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We do hope that this Resource Directory will act as a catalyst in prompting a positive response from authorities such that the support services for women in the state, where absent, are created and where existing are strengthened.

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INTRODUCTION

‘Violence against women is a manifestation of the historically unequal power relations between men and women, which have led to domination over and discrimination against women by men and to the prevention of women’s full advancement’. Platform of Action, 1995, World Women’s Conference, Beijing 1995

Women the world over face violence due to the patriarchal structure present in society. In the north east of India, women enjoy greater mobility and visibility than women of other communities in the country. Also practices such as dowry and bride burning are not very prevalent in the region. The above however is often cited to portray a picture of equity between men and women in the region. This has also given rise to the presumption that violence against women is not a major issue of concern in the region.

Data collected by North East Network (from field reports, inputs from monthly health collective meetings and other conferences, workshops and surveys that the organisation has been conducting over the past couple of years) however suggest that violence against women, particularly domestic violence, is on the rise in the region. (Appendix II). The process of bringing out the Resource Directory on support services to counter violence against women has been a very enriching one for us at North East Network. It has been a journey wherein most of us have gone through a whole gamut of emotions, right from anger and frustration on hearing accounts from women who have been violated with absolutely no support systems to turn to; to feeling hopeful and positive after witnessing efforts, small and big, made by individuals and organisations against all odds to provide justice to women who have faced violence.

The ongoing armed conflict situation prevalent in the North East of India has intensified the violence faced by women which takes the form of sexual, mental or physical abuse or killings and clashes. Although all members of communities are impacted in situations of armed conflict, the impact on women and girls is far worse because of their status in society and their sex. The region has witnessed a resurgence of patriarchal values and norms which has brought with it new restrictions imposed on the movement of women, the dress they wear and more overtly physical violence such as rape which is
systematically used as a tactic against a particular community. This is all the more compounded by the long social, economic and psychological traumatic consequences of armed conflict.

Thus it was keeping in mind the special needs that women face in situations of armed conflict that we set out to document the support services available for women in distress.

The Resource Directory on support services to counter violence against women for the state of Assam:

In course of documenting the support services, all twenty-three districts of Assam were covered. Efforts were made to cover a minimum of three places in a district (including the district headquarter and a rural area). Our work of collecting data had to be temporarily discontinued in between due to the onset of floods in several areas of Assam and due to the acceleration of conflict in three districts, namely Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar and Nalbari.

Methodology

Eleven members from NEN Assam were involved in preparing the Resource Directory, recording the opinions and concerns raised by the interviewee, as well as the suggestions for possible solutions to resolve emerging issues.

Both primary as well as secondary data were collected. Secondary sources of data was mainly collected to try and gain an understanding into the incidence and trends of violence taking place in the state of Assam. Newspaper articles, data collected from the various police stations on crimes against women and other books and research papers provided us with the basis to begin our work on the resource directory. Our search for secondary sources of data on violence against women, once again highlighted the dearth of in-depth research done on issues relating to violence against women in the region.

Primary sources of data were collected via interviews and focus group discussions with survivors of violence, organisations and individuals working against violence on women, various Government Departments, law enforcement agencies and concerned individuals.

Note

Due to the fact the conflict has resulted in the emergence of several single headed households and keeping in mind that children were the other critically vulnerable group in situations of conflict we decided to document support services, which were available for children as well.

Keeping in mind the special needs of women in the region due to the prevalent armed conflict situation, we decided to have a special section on organisations working on mental health.

Findings

We started our work by collecting lists of support services available for women in distress from the State Social Welfare Department and the various District Social Welfare Departments. On paper there were a huge number of organisations working on issues of violence against women, however we were soon to discover that many of them did not even exist. Out of those which existed very few of them actually worked on issues of violence against women. In areas of ongoing conflict especially in the interior areas, we found that support services were practically non-existent.

Shelter Homes

In course of our documentation of shelter homes existing in the region, we have come across 28 shelter homes. Out of these more than half are located in Kamrup and Nagaon districts. A majority of them are supported by the State Government or religious institutions. The state homes are facing a resource crunch and hence they are lacking in basic infrastructural facilities. Allied support services, such as counselling for women who have faced violence are also absent. Rehabilitation of the inmates is another area of concern.

Counselling

We were able to visit 46 counselling centres in course of our study. There are very few trained counsellors manning the centres. Most organisations provide informal counselling and try and work towards ‘preserving’ the family structure.

Legal Aid Centres

We have been able to visit and build a data base of 39 legal aid centres in the state. While interacting with counsellors and lawyers in the legal aid cells they have advocated very strongly for providing gender sensitisation to lawyers, judges and people in the police forces.
**Skill Training**
We have documented 61 training institutes, which impart training on a wide range of skills.

**Mental Health**
Mental health services is another area we tried to look into while collecting data on support services for women facing violence. There is a big gap in this area especially in areas of on-going armed conflict.

**Conclusion**
For those of us at North East Network who were involved in the process of bringing out the resource directory in the states of Assam, Manipur and Meghalaya the experience over the past few months has been extremely enriching.

North East Network has been working in the field of rights of women since inception and over the years we have increasingly felt a lacuna in the existence of support services available to women facing violence. At another level information itself is not readily available of even the limited existing support services.

It was keeping in mind the above, that we came forth to join hands with UNIFEM to bring out Resource Directories on support services to counter violence against women for the states of Assam, Manipur and Meghalaya.

All of us at NEN greatly benefited by working towards bringing out the Directory because it not only provided us with the opportunity to have an indepth look into the existing support services for women but it has also helped create new bonds and partnerships with several local organisations with whom we interacted over the past couple of months in course of bringing out the directory.

The whole process has also provided us with renewed strength and determination to advocate for the provision of better support services.

We hope that the Resource Directory will prove to be of use not only to survivors of violence but also other development organisations, groups and individuals.
CHAPTER I
STATUS OF WOMEN IN ASSAM

The concept of status is one of the key factors in any reading of social behaviour and in the workings of a society. It is regarded as a multidimensional concept consisting of societal, legal and attitudinal attributes. The concept of status is used to indicate the ordering of individuals in society and the various bases on which the concept is formulated. Generally speaking, the status of women means the hierarchical position of the women achieved through the enactment of the roles allotted to them by the society in which they live. Women’s status depends mainly upon her rights and privileges and the role assigned to her, most often on the basis of gender.

The rise of strong women’s movement across the world, particularly during the last century, has led to the recognition of women’s rights as human rights. This in turn has led to the formulation of several international conventions and national laws that provide for equality between men and women. However until the root causes of suppression of women are addressed, legal rights will continue to be superficial.

The status of women in the North East is comparatively better than women in the rest of India. They have greater levels of mobility, economic autonomy and control over their labour than many women in other parts of India. Yet, within such a framework, gender has always been a basic differentiating factor, as is reflected in the cultural norms that have assigned specific roles to men and women in society. As in all other societies, in the Assamese society as well, the gender-based concept of status is conditioned by the functions prevalent in this society namely the attitudes of men towards women and women’s acceptance or rejection of their given roles. While looking into the status of women in Assam one needs to keep in mind its dynamic aspect which encompasses her traditional as well as changing position in society where both her present and emerging status is based on the prevailing societal norms and functions. The development and corresponding women’s status in Assam is thus, directly linked with the social, religious and cultural traditions, stages of economic development, level of education and political participation among other factors.

North-East India is characterized by under-development, a high degree of insurgency and it is the habitat of diverse ethnic groups, both tribal and non-tribal. Communities in Assam are patriarchal in nature. Thus the gender-division and the patriarchal base are among the components of the stratified social system of the region. However, it is a fact that women in Assam enjoy a higher status as compared to the greater Indian society, considering that the caste-society of this region is devoid of practices like dowry, child-marriage and bride-burning, that are rampant in most parts of India. This could also be due to the fact that the society in Assam evolved partially from a tribal background and has thus retained some of the latter’s value-system of equity. As most tribes do, the communities in Assam too accord a relatively higher status to women, but without always accepting them as equal to men. Also, the mobility of women in Assam is far more compared to their Indian counterparts. This may be due to factors like the absence of purdah, absence of occupational caste-groups resulting in caste flexibility, and a long standing influence of the tribal work-pattern where the village economy also, at times, revolves largely around women’s labour and female entrepreneurship.

Status is determined to a great extent in terms of socio-economic indicators such as income, property, education and skill that open up opportunities of employment, better health and the ability to determine important events in life even when others are opposed to them. These indices are also vitally interlinked with the concepts of power and position. It is widely acknowledged today that one cannot hope for gender equity unless women have a share in the decision-making process in the family and in the public thus enabling her to access the rights and opportunities provided to her by the state, society and socio-cultural institutions to perform these tasks.

The following section examines the status of women in Assam, by carrying out an analysis by taking into account the above indicators.

Education

Education is a major catalyst in bringing about far-reaching changes in the status of women. The female literacy rate in Assam has increased considerably over the years. It has increased from 43.03% in 1991 to 56.03% in 2001. The rise is however less than the rate of increase in
the female literacy rate at the national level. Importantly however the
gender gap in literacy (the number of female literate against the male
literates) in Assam which stood at 16% in 1997 is higher than that of
the gender gap in literacy in India which stands at 23% (Table III).
This reflects that education of women is more positively viewed by
communities in Assam.

Over the past few decades families, both rural and urban areas are
realising the impact of education in their day-to-day living. At the
attitudinal level, it is found that a majority of parents are in favour of
educating their daughters preferring them to first find a viable economic
stability, and then settle down to matrimony. Research on this aspect
of education has highlighted that it has infused a feeling of self-
confidence and courage among women to face the world on their own
terms, and making them more compatible to the changing trends of
society.

LITERACY RATES IN ASSAM

Table I

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<tr>
<th>No. of Literates (in ‘000s)</th>
<th>Literacy Rate</th>
<th>Literacy Rate among 10 - 14 years age group</th>
<th>Literacy Rate among 15 - 19 years age group</th>
<th>Percent population attending school in the age-group</th>
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<td>Persons</td>
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<td>52.9</td>
<td>68.3</td>
<td>64.9 46.0</td>
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<td>Males</td>
<td>5,827</td>
<td>61.9</td>
<td>73.0</td>
<td>70.8 49.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Females</td>
<td>3,689</td>
<td>43.0</td>
<td>63.3</td>
<td>58.7 42.9</td>
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Source: Census of India 2002

Table II

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<th>Level of Education</th>
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<th>Graduate and above</th>
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<td>Persons</td>
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<td>29.6</td>
<td>27.0</td>
<td>17.7</td>
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<td>29.0</td>
<td>26.4</td>
<td>19.4</td>
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Source: Census of India, 2001

Work Participation

The impact of the developmental activities on women in Assam in the
post-independence era is considerable. The role and status of women
have undergone notable changes, even in the rural areas of the state.
A rural woman on an average keeps house and works in the agricultural
fields for about 14 hours a day during the peak agricultural season.
Up to the recent past, the dehusking of paddy was done by rural
women, and the rearing of silk-worms (endi and muga) formed a gainful
activity of the village women. The women remain engaged in the sorting
of seeds, uprooting of seedlings, transplanting, harvesting and rearing
livestock and poultry. Although it was originally thought that village
women should not go outside for employment as it was considered a
loss of prestige to the family, the idea has gradually been changing
due to the spread of education. Women in rural areas with salaried
jobs are now being given an important position in the family and they
enjoy a better socio-economic status. However, a woman who does
the household chores and carries out other economic activities for the
family, even up to 14 hours a day, is not considered equally important
as her salaried counterpart. Women are sometimes consulted in the
decision-making of important family-matters, such as negotiating a
marriage, purchase and sale of land, improvement and construction of
a house, matters relating to children’s education and health care. In
all, women in the villages of Assam enjoy a respectable position in
society as compared to women in the rest of the country, despite the
fact that wife-beating, separations and unfair rules of the village, based
on the gender-bias do exist. In the field of agriculture, women work as
mainly marginal workers and in the area of livestock and forestry.

In urban areas of Assam, women have a relatively greater flexibility in
choosing their professions. Greater levels of exposure and education
have been responsible for the above. Yet, due to limited control and

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<td>Female Literacy</td>
<td>56.03 %</td>
<td>61.91 %</td>
<td>54.28 %</td>
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<td>Gender Gap in Literacy (% pts) (NSSO 1997)</td>
<td>16.00 %</td>
<td>12.87 %</td>
<td>23.00 %</td>
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access over resources, women are still far from being at an equitable position.

Most women in Assam as in the rest of India are employed as marginal workers. Household industries is another major area of employment.

**WORK PARTICIPATION RATE**

**Table IV**

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<th>Total Main Worker (in '000s)</th>
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<td>Females</td>
<td>1,352</td>
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Source: Census of India, 1991

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<td>Female Rural Work Participation Rate, for every 1000 male (NSSO)</td>
<td>72</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>222 (Bihar: 116, M.P: 328, Kerala: 128)</td>
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**Political Participation**

Women have played important and valiant roles in India’s freedom movement between 1921 and 1947. Women in Assam started to organise themselves from 1915 onwards, by forming women’s associations called the Mahila Samitis, primarily for cultural, economic and educational empowerment of women and children. With the formation of the Assam Pradesh Mahila Samiti, women came to play a larger role in the national political life. Post independence too, women have played active roles in various social movements in Assam.

However despite all these contributions, women’s role in decision making has been minimal. None of the traditional institutions of governance accept women as an integral part of the institutions.

In the State Assembly too, as at the grassroots level, the participation of women is extremely low, even in areas where women have played pivotal roles in carrying out combined struggles on various issues. Thus although women have played a major role in the socio-political movements, starting from the Indian freedom movement, their visibility and numbers in active electoral politics has been poor. The extremely low participation of women in decision making bodies, whether it is the traditional or the modern democratic institutions, has also led to an impasse in the conflict resolution process.

In the political arena, it may be seen that major impediments to free and fair political participation of women in Assam are marginalisation due to economic disempowerment, patriarchy and criminalised politics at all levels. The inadequate representation of women in Assam in decision-making bodies has been a historical reality and a consistent phenomenon of the societal structure, dependent very much on the same factors which enforce the marginalisation of women in other spheres.

As reflected in Table VII and VIII the number of women contesting Lok Sabha elections as well as State Assembly elections in itself is minimal. The proportion of the number of women winning elections as against the number of women contesting however has been extremely high as compared to their male counterparts. Table IX reflects that the number of women participating in the electoral process of voting has steadily increased over the past few decades.
A welcome trend in the political scenario has been the growth of strong grassroots mass movements, which actively work towards empowering women through articulation of their needs.

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**Customary laws**: In the tribal communities of the region one major hurdle to the participation of women in decision-making are the much-revered customary norms and practices. While local legal and quasi legal practices in most parts of the country got assimilated into the judicial system of British India, the tribal communities of North East...
India were by and large left free to be regulated by their own conception of law and by their own machinery. This policy of non-interference has contributed positively towards preserving the customs, traditions, ways of life and cultural patterns of these communities. In the Indian Constitution too provisions were made to protect the customary practices and laws of the tribal communities and to this date customary laws are more operational than the Indian Penal Code. Unfortunately not all customary laws are gender sensitive and one particular area where change is urgently required is in those norms/laws which debar women from participating in polity and this is almost absolute especially in the traditional institutions of governance like the village councils.

**Some examples of customary laws:**

“As regards property inheritance, a Karbi widow can inherit her husband’s property. But if she re-marries a person from a clan different from her late husband’s, she cannot inherit his property, as per the Karbi customary law. In the North Cachar Hills, for the purpose of inheritance, the property of a Dimasa Kachari is classified into three groups: male property, female property and common property. According to the customary law, male property is inherited by the sons equally and female property is inherited by the daughters equally, although the youngest daughter tends to get the biggest share. If a man dies leaving no son, the male property goes to the man’s nearest male relative, the female property goes to the nearest female relative of the mother, not the sons. In the entire hill area of Assam, tribal women are not entitled to inherit the father’s or husband’s property. They are governed by their un-codified customary laws and practices. It is observed that in some societies tribal women inherit property in absence of a male issue in her family. Sometimes she inherits land as gifted property from her father. Although there is no provision in the varied customary laws and practices relating to women’s right to property and inheritance, daughters and widows receive family support till their marriage or re-marriage. The woman’s personal property has been recognized as female property where she has an absolute right; it can be inherited by the surviving daughter, or, in her absence, the nearest female kin.”

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**Health**

A study conducted by NEN in 2000, came out with the following findings. Due to the prevalent situation on conflict in the region, many PHC’s have been abandoned and some have been made into makeshift security posts. This has led to the breakdown of existing health services. Even if there has not been a complete breakdown of services, health personnel are reluctant to enter those areas because of personal security reasons. As such, almost 70% of the sanctioned posts of doctors are currently vacant.

While both men and women are effected by this, women are the most effected because, due to restrictions on their mobility, they often cannot access health services available at a distance. There is thus a tendency for women to underplay their health needs and their reproductive health is one of the areas which get effected.

Table X reflects that women in Assam have limited access to health care services. The percentage of women in Assam receiving antenatal checkups is 5% behind the rest of India and 8% behind the other North Eastern states. Deliveries assisted by health professionals in Assam is half of that received by the rest of India. The percentage of women suffering from anaemia is also very high. Maternal mortality is reported to be amongst the highest in Assam as against the rest of the country.

However, it is important to note that the percentage of women who take decisions regarding their own health care, in Assam, is relatively higher than several other states and stands at 65%.

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Violence against women in the context of armed conflict

Due to a low intensity war like situation in the region, people living in the region get affected mentally and sometimes physically as well. It is however women who are the most affected.

The violence in armed conflict situations is again different from violence against women in normal times for the state which is supposed to be the guardian of protecting the lives of the citizens are very often the reason for their death. Sexual and physical abuse are often so violent that they result in death. In ethnic clashes again, women and children are easy victims and are the first ones to be killed.

The effects of violence on women have different dimensions. The psychological trauma associated with sexual violation and with the loss or disappearance of family members lasts long after peace returns. It has been found that an aftermath of the conflict has resulted in an increase in female-headed households. Women have had to cope with these situations without any support.

Another aspect of the effect of the prevailing conflict on women is the large scale migration to the urban centres by women. This is most pronounced in the Bodo dominated areas of Assam. At a consultation organised by NEN in collaboration with UNIFEM on the 9th Five Year Plan, representatives of the All Bodo Women’s Welfare Federation spoke at length on this issue. There is, according to their findings, a record of 800 Bodo weavers, working under bondage in the neighbouring

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state of West Bengal and in Sualkuchi, a weaving town in Assam. While there is some record of the weavers, there is no record whatsoever of the numbers who are working as domestic help in different urban centres.

**Witch Hunting**

One form of violence against women prevailing in certain parts of Assam, and instances of which over the past few years, have been increasingly highlighted is the phenomenon of witch hunting. Women are branded as witches and are accused of causing harm to communities. These women are physically and mentally tortured. In certain cases women labelled as witches have been beheaded and their genitals mutilated. Others have been buried and even burnt alive. Goalpara, Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar, Nalbari and Dhubri districts are some of the main areas from which cases of witch hunting have been reported. Control over resources, personal enmity with powerful members of the community and the prevalence of superstitions are some of the factors responsible for witch hunting. Further research is required to determine whether there is any link between the instances of witch hunting and the ongoing armed conflict situation which is currently prevailing in some of the districts mentioned above.

Several local and regional level organisations have been voicing their concerns and have been mobilising members of the communities to build public opinion against such instances of violence against women. The Sadou Bodo Chatra Santha (All Bodo Students Union) has been an organisation actively working on the above issue. The Assam Police has also launched a concentrated effort to curb instances of witch hunting through the “Project Prahari”.

**Conclusion**

The status of women in Assam (as reflected by the indices analysed above) is relatively better than the status of women in other parts of India, thus enabling them to have a certain degree of control over their lives and to have comparatively better access over knowledge and economic resources. However to achieve equality between men and women at all levels, a change in the basic power structure of society is required.

There is a need to ensure the participation of women in political processes. In the area of health, provision of basic health facilities, especially in the interior areas, is required. There is also a need for better health care support services, especially on mental health in conflict prone areas.

Our study conducted while carrying out the documentation for the Resource Directory highlighted the lack of support services available to counter violence against women. The Government needs to allocate more resources for the establishment of such support services and for strengthening the existing ones. There is a need to review the prevailing customary laws in the state, many of which are gender unjust, and to mobilise opinion from within the community to amend the same.

The legal system needs to be made more gender sensitive and accessible to victims of violence. Finally there is a need to carry out in-depth studies in the field of violence against women in the region to effectively strategise towards ensuring the rights of women.

