

TOUR NOTE

<u>PLACE OF VISIT:</u>	Nongkrem Village
<u>DATE OF VISIT:</u>	2 th September 2014
<u>VISIT UNDERTAKEN:</u>	Youth Cultural Centre cum Village Community Hall, Nongkrem Village

OBJECTIVES OF THE VISIT:

- To attend the Legal Awareness Programme on Womens Issues, RTI Act, 2005 and Legal Aid organised by Nongkrem Youth Development Association in collaboration with Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority.

Representative/Resource Persons of the Programme:

- 1) Smt. D. Marbaniang
- 2) Smt. M. Kharkongor
- 3) Smt. I. Rapthap
- 4) Smt. E. F. Slong

The Legal Awareness programme was organised at the community hall Nongkrem and the participants invited from different local NGOs/ Womens NGOS/Youth Clubs and the trainees from the association. The topic in the 1st session was on “Womens issues” where Smt T. Phanbuh, Chairperson Meghalaya State Commission for Women (MSCW) was the Chief Guest and Shri. Vivek Syiem, SP (City) East Khasi Hills Shillong was the Guest of Honour in the presence of Shri. Marcony Warbah, Principal (VTC) NYDA as a Chairman, Shri. Robert June Kharkjarin, as Advocate as a convener, the representatives from the office of the Meghalaya State Social Welfare Board,

Shri. Medistar Warbah, Bakhraw ka Raid Nongkrem and other village elders. On her speech she has given credit to the Association for their services which they have rendered to the community especially for giving knowledge and information to the villagers about women's rights. She also gave information and clarification on Women's Rights which has been empowered by the Government. She also advised that women should not be afraid to come forward to launch a complain regarding their harassment either to the police or the commission.

On the 2nd session, the topic discussed was on Legal Aid and RTI Act, 2005 in which the session was convened by Shri. Robert June Kharjarin, Advocate in the presence of Shri. N.A Khan (MJHS), Member Secretary , Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority as a Chief Guest and Shri. S. F Khongwir (IAS Retd.) Member Secretary, MIS as a Guest of Honour. There was a detailed discussion and information which was lectured by Shri. Micheal Syiem, Meghalaya Right to Information Movement and Shri. S. F. Khongwir about RTI Act, 2005 its aims and objectives, etc. Regarding the Legal Aid, there was a detailed definition which was given by Shri. K. J. Lyngdoh, OSD, MJS, Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority. The participants actively participated in the programme and they have gained a lot of knowledge and information from this programme.