

## PRESS RELEASE



### Legal Awareness Programme organized at Ladrymbai

**Khliehriat, January 8, 2026:** The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), East Jaintia Hills District today the 8th January, 2025 organized a Legal Awareness Programme under the campaign “Ghar Ghar Mein Nyay Ki Jagriti”, focusing on the implementation of “Protect Today, Secure Tomorrow” – Environment Legal Literacy and Community Protection Initiative under the aegis of the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority (MSLSA), Shillong at Ladrymbai Market, East Jaintia Hills District.



The programme was attended by Secretary, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), East Jaintia Hills District, Smti. B. Kharbithai in the presence of Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel, East Jaintia Hills District, Smti Rimaya Manar, traditional heads and people of the area.



The effort aims to generate public awareness on environmental protection laws, community responsibility and the importance of safeguarding natural resources for future generations.

On the occasion, Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel, East Jaintia Hills District, Smti Rimaya Manar spoke on the importance of the “Protect Today, Secure Tomorrow” initiative, stating that while citizens enjoy rights, they equally have responsibilities towards protecting the environment. She also noted that clearing of forests for developmental activities has led to serious environmental degradation and poor air quality which is also a global issue.

Stressing the need for collaborative action, she encouraged every household to plant at least one tree to contribute towards cleaner air and a healthier environment.

Furthermore, while speaking on the causes of water and soil pollution in the region due to various economic activities, Smti. Manar pointed out that littering, particularly of plastic and non-biodegradable wastes also causes long-term environmental damage. She encouraged proper waste segregation and suggested that collected plastic wastes be sold to recycling units for reuse.



Legal provisions related to environmental conservation were highlighted during the programme and citizens were also encouraged to actively participate in protecting their surroundings.

The programme witnessed participation from shopkeepers, vendors and members of the public and concluded with an appeal to adopt eco-friendly practices and make use of free legal aid services provided by the DLSA to promote environmental justice and sustainable development.