**Abbreviations**

SRS: Sample Registration Survey
NFHS: National Family Health Survey
NSSO: National Sample Survey Organisation
CHAPTER II
DISTRICT-WISE INFORMATION ON ORGANISATIONS AND POLICE DEPARTMENT PROVIDING SUPPORT SERVICES

The following chapters present a list of existing organisations providing support services, dealing with counselling and enabling women to rehabilitate themselves through skill training. The list also includes drop-in centres for women. A comprehensive listing of police stations with telephone numbers is also recorded.

BARPETA

Name of the District: BARPETA
Area (sq. kms): 3245
Population (1991): 13,82,715

COUNSELLING

Counselling Centre: Bajali Pragati Sangha
Address: Bajali Pragati Sangha, Pragati Nagar, P.O. Patsala, Barpeta - 781325, Assam
Phone: (03666) 266108
Year of inception: 1998.
Person in charge: Anil Deka, Secretary, Pragati Sangha.
Counsellor: Ruprekha Khatanier, Kulen Goswami.
Duration of office hour: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
How to apply: Application to be submitted directly to the Pragati Sangha.

About the Centre: It has been established under the Social Welfare Board of the Central Government. Counselling is provided to the women facing violence or other family problems.

SKILL TRAINING

Name of the organisation: Barpeta Zila Mahila Samiti.
Address: Amollapatti, Barpeta, 781301, Assam
Year of inception: 1929.
Person in charge: Nirupama Mishra, President.
Lila Das, Secretary
Aims & objective: Development and welfare of women.
Main activities: Provides skill training for sewing, embroidery and family counselling.
Fees: Admission Fees: 75/-
Monthly fees: 35/-
Diploma: 50/-
Criteria for selection: No special provision. Training is provided to all interested candidates.
About the organisation: The organisation has completed 73 years of its existence. It has formed strong networks with other women's organisations in the region. The organisation also associates with the police department, lawyers and the District administration.

SKILL TRAINING

Name of the organisation: Bajali Zila Mahila Samiti
Address: Jyoti Nagar, Patsala, Barpeta, Assam
Year of inception: 1938
Person in charge: Kulada Devi, President.
Lavanya Deka, Secretary
Aim and objectives: To give support to the economically poor women towards self-sufficiency.

Main activities: Provides skill training for sewing, embroidery, typing, and a hostel for working women.

Fees:
- Sewing: 50/-
- Embroidery: 35/-
- Typing: 50/-

Criteria for selection: No special selection criteria.

About the organisation: The pioneer of this organisation was Chandraprabha Saikiani, the prominent feminist leader of Assam. The organisation has a hostel which has been established under the Social Welfare Board for working women.

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LEGAL AID AND ADVOCACY ON ISSUES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Name of the organisation: Narisuraksha Parishad

Address: Muslimpatty, P.O. Barpeta 781301, Assam.

Year of inception: 1998.

Person in charge: Abdul Malik, General Secretary.

Bharati Bageum, Assistant Secretary.

Aims & objective: Development and welfare of women by raising consciousness on women’s rights.

Main activities: The organisation works at ensuring the rights and security of women. Legal aid is provided to survivors of violence and in doing so it often networks with the district women’s organisations, police stations and the District administration.

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ADVOCACY ON ISSUES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Name of the organisation: Satabdi Gosthi

Address: Muslimpatty, P.O. Barpeta 781301, Assam.

Year of inception: 2000

Person in charge: Bharati Begum, President.

Tutumoni Das, General Secretary.

Aims & objective: Development and welfare of women. Mobilising opinion to work on women’s rights.

About the organisation: It works closely with Nari Suraksha Parisad

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SKILL TRAINING

Name of the organisation: Anchalik Gramunyan Parishad

Address: Jania, P.O. Jania, Barpeta – 781314.

Telephone: (03666) 2564845

Person in charge: Abdul Malik, General Secretary.

Aims & objective: Creating a human society on the foundations of truth, love and compassion. Developing awareness about moral values and socio economic justice among the people, and to strengthen and maintain peace, harmony and amity among different communities.

Main activities: Income generation, health, sanitation, education, training on animal husbandry, weaving, knitting, embroidery, handicrafts are some of the areas that they work on.
ADVOCACY ON ISSUES RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Name of the organisation: Bajali Pragati Sangha

Address: C/o. The Secretary, Bajali Pragati Nagar, Shahid Bhawan, P.O. Patsala –781325, Barpeta, Assam

Telephone: (03666) 266108.

Aims & objective: Development of women and the society in general

Main activities: Formation of women’s groups (Mahila Samities), and running a family counselling centre.

About the organisation: It has mobilised women to unite under the banner of seven women wing centres which it has established in the villages of Raipur, Rang, Sau Khuti, Bama Khata, Muguria, Titka and Dubi. Each centre is administered by a matron and a midwife along with other members. These centres act as a platform to advocate issues of women’s rights.

Information about the Police Stations

S.P. Phone:
Office: (0365) 252164
Residence: (0365) 252116
Fax: (0365) 235959

Name of the Police Station Phone
1. Barpeta (03665) 260785
2. Howly (03666) 288442
3. Barpeta Rd. (03666) 260875
4. Sorbhog (03666) 287427
5. Kalgachia -
6. Tarabari (03666) 283447
7. Baghboor -
8. Patacharkuchi (03666) 264530
9. Sathebari -

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2. Baghmara -
3. Pathsala (03666) 266177
4. Sarupeta -
5. Howly (03666) 288442
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7. Pathsala (03666) 266177
8. Sarhipari (03665) 274556

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**BONGAIGAON**

**Name of the District**  
Bongaigaon

**Area (sq. kms)**  
7463

**Population (1991)**  
8,06,472

**LEGAL AID AND ADVOCACY ON ISSUES RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

**Name of the organisation** : New Bongaigaon Zila Mahila Samiti

**Address** : Bongaigaon village, Panchayat office  
Dangtal village Panchayat,  
Bidypur, Bongaigaon,  
Assam

**Year of Inception** : 1994-95

**Contact person** : Leena Sinha

**Aims & objective** : Empower women economically and politically.

**Main activities** : It has fifty six primary samities under its aegis. Meetings are held to expose and generate discussions among women on various issues. Legal aid is also provided to women who require it.

**About the organisation** : Every year it holds legal awareness meetings in association with the police, lawyers and people representing the bureaucracy. It also helps in forming self-help groups. Information is disseminated about different government plans & programmes. It helps women to liaise with government officials.

**LEGAL AID, SKILL TRAINING AND ADVOCACY ON ISSUES RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

**Name of the organisation** : Simaluguri Mahila Samiti

**Address** : Simaluguri, New Bongaigaon  
Bongaigaon 783381, Assam

**Telephone** : 03664 222167 (R)

**Year of Inception** : 1988

**Contact person** : Binapani Deka (President)  
Kanu Choudhury (Secretary)

**Aims & objective** : Physical, mental, social and economic development of women.

**Main activities** : The affected are given legal aid and made aware of their rights. Every year they observe AIDS Awareness Day on 1st December and International Women’s Day on 8th, March. Meetings and processions are held to mark awareness programmes.

**About the organisation** : It forms self-help groups and with the help of government officials impart training on weaving and tailoring, among others.

**SKILL TRAINING**

**Name of the Organisation** : Sister Diocese Forum

**Address** : Lazareth Women’s Empowerment Society, P.O. 26, Bongaigaon 783380, Assam

**Telephone** : 03661-22054

**Year of Inception** : 2001

**Contact person** : Sister Gita (Coordinator)

**Aims & objective** : To empower women towards self reliance.

**Main activities** : Trainings are given to women on cutting, knitting and toy making.
Name of the Organisation: The Action North East Trust (The ANT)

Address: Bongaigaon (North) Ward No. 10
B.O.C. Gate, Bongaigaon: 783380, Assam

Telephone: 03668-225506

Email: theant@rediffmail.com

Year of Inception: October 2000

Contact Person: Dr. Sunil Kaul

Aims & objective: To work towards sustainable and holistic development for rural and poor voiceless communities in the northeast. To achieve a world where there is love, respect and dignity for all. The core values that the organisation holds dear are those of non-violence, honesty, humility, trust and love.

Main activities: ANT works at two levels:

- Directly in the villages of the Bongaigaon and Kokrajhar Districts of Assam, where they have demonstration programmes on low-cost and appropriate technology that can be run by the community. ANT works on issues of health, through information and with village pharmacists, through women volunteers, women’s groups. Alternate income opportunities are provided through weaving, mushroom cultivation, banana cultivation, etc.
- Works indirectly by playing support and training roles on various issues like health, malaria, rational drugs, social analysis, leadership training, NGO formation and management.

About the organisation: It is registered as a public charitable organisation, set up by a group of professionals to work with the rural and poor voiceless communities in the northeast. Most of its work is self-supported through earnings from consultancy and training, besides personal contributions and donations by well-wishers.

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CACHAR

Name of the District: Cachar
Area (sq. kms): 3786

COUNSELLING

Name of the organisation: The Women Grievance Cell
Address: Lakhipur, District Cachar, Assam
Telephone: 03842-287425, 2845554
Person in charge: Sujata Deuri
Counsellor: Priya Sakhi Devi
Duration of office hours: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
How to apply: Application has to be addressed to the Secretary of the Cell.
Main activities: The cell tries to resolve family problems. The span of activities of this cell is limited to Lakhipur area. The special session of the cell is held every Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. All members come to the special session. Counselling is provided to the survivors of violence. The complicated cases are sent to the police or to the court. The total number of members of the cell are 200 and they belong to different areas of the locality.

COUNSELLING AND LEGAL AID

Name of the organisation: Pioneer Club (Family Counselling Centre)
Address: Pioneer Club, Borjelinga, Cachar, Silchar, Assam
Telephone: 03842-2833503
Year of inception: 2001
Person in charge: B.S. Gunjal.
Counsellor: B.S. Gunjal.
Duration of office hours: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
How to apply: The application has to be submitted to the centre directly.
Main activities: It provides counselling and legal aid. If a particular case is complicated they refer the case to the District level Committee for Crimes Involving Women. It also networks with the Department of Social Work, Assam University, Silchar, along with other organisations.

COUNSELLING

Name of the organisation: Community Development and Social Counselling Centre
Address: C/O. Deshabandhu Club, P.O. Bihara Bazar, Cachar Assam.
Telephone: 03842-2833503
Year of inception: 1965-66
Person in charge: Ravindra Nath Acharya
Counsellor: Ravindra Narayan Acharya
Duration of office hours: 24 hours service.
How to apply: Applications have to submitted to the secretary of the centre.
Main activities: Deshabandhu Club has established a Community Development Centre, a Social Counselling Centre and a separate cell which deals with cases of violence against women. The job of the cell is to bring about reconciliation among parties who have had a dispute and to provide justice. In certain cases, the District Level Committee for Crimes Involving Women is consulted for providing legal aid and advice.
COUNSELLING AND LEGAL AID

Name of the organisation: District Level Committee for Crimes Involving Women (DLCCIW)
Address: Deputy Commissioner’s Court, Silchar, District Cachar, Assam.
Year of inception: 1997.
Person in charge: Bithika Acharjya.
Duration of office hours: 10 a.m to 5 p.m.
Counsellor: Bithika Acharya.
How to apply: Application has to be submitted to the person in charge.
Main activities: This organisation is working for the development of women. Besides providing family counselling services and legal aid to women DLCCIW also works at sensitising communities on issues of women’s rights. They work closely with the police and various departments of the district administration.

COUNSELLING AND LEGAL AID

Name of the organisation: Nevedita Nari Sanstha
Address: Netaji School Road, Silchar, Cachar, Assam
Telephone: 03842-235075
Year of inception: 1995
Person in charge: Diba Ray.
Legal Aid Cell: Same Address.
How to apply: Applications have to be submitted to the Secretary directly.
Main activities: Nevedita Nari Sanstha provides counselling to address family problems.

SKILL TRAINING AND ADVOCACY ON ISSUES RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Name of the organisation: Nevedita Nari Sanstha
Address: Netaji School Road, Silchar, Cachar, Assam
Telephone: 03842-235075 (O)
Year of inception: 1995
Person in charge: Diba Ray.
Aims & objective: To create a just society by enabling the disadvantaged groups towards fraternity, love and fellow feeling among all religions, castes, classes. This is done in order to maintain national integration in the country and to realize the long cherished dream of Gandhiji’s “Akhand Bharat”. To identify and develop the talents and potential amongst women.
Main activities: In keeping with the mission of the organisation, it undertakes various programmes in the field of women and child development, education, health and natural resource management. The organisation also provides skill training for the trades of knitting, cutting, embroidery and tailoring.
Duration of training: One to six months.
Fees: Admission: 25/-. Monthly: 25/-. About the organisation: This is a women organisation. It works for the all round development of women and the society. Present this organisation is working in a red light area in the field of HIV/AIDS among few sex workers.
SKILL TRAINING

Name of the organisation : Sepormoina Women Welfare Society
Address : Vill. Sepormoina, PO. Lakhipur,
District Cachar, Assam
Year of inception : 26th January, 2002
Person in charge : Sahida Begum Choudhuri, Secretary.
Aims & objective : Provides skills training and establishes self help groups for the empowerment of women.
Main activities : The Main activities of this organisation are providing training in jute crafts, handicrafts and weaving.
Fees : Nil.
Duration of training : Duration of training differ from trade to trade.
Criteria for selection : Candidates of poor economic status generally given preference.
About the organisation : It is a voluntary non-governmental organisation. It works towards the empowerment of women through trainings to facilitate self sufficiency. It networks with all local organisations of the area.

SHELLTER HOME

Name of the organisation : Central Destitute Home
Address : Central Destitute Home, Social welfare Department
Maherpur, Silchar,
District Cachar, Assam
Year of inception : 1958
Person in charge : Sashwati Shome.
Aims & objective : This destitute home has been established for destitute people coming from Bangladesh after Partition
About the organisation : The total number of people staying here is now 98. The total number of families are 26. The head of the family gets Rs 48 per month towards their maintenance.

Information on the police stations at Cachar

Phone number of the SP
Office (03842) 245866
Residence (03842) 245057
Fax 231525

Name of the Police Station Phone
1. Silchar (03842) 246279/246214
2. Borkhola (03842) 286433
3. Katigorah (03845) 268157
4. Dholai (03842) 252422
5. Sonai (03842) 274424
6. Lakhipur (03842) 287425
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8. Jirighat (03842) 289517
9. Ghungur (03842) 233798

Name of the OutPost Phone
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2. Malugram TOP (03842) 246373
3. Rangirkhari TOP (03842) 246067
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5. Kachudaram -
6. Joypur (03842) 271563
7. Arunachal (03842) 278252
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9. Banskandi (03842) 282446

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**DARRANG**

**Name of the District**  
Darrang

**Area (sq. kms)**  
3481

**Population (1991)**  
14,86,633

### LEGAL AID, COUNSELLING AND SKILL TRAINING

**Name of the organisation**  
Darrang District Mahila Samiti

**Address**  
C/o Rani Debi, B.D.M.S, Karim Chowk, Dist Darrang, Assam 784 125

**Telephone**  
03713-22116 (President),  
03713-24213 (Secretary)

**Person in charge**  
Rani Debi, President,  
Mira Debi, Secretary

**Main activities**  
Provides skill training on tailoring, knitting, embroidery, weaving, handloom and doll making, as a second level support service. The duration of the training is 3 months, and the capacity for the same is 20 per batch. The admission and monthly fee structure are Rs. 5/- and Rs. 30/- respectively. There is no particular criterion for the selection of the women for the trainings. However the procedure is at times carried out in consultation with the Nehru Yuvak Kendra.

**About the organisation**  
The Darrang District Mahila Samiti networks with the Deputy Commissioner and the Superintendent of Police, Darrang District, the Women Cell, lawyers and advocates, organisations like the Samata Society, Lekhika Somaroh and the Sahitya Sabha.

A Legal Aid Cell is also present within the organisation, where all cases are registered. Counselling is done in an informal way by older women who have gained experience in the years. The assistance of advocates from the district courts are taken occasionally.

### SKILL TRAINING

**Name of the organisation**  
Sipajhar Sakha Lekhika Somaroh Samiti

**Address**  
Sipajhar, Darrang District, Assam

**Telephone**  
03713-266063 (President),  
03713-266461 (Secretary)

**Year of inception**  
1995

**Aims & objective**  
Mainly works to promote the Assamese language, literature and culture, by providing support and encouragement to promote literary talent in women.

**Main activities**  
The organisation strives to promote and spread the Assamese language, literature and culture. A journal named “Lekhika” is also published by the organisation. It also tries to promote ancient art and architecture.

**Second level support service**  
Trainings are provided by the organisation on jute making, carpet weaving, doll making, pickle making, mushroom cultivation etc. The duration of the training may be on a weekly, fortnightly or a monthly basis. The fee structure varies from Rs. 15/- to Rs. 50/- as per the training. The criteria for selection is that preference is usually given to those women belonging to the poorer sections of society.
About the organisation: The Sipajhar Sakha Lekhika Somaroh Samiti works in collaboration and co-ordination with other organisations like the Sipajhar Sahitya Sabha, Sipajhar Diamond Club Community Centre, Luminous Unit, Gyan Malini Sangha, Darrang Kala Kristi Unnayan Sangha. As a follow up service, the organisation constantly keeps in touch with the participants of the trainings with regard to their activities.

SKILL TRAINING AND ADVOCACY ON ISSUES RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Name of the organisation: Sipajhar Diamond Club Community Centre
Address: P.O. Sipajhar, District Darrang, Assam 784 145
Telephone: 03713-66561
Email: sipajhardiamondclub@hotmail.com
Year of inception: March 1, 1931
Person in charge: Nani Kumar Saikia, General Secretary
Funds: Donations, grants from Governmental and non-governmental agencies, loans from funding agencies, etc.
Aims & objective: To build a society based on equity, to facilitate economically sound production and bring about development.
Main activities: The organisation mainly works towards poverty alleviation, women’s empowerment, provides trainings on health, micro-credit, environmental issues and promotion of self help groups (SHGs). The organisation works in collaboration with the Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Nidhi (RGVN).

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Second level support service: Trainings are provided on Rural Entrepreneurship Development Programme (REDP), on accounts and bookkeeping, and on dairy, fishery and poultry. The duration of the training varies from 3 days to 45 days, depending upon the type of training provided. All trainings are provided free of cost. For the REDP, selection is done through interviews.

As a follow up service, after the training provided, the organisation helps the trainee to start utilising the skill gained.

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DHEMAJI

Name of the District: Dhemaji

Area (sq. kms): 3237
Population (1991): 4,72,183

COUNSELLING

Name of the organisation: Parial Poramorshadan Kendra (Family Counselling Centre)

Address: c/o Dhemaji District Mahila Samiti, Ratapur Path, Ward no 3, Dhemaji Chariali, Dhemaji, Assam

Telephone: 03753-224739 (R), 225330 (PP)

Person in charge: Nirama Barua.

Fund: Central Social Welfare Board and personal contributions

Duration of office hours: Provides 24 hours service.

Aims & objective: To provide justice to violated women

Main activities: The family counselling centre provides counselling services to women in distress. Home visits are also made. Rehabilitation of the women who have been violated is another aspect that the organisation looks into.

About the organisation: The Parial Poramorshadan Kendra works under the aegis of the Dhemaji District Mahila Samiti. All cases that are taken up by the centre are registered. At the first stage, this Committee tries to resolve problems through counselling and by establishing a mutual understanding among both parties. In some cases, members of the samiti also have to network with the police, legal professionals and other women’s organisations to enable justice to be delivered to women.

ADVOCACY ON ISSUES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND SKILL TRAINING

Name of the organisation: Dhemaji District Mahila Samiti

Address: Ward No 1, Dhemaji

Telephone: 03753-224739 (R), 225330 (PP), 228280 (R).

Year of inception: 1971

Person in charge: Bimala Bora, President.
Nirama Barua, Secretary.

Fund: Membership fees, donation personal contribution etc.

Aims & objective: Provide justice to violated women and to enable them to be economically independent.

Main activities: The organisation provides multifarious trainings which range from fruit preservation, mushroom cultivation, weaving and other forms of handloom and handicrafts.

Duration of training: Based on the need of the trainee.

Fees: Free

Criteria for selection: Women from economically weaker families are given preference.

Capacity of training: 14 in each batch.

