Report of LASWEB for the year, 2018-2019

placed in the Annual General Meeting for the year ending 31st March, 2019 held on 24th August, 2019 (Saturday) at 11 a.m. in the Central Office at 10/1, Keyatala Lane (Ground Floor), Kolkata-700029.

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 am grateful to all of you for giving me this opportunity to present this Annual Report before you and seek your approval.

Meetings

Two(2) meetings of the Executive Council were held on 28th September, 2018 (Emergent Meeting) & 31st October, 2018. In addition to this, two (2) meetings were held on 27th April, 2018 & 14th September, 2018 of the Board of Studies of Post Graduate Diploma Course in Counselling (PGDCC), Affiliated to the University of Calcutta. The main focusing points of discussion in the Course of these meetings of the Executive Council of Legal Aid Services- West Bengal and the Board of Studies were:-

a) Meetings of Executive Council

- ❖ Considering reconstruction of different offices as prescribed in the Memorandum of Understanding executed between the University of Calcutta and Legal Aid Services − West Bengal vis-a −vis nomination of personnel in different offices of PGDCC by reconstituting Board of Studies.
- ❖ Evaluation of the project "I AM NOT ALONE......Care for the Elderly" vis-à-vis purpose for collaboration.
- ❖ Action plan for construction of "Naba Nibas" old age home in Shakuntala Park, Behala.
- ❖ Augmentation of legal service procedure under different schemes.
- ❖ Considering letter of Social Welfare Board regarding Family Counselling Centre.
- ❖ Considering draft Audit Report and fixing date, time and venue of Annual General Meeting for the year 2017-2018.
- ❖ Approval of the Draft Annual Report and Audit Report for the year 2017-2018 and Budget for the year 2018-2019.
- ❖ Nomination of New Membership of LASWEB and logistics of Annual General Meeting 2017-2018.

b) Meetings of Board of Studies, PGDCC

- ❖ Amendment of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) of Post Graduate Diploma Course in Counselling signed in between the University of Calcutta and Legal Aid Services West Bengal.
- * Reconstruction of Syllabus (Law, Psychology, Sociology & Physiology) of PGDCC.
- ❖ Considering necessary steps for submission of Tabulation Sheet and Syllabus (Semester -1,2&3) to the University of Calcutta, Diploma Section for reviewing procedure for Certificate.
- ❖ Inclusion of our course related information in the University's Home Page (Website), for Admission of PGDCC 6th Batch, 2019 with effect from 1st May, 2018.

❖ Considering the Approach letter to be sent to Bhabani Bhawan (DG & DG Welfare), The Commissioner of Police, different schools and colleges vis-à-vis publicity of admission − 2019.

SEMINARS, FUNCTIONS, CAMPS, ETC.

❖ A seminar on SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER WHICH AFFECTS FAMILY AND WELLBEING. was organized by LASWEB's Family Counselling Centre, on 28th July, 2018 (Saturday) at 2.00p.m at Shri Shikshayatan Multipurpose Hall, 11, Lord Sinha Road, Kolkata- 700 071. The participants were the Law Students, Students of Colleges, Advocates, Police Personnel and Social Activists. Ms. Mithua Sen, Member, Alcoholics Anonymous, spoke on "Alcoholism is a disease", and explained the role of AL ANON in our society.



Ms. Mithua Sen, Member, Alcohol Anonymous & the members of AL ANON during the seminar on: Substance Abuse Disorder Which Effects Family And Wellbeing held at Shri Shikshayatan Multipurpose Hall.

❖ A seminar on PRE-MARITAL COUNSELLING was organized by Legal Aid Services-West Bengal, Family Counselling Centre, on 28th July, 2018 (Saturday) at 4.00p.m at Shri Shikshayatan Multipurpose Hall, 11, Lord Sinha Road, Kolkata- 700 071. The participants were the Law Students, Students of Colleges, Advocates, Police Personnel, Social Activists etc. The "Role of a Family Counsellor in Pre-Marital Counselling" explained by Dr. Amar Nath Mallik, Senior Psychiatrist and Vice Chairman, LASWEB. Dr. Barun Kumar Das, Guest Lecturer, Hazra Law College, Kolkata, also spoke on the occasion.



