation to the Habra.

❖ LASWEB PACEMAKER BANK:

Needless to add our existing arrangement known as Pacemaker Bank is not proved to be successful since ,we are not receiving donation of pacemaker from the family members who used the same. However, a drive has to be made and if necessary public intimation be given show as to create awareness in this behalf. However, Dr. K. B. Baksi is looking into the matter and we express our deep gratitude to him.

❖ WEBSITE OF LASWEB:

You are all aware that there is a website www.legalaidwb.org but unfortunately the proper input basically touching the up to date program are to be upgraded. At present we are taking assistance from Web Wonderz for upgradation of our website .

❖ MISCELLANEOUS :

SOCIAL AUDIT : It is necessary that a regular council meeting be held to consider the pros and cons of the affairs of the Association and to find out the ways and means for an effective running of our organization

HUMAN RIGHTS : Human Rights is basically a subject matter for all of us and our Counselling Centre as well as the Legal Aid Scheme including the Post Graduate Diploma Course In Counselling all of them are to deal with the same this way or the other. But unfortunately in West Bengal we are yet to have a permanent Chairman in the Agency known as Human Rights Commission. The Social Welfare Board of Government of India as well as Mahilla Commission generated as an individual agency to sort out the issues of the same and functioning in West Bengal and we are in close touch with them.

The Balance Sheet of this year is under review is to be placed by Hony. Treasurer, who has taken lot of initiative with the assistance of Accountant in preparing the same.

Thank you very much for attending the meeting and I crave leave so that the report may be accepted by all of you.

Thanking You,

Mr. Gitanath Ganguly

Executive Chairman

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