About the organisation: Dhemaji District Mahila Samiti works primarily on issues of women’s empowerment. All activities of the organisation are geared towards working for equal rights of women. This organisation works collaboratively with the District Women’s Cell, police Department, district administration, women’s organisations and voluntary organisations of Dhemaji District.
LEGAL AID AND ADVOCACY ON ISSUES RELATED TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Name of the organisation: Silapathar Anchalik Mahila Samiti
Address: Kalanpura, P.O. Silapathar, Near the Silapathar Out Post, District Dhemaji, Assam
Telephone: 03753-246054, 246052, 246053.
Year of inception: 2001
Person in charge: Nilima Lahon, President. Ranjita Barua, Secretary.
Duration of office hours: 24 hours service.
How to apply: Applications to be made directly to the organisation.
Fund: Personal contributions, donations and membership fees.
Aims & objective: To empower women by providing them with justice via legal aid
Main activities: Legal Aid and awareness programmes emphasizing on women’s rights
About the organisation: Since its establishment in 2001, Silapathar Anchalik Mahila Samiti has been very actively working on the issue of violence against women. Recognising the importance of literacy as being a major factor in ensuring the empowerment of women, they have recently started working in the area of adult literacy

SKILL TRAINING AND ADVOCACY ON ISSUES RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Name of the organisation: Lachit Yuvak Sangha
Address: P.O. Hatigarh, 787057 Dist. Dhemaji, Assam
Telephone: 03753-220397.
Year of inception: 1965
Person in charge: Paragjyoti Gogoi.
Fund: District Rural Development Authority (DRDA), membership fees and individual contributions.
Aims & objective: All round development of youth and women.
Main activities: Introduction and promotion of innovative agricultural techniques. Economically empowering women by promoting the formation of self help groups (SHGs), enabling these groups to act as pressure groups to address issues of violence against women and other rights issues.
The organisation also provides skill trainings for the economic empowerment of women and youth.
Duration of the training: 7 days to one month.
Fees: Free.
About the organisation: The members of the organisation consist of young men and women who are trying to bring about social change through grassroots activism.

ADVOCACY ON ISSUES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Name of the organisation: Silapathar Anchalik Udayan Yuvak Sangha
Address: Silapathar Majgaon, P.O. Silapathar, District Dhemaji, Assam
Year of inception: 1979
Person in charge: Tepuram Kowar.
Fund: Membership fees and private contributions
**Aims & objective** : Social Development.
**Main activities** : To advocate social development and to raise awareness about social problems like violence against women, through people’s theatre and cultural programmes.

**About the organisation** : Silapathar Anchalik Udayan Yuvak Sangha is a cultural organisation. Its work is based on the belief that expansion of cultural values is the basis of bringing about social development.

### SHELTER AND HEALTH CARE FOR THE MENTALLY CHALLENGED

**Name of the organisation** : Jagat Sewa Ashram  
**Address** : Jagat Sewa Ashram, North East NGO, P.O. Maduri pathar, Near Army Help Line, Silapathar, District Dhemaji, Assam  
**Year of inception** : 1981.  
**Person in charge** : Chandi Devi Mataji  
**Fund** : Contributions and Donations  
**Aims & objective** : Working for the welfare of people  
**Main activities** : Provides treatment and shelter to mentally challenged people.  
**About the organisation** : The mentally challenged people of both sexes are looked after and treatment is carried out separately for males and females. Poor families of mentally ill people are not charged any admission fees or fee for treatment.

### SKILL TRAINING

**Name of the organisation** : Rural Volunteers Centre  
**Address** : Village Akajan, P.O. Silapathar 787059 District Dhemaji, Assam  
**Year of inception** : 1993  
**Person in charge** : Ravindra Nath  
**Fund** : Donations, local contributions and membership fees.  
**Aims & objective** : Rural Development.  
**Main activities** : To empower the women of rural areas by establishing SHGs. This organisation also organises health awareness camps and trainings on various issues for women empowerment. The organisation also has a midwife-training programme.  
**Duration of the training** : 3 days to 7 days.  
**Capacity of training** : 60 per batch.  
**Fees** : Free.  
**About the organisation** : Rural Volunteers Centre has also been networking with other rural groups and voluntary organisations in the area to bring about social change.

### LEGAL AID

**Name of the organisation** : District Women’s Cell, Dhemaji  
**Address** : Office of Deputy Commissioner, District Dhemaji, Assam.  
**Year of inception** : 1999.  
**Person in charge** : Ditimoni Pegu, EAC, Dhemaji District.  
**Aims & objective** : To help provide justice to women.  
**Fund** : State Commission for Women, Assam  
**Main activities** : This Women’s Cell provides legal aid to women in distress  
**About the organisation** : This cell networks with other women organisations and collaborates with them at various levels.
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**DHUBRI**

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**SHELTER HOME**

**Name of the organisation**: Nari Nivas

**Address**: Dheghal Tari, P.O. Mahayamaya Hat District Dhubri, Assam

**Year of Inception**: 1986

**Person in charge**: Dfulu Dutta-Superintendent Anjali Sarkar- Matron

**Fund**: Social Welfare Department, Government of Assam.

**Aims & objective**: To provide shelter to destitute women and those who are victims of violence. To provide shelter to physically and mentally challenged women and to their wards belonging to the age group of 0-6 years along.

**Main activities**: Provides free food, lodging, clothing and shelter.

**About the organisation**: The Shelter home, Nari Nivas is facing an economic crisis at present. The intake capacity of the home is fifty, but currently only fourteen women are living. The lack of funds has led to minimal support services being available to the women.

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**COUNSELLING AND LEGAL AID**

**Name of the organisation**: District Women Cell

**Address**: Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Dhubri District, Assam,
Telephone : 03662-230050
Year of inception : 1995
Person in charge : Rahila Brahma,
Extra Assistant Commissioner.
Aims & objective : To ensure the protection of legal rights
of women.
Main activities : The cell provides counselling and legal
aid to women in distress.
Duration of office hours : Monday to Saturday from 10 am to
5pm.
About the Cell : This cell was established in 1995 but
no counsellor has been appointed till
date.

LEGAL AID
Name of the organisation : Women's Enquiry Section
Address : Dhubri Police Station,
Dhubri, 783331, Assam
Telephone : 03662-100,230979, 03662-230976
Year of inception : 18th June 2002.
Person in charge : Nina Das, Sub Inspector.
Main activities : The main function of this section is to
investigate cases registered against
women and to ensure the security of
the women who are in police custody.
Duration of Training : One year.
Fees : Rs.15/- p.m.
Criteria for section : Candidate from remote areas are given
preference.
About the organisation : This organisation can provide training
to 30 candidates at a time and has
follow up services with the trainee after
completion of their training. The
Dhubri District Mahila Samiti has also
tied up with the Aashwas Project of the
Assam Police.

SKILL TRAINING
Name of the organisation : Dhubri District Mahila Samiti
Address : Ward No-1, Dhubri-783301, Assam
Telephone : 03662-223783 (Secretary)
03662-232741 (President)
Year of inception : 1948
Fund : Membership fees, M.P and M.LA funds,
funds provided by Nehru Yuvak
Kendra, Marketing of products made by
the organisation and donations.
Aims & objective : Development and progress of women
and children.
Main activities : This organisation advocates on issues
of women’s rights. It also provides
training on knitting, tailoring, embroidery and weaving.
Duration of Training : One year.
Fees : Rs.10/- p.m.
Criteria for section : Candidate from remote areas are given
preference.
About the organisation : This organisation can provide training
to 30 candidates at a time and has
follow up services with the trainee after
completion of their training. The
Dhubri District Mahila Samiti has also
tied up with the Aashwas Project of the
Assam Police.
**SKILL TRAINING**

**Name of the organisation**: Vidyapara Bhatigaon Mahilaa Samiti

**Address**: Vidyapara Bhati Gaon, P.O. M.K. Road, Dhubri-783323

**Year of inception**: 1989

**Person in charge**: Nurun Nahar, President
                      Kadbanu Begam, Secretary.

**Fund**: District Rural Development, D.W.C.R.A etc.

**Aims & objective**: Work towards providing economic self sufficiency to women.

**Main activities**: This organisation arranges trainings on jute craft and handicrafts.

**Duration of Training**: 3—6 months.

**Fees**: Free.

**Criteria for selection**: Candidates from poor families are preferred.

**About the organisation**: This organisation was established to help economically weak women towards self-sufficiency. Now this organisation not only provides training, but it has also become a centre of small scale industry.

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DIBRUGARH

Name of the District: Dibrugarh

Area (sq. kms): 3381


LEGAL AID AND ADVOCACY ON ISSUES RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Name of the organisation: Sadou Assam Pragatisheel Nari Sangstha

Address: Milan Nagar, S-Lane, P.O. C.R. Building, Dibrugarh, 786 003, Assam

Year of inception: 1986

Telephone: 0373-2317643

Person in charge: Anju Borkotoki

Fund: Donations and voluntary funding

Fees: Rs. 2/- per month for members, Re. 1/- for renewal of membership

About the organisation: The organisation is a regional branch of the Sadou Bharat Pragatisheel Nari Sangstha. After networking with various democratic and progressive women’s organisations, a workable agenda was adopted for the Sadou Assam Pragatisheel Nari Sangstha. With the co-operation of other organisations, a joint programme has been taken up with other tribal women’s organisations, by forming a common platform for protesting against the rising atrocities and violence against women. In keeping with its goal, the organisation works mainly on the issues of women’s rights, respect and protection of the status of women in society. Several workers camps are also organized towards creating awareness of the role of women in economy and politics.

Special Services: The organisation also has a Legal Aid cell.

DRUG DE-ADDICTION CENTRE, COUNSELLING AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

Name of the organisation: Drug De-addiction Center

Address: Assam Medical College, Barbari, Dibrugarh, Assam

Telephone: 0373-2302741

Year of inception: 17th June, 1994

Person in charge: P.K. Choudhury

Fund: The centre receives a donation of Rs. 2 lakhs every year by the Government of India.

Main activities: De-addiction, rehabilitation and counselling.

Capacity: 14 beds and 2 cabins.

COUNSELLING ON HIV/AIDS

Name of the organisation: Association for Socio-Cultural Development (ASCED)

Address: Near Bhattacharyya Press, Chiring Chapori, Dibrugarh-786001, Assam

Telephone: 0373-2316917

Year of inception: 1996

Person in charge: Ranjita Bordoloi, Chairperson

Fund: Funded by autonomous organisations and the Government of India.

Fee structure: Annual subscription of members (voluntary contributions)
About the organisation: The type of trainings provided by ASCED mainly includes those on HIV/AIDS drugs abuse prevention, STDs, Reproductive and child health (RCH), Mother and Child Health (MCH). Counselling is also provided on HIV/AIDS and STDs. The organisation also has a wide network with other NGOs.

SHELTER AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Name of the organisation: International Brotherhood Mission (IBM)

Address: Regional Centre of World Fellowship of Buddhists, World Buddhist Sangha Council and B.L.I.A. Maha Bodhi Vihar, Jyoti Nagar, Dibrugarh-786001, Assam

Telephone: 0373-2300014, 2301245, 2300297

Fax: 0373-2323300

Registration: Registered under the Societies Registration Act

Branches: Makum, Miao, Moran, Digboi

Person in charge: Acharya Bhikkhu Karuna Shastri, Founder and Gen. Secretary

Dr. N.B.Baruah, President

Main activities: Include running a home for destitute women and children; a juvenile home & a school for the children in the homes.

- Jinaratan Buddhist Missionary Destitute Home
- Dr. B.R.Ambedkar SC’s/ST’s Residential Ashramic School
- Jordon Fox Juvenile Home

COUNSELLING AND LEGAL AID

Name of the organisation: Manab Kalyan Sewa Santha

Address: Milanpur, Dibrugarh 786 003, Assam

Telephone: 0373-2311583

Year of inception: August 29, 1998

Contact person: Mala Rani Devi

Aims & objective: To attain a society in which justice, equality and dignity prevail.

Duration of office hours: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm (7 days a week)

Main activities: Legal Aid and Counselling: Out of the total 21 members in the organisation, 12 are counsellors. Counselling and legal aid services are provided on Wednesdays & Thursdays. The organisation works in association with the Police Forum and the District Women’s Forum in resolving cases that require counselling and legal aid.

Other activities include: Providing financial support to people, especially women, who live below the poverty line; working in the area of health; working with old people (An old age home is also under construction) and working with the physically challenged.

SKILL TRAINING

Name of the organisation: Dibrugarh District Mahila Samiti

Address: Kharichamari, Jail Road, Dibrugarh-786 001, Assam

Year of inception: 1926

Contact person: Lily Saikia, President, Ms. Kiron Bora, Secretary

Telephone: 0373-2326537 (President) 0373-2370327 (Secretary)

Aims & objective: To promote social upliftment, mainly the development of the mother and the child.

Main activities: The organisation works mainly on issues relating to women. Awareness programmes relating to health and various other social issues are also organized.
Trainings are provided on cutting, stitching and embroidery, with a small fee. Women and girls coming from a very poor background are exempted from paying the fees.

About the organisation: Although the organisation was registered in 1926, it started its work from 1915 onwards. It is closely associated with the Assam Pradeshik Mahila Samiti, Guwahati and works in collaboration with the other Mahila Samitis of the district in promoting social welfare.

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GOALPARA

Name of the District  Goalpara
Area(sq. kms)  7463
Population (1991)  6,61,801

SKILL TRAINING AND ADVOCACY ON ISSUES RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Name of the organisation  Assam Mahila Samata Society
Address  District working Committee,
   Goalpara Assam Mahila Samata Society,
   Goalpara – 783121
Telephone  03663 - 241313
Year of inception  1999
Person in charge  Mamoni Saikia Hazarika
   (Coordinator, District planning)
Aims & objective  To build self confidence amongst women. To create a social environment where women can play an important role. Finally, to create awareness among women and girls about human rights through institutional and non-institutional education.
Main activities  The society works in the field of women’s rights, education, livelihood and health. It organises legal awareness camps. It establishes education centres for women and girl child and teaches the importance of education. The society also arranges health camps and gives health related advices.

The Assam Mahila Samata Society also provides training on different income generating activities to rural women to make them economically independent. Mushroom cultivation, fruit preservation, bag making from the fibre of banana trees are some of the areas in which training is provided.

Duration of training : 10 – 15 days.
Fees : Nil
About the organisation  The organisation is actively campaigning against ‘Witch hunting’ which is being followed among a segment of Rabha and Bodo communities in Goalpara district. The organisation managed to save a couple of who had been targeted as a witch by local communities. But the task, they say is very difficult.

COUNSELLING AND ADVOCACY ON ISSUES RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Name of the organisation  Goalpara Zila Pradeshik Mahila Samiti
Address  Goalpara Zila Pradeshik Mahila Samiti
   Baladmari (Opposite Deputy Commissioner’s Office),
   Goalpara – 783121
Assam
Telephone  03663 – 242179
Year of inception  1965
Person in charge  Anita Das, President
   Mazida Bewa, Secretary
Aims & objective  All round development of women.
Main activities  Provides counseling to women in distress.
COUNSELLING

Name of the organisation : Sadou Assam Lekhika Samaroh Samiti

Address : Sadou Assam Lekhika Samaroh Samiti
C/o Geeta Das, E & C colony,
Goalpara – 7831001, Assam

Telephone : 03663 240505 (R)
Year of inception : 1982
Person in charge : Ms Latika Choudhury, President
Ms. Geeta Das, Secretary
Aims & objective : Reform social condition through
improvement of literature.
Main activities : Improvement of literature and non-
institutional counselling for women
facing domestic problems. It also
resolves cases of violence against
women with the help of the police and
district administration.
About the organisation : Though the organisation does not have
its own office yet both the Secretary
and President work from their
residence. The organisation works for
the protection of women rights as well
as to stop violence against women. It
functions in co-ordination with the
police, district administration and other
organisations in the district.

Aim & Objective : To make literate and illiterate women
economically independent by providing
training on different income generating
activities.
Main activities : It provides training on cutting , knitting,
embroidery, weaving fabric painting
etc.
Duration of training : 3 months, 6 months, 9 months
Fees : Admission fee: Rs 100.00
Monthly fee: Rs. 100.00
Monthly fee for knitting: Rs. 250.00
Criteria for selection : Preference is given to candidates by the
Government under projects. Yet, other
women also can get training here.
Duration of office hours : from Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m.
to 4.30 p.m.
Closed on 2nd and 4th Saturdays
About the organisation : The organisation functions as a unit of
the Goalpara Zila Pradeshik Mahila
Samiti. From the date of establishment
this centre has been providing training
to a number of women and has helped
them to be economically independent.
Apart from training, this centre helps
its trainees in getting loan from other
financial institutions.

SKILL TRAINING

Name of the organisation : Jivika Parikshan Kendra

Address : Jivika Parikshan Kendra, Balabari Near
D.C.’s Office, Goalpara–783121, Assam
Telephone : 03663-242179
Year of inception : 1977
Person in charge : Anita Das, President
Banu Singha, Trainer
Aim & Objective : To make literate and illiterate women
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training on different income generating
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financial institutions.
Information about the Police Station

**Phone number of the S.P:**
- Office: (03663) 40161
- Residence: (03663) 40595
- Fax: 40595

**Name of the Police Station**
1. Goalpara: 40031
2. Dudhnoi: 81542
3. Rangiuli: 86042
4. Dhupdhora: 84303
5. Lakhipur: 83432
6. Matia: -
7. Baguan: -
8. Marnoi: -

**Name of the OutPost**
1. Agia: 85008
2. Kharmuja: -
3. Kukurkata: -
4. Krishnai: 82225
5. Joleswar: -

**Name of the Patrol Police**
1. Darranggiri: 86082

Fire Brigade (Control No.): 22101

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GOLAGHAT

**Name of the District**
- Golaghat

**Golaghat**
- Area (sq. kms): 3502
- Population (1991): 8,01,740

**SKILL TRAINING**

**Name of the organisation**: Residential Girls’ Polytechnic, Golaghat

**Address**: Community Polytechnic Cell, Golaghat, Assam

**Telephone**: 0376-2480348

**Year of inception**: 2000

**Person in charge**: Project co-ordinator and Principal

**LEGAL AID**

**Name of the organisation**: Zila Mahila Kosh

**Address**: Office of the District Welfare Officer, Old Amolapatty, Golaghat, Assam

**Telephone**: 03778-280276, 280222, 283493

**Year of inception**: 1998

**Person in charge**: District Commissioner

**Aim & objective**: To protect the rights given by Indian constitution and Human Rights Commission to women and make them aware about their rights

**Main activities**: To make women aware of mechanisms to protect their rights.

To provide legal protection to women with the help of district administration.
About the organisation: A total number of 8 cases of violence against women were registered with this cell till December 2002. Four of these cases related to divorce, fraud and physical and mental harassment were settled.

**SKILL TRAINING**

**Name of the organisation:** Golaghat Zila Mahila Samiti  
**Address:** Golaghat Zila Mahila Samiti  
Opposite ASTC, P.O. Golaghat, Assam  
**Year of Inception:** 1945  
**Person in charge:** Bharati Saikia, President  
Abha Rani Goswami, Secretary  
Jaya Devi, Jt. Secretary  
**Aim & objective:** Main aim of this society is to activate different primary society to improve the status of disadvantaged women.  
**Main activities:** Advocacy on issues of women’s rights. It also provides skill training on weaving, cutting, knitting, manufacturing of different jute products and manufacturing of goods from banana fibre.  
**Duration of training:** 3 months  
**Fees:** Rs. 50.00 to Rs. 100.00  
**Capacity of training:** 30 per batch

**Information about the Police Stations**

**Phone number of the SP:**
- Office: (0376) 2480233
- Residence: (0376) 2480234
- Fax: 2480080

**Name of the Police Station** | **Phone**  
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1. Golaghat | 2480081  
2. Bokakhat | (03776) 2668017  
3. Kumargaon | (03776) 2667038  
4. Dergaon | (0376) 3380272  
5. Ghiladhari | –  
6. Sarupather | (03774) 2477030  
7. Borpather | (03774) 2478230  
8. Merapani | –

**Name of the OutPost** | **Phone**  
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1. Kohora | (03776) 2662426  
2. Khumtai | –  
3. Dhekial | –  
4. Kamarbandha | (03774) 2498004  
5. Furkating | (03774) 2478040  
6. Numaligarh Rry. | 2665421  
*Fire Brigade (Control No.)*: 2480300

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HAILAKANDI

Name of the District: Hailakandi
Area (sq. kms): 1723

WORKING WOMEN’S HOSTEL

Name of the organisation: Shri Sharoda Sangha
Address: C/o Bandana Kar, Project E Road, PO and District Hailakandi, Assam 788 151
Year of inception: 1954
Contact Person: Bandana Kar, President
About the organisation: The Shri Sharoda Sangha is an all-India level organisation that works towards equality between men and women, by imparting spiritual education. The organisation also runs a working women’s hostel in its premises.

SKILL TRAINING AND LEGAL AID

Name of the organisation: Women Congress Association of Hailakandi District
Address: C/o Nanda Choudhury, Mission road, PO & District Hailakandi Assam 788 151
Telephone: 03844-225525
Person in charge: Shree Nanda Chowdhury
Aims & objective: Aims at empowering women by enabling them to be economically self-sufficient.

Main activities: Trainings on weaving, handloom and knitting are provided. These trainings are free of cost and are for a period of 6 months. The criteria for selection is that preference is given to those women and girls living below the poverty line.

The organisation also works on issues of violence against women and provides legal aid as and when required.