Dr. Amar Nath Mallik, Senior Psychiatrist delivered Participants of the seminar on Pre-Marital Counselling.

his speech on Pre-Marital Counselling.

The Inauguration programme of the VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROJECT ON MEHENDI & HAND EMBROIDERY, organized by Rotary Club OF Calcutta, Victoria in association with LASWEB'S Family Counselling Centre, was held on 19th August, 2018 (Sunday) at 11.00a.min the central office of LASWEB, at 10/1, Keyatala Lane (Ground Floor) Kolkata-700 029. The participants were students, home makers, beauticians etc. Ms. Sarah Alka Macwan, President, Rotary Club of Calcutta, Victoria, explained the role of Rotary Club in organizing the training programme. Mr. Rakesh Macwan, Secretary, Rotary Club of Calcutta, Victoria, welcomed the collaborative approach taken by LASWEB, FCC and the Rotary Club of Calcutta, Victoria.



Opening programme of the Vocational Training Project On Mehendi & Hand Embroidary held at LASWEB.

❖ A Free Eye Check-up Camp was held by LASWEB'S Family Counselling Centre on 20thSeptember, 2018 (Thursday) at 11.00a.m at Metropolitan School Hall,

241/1, Diamond Harbor Road, Kolkata- 700 034, in collaboration with Hope Kolkata Foundation & Rotary Club of Calcutta, Victoria. Objectives of the Free Eye- Checkup Campwere explained by Ms Arpita Dey, Counsellor & Co-Ordinator, Hope Kolkata Foundation. The purpose of the Free Eye Check-Up Camp initiative was explained by Mr. Mukul Sinha, District President of RotaryClub&Mrs. Sarah Alka Macwan, President, Rotary Club of Calcutta, Victoria. The under privileged students of Metropolitan School (Primary Section) & their parents (total 80 in number) were present in the Free Eye Check-Up Camp, and they had their eyes checked up and were provided Free Medicine (Eye Drops) and some with Spectacles too.



Mr. Mukul Sinha, District President of Rotary Club

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❖ In observance of Children's Week from 14th November to 17th November, 2018, a special programme was organized by **LASWEB's Family Counselling Centre on 16th November, 2018**(Friday) at **Lake View Primary School,** P-9, C.I.T. Scheme, Panchanantala Road, Kolkata-700 029 at 8.00a.m. Participants were the students of Primary Section(66 in number) of **Lake View Primary School.** Children took part in Recitation, Dance and singing of Songs. **Ms. Sudipta Majumder, Head Mistress**, Lake View Primary School, stressed on safety of students, in her speech.. A small educational kit and snacks packets sponsored by **Mrs. Krishna Bose,** were distributed among the students.



Teachers & Students of Lake View Primary School attended Programme on Observation Children's Week at Lake View Primary School. Participants took part in Recitation, Dance & Singing of Songs.



Distribution of Educational Kit to the Children by the Counsellor & SECRETARY,LSWEB,

Human Rights Day was celebrated by LASWEB on 10December, 2018 (Monday) at 5.30 p.m through a programme organized by its Family Counselling Centre, at the central office. Justice Arunabha Barua, Vice Chairman, LASWEB, Dr. Barun Kumar Das, Advocate, Mrs. Shamolima Sarkar, Advocate, Barrister at Law, Dr. Ahana Chakraborty, Principal, B.ED College and School Counsellors delivered speeches on the Violation of Human Rights in present days. They also discussed how to protect our Human Rights for our existance in our Society.



Discussion on Human Rights Day at LASWEB Central office

On 20th December, 2018 (Thursday) at 10.00a.m. a Free Eye Check - Up Camp was * organized by LASWEB'S Family Counselling Centre at Habra North Point Academy School Campus, Hijalpukur, Habra, North 24 PGS, in collaboration with Hope Kolkata Foundation & Rotary Club of Calcutta, Victoria. Participants were students of Habra North Point Academy (Primary). The Camp was inaugurated by Justice D.K. Basu, Chairman, LASWEB. Doctors of Hope Kolkata Foundation and other dignitaries were present in the camp. Students and others availed of free checking up of their eyes and administration of necessary eye drops. Some were even provided spectacles free of cost after a few days.



