

LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME (2024-2025)

(1) LEGAL AWARENESS SEMINAR ON SERVICE RULES :

Date & Time : 30th October, 2024 @ 10:00 am

Target group : Concerned selected Staff of Gauhati High Court, Aizawl Bench, concerned selected Staff of District Court, Aizawl, 2 (two) each staff from other District Courts, Mizoram.

Experts from the Mizoram Secretariat Service and Mizoram Finance & Accounts Service delivered lectures on the following topics to the supporting staff of the Gauhati High Court, Aizawl Bench, and various District Judiciaries in Mizoram:

1. Relevant provisions of the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, and the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control, and Appeal) Rules, 1965.
2. Relevant provisions of the Central Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 1972, the Mizoram Functional Filing Index, and other pertinent guidelines.
3. Relevant provisions of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021, the extant General Financial Rules, and the Delegation of Financial Powers Rules.

This program proved highly beneficial for the supporting staff in Mizoram, enhancing their understanding of relevant rules and regulations that govern their day-to-day court operations.

(2) LEGAL AWARENESS SEMINAR ON MENTAL HEALTHCARE ACT, 2017

Date & Time : 31st January, 2025 @ 12:30 pm

Target group : (i) Home Caretakers/Workers- Members of Mizoram State Commission for Women – The Director, Women & Child Development, Govt. of Mizoram be requested to make necessary arrangement

- (i) Police personnel
- (ii) Excise personnel
- (iii) Public Prosecutor/Asst. Public Prosecutor
- (iv) One representative each from MHIP Branches of Aizawl
- (v) Representatives from Protection of Child Rights Commission
- (vi) Faculties and students of Mizoram Law College
- (vii) Students of Psychology Dept., Mizoram University
- (viii) Students of Social Works Dept., Mizoram University (100 nos.)

The program was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Nelson Sailo, Judge of the Gauhati High Court and Chairman of the High Court Legal Services Committee (HCLSC), Aizawl Bench, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Notable presentations included Dr. Robert L. Khawlhing's discussion on "The Mental Healthcare Act, 2017: A Paradigm Shift in Psychological Care and Support" and Mrs. Maria Lalengmawii's insightful talk on "Addressing the Hidden Wounds: Mental Health Concerns of Victims of Sexual

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Offences." These enlightening sessions were delivered to a select group of esteemed participants, renowned in their respective localities.

(3) LEGAL AWARENESS SEMINAR ON MIZO MARRIAGE, DIVORCE AND INHERITANCE ACCORDING TO MIZO CUSTOMS AND PRACTICES

Date & Time : 28th February, 2025 @ 10:00 am

Target group : Mizoram Upa Pawl (MUP), Young Mizo Association (YMA), Mizo Hmeichhe Insuihkhawm Pawl (MHIP), members of the Bar and Mizoram Judicial Service officers (100 nos.)

The gathering of stakeholders on Mizo customs and practices was formally inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Nelson Sailo, Judge of the Gauhati High Court and Chairman of the High Court Legal Services Committee (HCLSC), Aizawl Bench, as the Chief Guest. Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Marli Vankung, Judge, GHC, AB, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour.

The event featured insightful presentations on various aspects of Mizo customs and practices. Key Presentations:

- (1) Imperatives and Perspectives of Mizo Marriage by Mr. C. Vanlallawma, Associate Professor (Retd.), Govt. Hrangbana College
- (2) Grounds and Reasons of Divorce according to Mizo Customs and Practices by Prof. Rualkhuma Colney, Former Principal, Govt. Mizoram Law College
- (3) Mizo Inheritance of Properties: Socio-Legal Issues by Mr. Zahmingthanga Ralte, Addl. Secy., Law & Judl. Deptt., Govt. of Mizoram

The discussions and deliberations that followed were highly productive, thanks to the expertise of the selected participants in the field.

(4) LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON WOMEN AND CHILD RIGHTS & MIZO INHERITANCE LAWS

Date & Time : During March, 2025 (various localities of Aizawl)

Target group :

- (i) Local dwellers (parents, youths) including women and children
- (ii) Local leaders Viz. Members of Local Councils, YMA leaders, Church leaders etc.

As planned, programs were conducted in seven selected localities in Aizawl city, targeting grassroots-level communities that would greatly benefit from this ideal legal awareness initiative.

Two key topics were chosen:

1. Legal rights of women and children
2. Mizo Inheritance Law

In addition to presentations by legal experts, participants had the opportunity to raise and clarify local-level doubts and queries, receiving personalized guidance from the experts.