About the organisation: The Women Congress Association of Hailakandi District is a political organisation. The organisation mainly works for the empowerment of women.

ADVOCACY ON ISSUES RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Name of the organisation: Purba Hailakandi Development Council (P.H.D.C)
Address: 2 No. Basdhar, PO Matijuri, Dist Hailakandi
Year of inception: October 6, 1996
Person in charge: Md. Atikur Rehman Choudhury
Duration of office hours: 10a.m-3.00p.m, every Sunday
Aims & objective: The organisation works mainly for the development of society, mainly on issues of human rights.
Main activities: Legal literacy and health are focus areas of the organisation. It also campaigns around issues of violence against women. The organisation also has established a Community Development Centre.
SKILL TRAINING AND SHELTER HOME

Name of the organisation : WODWICHEE

Address : PO Lakhirbandha, Dist Hailakandi, Assam 788 155
Telephone : 03844-224942, 222380
Email : wodwichee@rediffmail.com
Year of inception : November 19, 1989
Person in charge : Majmun Nahar, General Secretary
Aims & objective : The organisation mainly works for the upliftment of women who belong to the economically and socially backwards classes.
Main activities : WODWICHEE mainly strives to improve the socio-economic condition of the community. The organisation also runs a shelter home for the old people and for destitute women. As a second level support service, the organisation also runs a skill training institute for women.

Information about the Police Stations:

Phone of the S.P.
Office (03844) 22242
Residence (03844) 22492
Fax 23846

Name of the Police Station Phone
1. Hailakandi (03844) 22253
2. Lala (03844) 44243
3. Katlichera (03844) 85424
4. Algapur (03844) 81424

Name of the OutPost Phone
1. Panchgram (03845) 2231
2. Katakhali
Fire Brigade (Control No.) 22237

ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR WOMEN FACING VIOLENCE

Name of the organisation : Kanaklata Mahila Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd.

Address : Jorhat Unnayan Bhavan, (Jorhat Municipality Board) A.T Road, Jorhat.
Telephone : 0376-3322436
Person in charge : Lakhimi Barua, Managing Director cum Organizing Secretary.
Fund : Women shareholders.
People involved : 5
Duration of office hours : Mon-Fri – 10:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m
Sat – 10:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m
Aims & objective : To provide loans and self-sufficiency to the women-folk.

About the organisation : The Kanaklata Mahila Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd. is the first all-women bank in the state of Assam. Mainly dependent upon shareholders who are women...It received NEDFI equity share of Rs 5 laces during the initial stage. It has a total of 1,300 account numbers, many being the S.B.I and Apex Bank accounts. People with accounts in this organisation usually belong to the urban and the mini-urban areas of Jorhat town. A person has to be 18 years of age in order to be able to have his/her own account.
# COUNSELLING & SKILL TRAINING

**Name of the organisation**: Dakshin Sarbaibandha Mahila Samiti  
**Address**: Dakshin Sarbaibandha, Jorhat.  
**Telephone**: 0376-3322436  
**Year of inception**: 1983  
**Person in charge**: Lakhimi Barua, Secretary.  
**Fund**: Through the Central Social Welfare Board and local donations.  
**People involved**: Councillors-2 (1 male + 1 female)  
Office Assistant-1, Peon-1  
**Duration of office hours**: Sat – 10:00a.m to 3:00p.m.  
**Aims & objective**: Vision of the organisation is to solve problems with mutual conciliation.  
**Main activities**: Family Counselling Centre, (FCC), involved mainly in solving cases of domestic violence and family-disputes. Cases are also referred for legal aid.  
**About the organisation**: The Dakshin Sarbaibandha Mahila Samiti is the only noted FCC in Jorhat town.  
When cases are referred for legal aid, there is a sitting with the Additional S.P and a magistrate. Snigdha Handique (of the Dist. Court) is the Legal Advisor.  
**Second Level Support Services rendered**: The organisation runs a skill-training institute which imparts training on cutting, knitting and embroidery. The duration of the training is about 6 months. The fees varies from Rs. 20-25, however, free training is also sometimes rendered to women of very poor backgrounds.  
**Capacity**: 10-15 women per batch.  

**Others**: An attempt has been made to set up a computer training institute, with the fees varying between Rs. 40-50, monthly. However, the candidates applying for the course must have passed the M.E level of education.

# COUNSELLING

**Name of the organisation**: Anirban Sanskritic Gosthi  
**Address**: A.T. Road, Teok, Dist.- Jorhat, Assam  
**Year of inception**: 1993  
**Person in charge**: Prabin Kr. Neog, Secretary, F.C.C  
**Fund**: Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi.  
**People involved**: 4  
**Duration of office hours**: Sat-Sat – 10:30a.m to 3:00p.m (2nd and 4th Saturdays closed).  
**Aims & objective**: To solve cases, most of which are settled through counselling. Establishing a Pre-Marriage Counselling Centre under the guidance and assistance from CSWB, New Delhi.  
**Main activities**: To resolve problems regarding familial disputes, domestic violence, & the like.  
**About the organisation**: The F.C.C unit of the Anirban Sanskritic Gosthi deals with different family tussles and tries to solve the same. A Group Development Centre has also been introduced in collaboration with the Nehru Yuva Kendra. Only a very few cases have been referred for legal aid.

# DRUG REHABILITATION CENTRE

**Name of the organisation**: Drug De-addiction Centre.  
**Address**: Jananayak Debeswar Sharma Civil Hospital, Jorhat, Assam
**Telephone** : 0376-3372282/83.

**Year of inception** : July, 1997.

**Person in charge** : Adinath Sarmah.

**Fund** : Funds from the Health Ministry, Assam.

**People involved** : 1 counsellor + Attendants (for indoor patients).

**Duration of office hours** : 10:00a.m to 4:00p.m, everyday.

**Indoor patient capacity** : 8

**Main activities** : De-addiction and De-toxification.

**About the center** : Provides free medication and diet. Awareness Programmes are also organized. It also plans to set up primary health centres in the neighboring four areas. The centre also plans to introduce an individual, a group and a family psycho therapy unit. Yoga sessions would also be provided.

**DRUG REHABILITATION CENTRE**

**Name of the organisation** : De-addiction cum Rehabilitation Centre

**Address** : Choladhara, Near Water Supply, Jorhat, Assam

**Year of inception** : 2002

**Person in charge** : Debashish Barua.

**Fund** : Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

**People involved** : Counsellors-2

Yoga-therapist-1

Social-worker-1

Accountant-1

Helpers-4

**Duration of office hours** : 10:00 a.m to 4:00p.m, everyday.

**Indoor patient capacity** : 15 beds.

**Fees** : Rs 50 monthly, only for food.

**Session** : April to March.

**Main activities** : De-addiction, counselling and rehabilitation.

**About the centre** : Yoga and medication sessions are provided to the patients. Awareness programmes are often held in and around Jorhat town. Leaflets are distributed in schools and colleges, with emphasis upon the evil effects of drugs and alcohol.

**To note** : Patients of the drug re-habilitation centres belong to all sections of society, and of the age-group between 12 to 60 years. The number of females taking to drugs have also risen phenomenally over the last 4-5 years. Alcohol and other cheaper drugs are consumed by all sections of society, whereas L.S.D’s, marijuana etc. not easily available due to the high costs, are consumed by the youth from the well-to-do sections of society. The prime causes for their taking to drugs arise mainly due to family disharmony, peer pressure, frustration, experimentation, etc.

**SUPPORT SERVICE FOR THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED**

**Name of the organisation** : Prerona

**Address** : Chinnamara, Jorhat, Assam

**Year of inception** : June 27, 1992.

**Person in charge** : Sayera Rahman.

**Fund** : Central Govt. assistance, Donations, Fund-raising activities, etc.

**Duration of office hours** : Mon-Fri – 9:00a.m to 3:00p.m

**Total students** : 83

**Session** : April to March.
Aims & objective: To introduce a short-stay home for the spastic children with the capacity not exceeding 10.

Main activities: Shelter for special education, physiotherapy, speech-therapy, play, music and dramatic therapy, counselling centre, community-based services, manpower development training (in collaboration with D.P.E.P.), etc.

About the organisation: The literal meaning of the centre is “inspiration” and it has inspired several despondent hearts. The ratio of teacher: student is 1:5 (or 6). It is associated with Rotary International, Community based Rehabilitation, and many other noted organisations. Food is provided by the institute twice a week, with a feeding-class being held everyday.

SUPPORT SERVICE FOR THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED:

Name of the organisation: Drishtihind Vidyalaya (Blind Institution).
Address: Near Na-Ali, Jorhat, Assam
Year of inception: Foundation stone was laid in 1974 by the then Chief Minister of Assam, and was later inaugurated in 1976 by the then Prime Minister of India.

Person in charge: Ili Rao Bora, Principal.
Fund: Govt. Social Welfare Dept.
People involved: 33
Duration of office hours: Mon-Sat – 10:00a.m to 5:00p.m (2nd and 4th Saturdays closed).
Total no. of students: 76
Main activities: To impart education (high school level), music, etc.

Skill Training: Includes lessons on cutting, tailoring, knitting, doll-making and flower-making.

About the institute: There is a hostel for boys but not for girls. They are therefore put up in the staff quarters with a matron looking after them. Food is provided four times a day, but there occurs the shortage of water supply. A general physician visits the institute twice a week at no extra cost. However, the institute suffers from a lack of funds.

LEGAL AID

Name of the centre: Women Legal Aid Cell
Address: Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jorhat District
Telephone: 0376-3320020
Person in charge: Rani Kathappi, Magistrate.
Duration of office hours: 10:00a.m to 5:00p.m, Mon-Sat (2nd and 4th Saturdays closed).
**LEGAL AID AND COUNSELLING**

**Name of the center**: Sexual Harassment Cell  
**Address**: Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jorhat Dist.  
**Telephone**: 0376-3320020  
**Person in charge**: Julie Sonowal, A.D.C.  
**Duration of office hours**: 10:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m (2nd and 4th Saturdays closed).

**SHELTER**

**Name of the centre**: Observation Home  
**Address**: Lechubari, Jorhat, Assam  
**Year of inception**: 1987.  
**Person in charge**: Dharmendra Pegu, Principal.  
**Fund**: By the Dept. of Social Welfare, 50% Central Share and 50% State Share.  
**Main activities**: As per the Juvenile Justice Act and the Care and Protection Act, 2000, rehabilitation, reformation and counseling activities are provided. Moral education is also imparted together with primary education.  
**Capacity**: 50 inmates.  
**Current no. of inmates**: 29.  
**Skill training facilities**: Teachers are employed to impart training with regard to cutting, tailoring and making of clay-models.  
**About the center**: The Observation Home only has male inmates currently; the female inmates are transferred to the Nagaon State Home. A part-time doctor visits the centre twice a week, but could be called any time an emergency arises. Inmates mostly belong to the age-group of 12-17 years, although few of them belonging to a very young age-group are also present. The maximum period spent by an inmate at the centre is not more than three years. A television and a library are available for their recreational purpose.

**SUPPORT SERVICES FOR CHILDREN**

**SHELTER**

**Name of the organisation**: Mother Teresa's: Nirmal Hriday,  
**Address**: Bagchung, Near Don Bosco School, Jorhat, Assam  
**Year of inception**: 1992.  
**Person in charge**: Sr. Sylvana M.C., Sr. Superior.  
**People involved**: 17  
**Fund**: Missionaries of Charity Trust.  
**Capacity**: 20 beds (Currently there are 9 babies, 3 orphans and 10 destitute).  
**Duration of office hours**: 10:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m, 3:00 p.m to 5:00 p.m, everyday.  
**About the organisation**: It is a home for destitute and orphan children. The children are sent to the neighbouring schools for the education. Singing and music classes are held every evening. The children residing at Nirmal Hriday are below 12 years.

**SHELTER**

**Name of the organisation**: Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ashram, Ishwarya Viswa Vidyalaya.  
**Address**: Army Cantt, 41 Sub-areas, Near Rhino Cinema, Jail Road, Jorhat, Assam
Year of inception: 1999.
Person in charge: Brahma Kumari Lata.
People involved: 4
Fund: Bhai-Bahan Gyan Donation.
Duration of office hours: 6:00a.m to 11:00a.m and 4:00p.m to 8:30p.m, everyday.
Criteria for admission: One has to undergo the 7-day ritual and take the vow of a Brahma Kumari. Age no bar. No fees required.
Main activities: Imparts in-house education at the Iswarya Viswa Vidyalaya and the Rajyoga Education Centre. Yoga and meditation sessions are held every evening.
Current no. of Brahma Kumaris: 11, belonging to a varied age-group of 19-67 years.

SKILL TRAINING
Name of the organisation: Hemalata Bezbora Skill Training Institute, under Jorhat Dist. Mahila Samiti.
Address: Nehru Park Road, Jorhat, Assam
Year of inception: 1932.
Fund: Voluntary funds and by the fees-payment.
Person in charge: Debeswari Barua, President.
People involved: 6 trainers.
Duration of office hours: Mon-Sat, 11:00a.m to 1:30p.m. (3 batches a day).
Type of trainings provided: Stitching, cutting, embroidery, and fabric painting.
Duration of the training: Varies between 3-6 months.
Fees: Rs. 15 or less, monthly. Free training is imparted to women coming from very poor backgrounds.
Criteria for selection: Anyone interested could take up the skill-training courses.
Other information: Products are displayed during exhibitions, etc. A sales-counter is also present at the institute.

SKILL TRAINING
Name of the organisation: Assam Jatiyabadi Yuva Chatra Parishad.
Address: Mithapukhupi Road, Jorhat, Assam
Person in charge: Putul Dutta.
People involved: 4 trainers.
Fund: Voluntary fund, and through the fees-payment.
Duration of office hours: 10:30a.m to 3:30p.m. (3 batches a day).
Type of trainings provided: Tailoring and embroidery. Jute products are also manufactured. Special coaching for Bank PO Examinations is also provided.
Duration of the training: 3-6 months. However, the Bank PO Coaching lasts only for a month and a half as and when the need arises.
Fees: Rs. 15-25, monthly. Free training is also imparted to some women. However the coaching fees amount up to Rs. 35 a month.

SKILL TRAINING
Name of the organisation: Kalyani Samaj Kalyan Kendra
Address: Potiagaon, Jorhat, Assam
Person in charge: Bhaben Dutta.
People involved: 6 vocational trainers + 2 for the Shishu Kendra.
Fund: Through the fees-payment and voluntary donations.
SKILL TRAINING

Name of the organisation : Kasturba Unnayan Kendra
Address : Teok Tea Estate, Jorhat Dist., Assam
Year of inception : 1953
Person in charge : Smt. Kamala Roy.
People involved : 2
Fund : Kasturba Gandhi Trust.
Duration of office hours : 9:00a.m to 2:00p.m, everyday.
Type of trainings provided : Weaving, cutting, embroidery and making of jute products.
Duration of the training : 1-3 months.
Fees : Rs. 50 per month.
Capacity per batch : 30-35 women.
Other information : Though primarily a centre for imparting vocational training to women, it runs a Balwadi (Pre-Primary) school. It also has a female gynecological unit and a child care unit. Several Malaria Awareness Camps have been arranged by the institute over the years. It works in collaboration with the Nehru Yuva Kendra and the Dept. of Social Welfare. There is a sales-counter for the products manufactured and custom-made products are also available, depending upon individual preferences.

SKILL TRAINING

Name of the organisation : Jorhat Jila Mahila Samiti
Address : Nehru Park Road, Jorhat, Assam
Year of inception : 1926.
Person in charge : Debeshwari Barua, President.
People involved : 18 Executive members + other voluntary members.
Fund : Voluntary funds and membership fees.
Duration of office hours : 11:00a.m to 1:30p.m, Mon-Sat.
Main activities : Mainly strives to uplift the weaker sections of society. It provides skill training especially on food-preservation.
Second Level Support Services : Runs the Hemalata Bezpora School and the Tripini Sangha which provides vocational trainings on cutting, sewing, embroidery and fabric-painting.
The period of training varies between 3-6 months and the fees is Rs. 15 or less. It is occasionally free for women coming from extremely poor backgrounds. A sales-counter is also available at the skill-training institute.

SKILL TRAINING

Name of the organisation : Jila Mahila Kalyan Parishad
Address : Old Circuit House Road, Jorhat, Assam
Year of inception : 1998.
People involved : 5 Executive members.
Membership fee : Rs. 10.

Fund : Voluntary funds, membership fee, and funds raised by organizing competitions (painting, etc.), functions, etc.

Duration of office hours : Mon-Fri, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Main activities : The organisation works mainly for the enlistment of the poor. Health awareness camps are organized once in every 3 months, with emphasis on female and child care. Domestic counseling, to a little extent, is also rendered.

Second level support services rendered : The organisation imparts training on cutting and embroidery to women above 14 years of age. The capacity of a single batch is 10, the training varies lasts for 6 months and the fees varies between Rs. 20-50.

**SKILL TRAINING**

**Name of the organisation** : Lakhimi Sangha

**Address** : Jail Road, Near Circuit House, Jorhat, Assam

**Telephone** : 0376-2370206.

**Year of inception.** : July 4, 1996.

**Person in charge** : Rekha Barua, President, and Kabita Rajguru, Advisor.

**Fund** : Membership fee and voluntary funds.

**Duration of office hours** : Every Wednesday, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**Aims & objective** : To bring about the socio-economic development of the backward and the needy sections of society.

**Main activities** : The organisation works mainly for the social welfare of the underprivileged. The organisation also imparts training on midwifery in the villages in and around Jorhat, in collaboration with the Child Welfare Department of the Jananayak Debeswar Sharma Civil Hospital. The training is imparted to about 6-7 women from about 5 neighboring villages at a time. The entire training is free of charge, the duration of which is for a period of 15 days.

**Others** : Financial assistance to the bright students coming from extremely poor families is also provided. It also caters to the needs of the children of the blind school, Jorhat, and the orphanages present in and around the town to a certain extent. Various Health Awareness Camps are organized in collaboration with the Government Public Health Department.

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**Information on the Police Stations at Jorhat**

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6. Majuli         (03775) 73420
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8. Jengramukh     -
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6. Debarapar | 46447
7. Ladoigarh | 320088
8. Bamunpukhuri | -
9. Ahatguri | -
10. Jalukani | -
Fire Brigade (Control No.) | 320101

COUNSELLING CUM LEGAL AID

Name of the organisation: Global Organization for Life Development (GOLD)

Address: Pub Sarania, 1st Bye-Lane (West), Guwahati, Assam 781 003

Telephone: (0361) 2541155, 2417387, and 2452084

Email: rks_ghy@yahoo.com

Contact person: Santana Sharma (Organizing Secretary and Legal advisor), Kamal Agarwal (Legal Advisor)

Aims & objective: The main objective of the Family Counseling Centre scheme is to provide preventive, curative and rehabilitative services to victims of atrocities and other problems relating to the individual, the family and the family. The FCC Scheme has primarily been formulated to strengthen the family and society at large, from the breaking up on account of marital discord, dowry death, alcoholism, drug abuse and other related social problems. Besides, it also aims at generating awareness about prevailing laws relating to women and children and providing free legal aid to the people.

Main activities: The Main activities of the organisation are as follows:-
- To provide free legal aid to the masses.
- Counseling of marital dispute (divorce, maintenance and custody).
- Counseling and prevention of Domestic Violence (cruelty by husband, members of the family and willful conduct of the husband)
- Fight against harassment at the workplace.
- Generate awareness to realize that the female child is a valued one.
- Material support for those who are in desperate need for help.
- Counseling before rehabilitation of destitute women.

About the organisation: The working schedule of the Counseling unit is Six days a week. The Unit remains open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (Monday-Thursday) and in the evenings on Friday and Saturday. Assistance is also sought at times from the outside of the organisation.

COUNSELLING

Name of the organisation: Eastern India Women's Association (EIWA)
Address: F.A Ahmed Building (First Floor), Lakhtokia, Guwahati 781 001, Assam
Telephone: 0361-2554410
Person in change: Minoo Choudhury, President
Contact person: Anu Borah (Phone: 0361-2666429)
Year of inception: 2003

About the organisation: This is a very new organisation. The counselling centre was launched for young women and couples facing problems related to pre and post marriage issues. This is in response to its concern for the growing degradation of values in society, marital problems, discord between mother-in-law and daughter-in-law, plight of children from broken or disturbed homes etc. The counselling service will provide professional and guidance, free of cost, to this vital young group in society in the areas of pre and post marriage issues, in complete confidence. The help of professional psychologists, sociologists and behavioural scientists will also be available.