Respected guests are sitting on dais at the Inaugural Doctors & support staff during the free eye check-Programme of the free eye check-up camp, Habra



up camp, Habra

❖ On the same day and the same venue (20th December, 2018, Thursday, at 11.00 a. m.) an Awareness generation programme on general hygiene was organized by LASWEB'S Family Counselling Centre. Participants were students of Habra North Point Academy (Primary) and their parents. Children were provided Free Hygienic Kit. On behalf of the Rotary Club of Calcutta, Victoria, Ms. Sarah Alka Macwan, President and Dr. Kanchan Gurtu, member, Rotary Club of Calcutta, Victoria graced the programme by their august presence.



Guests & Counsellors on dias during **Awareness** generation programme on general hygiene, Habra

Parent's & Child Counselling

* On 25th January, 2019 at 4.30 p.m. at Shikshayatan Auditorium, LASWEB held the Inaugural Ceremony of the Post Graduate Diploma Course in Counselling (PGDCC), session 2019. It was organized by the Executive Council of LASWEB and the Board of Management for the Post Graduate Diploma Course in Counselling (Affiliated to the University of Calcutta). The Course was inaugurated by The Hon'ble Justice Samapti Chatterjee, Judge, High Court Calcutta. The Hon'ble Justice Debangsu Basak, Judge, High Court Calcutta was the Guest in Chief of the programme. The Guest of Honour of the Inaugural Ceremony were Prof. Dr. J. K. Das, Dean and Secretary, Department of Law, the University of Calcutta and Ms. Bratati Bhattacharyya, Secretary General, Shikshayatan Foundation .Justice D.K. Basu, Chairman, LASWEB and the Board of Management, PGDCC presided over the ceremony. Total 31 students of different streams have joined the Course.



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Lighting of the Inaugural lamp by the Hon'ble Justice
Debangsu Basak, Judge, High Court Calcutta, Justice
D.K.Basu, Chairman, LASWEB, Ms. Bratati Bhattacharyya,
Secretary General, Shikshayatan Foundation & the Hon'ble
Justice Samapti Chatterjee, Judge, High Court Calcutta
(From left).

Inaugural speech delivered by the Hon'ble Justice Debangsu Basak, Judge, High Court Calcutta.

❖ A Free Eye Check - Up Camp, and Awareness generation programme on Child Counselling was held on 5th February, 2019(Tuesday) at 8.00 a.m. in Lake View Primary School at P-9, C.I.T. Scheme, Panchanantala Road, Kolkata- 700 029. Counsellors discussed about the need of Child Counselling in the presence of teachers of Lake View Primary School, and requested the teachers to refer students for follow up.





Doctors of Hope Kolkata Foundation Checked up eyes of the students of Lake View Primary School.

Ms. Sumana Bagchi, Counsellor, counseled the students of Lake View Primary School.

LASWEB'S Family Counselling Centre observed International Women's Day on 8th March, 2019 (Friday) at 2 p.m. at Shri Shikshayatan Multipurpose Hall by arranging a seminar. Participants were students of PGDCC, counselors, lawyers, faculty members, police personnel, Secretary, LASWEB and staff of FCC. Discussion was held on different problems which are faced by the women in different times, such as Domestic Violence, girl child abuse, sexual harassment at work place, female infanticide, trafficking of women etc. and how we mitigate those problems for the betterment of women in our society.



Participants of Women's Day Programme and dignitaries.

❖ The Executive Council of LASWEB and the Board of Management for the Post Graduate Diploma Course in Counselling (Affiliated to the University of Calcutta) has organized 5th Convocation ceremony on 30th March, 2019 (Saturday) at 2 p.m. onwards at the Auditorium of Shikshayatan Foundation, 11, Lord Sinha Road, 700071.Convocation Ceremony commenced with Stotropath by Shri Partha Chatterjee, Member, IARP. Convocational address given by Hon'ble Justice Dr. Sambuddha Chakrabarti, Judge, High Court, Calcutta. In addition to this, Ms. Bratati Bhattacharyya, Secretary General, Shikshayatan Foundation delivered her valuable speech on need of counseling in our day to day life. Classical Dance and Chitrangada (Rabindra Nritya Natya) were performed by Ms. Abhisha Roy & Ms. Tanisha Roy and Kolkata Keertika Group. In addition to this, a Role Play acted by the participants of 5th Batch, PGDCC. Total 43 students were awarded certificates and imparted oath them by Ms. Shamolima Sarkar, Secretary, Board of Studies, PGDCC. The ceremony was presided over by Justice D.K. Basu, Chairman, LASWEB and the Board of Management, PGDCC.