COUNSELLING

Name of the organisation: Family Counseling Centre (F.C.C) under I.C.C.W, Guwahati, Assam
Address: C.I.D Headquarter, Ulubari, Guwahati - 781 007
Year of inception: 1997
Person in charge: Gujrat Dewri, Kusal Saikia and Jolly Changmai
About the Centre: The F.C.C unit works in association with the C.I.D HQ, all the police stations (inclusive of the All Women Police Station), the Mahila Samities and the various clubs. It provides counselling assistance to clients suffering from problems, such as family disputes, atrocities on women, dowry related cases, physical and mental torture, interference of parents-in-law, extramarital relationship, alcohol and drug addiction, economic crises, etc.
COUNSELLING

Name of the organisation : S.M. Polyclinic (Helpline)
Address : S. M. Polyclinic, Project S.M. Social Services, Soniram Bora Road, Near Bora Service, Ulubari, Guwahati 781 007, Assam
Helpline Number : 0361-2456518 (Toll Free)
Year of inception : 2002
Person in charge : Dr. R.K. Dhar
About the Helpline : The Centre provides counselling and referral services on issues relating to violence against women, teenage problems, health and medical issues, personal issues and issues relating to sexuality.

SPECIAL SERVICES

DRUG DE-ADDICTION AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

Name of the organisation : MASHWARA (Drug de-addiction and rehabilitation centre)
Address : Opposite City College, Panjabari Road, Guwahati 781 037, Assam
Telephone : 0361-2330204
Year of inception : 1995
Person in charge : Pranjal Dutta and Aloka Bhattacharjee
Aims & objective : MASHWARA, is a centre which provides therapeutic and after care services to drug addicts. The objectives include empowering women and youth for better quality of life; improve living and health conditions of the society and economically deprived population; to make efforts to educate the women, youth and children, drug abuse and AIDS prevention; to work for human rights; to promote the understanding between religion, caste and region.

Main activities

A variety of services of social support is provided by the organisation. This detoxification and rehabilitation centre of North East Society for the Promotion of Youth and Masses (NESPYM) facilitates drug users to change lifestyles through a strategic process of counsel and care for the well being of the client. It aims to prepare the drug users for better life through medical help, psychological intervention and development in areas of spiritual concern. Its key-thrust areas are:

– Detoxification of effects of drugs through medical intervention.
– Rehabilitation or restoring the patient to a track of optimum effectiveness through learning in the form of behaviour modification sessions.
– After care counsel with the object of preparing the person for reintegration in the society and preventing the severity of relapse.

The Counselling team consists of counsellors as also physicians and psychologists who co-ordinate the process through direct face-to-face interaction with the patient, the family and persons with whom the patient regularly comes in contact with. These interactions take place in either or both of the following two forms: (1) Individual, group and family counselling, and (2) Psychological
Post care service of clients is carried out in the following manner:

(A) Periodic Counselling, where the client visits the centre 4 days a month or once a week for the initial month; over the next 3 months, the client visits for 6 days or twice a month; the client visits the centre once a month for the remaining 18 months. (B) Follow-up functions, where the client visits the centre alone or with the family; every month a meeting is arranged with the family or close friend or relative of the recovering addict; contact is maintained with the recovering addicts by letters/ telephone calls and home visits to monitor the after-effects.

COUNSELLING

Name of the organisation : CHILDLINE (1098)
Address : Hem Barua Sishu Sadan, B.Baruah Road (Opposite Nehru Stadium), Ulubari, Guwahati, Assam
Help lines : 1098 (Toll Free), 0361-2456479
Year of inception : February 2001
Person in charge : Jitumoni Dutta, Co-ordinator
Staff capacity : 10
About CHILDLINE : This is a national 24-hour free phone emergency outreach service for children in need of care and protection. It is a project of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in partnership with the State Governments, NGO’s academic institutions, UNICEF and the corporate sector. It networks with the Police, District Administration, health service sector and other organisations providing specialized services to children. It also has scheduled timings so as to conduct outreach programmes for 3-4 hours a day, by help of which it provides the need-based information about its activities.

SPECIAL SERVICES

FOR PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY CHALLENGED CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

Name of the organisation : Sahayika
Address : Government Press Road, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati 781 021, Assam
Year of inception : September 1986
Person in charge : Kalpana Bezboruah
Aims & objective : To help children up to the age group of 18 years and their parents, with special attention towards adolescent girls.
Main activities : The Main activities of the organisation includes the running of a special school for children with hearing disability, school for the mentally challenged children, counselling for abused children, prevention of child trafficking, orientation course for children and parents with regard to child care, etc. The organisation also imparts training on weaving, block printing, screen-printing, tailoring, embroidery carpentry, designing and card making, cooking, etc. The duration of the days of the training is decided after getting feedbacks. The fee structure varies according to the trainings provided and interviews are usually held with regard to the participants of the training programmes. Adequate follow up services are also available.
SHELTER HOME

Name of the organisation: Snehalaya

Address: Don Bosco, Panbazar, Guwahati- 781001, Assam

Telephone: 0361-2603183 (O), 2476812 (R)

Email: snehalaya@satyam.net.in

Year of inception: August 2000

Person in charge: Fr. Lucas Cheruvalel (Director)
Fr. Dominic Perunnerparampil (Assistant Director)

Aims & objective: A child-friendly city where even the poorest of the poor children enjoy their right to survival, protection, development and participation. The mission is to take them off the street and put them on their feet.

Main activities: In keeping with the Aims & objective, the organisation provides shelter to around 50 homeless children in three units. It is also involved in advocacy and networking activities with other NGO’s. Committed to take the street children off the street and put them on their feet, Snehalaya follows the educational method of Don Bosco based on love, reason, spiritual and moral values, empowerment through education and skill training. The model designed is one Rehabilitation Centre supported by five feeder shelter Homes in strategic places. The shelter homes are as follows:

a. Children’s home at Dhirenpara: This home, Snehalaya, 2000, is now looking after set by the author of the Trust on august 16. There were 20 street children here in December 2002. The Home takes kids from the age of 4 to 14 years and retains them up to the age of 18. There are three volunteers who render services on the basis of an honorarium. The Director and the assistant Director of Snehalaya stay here with the children after office hours. The homely atmosphere of the centre is its special characteristic, which helps most to retain the children.

b. Don Bosco Shelter Home at Pan bazaar: This was also set up by the author of the Trust and is now under Snehalaya. There are about 30 boys daily which is a first contact home, a short stay home, and a night shelter. The children are given free food and lodging (they are served two full meals and some snacks). Literacy and moral classes are held. Arts and crafts are taught. Monthly medical check-ups are organized in this centre. Counselling is also provided to children. There are 3 volunteers who render service here on the basis of an honorarium. Smaller children who can be educated normally are shifted to Dhirenpara. The Home takes children from the age of 4 to 14 years and retains them up to the age of 18.

c. Auxillium – Snehalaya at Noonmati: The major achievement of the Trust has been the acquisition of property in Noonmati for the opening of a Shelter Home for poor girls on the streets. This home was inaugurated
on January 31, 2003 by Captain Robin Bordoloi, Honourable Minister of Sports and Youth Welfare, Govt. of Assam. It has the capacity to shelter 30 girls from the age of 4 to 18 years. The Salesian Sisters run this centre on behalf of Snehalaya.

About the organisation : Snehalaya is a social service programme with a focus on the care and rehabilitation of the young at risk in the city of Guwahati. It is registered as a Charitable Trust set up by the Salesians of Don Bosco, North East India. The organisation also networks with the Don Bosco Youth Mission and Educational Services and Childline among others.

COUNSELLING

Name of the organisation : Family Counselling Centre (F.C.C)
Address : Barowari, Guwahati, District Kamrup, Assam 781 003.
Telephone : 0361-2551135 (R)
Person in charge : Ms. Manashi Hazarika, Sri R. Das, and Ms. Suniti Sonowal
About the centre : The organisation provides counselling services at the individual and family levels to the victims of violence, mainly cases of marital discord etc. The fee structure varies from Rs. 50/- to Rs. 100/-. Free services are also provided at times to people seeking help who belong to very poor families.

COUNSELLING

Name of the organisation : Labhita Nari Sangha
Address : Village Kochpara, Mirza District Kamrup, Assam 781 125

Year of inception : 1998
Person in charge : Ms. Phaguni Rabha (President), Ms. Rijumoni Talukdar (Secretary)
Aims & objective : To create a society that is free of exploitation, by ensuring freedom to women and other vulnerable groups, who have been the victims of exploitation.
Main activities : To make women aware of their rights and to fight for them. The organisation also tries to generate discussions and debates on violence against women and also disseminates information on the same.
Counselling is provided to bring about meaningful resolution of cases of violence against women. Some cases are also referred to the police.

About the organisation : The organisation mainly strives to achieve its goal, which is to build a society that is free from exploitation.

SHELTER AND SKILL TRAINING

Name of the organisation : Assam Rajyik Mahila Griha (State Home for Women)
Address : Sundarpur, Jalukbari, Guwahati 781 014, Assam
Year of inception : 1957-58
Person in charge : Ms. Prabin Ahmed Rahman
About the Home : The State Home for Women is run by the Department of Family Welfare, Govt. of Assam. Shelter is provided to survivors of violence, to abused women, including children (up to the age of 5 years) of un-wed mothers. The expenses of the inmates are borne by the State Government.
Trainings on weaving, bag and doll-making are also imparted to the women. Goods produced by the women are sold at exhibitions and also to the visitors to the State Home.

**ADVOCACY ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ISSUES**

**Name of the organisation**: Naari Adhikar Raksha Samannay Samiti (State Level)

**Address**: S.K. Barua Road, Rukmini Nagar, Dispur, Guwahati, District Kamrup, Assam 781 006

**Telephone**: 0361-2265134

**Year of inception**: August 21, 1994

**Person in charge**: Ms. Queen Sharma

**Aims & objective**: The main aim of the organisation is to ensure social equality, gender justice and equal rights to society.

**Main activities**: The organisation works with women who have been the survivors of violence and to make women independent and aware of their constitutional rights and getting them justice. The organisation also provides trainings to counter violence against women, on issues of women and child health, legal education, small savings, leadership and so on. The duration of training varies according to the place, environment and the type of training provided. The fee structure varies according to the type of training provided and the capacity per batch is around 10-20 women.

**About the organisation**: The organisation works in co-ordination with Gana Unnayan Parishad, Jatiya Nurse Mahila Ayog, North East Network, Nari Nirjatn Biruddhi Jatiya Mancha and other organisations working mainly on women’s rights.

**COUNSELLING**

**Name of the organisation**: Peace Centre (Counseling Unit)

**Address**: G.N.B Road, Ambari, Guwahati 781 003, Assam

**Telephone**: 0361-2603477 (O), 2201285 (R)

**Year of inception**: 2002

**Person in charge**: Father Mathew Puthumara, (Director)

**About the centre**: Counseling services are provided to both men and women individually or within a group, in either the Hindi or the English Language. Trainings on the techniques and principles of counseling are also provided.

**How to apply**: Appointment is first sought through the telephone. The fees may be negotiable, however, free services are provided to people belonging to the poorer sections of society. The timings are on Saturdays and Mondays from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

**ADVOCACY ON ISSUES RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

**Name of the organisation**: Nirjatan Biruddhi Akya Mancha

**Address**: C/o Sumitra Hazarika, Opp. Gauhati Club, G.N.B. Road, Guwahati 781003, Assam

**Telephone**: 0361-2660485, 2520197

**Year of inception**: July 2002

**Person in charge**: Ms. Sumitra Hazarika, Anima Guha

**Aims & objective**: To create a platform to fight against all forms of violence prevalent in society.

**Main activities**: To fight against violence and atrocities against women and children, to bring
about the meaningful solution of societal problems by arranging mass gatherings and to refer to counseling services and legal aid to the survivors of violence as and when the need arises.

**COUNSELLING**

**Name of the organisation**: Helpline, 1091 (for women in distress)

**Address**: Bharatiya Rajyik Sasthya Santha, (Assam Rajyik Sakha), R.G. Baruah Road, Sundarpur, Guwahati, District Kamrup, Assam 781 005

**Telephone**: 1091 (24 hours, toll-free)

**Year of inception**: 2003

**Person in charge**: Deepshikha Das, Ellora Goswami, Anu Gayan

**About the Helpline**: Provides shelter and counseling to destitute women and to women who have been survivors of violence, physical, mental and emotional. The organisation also tries to rehabilitate the victims at times.

**SHELTER**

**Name of the organisation**: Ambikagiri Smarak Briddha Abash (Old Age Home)

**Address**: Narengi, Pathar Kuari, P.O Udayan Bihar Guwahati, District Kamrup, Assam 781 026

**Telephone**: 0361-2641850

**Year of inception**: December 18, 2001

**Person in charge**: Sushibrat Rai Choudhury (President), Ratna Kumar Gautam (Secretary)

**About the organisation**: The organisation provides shelter to the old and destitute. It is funded by the Central Social Welfare Board, the capacity of which varies between 12-14.

**COUNSELLING, LEGAL AID AND ADVOCACY ON ISSUES OF WOMEN’S DEVELOPMENT**

**Name of the organisation**: Assam Pradeshik Mahila Samiti

**Address**: Chandraprabha Saikiani Bhawan, Guwahati Club, G.N.B. Road, Guwahati, District Kamrup, Assam 781 003

**Telephone number**: 0361-2660447

**Year of inception**: 1926

**Persons in charge**: Kamal Kumari Barua (President), Preeti Goswami (Working President), Neelima Kakati (Secretary), Ranu Talukdar (Joint Secretary)
Aims & objective: To bring about an active participation in all spheres of life by women belonging to every community and to provide them with meaningful education on all social, cultural, economic and other issues.

Main activities: Being an umbrella organisation the APMS federates with all district mahila samities of Assam, which in turn has links with primary mahila samities. The organisation mainly works to bring about various social reforms in society. It strives to upgrade socio-economic conditions of women and also tries to make them aware of their rights.

It provides training to women and girls every Tuesday and Wednesday on typing, tailoring and embroidery. The duration of the training varies from 2-6 months depending upon the type of training provided. The admission fee is Rs. 50/- and the monthly fee is Rs. 30/-. The participants must have a primary level of education, which is the sole criterion for selection.

About the organisation: The organisation works in co-ordination with State agencies. It remains open on all week days from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm. Various awareness programmes are arranged by the organisation at both the grassroots and the state level. The Samiti has a Family Counseling Centre and a Legal aid Cell.

Name of the Organisation: Family Counselling Centre, Assam Pradeshik Mahila Samiti
Address: Chandraprabha Saikiani Bhawan, Guwahati Club, G.N.B. Road, Guwahati, District Kamrup, Assam 781 003
Telephone: 0361-2660447
Year of inception: 1992
Person in charge: Dilip Kumar Kalita, Anamika Das

About the centre: The centre provides counseling services free of charge, with regard to family matters. Legal advice is also provided at times. Awareness programmes on legal issues are also arranged at times by the centre.

Name of the Organisation: Women Legal Aid Cell, Assam Pradeshik Mahila Samiti
Address: Chandraprabha Saikiani Bhawan, Guwahati Club, G.N.B. Road, Guwahati, District Kamrup, Assam 781 003
Telephone: 0361-2660447
Year of inception: November 14, 1989
Person in charge: Ms. Suniti Sonwal, Advocate, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati

About the Cell: The Cell tries to provide solution to cases of family disputes, including dowry, divorce and maintenance, guardianship of children, and other related cases. Campaign and awareness programmes on legal literacy and various legal issues are organized by the organisation at both the grassroots and the state levels. The fee structure varies from Rs. 50/- to Rs. 500/- depending upon the cases. However, free legal aid is provided to women living below the poverty line. All applications should be address to the Secretary of the Legal Aid Cell.
SHELTER

Name of the organisation: Home for Destitute and Shelterless.

Address: Office of the Superintendent, Bamunigaon, Boko, District Kamrup, Pin: 781141, Assam

Year of inception: 1986

Capacity: The home has a capacity of 50

Person in charge: Debika Das (Superintendent)
Telephone: 2230652

The home is supported by the State Social Welfare Department, Government of Assam. Also receives funds from the Rotary Club and concerned individuals.

Age group: 50 years and above.

Other facilities: A private Ayurvedic doctor visits the home. He is also available on call.

The home has a weaving centre.

SKILL TRAINING

Name of the organisation: Saatsori Matri Samaj

Address: Azara, District Kamrup, Assam 781 017

Telephone: 0361-2890836

Year of inception: 1988

Person in charge: Chompa Bora (President)
Binita Debi Barua Das (Secretary)

Aims & objective: To promote mother and child welfare in society.

Main activities: The organisation carries out work in disciplines like culture, language and literature, health (mainly mother and child care), etc.

Training programmes on mushroom cultivation, fruit preservation, cultivation of tube-rose flowers are carried out for achievement of self-independence among women.

About the organisation: The total number of members in the organisation is 75. There is also a Saatsori Moina Parijat (child-organisation) under them.

ADVOCACY ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ISSUES

Name of the organisation: North East Network (NEN)

Address: J.N. Borooah Lane, Jorpukhuri, Guwahati 781 001

Telephone: 0361-2603833, 2631582 (telefax)

Year of inception: 1995

Person in charge: Monisha Behal, Director, Programmes

Aims & objective: To build a society where there is gender justice, equality and respect for human right across all sections. The organisation has also been working towards change in development perspectives of the region from needs to rights.
Main activities: Human rights, health, livelihood, natural resource management, peace and conflict resolution are areas of focus. NEN also carries out research and documentation on violence against women and partners with NGOs at the local, regional and international level to advocate for the rights of women and for a violence free world. NEN has also been actively part of the network of organisations working towards facilitating Government obligations towards the fulfillment of women’s equality.

North East Network provides referral services to women facing violence. NEN has offices in Delhi, Guwahati, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland.

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6. Hajo          282222
7. Chaygaon      
8. Boko          (912) 282229
9. Nagarbera     
10. Palashbari   (912) 230039
11. Saulkuchi    2830112

Name of the OutPost Phone

1. Ramdai -
2. Rani -
3. Jorsimalu -
4. Mandira -

Fire Brigade (Control No.) 240517

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KARBI ANGLONG

Name of the District: Karbi Anglong
Area (sq. kms): 10,434

WOMEN’S HOSTEL AND DAY CARE CENTRE

Name of the organisation: Women’s Hostel and Day-Care Centre (Established under the Karbi Anglong Mahila Samiti, Diphu).
Address: Premises of the Office of the Karbi Anglong Mahila Samiti, Diphu, Karbi Anglong 782 460.
Telephone: (03671) 272431 (President) (03671) 273646 (Secretary)
Year of inception: April 2, 2001
Person in charge: Smti. Tarulata Baruah Rongpi (President)
Fund: Funded by the Government of India.
Capacity: 18 beds.
About the centre: The women’s hostel cum day-care centre had been established by the Karbi Anglong Mahila Samiti, Diphu, mainly to provide shelter and lodging facilities to students and working women coming in to Diphu from remote areas of the District.

SKILL TRAINING

Name of the organisation: Karbi Anglong Mahila Samiti.
Address: Near Hospital Road, Diphu, Karbi Anglong – 782 460
Telephone: 03671-2272431 (R) President 22273646 (R) Secretary.
Person in charge: Smti Tarulata Barua Rongpi (President)
Year of inception: 1960
Strength of the organisation: 21 executive members and 250 members from the entire District.
Duration of office hours: 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM on weekdays
Main activities: The organisation strives to uplift the poorer sections of society. It organises health camps for mother and child care and imparts trainings on health, hygiene and sanitation. It imparts rehabilitation programmes through trainings for economic empowerment especially for women. Legal literacy camps are also organised at various places within the district to provide legal awareness among the masses. Cases are referred to the police or to the district court if and when the need arises. There has also been the proposal to set up Legal Aid unit within the organisation. Non-formal education is also imparted in the various literacy camps that are organised once in every two months.

Skill training: Trainings are provided on cutting, weaving and embroidery. Food preservation training camps are also organised.

Fees: The trainings are organised and imparted free of cost.

Duration: 6 months for cutting, weaving and embroidery. 2 weeks for food preservation. A total number of six handlooms are present in the organisation. There is a sales counter in the organisation and the products are displayed at various exhibitions.
### SKILL TRAINING AND LEGAL AID

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<td>Pratikha Das Purkayashtra (General Secretary)</td>
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<td>People involved</td>
<td>136 in Diphu, 8 executive members</td>
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<td>Main activities</td>
<td>Mainly mobilises grassroots women to campaign against violence meted out to women and works towards gender justice. Legal aid is provided to women in need. The organisation follows up cases with the police and the Diphu Legal Court. It has successfully mobilised women to form self-help groups and has acted as a pressure group to counter social problems and for enabling the women to become economically independent.</td>
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<td>Second level support services</td>
<td>The organisation facilitates the rehabilitation of those women who have been victims of violence, by imparting certain skills. The organisation provides trainings on handloom weaving and pickle-making. The capacity per batch for such trainings is 10 women. The duration of the same varies between 2-3 months.</td>
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| Fees                              | There is an admission fee of Rs. 50/- per women and monthly fee of Rs. 5/-.

### ADVOCACY ON ISSUES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

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<td>Mr. Lila Bora, Secretary.</td>
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<td>Fund</td>
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<td>Fees</td>
<td>Rs. 20/- per month.</td>
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<td>Main activities</td>
<td>The organisation mainly works for the socio-economic development of the community by organising a number of programmes for the education and development of women and girls in particular. It also has a crèche. It also takes up cases when women’s rights are violated.</td>
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### SHELTER HOME

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<td>About the shelter home</td>
<td>The organisation runs an orphanage, which provides food clothing shelter and primary level education to nearly 17 children. Together with imparting education to the children, they also render trainings on making handicrafts from jute, cane and bamboos. Products are sold at the market or at exhibitions. Awareness programmes are also organised for children above 8-9 years of age on health, hygiene and sanitation and drug abuse.</td>
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Fund : Central & State government, donations.
Problems faced : Lack of funds, resulting in limited staff as well as lack of basic infrastructural facilities are a major challenge for the organisation.

ADVOCACY ON ISSUES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND SKILL TRAINING

Name of the organisation : Nehru Yuva Kendra
Address : Near Civil Hospital Diphu, Karbi Anglong Assam-782460.
Telephone : 03671 – 273102.
Person In charge : L. Marjit Kr. Singh. District Youth Co-ordinator.
Duration of office hours : 10.00am. – 5.00pm.
Main activities : Awareness programmes on certain social issues like atrocities against women. Health is a major focus area of work.
Trainings provided : The Nehru Yuva Kendra, Diphu, also has a Vocational training centre which imparts trainings on cutting, tailoring and embroidery to women and girls. There is also training on making articles from cane/bamboo for both men and women.

The training programmes vary between 3-6 months and the capacity per batch exceeds not more than 25.

These trainings are rendered free of cost.

Name of the organisation : Friends Club
Address : Sitalabari, Diphu, Karbi Anglong, Assam 782460
Person-in-charge : Shri Nikhil Das, President
Year of inception : 1971
Duration of office hours : Sundays, 10:00 a.m to 12:00 noon; 4:00 p.m to 7:00 p.m

Name of the organisation : Amra Kajan
Address : Sitalabari, Diphu, Karbi Anglong, Assam 782460
Person-in-charge : Shri Narayan Bhattacharyya, Vice President
Year of inception : 1995

Name of the organisation : Netaji Sports Club
Address : Sitalabari, Diphu, Karbi Anglong 782460
Person-in-charge : Shri Ranjit Kumar Sen

About Friends Club, Amra Kajan, Netaji Sports Club : These are all socio-cultural organisations, usually working in collaboration with each other and with the Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK), Diphu. They mainly organize theatres, dramas and street-plays to highlight certain social issues, thus bringing about awareness amongst the masses. Violence against women (VAW) in the form of issues like rape and dowry are also portrayed through plays. These clubs also organise public meetings to discuss issues of drug abuse, HIV/AIDS. Processions and rallies are also organized to campaign on specific social issues.

Fund : Funds include membership-fees, public collection, voluntary funding, from Nehru Yuva Kendra, Diphu, and through organizing charity shows.
Police stations in Karbi Angong

Phone number of the SP:

Office  (03671) 72254
Residence  (03671) 72264
Fax  72254

Name of the Police Station Phone
1. Diphu  72253
2. Bokajan  (03675) 76031
3. Howraghat  -
4. Hamren  (03677) 70030
5. Baithalangsu  -
6. Kheroni  -

Name of the OutPost Phone
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KARIMGANJ

Name of the District  Karimganj
Area(sq. kms)  1809
Population (1991)  8,25,551

COUNSELLING AND LEGAL AID

Name of the organisation: Karimganj Zila Mahila Manch
Address: S.S. Road, P.O. Karimganj  Karimganj – 788710, Assam
Telephone: 03843 62600
Year of inception: 1990
Person in charge: Sikha Dasgupta, Secretary
Counsellor: Sikha Dasgupta
Duration of office hours: 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.
How to apply: Application should be addressed to the Secretary.
About the organisation: This organisation, funded by its own funds, counsels on various problems faced by women. If necessary, cases are forwarded up by the Police Department or District Women cell. It also helps the applicants to receive legal aid.

ADVOCACY ON ISSUES RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Name of the organisation: Nari Adhikar Raksha Samannay Samiti (NARSS)
Address: Das Salibari Road, Karimganj, Assam
Year of inception: 2001
Person in charge: Geeta Mukharjee
**Aims & objective**

To ensure a gender just society by starting a movement to ensure women's rights

**Main activities**

This organisation organises discussions and conducts seminars and workshops. It also carries out awareness camps and research relating to violence against women.

**About the organisation**

It is actively involved in creating social awareness on various issues. Nari Adhikar Raksha Samannay Samiti also networks with various regional and state level organisations for development of women.

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**COUNSELLING AND LEGAL AID**

**Name of the organisation**

District Level Committee for Monitoring Crimes Against Women

**Address**

C/o Mr. P.J. Goswami, APS, Office of the Police Superintendent, Karimganj.

**Year of inception**

14th August, 2000

**Person in charge**

P. J. Goswami

**Duration of office hours**

10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

**How to apply**

The Committee considers the cases of crimes against women in the district on the basis of applications made to the police station in the district.

**About the organisation**

The Committee meets once a month and analyses cases registered under the police stations in the district. The officer in charge of every police stations in the district has to report their registered cases in detail to this Committee. This committee not only helps in the proper settlement of the cases but also works towards addressing the issue of violence against women at a broader level.

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**SKILL TRAINING**

**Name of the organisation**

Bishnupriya Manipuri Mahila Samiti

**Address**

Gancha Kalibari Road, P.O. Karimganj

**Telephone**

03843-60060

**Year of inception**

1987

**Person in charge**

Gargi Mukherjee, President

Nibedita Sarma, Secretary

**Aim & objective**

Women's empowerment, protection of physical and mental health of women, training on awareness on legal rights of women.

**Main activities**

It provides training on different income generating activities like weaving, tailoring, and other handicrafts. It also provides non-institutional education to eradicate illiteracy.

**Duration of training**

2 months to 6 months

**Fees**

Nil. Trainees are given Rs 50 as stipend.

**Criteria for selection**

Economically backward women, divorcee, widow etc. are given preference for training etc.

**About the organisation**

The Samiti also works in co-ordination with Nari Adhikar Raksha Samiti, Changchuri Mahila Samiti, Burbag Aparajita Mahila Samiti, Association for the Physically Handicapped.
Information about the Police Stations
Phone numbers of the SP:
Office (03843) 62371
Residence (03843) 62030
Fax 62371

Name of the Police Station Phone
1. Karimganj 62023
2. Ratabari 87229
3. Badarpur (03845) 68122
4. Patharkandi 87429
5. Ramkrishna Nagar 83428

Name of the OutPost Phone
1. Charbazar TOP 62530
2. Nilambazar 81422
3. Kalibari -

Fire Brigade (Control No.) 62101

KOKRAJHAR

Name of the District  Kokrajhar
Area (sq. kms) 7463
Population (1991) 7,96,880

SKILL TRAINING

Name of the organisation: Kokrajhar District Mahila Samiti
Address : Kachari Road, Near Congress Bhavan, P.O. Kokrajhar, Assam
Telephone : 03661-275639
Year of establishment : 1952
Contact person : Hareswari Brahma
Aims & objective : Development of women in all fields and empower them specially through making them economically self sufficient via the promotion of weaving.
Main activities : Training on weaving is imparted to women at the Training cum Production centre which has been set up through the Assam State Social Welfare Advisory Board.

COUNSELLING AND SKILL TRAINING

Name of the Organisation : Roji Isansali Cooperative Society
Address : T.P.S., Salokati, Kokrajhar B.A.C., Assam
Year of inception : 1996
Contact person : Shri Labayna Daimari (Secretary)
Aims & objective : To work towards women’s empowerment
Main activities: Training on weaving and family counselling are the two main activities of the group.

Marketing of the handloom products produced is another area that the organisation works on.

**SKILL TRAINING**

**Name of the Organisation:** The All Bodo Women's Welfare Federation (ABWWF)

**Address:** Ward No. 10, Daimalu Road, Kokrajhar 783270

**Telephone:** 271271

**Year of inception:** 1986

**Contact person:** Mithinga Basumatary (Secretary.)

**Aims & objective:** To ensure social justice for women, specially tribal women and to help empower them in every walk of life.

**Main activities:** Weaving for economic development, health awareness and sensitise women forming self help groups.

**About the organisation:** This federation is connected with the All Bodo Students Union (ABSU) and is working on issues of equal rights for women and men in the political, social and personal sphere of life.

**Information about the Police Stations:**

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LAKHIMPUR

Name of the District: Lakhimpur
Area (sq. kms): 2277

COUNSELLING

Name of the organisation: Lakhimpur Sishu Aru Matri Mangal Samiti, Counselling Centre
Address: Secretary, C/o Lakhimpur Sishu Aru Matri Mangal Samiti, North Lakhimpur, Nakari, Ward no 3, P.O. North Lakhimpur, Assam
Telephone: 03752-23282
Year of inception: 1990
Person in charge: Hirannya Dutta.
Counselor: Bodan Kalita
Duration of office hours: 10am to 4pm.
How to apply: Application has to be submitted to the secretary of the centre.

About the organisation: Lakhimpur Sishu Aru Matri Mangal Samiti, established in 1979, is a voluntary non-political social organisation. The family-counseling centre was established in 1990 under the central social welfare scheme.

SKILL TRAINING

Name of the organisation: Lakhimpur Zila Mahila Samiti
Address: North Lakhimpur, Dist. Lakhimpur 787001, Assam

Person in charge: President: Ms. Subhadra Madhi, Tel Nos: 03752-22596.
Secretary: Ms. Jyoti Bhuyan, Tel Nos.: 3752-67282.

Aims & objective: To ensure and uphold the rights of women
Main activities: This organisation provides free skill training on knitting, tailoring, embroidery and weaving to the economically weaker section. The organisation also arranges camps on adult education and women rights.
Duration of the skill training: One week to six months.
Fees: No fees is required.
Criteria for selection: No special provision for selecting the candidates. Generally people from the economically weaker sections are given preference.
About the organisation: This women organisation has established in the year 1926, under the Pradashik Mahila Samiti.

ADVOCACY ON ISSUES RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Name of the organisation: Matri Samaj
Address: Hindu Gaon Tiniali, North Lakhimpur, 787001, Assam
Telephone: (03752) 23212
Year of inception: 1997
Person in charge: Ms. Punyaprabha Hazarika.

Aims & objective: To impart skills to women to enable them to be better mothers.
Main activities: The organisation advocates on issues related to violence against women, drugs and alcohol abuse.
About the organisation: This organisation was established with a view to look into the welfare of women and their child.

**SHELTER HOME**

**Name of the organisation:** Maitri Ashram

**Address:** P.O. Maitri Ashram – 787051, North Lakhimpur Block, Assam

**Telephone:** 03752- 22190

**Person in charge:** Lakhi Phukan, Secretary.

**Year of inception:** 5th March 1962.

**Aims & objective:** To build on community bonds to bring about peace in society.

**Main activities:** Provides spiritual training, consciousness programme only.

**About the organisation:** This organisation was established by Acharya Binobha Bhave during India’s national movement to give shelter to girls who were unmarried or widowed. Girls and women can stay in this hermitage without paying any fees. Inmates are provided with free board and lodging. This hermitage has its own agricultural land where every member is expected to contribute certain hours of manual labour. They also have a weaving unit.

**SKILL TRAINING**

**Name of the organisation:** Sowansiri Valley Regional Weavers and Artisan’s Co-operative Society

**Address:** Chetia Gaon Chariali, Ward no 4, Lakhimpur, Assam

**Year of inception:** 23rd December 1996.

**Person in charge:** Ajoy Bhagawati

**Telephone:** 03752- 44321.

**Aims & objective:** Promoting local handloom products of Assam.

**Main activities:** The society has been successful till date in supporting 1,400 weavers of the economically weaker sections of the society. They have been trained to harness their weaving skills and are provided with weaving looms and raw materials. They also link the weavers to markets, both local and outside the state.

**Training Programme:** Training is provided on the enhancement of weaving skills.

**Fees:** No fees is required for the training. The trainees are provided Rs. 400/- as stipend for the training.

**Duration of the Training:** One to six months.

**COUNSELLING**

**Name of the organisation:** Nari Samashya Samadhan Samiti

**Address:** C/o. Lavanya Dutta Goswami, C.D. Road, Ward no. 3, North Lakhimpur, Lakhimpur, Assam.

**Telephone:** 03752-22716

**Year of inception:** 1984 (not a registered society)

**Person in charge:** Lavanya Dutta Goswami.

**Aims & objective:** To provide justice and equity to women.

**Main activities:** Provide Family counselling. Also conducts rallies, posters campaigns and street plays to advocate rights of women.
ADVOCACY ON ISSUES RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Name of the organisation : Sewa Sadan
Address : Lakhimpur Sewa Sadan, Near Police station, Lakhimpur, Assam
Telephone : 03752-23340
03752-42588
Year of inception : 1997
Person in charge : Ms. Binu Dutta.
Aims & objective : To empower women and ensure a health life for all.
About the organisation : The organisation mobilises women and strives to create awareness on issues of women’s rights.

SKILL TRAINING

Name of the organisation : Donji Polo Youth Society
Address : Ward no. 4, (near Chetiagaon Chariali) Lakhimpur -1, Assam
Telephone : 03752-12284
Year of inception : 1988
Person in charge : Kiran Ayengia.
Aims & objective : The main aim of this organisation is to work towards rural development and towards preservation and promotion of the culture of the Mishing community.
About the organisation : The organisation works through the platform of SHGs that it has formed. It provides skill training on bamboo and cane products, cycle repairing, bee keeping and weaving. It charges a nominal fee of Rs. 20 per training.

COUNSELLING AND LEGAL AID

Name of the organisation : Jagriti Sanmilit Unnyan Kendra
Address : Bogalmara, P.O. Islamgaon, Lakhimpur-787054, Assam
Telephone : 03752-58213
Year of inception : 1982.
Person in charge : Kiran Saikia
Aims & objective : This organisation works for the empowerment of women and youth.
About the organisation : Jagriti provides counseling on HIV-AIDS and Drug abuse. Counselling on matters of violence against women and legal aid is also provided by the organisation.

SKILL TRAINING AND ADVOCACY ON ISSUES OF WOMEN’S RIGHTS

Name of the organisation : Khorapathar Sanmilita Yava Samaj
Address : Vill. Sandahkhowa, Lakhimpur-787054, Assam
Telephone : 03752- 56326 (O) 03752-58214 (R)
Year of inception : 1936.
Person in charge : Hemchandra Baruah.
Aims & objective : The main aim of the organisation is to bring about social development through the promotion of justice and human resource development.
About the organisation : The organisation works towards social change using the medium of street plays, theatre and songs. Technical training for the type writing and short hand skill are provided. No fee is required for the trainings. The trainees are given a stipend of Rs. 250 per month. The duration of the trainings are for six months.
## Information on the Police Stations at Lakhimpur

**Phone number of the SP:**
- Office: (03752) 42599 / 22302
- Residence: (03752) 22197
- Fax: 22198

### Name of the Police Station Phone
1. North Lakhimpur  -  54525
2. Dhakuakhana  -  63230
3. Bihpuria  -  (03756) 63230
4. Laluk  -  -
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### Name of the OutPost Phone
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## MORIGAON

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### COUNSELLING

**Name of the organisation:** Morigaon Mahila Mehfil Counselling Centre

- **Address:** P.O. Morigaon, Near New Civil Hospital, Dist. Morigaon, Assam
- **Telephone:** 03678-240312,
- **Person in charge:** Ms. Wahida Rahman.
- **Duration of office hours:** 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- **Year of inception:** February, 1992.
- **Counsellors:** Bonti Devi, Archana Bora.

**At the Family Counseling Unit:** This Centre had been established for helping and providing counselling to destitute women. It is being run with financial assistance from Assam State Social Welfare Advisory Board, Guwahati.

### LEGAL AID

**Name of the organisation:** Morigaon Mahila Mehfil Legal Aid Centre

- **Address:** P.O. Morigaon, Near New Civil Hospital, Dist. Morigaon, Assam
- **Telephone:** 03678-240312,
- **Year of inception:** February 1992
- **Person in charge:** Wahida Rahman.

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Duration of office hours: 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Legal Advisor: Lakhya Gojhain.
Abuddin Ahmed.
Md. Aziz

About the organisation: This unit was set up as part of the Morigaon Mahila Mehfil to provide legal aid to destitute women. There are two advocates who are part of the legal aid team. Providing legal awareness to different sections of society is another function of this organisation. As part of the above, legal literacy camps are organised at various parts the district to provide legal awareness especially among the women. The organisation also works closely with the police and the judiciary.

SKILL TRAINING

Name of the organisation: Morigaon Mahila Mehfil
Address: P.O. Morigaon, Near New Civil Hospital, Dist. Morigaon, Assam
Telephone: 03678-240312
Year of inception: Established on March 1979 and registered under the societies Act in 1980
Person in charge: Wahida Rahman
Duration of office hours: 8:30 a.m. –4:30 p.m.
Aims & objective: To work for vulnerable sections of the society, especially women and children. Also to strive towards building a society with no class discrimination and no gender injustices.

Main activities: The Main activities carried out by the organisation are:

a. It provides counselling services and legal aid services to women in distress. It also organises a number of legal literacy camps in different places of the district for creating awareness amongst the rural women. Information on the support services available for women in distress is also imparted.

b. It imparts non formal education for universalisation of primary education to children from 8-14 yrs. It runs 100 centres in the Mayang Block of the district.

c. Empowering women through the formation of self help groups (SHG’s): The Mehfil has formed 170 SHG’s in different village of the district, for economic upliftment, social awareness and employment of youth.

d. The organisation also provides skill training on Muga Rearing, Weaving, production of Jute-Based products and fruit preservation processes. Tailoring, Knitting and embroidery are also taught. 50 women are taken in per batch.

Duration of Training: Varies between 2-6 months, depending upon the type of training provided.
Fees: Rs.20/- per month.

**SHORT STAY HOME**

**Name of the organisation**: Jaluguti Agragami Mahila Samiti  
**Address**: Near Ghana Kanta Barua College, Morigaon, Assam  
**Telephone**: 03676-241418.  
**Person in charge**: Loshanara Begum  
**Other contact persons**: Maya Debi, Hasina Begum  
**Year of inception**: 1997.  
**About the organisation**: Provides shelter to destitute women and victims of mental and physical abuse and other forms of domestic violence. Shelter is provided until the certain time the woman is able to attain a degree of self-sufficiency and economic independence.

**SKILL TRAINING**

**Name of the organisation**: Manikpur Rupjyoti Mahila Samiti  
**Address**: Manipur Sepapara, P.O. Manipur, Dist. Morigaon, Assam  
**Telephone**: 03678-241217 (P.C.O.)  
**Person in charge**: Ms. Durgeswari Pator, Chief Functionary  
**Year of inception**: 1991-92  
**Duration of office hours**: 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**Fund**: RGVN, NABARD, DRDA.  
**Aims & objective**: Working towards the social upliftment of the area and its people in collaboration with local, state and national organisations.  
**Main activities**: The organisation provides skill training and also works in the area of health.  
**Skill training is provided on**: Weaving, handloom and embroidery  
**25 female candidates are taken in per batch.**  
**Duration of training**: Varies between 4-5 months.  
**Fees**: Rs.20/- p.m.  
**Criteria for selection**: The candidates coming from extremely poor backgrounds are given priority for the training.  
**About the organisation**: The organisation also provides financial support for agricultural activities, animal rearing and animal husbandry. Training on mother and child care are also carried out through health camps which are held in collaboration with the Civil Hospital and the HDM hospital. Awareness camps, training and workshops too are carried out around issues of Malaria, HIV/AIDS and Drug abuse. Angwadi workers are trained by the organisation on affects of HIV/AIDS for a period of 3-4 months.

**SKILL TRAINING**

**Name of the organisation**: Khadi Aru Gramudyog Bikas Samiti  
**Address**: Village Manipur, P.O. Manipur-782105, District Morigaon, Assam  
**Year of inception**: 1978  
**Person in charge**: Satram Das, President  
**Fund**: Voluntary  
**Duration of office hours**: 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Monday to Saturday)  
**About the organisation**: The organisation provides skill training in several areas. It is also working on health issues.  
**Skill training programmes**: Runs for 4-6 months. The fee structure ranges from Rs 20/- to Rs. 35/- per month depending upon the type of training. The organisation also tries linking the artisans and weavers to the market by displaying their items at various exhibitions both at state and the national level.
**SKILL TRAINING AND ADVOCACY ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ISSUES**

**Name of the organisation**: Dalahi Makaria Bhodolia Habi Geram Sabha.

**Address**: Village Dalahi Makaria, P.O. Nellie, District Morigaon, Assam.

**Person in charge**: Kamal Chandra Patar, President

**People involved**: 12

**Volunteers**: 200

**Fees**: Rs. 20/- per month for members.

**Fund**: International funding support and voluntary funds

**Duration of office hours**: Monday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**About the organisation**: The organisation works towards social welfare of the areas under their jurisdiction, especially for the development of women and children. It has been taking up the issue of violence against women in several forums. The organisation also promotes the development of cottage industries like cotton, silk and khadi weaving by providing skill training and looking into the marketing aspect of the same.