Lighting of lamp by Mr. M.P.Chakrabarty, Executive Chairman, LASWEB, the Hon'ble Justice Dr. Sambuddha Chakrabarti, Judge, High Court, Calcutta, Ms. Shamolima Sarkar, Secretary, PGDCC, Justice D.K.Basu, Chairman, LASWEB, Ms.Bratati Bhattacharyya, Secretary General, Shikshayatan Foundation & the Hon'ble Justice Samapti Chatterjee(From left) during the Convacation Ceremony, 2018. Scholars on dais after receiving Certificates.



Classical Dance performed by Ms. Abhisa & Ms. Tanisha Roy.

Chitrangada, Rabindra Nritya Natya performed by Keertika Group, Kolkata.

ON GOING ACTIVITIES

* Activities at LASWEB's Family Counselling Centre at its central office

Legal assistance to common men including running of the Family Counselling Centre is our routine activities. The total number of registered cases of LASWEBduring the period of 1st April, 2018 to 31st March, 2019 being 87.

Total number of Cases registered in Family Counselling Centre: 78

Sl. No. Type of Cases Quantity

| 1. | Marital maladjustment with spouse- | 29 |
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| 2. | Family problem related to property- | 11 |
| 3. | Family Dispute with neighbor | 1 |
| 4. | Family Dispute with elder sisters & Ex- husband | 1 |
| 5. | Property Dispute | 2 |
| 6. | Tenancy related to electricity problem | 1 |
| 7. | Teen age counseling | 2 |
| 8. | Employment problem | 1 |
| 9. | Missing of husband | 1 |
| 10. | Tenancy problem | 4 |
| 11. | Child counselling | 12 |
| 12. | Mental Health counseling | 1 |
| 13. | Parental counseling | 1 |
| 14. | Dispute between client & advocate | 1 |
| 15. | Adolescence counseling | 2 |
| 16. | Child abuse | 1 |
| 17. | Personality differences | 4 |
| 18. | Extra marital affairs | 3 |
| 19. | Family Problem with Son | 1 |

OUTCOME OF CLOSED CASES OF FCC (01.04.2018 TO 31.03.2019):-

Total 57 Cases were closed during the period under review. Sl No.

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| 1. Reconciliation | 7 |
| 2. Mutually Settlement | 14 |
| 3. Moved to court for Legal Action | 1 |
| 4. Drop out | 7 |
| 5. Mutual Divorce | 5 |
| 6. Not to Take Step | 8 |
| 7. Taking Legal help from Outside Lawyer | 12 |
| 8. Divorce | 2 |
| 9. Disposed Off | 1 |
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* Activities at LASWEB'S Family Counselling Centre at Behala

We are very glad to inform you that the property at Silpara has been effectively utilized as new Counseling Centre which started on 15th November, 2014. Since then it is functioning with one Counsellor. Day to day Counselling, Consultation and Legal Assistance is provided to the people who are seeking relief. The number of cases handled were:

Registration- 4

Counselling- 4

Consultation-1

The Executive Council of **LASWEB** authorized Mr. M. P. Chakrabarty, Executive Chairman ,LASWEB and Mr. Bidhan Chandra Mandal, Advocate, who are residents of the locality, to take adequate measures to overcome the obstacles in fulfilling the goal of the organization at Behala Branch Office.

❖ Barasat Division of LASWEB: Unfortunately, the building as well as Habra Property of LASWEB could not be given a share either on account of non-cooperation of the erstwhile Developer of the Sisir Kunja or failure on the part of the property to provide us with the original documents in relation to the Habra. I sincerely hoped by the keen attention of our distinguished members dealing with the same or entrusted to do the same to consider the issues effectively.

* REPORT ON PGDCC(2018-2019), BYDR. BARUN KUMAR DAS, COURSE DIRECTOR

The members are aware that the condensed course of short duration on the Family Counselling conducted by LASWEB over the years, had been the inspiring factor to introduce the Post Graduate Diploma Course in Counselling for the duration of one year, Affiliated to The University of Calcutta, since 2014 with the First Batch of Scholars.