**Information on the Police Stations at Morigaon**

**Office of the S.P.** (915 / 03678) 40238

- Residence (915 / 03678) 40204
- Fax 40766

**Name of the Police Station** | **Phone**
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1. Marigaon | 40237
2. Jagiroad | 42237
3. Mayong | -
4. Dharamtul | -
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6. Mikirbheta | -
7. Moirabari | -

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2. Nagabandha | -

**Fire Brigade (Control No.)** 318

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### NAGAON

**Name of the District**  
Nagaon

**Area (sq. kms)**  
5535

**Population (1991)**  
18,92,087

### SHELTERN HOSTEL AND HOME

**Name of the Organisation:** Sodou Asom Gramya Puthibharal Santha

**Address:** Teeliapatti, Chanmari Path, Nagaon, Assam.

**Telephone:** 03672-220718 (O), 220851 (R)

**Year of inception:** 1996

**Contact persons:** Bolodev Sharma, Putul Chandra Bora, Runjun Bora

**Fund:** Central Social Welfare Board

**Aims & objective:** To support those who are disadvantaged both economically and socially.

**About the organisation:** Sodou Asom Gramya Puthibharal Santha collaborates with legal advisors, the District Administration and the Police Department in its activities. It has several centres which cater to women in particular. They are as follows:

- **Short Stay Home:** The shelter home provides skill training on knitting, weaving, type writing and stenography for women who stay in it. These training are free of cost. The basic idea is to rehabilitate women back to society once they are given these skills and are ready to leave the Home.

- **Girl’s Hostel:** The hostel provides free food and lodging to economically poor girls who are studying between classes VIII and XII. Presently the intake capacity of the hostel is 50.

- **Working Women’s Hostel:** The organization provides free boarding facility to women who come from remote areas to work in Nagaon.

- **Old Age Home:** Shelter is provided to elderly poor and homeless people above sixty years of age with free food, lodging and medical treatment. The intake capacity of the Home is 50 currently.

### SHORT STAY HOME

**Name of the organisation:** Nur Nagar Short Stay Home

**Address:** Bohumukhi Krishi Aru Samaj Kalyan Samiti, South Rupahi, Hoiborgaon, P.O. Herapatti, Nagoan-786002, Assam

**Telephone:** 03672-221271 (O)

**Year of inception:** 1995

**Person in charge:** Nurul Amin Choudhuri, President

**Selima Choudhuri, Superintendent.**

**Fund:** Ministry of Social Welfare, Government of India.

**Aims & objective:** To look after the welfare of homeless and destitute women and to provide them with shelter and train them to be self sufficient.

**Main activities:** This organisation also arranges skill trainings to promote self employment.

**About the organisation:** The organisation also provides counselling to women facing domestic violence. Their rehabilitation needs are looked into by the organisation.
Women are given shelter for maximum period of 6 months. The total capacity of the short stay home is 50.

**SHELTER**

**Name of the organisation**: Nur Nagar Old Age Home  
Address: Bohumuki Krshi Aru Samaj Kayalan Samiti, Nur Nagar, Sot Rupahi, Hoiborgaon, PO. Herapatti, Nagaon –786002, Assam  
Telephone: 03672-221271  
Year of inception: 1992  
Person in charge: Ijul Islam, Administrator  
Aims & objective: Provide a peaceful shelter to old people and people who are economically vulnerable.  
Main activities: This organisation provides free shelter, food and clothing to old people of both sexes. Free medical treatment is provided to the people staying in the home. The capacity of the home is 25 persons.

**SHELTER**

**Name of the organisation**: Working Women’s Hostel  
Address: Srimanta Sankar Mission, Panigaon Chariali, Nagaon-782001, Assam  
Telephone: 03672-235081  
Year of inception: 2000-2001  
Person in charge: Daben Bora, President. Mitra Dev Bhuyan, Secretary. Girin Das, Superintendant  
Fund: State Social Welfare Advisory Board.  
Aims & objective: To provide boarding facilities to working women from economically vulnerable groups  
Main activities: Education provided to students between the primary standard to H.S.L.C. level. The total number of students studying in the school is 45 at present. Training in music is also provided here.

**SHELTER**

**Name of the organisation**: Srimanta Sankar Mission-Residential Blind School  
Address: Srimanta Sankar Mission, Panigaon Chariali, Nagaon-782001, Assam  
Telephone: 03672-235081  
Year of inception: 1955.  
Person in charge: Daben Bora, President. Mitra Dev Bhuyan, Secretary. Girin Das, Superintendant  
Fund: State Social Welfare Advisory Board.  
Aims & objective: Provide education to blind students of North East India.  
Main activities: Training in music is also provided here.

**COUNSELLING**

**Name of the organisation**: Pariyal Poramorshadan Kendra  
Address: Sodou Assam Gramya PuthiBharal Santha, Teliapatti, Chandmari Path, Hoiborgaon, Nagaon, Assam  
Telephone: 03672-220718
COUNSELLING

Name of the organisation : Nur Nagar Paramorshadan Kendra
Address : Bohumukhi Krishi Aru Samaj Kayalan Samiti, Sout Rupahi, Hoiborgaon, P.O. Herapatti, Nagoan-786002, Assam
Telephone : 03672-221271 (O)
Year of inception : 1997-98
Person in charge : Sareng Barua, Counsellor
Jitumoni Gogoi, Counsellor
Fund : Central Social Welfare Board.
Aims & objective : To provide help to the women who have been violated.
Main activities : This organisation provides counselling to victims of domestic violence and works collaboratively with the legal advisors, police and district administration to bring about social change.
About the organisation : This organisation tries to resolve family problems through counselling.

SKILL TRAINING

Name of the organisation : Sodou Asom Gramya Puthibharal Santha
Address : Teliapatti, Chanmari path, Nagaon, Assam
Telephone : 03672-220718 (O), 220851 (R)
Year of inception : 1985.
Person in charge : Biplodev Sharma, Chief Secretary
Putul Ch. Bora, President,
Fund : State and Central Government funds, membership fees, donations etc.
Main activities : Training on computer education, typing, short hand and weaving are provided to unemployed girls & women.
Duration of training : Four months to one year
About the organisation : This organisation has arranged training for different trades and skills by utilizing the fund of Ministry of Human Resource Development. It has established training centres in ten districts of Assam.

SKILL TRAINING

Name of the organisation : Pathari Vocational Institute
Address : First Floor, Above the Bar Library, Nagaon-782001, Assam
Telephone : 03672-233165, 237284
Year of inception : 1988
Person in charge : Mukunda Madhav Sharma, Director
Fund : The Department of Human Resource Development.
Main activities : Computer Hardware and Software training and electronic training are provided here.
Duration of Training : One Year.
Fees : Nil.
Criteria for selection : Trainee should have passed 12th class examination.
About the organisation : This organisation not only provides training but also helps trainees to gain self employment.
Total capacity : 60

**Information on the Police Stations at Nagaon:**

**Phone number of the SP:**
Office (03672) 35624 / 32919
Residence (03672) 33444 / 22121
Fax 35624

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NALBARI

Name of the District: Nalbari
Area (sq. kms): 2257
Population (1991): 10,12,608

SKILL TRAINING AND ADVOCACY ON ISSUES RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Name of the organisation: Nalbari District Mahila Samiti
Address: P.O. Nalbari, Assam 781 335
Year of inception: April 11, 1972
Contact person: Anupama Debi (President), Kamala Sarma (Secretary)
Aims & objective: Mainly works on issues related to the development of women and child.
Main activities: The organisation imparts skill training on weaving and handloom for a duration of 6 months. The participants are divided into groups of 12-15. The admission fee is Rs. 55/- and the monthly fee is Rs. 50/-.

About the organisation: The Nalbari District Mahila Samiti networks with organisations like the Nehru yuva Kendra, Nalbari, the S.C.D.C Health Department, the District Women Commission and other organisations. There are also provisions for the follow up of the trainings provided by the organisation.

Information on the Police Stations at Nalbari
Phone Number of the S.P.:
Office (913) 20466
Residence (913) 20324
Fax 20466

Name of the Police Station Phone
1. Nalbari 20445
2. Belsor 85484
3. Barbori -
4. Barama 82450
5. Mukalmua 86440
6. Ghograparl -
7. Tihu 81360
8. Baganpara -
9. Tamulpur -

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4. Kumarikata -
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NORTH CACHAR HILLS

Name of the District: N. C. Hills
Area (sq. kms): 4888

ADVOCACY ON ISSUES RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Name of the organisation: Lodi Mahila Samiti
Address: Lodi, N.C. Hills, Haflong, Assam
Year of inception: 1984-85
Person in charge: Rain Gamle Zene, Secretary
Main activities: To bring unity among the women; to fight against atrocities and corruption prevalent in the community; to create awareness and to carry out campaigns against the use of drugs and its ill effects. It also works towards childcare services.

About the organisation: The organisation mainly works for the development and the rights of women. It also deals with cases related to Violence Against Women and tries to find a solution to these cases.

COUNSELLING, LEGAL AID AND SHELTER

Name of the organisation: Dimasa Women’s Organisation
Address: Upper Bagitar, Dist N.C. Hills, Assam
Year of inception: April 10, 1999
Person in charge: Nibita Langthasa, Secretary
Aims & objective: To work towards unity and oneness among the people of the Dimasa community. To create a sense of general awareness among the Dimasa women. To try and bring about an end to the prevalent atrocities and exploitation on women, and to bring them to a common platform.

Main activities: The organisation mainly works for the development and the rights of women. It also deals with cases related to Violence Against Women and tries to find a solution to these cases.

About the organisation: The Dimasa Women’s organisation is a non registered organisation. Informal counselling is also at times provided by the organisation relating to matters which might lead to domestic. The organisation also, at times, provides shelter on a very temporary basis to victims of domestic violence.

SKILL TRAINING

Name of the organisation: Cheron Women Welfare Association
Address: Cheron Mahur, Dist N.C. Hills, Assam
Year of inception: 1994
Person in charge: Lang Mem, President, Lal Don Hem Mar, Secretary
Aims & objective: To build awareness in the community on issues of health, livelihood and work towards women empowerment.
Main activities: Weaving and handloom are the Main activities of the organisation. The amount of money earned by selling the products in the market go directly to the fund meant for welfare of the organisation. The organisation also has a pig-rearing unit. Training programmes are also organized twice a year in the villages on weaving and rearing of pigs. Awareness and training programmes on health care are also organized at times.

LEGAL AID

Name of the organisation: Hmar Women’s Association
Address: PO Haflong, Dist N.C. Hills
Telephone : 03673-23617 (President), 236946 (Secretary) 236355 (Office)

Year of inception : March 8, 2001

Aims & objective : Bringing about awareness in various social, cultural and environmental fields. Also works towards enhancing women's empowerment.

Main activities : Mainly works on the issues of health, hygiene and sanitation; also provides general awareness on the said issues.

About the organisation : It is involved in various kinds of social and environmental issues, which bring about long term social and economic development of the community. The organisation also aims at achieving social security for women and renders legal aid at times to women in distress.

ADVOCACY ON ISSUES RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Name of the organisation : Zeme Women's society

Address : Lodi, P.O. and Village Haflong, District N.C. Hills, Assam

Telephone : 03673-237006 (R)

Year of inception : 1950

Person in charge : Kirong Le Zeme, President

Aims & objective : Works towards women and child empowerment, spread of education, to preserve and promote cultural aspects amongst the people of the community. The organisation also creates a platform for the unification of its people against various types of corruption prevailing within the community.

Main activities : Promotes basic human values amongst the people of the community, fights against drug-addiction, and organizes programmes on awareness and basic knowledge on health issues.

About the organisation : The Zeme Women's Society imparts trainings on weaving, free of cost.

ADVOCACY ON ISSUES RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Name of the organisation : Haflong Ladies Welfare Organisation

Address : Haflong, District N.C. Hills, Assam.

Year of inception : 1990

Person in charge : Gopa Choudhury, President
Munga Purkayashtra, General Secretary

Aims & objective : To build a society where there are no discriminations on the basis of caste, creed or race.

Main activities : The organisation provides legal aid to women in distress and works in the area of health.

About the organisation : The Haflong ladies Welfare Association works towards the development, upliftment and empowerment of women. To make the women of the community aware of their needs and rights is the prime concern of the organisation.
Information on the Police Stations at N.C. Hills

Phone number of the S.P:
Office (03673) 36325
Residence (03673) 36331
Fax 36332

Name of the Police Station Phone
1. Haflong 36228
2. Maibong 82431
3. Mahur 83421
4. Umrangshu (03670) 81253

Name of the OutPost Phone
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Fire Brigade (Control No.) 2301

SIBSAGAR

Name of the District Sibsagar
Area (sq. kms) 2668
Population (2001) 10,52,802

COUNSELLING

Name of the organisation: Associated Grammya Unnayan Society (AGUS)
Address: Bogidol, Panch Ali
P.O. Bogidol, Sibsagar, Assam
Telephone: 03762-228815
Year of inception: December 2000
Contact person: Bhuban Hazarika
Counsellor: Ranjan Lahan
Anu Baruah
Duration of office hours: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Aims & Objectives: To empower women
Main activities: A counselling centre was established to address issues on violence against women. It strives to solve cases where by opposing parties are called to understand the case and attempt for reconciliation through counselling. If necessary, cases are sent to the police or to the court.

LEGAL AID AND COUNSELLING

Name of the organisation: Sibsagar Zila Mahila Samiti
(Legal Aid and Counselling Unit)
Address: Phukan Nagar, (Near New Pani Tanki)
Sibsagar, Assam
Telephone: 03762-222198
SKILL TRAINING AND ADVOCACY ON ISSUES RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

**Name of the organisation**: Sibsagar Zila Mahila Samiti  
**Address**: Phukan Nagar, Near new pani tanki, Sibsagar, Assam  
**Telephone**: 03762-222198  
**Year of inception**: 1926  
**Contact person**: Monica Saikia  
**Aims & objective**: To create awareness among primary Mahila samities on violence against women and issues relating to law and justice.  
**Main activities**: The Samiti has taken steps to create awareness among primary mahila samities on violence against women and issues relating to law and justice. Counselling and legal aid is also provided by the Samiti.

**SKILL TRAINING**

**Duration of training**: One to six months.  
**Fees**: None  
**Criteria for selection**: Generally preference is given to women below poverty line.  
**Networking with other organisations**: This organisation takes part in various awareness programmes e.g. procession street play, poster campaigning etc.
LEGAL AID

Name of the organisation : Sibsagar Police Station Women's Cell
Address : Old Amolapatty, Sibsagar
Telephone : 03762 - 222028 (o)/ 2222923
Year of inception : July 2002
Contact person : Bijoylakhi Baruah
Nandeshwar Buragohain
C.K. Pal (Additional SP)
Duration of office hours : 24 Hours
Aims & objective : To provide legal aid to women in distress
Main activities : This cell comprises thirty two members and is under the Sibsagar Police Station. Besides the core team, women of different communities are invited to become members to strengthen its functioning.

Information on the Police Stations at Sibsagar
Phone number of the SP:
Office (0376) 2222124
Residence (0376) 2222139 / 2222983
Fax 2222409

Name of the Police Station Phone
1. Sibsagar 2222923/100
2. Gaurisagar 2228312
3. Amguri 2253436
4. Halwating 2229216
5. Geleky 2250089
6. Nazira 2252227
7. Simaluguri 2252269
8. Mathurapur 2254343
9. Bokata Nemuguri 2250834
10. Sonari 2256538
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## SONITPUR

### Name of the District

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### COUNSELLING

#### Name of the organisation: Sampriti Mahila Samiti

- **Address:** Hem Nagar, Tezpur 784001, Sonitpur Assam.
- **Telephone:**
  - 03712-21414 (President)
  - 03712-22423 (Secretary)
- **Year of inception:** 1996.
- **Person in charge:** Sova Bhattacharya, President
  - Mahasweta Pal Majumdar, Secretary

- **Counselling centre:** Same Address
- **Counsellor:** Maheswata Pal Majumder, Sova Bhattacharya
- **Duration of office hours:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **How to apply:** Applications have to be submitted to the committee.
- **Main activities:** This committee provides counselling to people in need. The fund for counselling and other activities is generated from its annual membership contribution. Home visits to the clients’ residence are also made in course of counselling.

#### Name of the organisation: Drug Abuse Information Prevention and rehabilitation center (DIAPARC)

- **Address:** Ex- Police line, Tezpur, Sonitpur, Assam.
- **Telephone:**
  - 03712-32033
- **Fax:** 03712-32492
- **Year of inception:** 17th June, 1989.
- **Person in charge:** Nazim Ahmed, Ex- Police line, Tezpur, Sonitpur, Assam
  - Telephone: (03712) 21017

- **Counsellor:** Nazim Ahmed, Dr. Dulal Chandra Barua
- **Duration of office hours:** 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- **How to apply:** Application has to be submitted to the organisation.
- **Main activities:** This organisation generally provides counselling for drug abuse and people with HIV-AIDS. It aims at creating a mentally healthy society.

#### Name of the organisation: All India Democratic Women Association (Sonitpur Branch)

- **Address:** Sonitpur District Branch,
  - C/O. CPIM office, Rangapara, Sonitpur, Assam.
- **Telephone:**
  - (03714) 22189, 22642 (Secretary)
- **Year of inception:** March 1981.
- **Person in charge:** Rani Das Tamuli, Secretary
  - Telephone: 03714-34129
- **Duration of office hours:** 3 p.m to 7 p.m.
- **How to apply:** Submit an application to the Secretary
- **Main activities:** The counseling centre established under this organisation provides
counseling for victims of violence occurring within families. The organisation aims at improving the status of women. The counsellor in the organisation also makes home visits to meet the victims of violence.

**LEGAL AID**

**Name of the organisation:** Tezpur District Mahila Samiti  
(Counselling and Legal Aid Unit)

**Address:** c/o Tezpur District Mahila Samiti, Tezpur, 784001, Sonitpur, Assam

**Telephone:** (03712) 230534

**Year of inception:** 1928

**Person in charge (Counsellor):** Manasi Dutta

**Duration of office hours:** 10am to 4pm.

**How to apply:** Applications have to be submitted directly to the person incharge of the centre.

**Main activities:** Generally all the cases which come to the centre are registered. An effort is made to resolve the cases by counselling the parties. The counsellors also make home visits. If a case is very complicated on legal aspects it is referred to the District Police Women's Cell. The Cell, in turn provides legal aid and counselling to women who are survivors of all kind of atrocities.

**LEGAL AID**

**Name of the organisation:** Police Women Cell

**Address:** S.P.'s Office, Tezpur, 784001, Sonitpur, Assam.

**Person in charge:** Purnima Buragohain, I/C of the District Women Cell

**Duration of office hours:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**How to apply:** Applications have to be submitted to the person in charge of the Women's Cell.

**Main activities:** District Women's Cell was constituted in the month of January 1997, under the S.P. Sonitpur District to deal with crime of all nature against women. It is an official cell with two-tier arrangement. One is the advisory cell and other is the operational cell.

District Women's Cell has been dealing with several cases of atrocities on women. Apart from these cases, the Women's Cell has also been working towards addressing social problems like dowry and prostitution.

**SKILL TRAINING**

**Name of the organisation:** Nari Silpa Samiti

**Address:** Nari Silpa Samiti, M.C. Road, Tezpur 784001, Dist. Sonitpur, Assam

**Telephone:** 03712-20677

**Year of inception:** August, 1956

**Person in charge:** Mrinali Chetia, President  
Kiran Saikia, Secretary

**Duration of office hours:** 10 a.m. to 4p.m.

**Aims & objective:** To give skill training to destitute women and widows

**Main activities:** Provides trainings on sewing, weaving embroidery, and knitting.

**Duration of the training:** 6 months to 1 year.

**Fees:** Admission fees: 20/-  
Monthly fees: 30/-
About the organisation: Lodging is provided to the residents undergoing training. They are also provided with a fixed wages for weaving. Fund generated for organisation comes generally from the donations and collection of monthly fees of skill trainings.

SKILL TRAINING AND COUNSELLING

Name of the organisation: Sampriti Mahila Samiti:

Address for communication: Hem Nagar, Tezpur–784001, Sopnitpur, Assam

Year of inception: 1996.