The course continues with the 6th Batch in 2019 with 31 enrolled scholars. Apart from school and college teachers, N.G.O Executives, there are ten Police personnel of West Bengal Police, Alipore, Bhabani Bhawan, Government Employees, Editor of Newspaper, Retired Employees, Home Makers, Social Workers, one practicing Advocate and other general scholars. The course is in great demand among the scholars who are interested for the balanced curriculum and practical approach of training, interactive session like group counseling role play etc and model classes in

counseling. The course also takes care of skills of communication, oratory, self expression and developing human relationship with practical demonstration. Many of our passed out scholars have been engaged in different schools and establishments of N.G.O as Counsellors. Few of them have started their own organizations in counseling. Recently it has been seen that there is a growing demand of trained counselors in various institutions, courts of Law, Hospitals, Universities and Correctional Homes.

On 30th March,2019 (Saturday) Convocation Ceremony of 5th Batch, 2018 was held at Auditorium of Shikshayatan Foundation. Total 43 scholars were awarded with Diploma Certificates and Mementos.

❖ INTERNSHIP OF STUDENTS AT LASWEB

LASWEB has trained several students in the placement scheme after they had joined as Internees from different Law Schools, Colleges and Universities.

All the students who approached the **LASWEB for internship** were provided with study materials, the history of cases 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. As many as **18 internees** successfully completed the internship program during the year.

❖ NAME OF THE INTERNEES FROM APRIL 2018 TO MARCH 2019

| SL No | NAME OF THE CANDIDATE | YEAR | NAME OF THE UNIVERSITY |
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| 1. | Ms. Richa Choudhury | 2 nd year student of B.A. L.L.B (Hons) | Institute of Law, Nirma University |
| 2. | Ms. Ankita Sinha | 4th year student of B.A. L.L.B(Hons) | South Calcutta Law College, University of Calcutta |
| 3. | Arfi Ahmed | 4 th year student of B.A. L.L.B | South Calcutta Law College, University of Calcutta |
| 4. | Ms. Meghna Majumder | 2 nd year student of B.A. L.L.B | Heritage Law College University of Calcutta |
| 5. | Ms. Baishali Das | 4 th year student B.A. L.L.B(Honors) | Jogesh Chandra Chaudhuri Law College University of Calcutta |
| 6. | Ms. Sayantika Basu | 2 nd year student of B.Com. L.L.B | Amity Law School Amity University, Kolkata |
| 7. | Ms. Anindita Bhattacharjee | 1styear student of B.A. L.L.B (Hons) | Department of Law, University of Calcutta, Hazra Campus |
| 8. | Ms. Srinjayee Gupta | 2 nd year student of B.A. L.L.B(Hons.) | Jindal Global Law School O.P Jindal Global University, Haryana |
| 9. | Ms. Sutanuka Sinha Roy | 1st year student of B.A. L.L.B (Hons) | KIT Law School |
| 10. | Ms. Pritisha Chatterjee | 3 rd year student of B.A. L.L.B(Hons.) | Jindal Global Law School O. P Jindal Global University, Haryana |
| 11. | Zarnain Jahangir | 2 nd year student of B.A. L.L.B | Amity Law School Amity University, Kolkata |

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| 12. | Ms. Suparna Roy | 5 th year student of B.A. | Department of Law, University of | |
| | | L.L.B | Calcutta, Hazra Campus | |
| 13. | Ms. Gloria Hancy Purty | 1styear student of B.A. | Gujrat National Law University | |
| | | L.L.B | | |
| 14. | Mr. Tejas Kothari | 1styear student of B.A. | Jindal Global Law School | |
| | - | L.L.B | | |
| 15. | Ms. Namrata Bhowmik | 1styear student of B.A. | Symbiosis Law School, | |
| | | L.L.B | Hydrabad | |
| 16. | Ms. Kusumkali Mitra | 1styear student of B.A. | Damodaram Sanjivayya National | |
| | | L.L.B | Law University | |
| 17. | Nafisa Bano | 4 th year student B.A. | Department of Law, University of | |
| | | L.L.B | Calcutta, Hazra Campus | |
| 18. | Ms. Namasvi Karia | 1styear student of B.A. | Hidaytullah National Law | |
| | | L.L.B | University | |
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❖ LASWEB'S INITIATIVES IN PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATIONS

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 taken an initiative by filing a Public Interest litigation related to the matter of Construction of Thermal Power Plant at Mejia in the District of Bankura by the Damodar Valley Corporation. On behalf of **LASWEB**, Ms. Soumi Guha Thakurata, Advocate filed the PIL, bearing O.A NO. 152/2017 before the National Green Tribunal. The PIL is still pending. **LASWEB** is continuing its ever vigilant monitoring of the case.

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(NABA NIBAS) : We are glad to announce that our attempt for construction of Senior Citizens' Home at Shakuntala Park, Behala is progressing in right direction. The property at Shakuntala Park, where our three storied Senior Citizens' Home is requisite to be constructed, necessary sanction from the Kolkata Municipal Corporation has been obtained. The Executive Council, LASWEB decided to take steps for construction of building for old age home for Old Age Home (Naba Nibas) at 29, Shyam Sundar Pally Main Road, Shakuntala Park, Kolkata- 700 60 in collaboration with the developer M/S Loknath Developers who has been assigned for constructing Building as per Development Agreement and Sanctioned Plan of the said area. Mr. M. P. Chakrabarty, Executive Chairman, LASWEB has been entrusted to execute Development Agreement and Power of Attorney with and in favour of M/S LOKNATH **DEVEOPERS** represented by three partners, Mr. Soumitra Sarkar, Ms. Ruma Ghosh and Mr. Bappa Chatterjee. Resolved further that Mr. M. P. Chakrabarty, Executive Chairman be and hereby entrusted to execute Development agreement with and in favour of **M/S Loknath Developers**, represented by its partners.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE LATEST PROJECT

You may be aware of the activities of this social welfare organization, **Legal Aid Services West Bengal (LASWEB)**, committed to stand by the downtrodden and needy, in the field of legal aid and counselling. We have organized Lok Adalats, Legal Aid Camps, Workshops, Seminars, for the past five decades, apart from conducting Family Counselling Training Courses.

You will be glad to know that we have launched a new Project "I AM NOT ALONE...Care for the Elderly", focusing on the elderly people, who are victims of neglect, deprivation, exploitation, and disrespect, at times, even from their own family members. Their contributions of the past have been forgotten, and they are left to fend for themselves and perish. No one, including ourselves, can consider himself/herself to be immune from the agonies of loneliness, helplessness, disease, desertion in old age.

This alarming situation has prompted LASWEB to create a much needed comprehensive setup to provide legal, medical and psychological, and even domestic assistance to these elderly citizens. We have named this geriatric care project of LASWEB as "I AM NOT ALONE"...Care for the Elderly. The task is gigantic, but a beginning has to be made. We will train care-givers to visit the enlisted families regularly, and provide various sorts of assistance. The primary requisite for all these care givers, is possession of compassion and an urge to help others.

We will liaise with police, lawyers, doctors, teachers, social workers, to make a perceptible and positive difference in the lives of the elderly people in our society. In order to provide proper care and quality time to these beneficiaries, college students and counselors will be trained as "care givers". They will visit them twice a week and offer all assistance to the elderly, against a nominal honorarium. Lawyers, doctors, social workers and others will be sensitized so that they can lend their help to the elderly, at subsidized cost. The project is being managed by Sri Anjan Chakraborty as Director, and a committee has been set up for this purpose. The project was inaugurated on 20th May, 2017at4.00p.m. at the Shri Shikshayatan Auditorium.

Conclusion Before I conclude, I extend my thanks and gratitude, first and foremost, to **Justice D. K. Basu**, our Chairman, for his constant guidance and leadership, to **Sri Biplab Kumar Sarkar**, Secretary, **LASWEB** for his active support and involvement in all our activities, to our Treasurer **Sri Narayan Chandra Mondal** for his ongoing support, and to all the distinguished persons present and also others who helped us in performing and monitoring activities during the period 2018-2019. **Thank you very much for attending the Annual General Meeting and I hope that the report would be accepted by all of you.**

A FEW GLIMPSES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING-2017-2018