Person in charge: Sova Bhattarcharya, President
Rubber Bagan, Tezpur - 784001
Telephone: (03712) 21414

Maheswata Pal Majumder, Secretary
Pradeep Bhaban, Barahalia,
Tezpur- 781001

Aims & objective: To work on issues of women's empowerment.

Main activities: Provides skills training on sewing, embroidery, knitting, cutting and jute. It also provides training for spiritual development through the music, dance & dramas. Duration of Training:

Skill Training: 6 months to 1 year
Training for music and dance: 5 years

Fees: Skill Training: Admission fee: Rs. 25.00
Monthly fee: Rs. 25.00
Music & dance: Rs. 25.00 p.m.

Criteria for selection: No special provision for the selection of the trainees. They welcome all the interested trainees.

About the organisation: This organisation was established in 1996. It generates funds from donations and contribution from membership fees. Sampriti Mahila Samiti lays emphasis on the social and spiritual development of the general mass and on adult education. The family counselling centre is an important unit of the organisation.

SKILL TRAINING, COUNSELLING AND LEGAL AID

Name of the organisation: Tezpur District Mahila Samiti

Address: Tezpur District Mahila Samiti,
Tezpur, 784001, Sonitpur, Assam
Telephone: (03712) 230534.

Year of inception: 1928.

Person in charge: Mina Agarwala, President

Aims & objective: To work around issues of women's empowerment.

Main activities: Provides skill training on tailoring, embroidery, weaving, sericulture, jute, and mushroom cultivation. Tezpur District Mahila Samiti also promotes the production of handloom products.

Skill Training: Admission Fee: 50/-
Monthly Fee: 60/-

About the organisation: The Tezpur District Mahila Samiti was established in 1928. Since its inception,
it has been one of the forerunners of the women’s rights movement in the state. It works closely with womens organisations, and those involved with issues of development along with various branches of the district administration.

**SKILL TRAINING**

**Name of the organisation** : Agency for Rural Income Generation and Management, Biswanath Chariali. (GRAMIN)

**Address** : College Road, Biswanath Chariali-784176, Sonitpur, Assam.

**Telephone** : 03715-30202 (O) 03715- 22263 (R)

**Year of inception** : 1995

**Person in charge** : Navajyoti Sharma Barua, Chairperson

**Aims & objective** : The organisation works with an objective to bring about economic and socio-cultural development among the rural people especially women.

**Main activities** : The organisation works by forming self help groups. It also provides a wide range of training on income-generating activities.

**SKILL TRAINING AND COUNSELLING**

**Name of the organisation** : Drug Abuse Information Prevention and rehabilitation centre (DIAPARC)

**Address** : Ex- Police line, Tezpur, Sonitpur, Assam.

**Telephone** : (03712) 32033

**Fax** : (03712) 32492.

**Year of inception** : 17th June 1989.

**Person in charge** : Nazim Ahmed, Ex-Police line, Tezpur, Sonitpur, Assam

**Telephone** : (03712) 21017

**Aims & objective** : DAIPARC generally works against Drug Abuse and AIDS to create socially and mentally healthy society.

**About the organisation** : Most of its work is self-supported and by generating funds through public support. It has recently raised funds from the government. DAIPARC provides counselling for drug abuse and AIDS. The organisation seeks to create awareness against all evils. Counsellors generally go to different places to provide services to the ABITA and in tea gardens, Workshops are conducted for awareness, skill development with different communities, students and parents etc. It provides emergency services during times of natural disaster or epidemic. DAIPARC uses posters, pamphlets to address important social issues and have done spectacular street plays to motivate people about social ills of Assamese society.

**SPECIAL SERVICES**

**FOR PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY CHALLENGED CHILDREN**

**Name of the organisation** : Sanjivani

**Address** : Pravin Gogoi, Mazgaon Tamuli Chuburi, Tezpur–784001, Sonitpur, Assam.

**Year of inception** : 8th November, 1998

**Person in charge** : Pravin Gogoi
Aims & objective: To provide education of treatment for physically and mentally disabled children.

About the organisation: The organisation generally provides education for the physically and mentally retarded children with the help of special educators. They provide education to the children between the age group of 0 to 12 years. The classes continue from 9:30 am to 1 pm. Regularly. This organisation has Physiotherapists, special educator, educational assistant and helpers. The organisation has involved single women widows and unmarried girls as helpers.

Information on the Police Stations at Sonitpur

Phone number of the S.P.:

Office (03712) 30593
Residence (03712) 30581 / 21627
Fax 30593

Name of the Police Station Phone
1. Tezpur 30295
2. Rangapara (03714) 22031
3. Missamari -
4. Dhekiajuli (03712) 44238
5. Thelamara (03712) 48548
6. Jamuguri (03715) 64430
7. Sootea (03715) 81435
8. Biswanath Chariali (03715) 22012
9. Behali -
10. Helem (03715) 53304
11. Gohpur (03715) 43146

Name of the OutPost Phone
1. Lalmati 20478
2. Borghat (03712) 22021
3. Salanibari (03712) 58635
4. Bihaguri -
5. Johamari -
6. Charduar (037142) 4342
7. Borgong -
8. Hawajan -
9. Borchola -
10. Kacharigaon 55733
11. Mahabhairab 20471
12. Bebejia (03712) 55733

Fire Brigade (Control No.) 20101

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**TINSUKIA**

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**LEGAL AID, COUNSELLING AND SKILL TRAINING**

**Name of the organisation**: Tinsukia Kendriya Mahila Samiti

**Address**: Rangapara Road, Tinsukia, Assam 786 125

**Telephone**: 0374-2334802

**Year of inception**: 1946

**Person in charge**: Sharoda Gohain Barua, (Office Incharge)

**Aims & objective**: Mainly works for the empowerment of women.

**Main activities**: The organisation has a training cum production centre for fruit processing and preservation. Products are for sale and marketed. Trainings on cutting, knitting, embroidery and weaving are also organized. The fee structure for the training programmes vary from Rs. 30/- to Rs. 100/- depending upon the type of training. There is no particular criteria for the selection of trainees for the programmes. The duration also varies as per the training from 3-6 months.

**About the organisation**: Tinsukia District Mahila Samiti and Kendriya Mahila Samiti are sister organisations which are housed in the same office. Their area of work is the whole district of Tinsukia. Kendriya Mahila Samiti was established in 1946. As regards violence against women the organisation organizes rallies and takes up cases through its legal aid centre. The Samiti only accepts cases of women who are economically weak. Cases are sent for legal action only if the organisation is unable to bring about a reconciliation between two opposing parties.

**COUNSELLING CUM LEGAL AID**

**Name of the organisation**: Akhil Bharatiya Hindi Bhashi Mahila Mancha, Assam

**Address**: Tinsukia District, Assam 786 125

**Telephone**: 0374-2334935

**Year of inception**: 1994-95

**Contact person**: Hira Debi, Madhu Gupta, Secretary

**Aims & objective**: The organisation provides legal aid and counselling to women in distress.

**Main activities**: The organisation tries to create awareness on issues of violence through public meetings. It strives to create awareness on the issues of VAW amongst the families of the Hindi Bhashi Mahila’s and register all cases, which come to the organisation. Counselling is provided to survivors and cases may also be referred to the District Police or to the District Court in times of crisis.

**About the organisation**: The organisation remains open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on all weekdays. In order to approach the organisation, applications should be addressed to the Secretary of the organisation.
COUNSELLING, LEGAL AID AND ADVOCACY ON ISSUES RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Name of the organisation : Tinsukia District Mahila Samiti
Address : Rangapara Road, Tinsukia, Assam 786 125
Telephone : 0374-2334802
Year of inception : 1978
Contact person : Puniya Prabha Mahanta, Secretary
Aims & objective : Mainly strives to provide legal aid to women of the district, who are in distress and also to create awareness amongst them as regards various socio-economic issues.
Main activities : Addressing issues of domestic violence. Rallies and street plays are performed to garner public support and to raise consciousness about the issues. In addition legal aid and counselling are provided to women belonging to the poorer sections of society. Women requiring medical and psychiatric counselling are referred to a doctor or to the District Court. They have also initiated and made a coalition in order to form a pressure group consisting of the other mahila samities in order to protest against certain issues on VAW.
About the organisation : Established in 1978, the area of work of the Tinsukia District Mahila Samiti is the whole district of Tinsukia. The timings are from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm every Saturday.

Information on the Police Stations at Tinsukia
Phone number of the S.P.:
Office (0374) 331468
Residence (0374) 331444
Fax 330277

Name of the Police Station Phone
1. Tinsukia 332100
2. Doomdooma (03759) 40647
3. Sadiya (037534) 42059
4. Digboi (03751) 64844
5. Margherita (03751) 20229
6. Lekhpani (03751) 82775
7. Makum (0374) 345557
8. Kakopather (03759) 43527
9. Dhola (03759) 79546
10. Pengeri -

Name of the OutPost Phone
1. Tinsukia TOP -
2. Talap (03759) 83814
3. Na-Sadiya -
4. Digboi TOP -
5. Ledo (03751) 81633
5. Panitola 855452

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COUNSELLING AND LEGAL AID

Name of the organisation : Tinsukia District Women’s Cell
Address : Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Tinsukia District, Assam 786 125.
Telephone : 0374-2331271
Year of inception : 2000
Person in charge : Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tinsukia District, Assam.

About the Cell : The Tinsukia District Women’s Cell provides counselling to women who are survivors of violence. In addition it provides legal assistance in times of necessity by referring cases to the District Police or to the Court. The Cell remains open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Mon-Sat, excepting on 2nd and 4th Saturdays and holidays.
CHAPTER III
STATE LEVEL SUPPORT SERVICES TO COUNTER VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN ASSAM

1. Assam Human Rights Commission
Statefed Head Office Building, Second Floor, Medical College Road, Guwahati-781005, Assam.
Telephone: (0361) 2529450, 2527076, 2452387
Fax: (0361) 2529450


Person in charge : Chairperson of the AHRC

The AHRC is commissioned to perform any or all of the following functions:

▪ Inquire on a petition presented to it by a victim or on his/her behalf into complaint of violation of human rights or abetment thereof, or negligence in the prevention of such violence by a public servant.

▪ Intervene in any proceeding involving any allegation of violation of human rights pending before the court with the approval of such court.

▪ Visit, under intimation of the State Government any jail or any other institution under the control of the State Government where persons are detained or lodged for purposes of treatment, reformation or protection, to study the living conditions of the inmates and make recommendations thereof.

▪ Review the safeguards provided by or under the Constitution or any law for the time being in force for the protection of human rights and recommended measures for their effective implementation.

▪ Review the factors including the acts of terrorism that inhibit the enjoyment of human rights and recommended appropriate remedial measures.

▪ Undertake and promote research in the field of human rights.

▪ Spread human rights literacy among various sections of society and promote awareness of safeguards available for the protection of these rights through publication, media, seminar and other available means.

▪ Encourage the efforts of NGO’s and institutions working in the field of human rights.

▪ Such other functions as it may consider necessary for the promotion of human rights.

How to approach the Commission?
The victim or any person on his/her behalf, may submit complaints to the AHRC, giving full details of the subject-matter of the complaint. No court fee or other stamp need be affixed on such complaints. No lawyer is necessary. However, the complainants may engage lawyers, if they so desire. It does not require any verification. It need not be supported by an affidavit. It need not be in English only. It can be sent by post, telegram or fax. Working hours are 10.00 a.m-5.00 p.m., Mon-Sat (except on 2nd and 4th Saturdays and government holidays).

2. Assam State Commission for Women
Bal Bhawan, Uzanbazar, Guwahati –781001, Assam
Telefax: (0361) 2524875

About the Commission:
The Assam State Commission for Women is a statutory body constituted in 1994 by an act of the Assam Legislative Assembly, namely the Assam State Commission for Women’s Act, 1994. The mandate of the commission is to safeguard the constitutional rights of women and to improve and uplift the status and dignity of women in society. One of the main responsibilities of the Commission is to look into the complaints and take Suo-moto notice of matters relating to the following:

▪ Deprivation of women’s rights
Non implementation of laws enacted to provide protection to women and also to achieve the objective of equality and developments

Non implementation of policy decisions, guidelines or instructions, aimed at mitigating hardships, ensuring welfare, providing relief to women and take up the issue arising out of such matters with appropriate authorities.

While investigating cases of violation of safeguards for women and complaints relating to the deprivation of women’s rights, the Commission has all the powers of the Civil Courts trying a suit, and can summon any person and examine the person on oath. It can requisite documents and receive evidence on affidavits. Section 18 of the Act makes it obligatory on the part of the State Government to consult the Commission on all major policy matters affecting women. Under Section 8 of the Act, the Commission constitutes a Legal Advisory Committee, Special Investigating Committee, Socio-Economic Development Committee. The Commission reaches the people through District Women’s Cells in all the districts, headed by the Deputy Commissioners, the Sub-divisional Women’s cells in the sub-divisions, headed by the SDO (civil). It also constitutes a Family Counseling Center for counseling the parties to come to an amicable settlement, etc. The Commission can also call for special studies or investigations into specific problems or situations arising out of discrimination and atrocities against women and identify the constraints so as to recommend strategies for their removal.

How to apply to the Commission?

Written application to the Assam State Commission for Women in person, by post or through fax. Working hours are from 10.00a.m-4.30p.m, Mon-Sat (except 2nd and 4th Saturdays and government holidays).

3. Women’s Cell, CID, Assam Police
Ulubari, Guwahati –781007
Telephone no: (0361) 2529840

Person in charge : D.I.G (C.I.D) and Additional S.P

The Criminal Investigation Department, as at present constituted, is the Intelligence Bureau for the Police Department and as such it should be in a position to supply Government with first information on all matters of political, administrative or general interest. In order to tackle crime involving women, a Special Cell for monitoring and coordinating investigation of cases of crimes against women and immoral traffic have been functioning in the C.I.D since 1994 under the direct supervision of the DIG(CID), Assam, Guwahati.

This Cell has been doggedly supervising all the important cases all over the State involving crimes against women. Thorough supervision and constant monitoring and progress of investigation of offences like dowry death, rape, immoral trafficking in women keeps the Cell busy. Realizing its commitment to the society, this Cell has resolved to curb social problems like prostitution and dowry deaths.

This Cell has been instrumental in setting up a Family Counseling Center at the C.I.D. headquarters since 15th September, 1997 in consultation with the Social Welfare Department. This Center has a Counselor, who provides counseling to estranged couples after thorough case study. The main objective of the Counseling Center is to reduce family and marital disputes and atrocities on women.

4. Assam State Social Welfare Advisory Board
P.O. Bamunimaidan, Near Guwahati Commerce College, R.G.Baruah Road, Guwahati, Assam 781 021

Person in charge : Chairperson of the Assam State Social Welfare Advisory Board

The Assam State Social Welfare Advisory Board works under the Central Social Welfare Board (CSWB). The primary functions of the Assam State Social Welfare Advisory Board is developing a healthy relationship with NGO’s for the welfare, development and empowerment of women in our society. It provides support to NGO’s under a variety of programmes in order to facilitate and strengthen their role in empowering women through education and trainings, through collective mobilization and awareness creation, through income generating facilities and through the provision of support services for women. The scheme of assistance for support services include:

**Short stay homes (shelter homes) for women and girls, facing violence (both domestic and otherwise).**

**Family Counseling Centers (F.C.C.)** for crisis cases and in cases of atrocities against women. The F.C.C. centers work in close collaboration with various local bodies like the Police; institutions like the short stay homes, etc.
Working women's hostels, providing assistance to organizations, to enable them to provide hostel facilities for working women.

Crèches which provide assistance to organizations to set up units for children of working and ailing mothers belonging to lower income groups. Children of the age group of 0-5 years can be covered under this scheme.

The scheme of assistance for education and training include:

- Condensed courses of education for women
- Vocational training programme for women
- Awareness generation programmes, regarding women’s issues among the community at large, especially among men.

The scheme of assistance for economic empowerment include socio-economic programmes like assistance to women’s organizations for setting up of agro-units (diary, goatery, piggery, poultry, etc.), production units, etc.

How to approach the Board?

All applications should be addressed to the Chairperson, Assam State Social Welfare Advisory Board or to the Person-in-charge, District Social Welfare Department of the respective districts, along with all necessary documents.

5. Social Welfare Department, Assam
   Kachari, Opposite Vivekananda Kendra, Uzan Bazar, Guwahati, Assam-781 001.

Person in charge: Director of the Social Welfare Department, Assam

Support services available for women in distress:

As support services for women in distress, the Social Welfare Department, Assam maintains a home for care and protection of destitute women, neglected children and helpless women of the state. The aim of maintaining the inmates of the home is to rehabilitate them in society. Inmates of the homes are provided with free food, clothing, bedding and medical treatment. Free education and training in various crafts are also provided to the deserving inmates.
LAWS PERTAINING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

WOMEN’S RIGHTS RELATED TO POLICE

RIGHTS DURING INTERROGATION
You have the right
- to refuse to be taken to the police station or anywhere else for interrogation.
- to be questioned only at your residence and in presence of your family members.

RIGHTS AT THE TIME OF ARREST
You have the rights
- to ask for your arrest
- not be handcuffed at the time of your arrest
- to demand that you be produced before magistrate within 24 hours of your arrest
- to take along your relative or friend to the police station

RIGHTS IN THE POLICE STATION
You have the right
- to demand that you should be placed in a female lockup
- to ask a magistrate for your medical examination if you are beaten, abused or tortured by the police

RIGHTS AT THE TIME OF SEARCH
You have the rights
- to demand that your bodily search be carried out only by another female in a decent manner
- to search any police woman before she searches you.

LAW S PERTAINING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

This chapter deals with the most commonly associated legislations in relation to cases of violence against women. At attempt has been made to explain these laws in a lay person’s language, so that it can be easily understood. It is also to inform people and more particularly, women about the protective legislations that are in place to seek redress when subjected to physical and mental torture.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

There is no specific law to deal with domestic violence
- However the existing criminal law provisions can be used to initiative proceedings against the husband or his relatives in the Magistrate Court where the incident took place.
- A complain can be filed under section 498-A Explanation (a) for any physical or mental harassment / torture / abuse, etc.
- If the abuse/harassment/torture/ill-treatment is not linked with dowry demands, do not mention dowry demands or file the complaint under section 498-A Explanation (b). However if any monetary/financial demands have been made and the woman is subjected to cruelty then file the complaint under both the provisions i.e., for harassment and also dowry demands.
- The complaint has to be filled as early as possible in the jurisdiction police station.
- The complaint must contain all the facts and brief narration of the events - both the past and the immediate cause just before filling of the complaint.
These events must be of such a nature that it causes grave injury or danger to the life or health of the women or drives a woman commit suicide.

Offences under Sec. 498-A are cognizable i.e., the police officer can arrest without a warrant and non bailable i.e., the police themselves cannot grant bail, and the same has to be obtained in the Court.

(Torture both mental and physical come under Sec. 498A IPC)

**CIVIL REMEDY**

- Women can file suit under Order VII Rule 1 of the Code of Civil Procedure in the Family Court or, where there is no Family Court in a Civil Court against the husband or relatives who are harassing the woman to seek any of the following orders :-
  - That the spouse or/and his relatives are restrained from ousting the woman and her children from the marital home/ Matrimonial home.
  - That exclusive possession of the matrimonial home should be granted to the woman and her children.
  - That the spouse or/and his relative may be restrained from entering the premises or any part of it which is in the woman’s occupation.
  - That the personal property of the woman be restored to her.
  - That spouse or/and his relatives be restrained from alienating/ transferring the matrimonial home by way of sale, gift, rent or inducting any third party in to the matrimonial home.
  - That the spouse or/and his relatives be restrained from further abusing/ molesting the woman or her children.
  - In case of a Hindu woman, she can seek for separate residence under Section 18 of the Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act.

### SECTIONS IN THE INDIAN PENAL CODE RELATING TO VIOLENCE

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<td>Imprisonment for life or for 10 years and fine</td>
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**THE DOWRY PROHIBITION ACT, 1961**

- Any property agreed to be given in connection with marriage before or after the marriage amounts to ‘Dowry’.
- Demanding property in connection with marriage is a crime and punishable.
- Giving and taking dowry is prohibited and is punishable.
- Advertising offering property or money as consideration for the marriage is punishable.
- Giving presents to the bride or bridegroom is not considered dowry provided they are entered in a list to be maintained by both the parties.
- If any person other than the woman has actually received dowry, the Act requires that that person should transfer it to the woman within 3 months from the date of marriage or the date of its receipt of the dowry.
- Till such transfers are made the man holds the property as a trustee for the benefit of the woman. Failure to transfer within 3 months is punishable.
- The property received by a woman at the time of the marriage is her ‘Stridhan’ and belongs exclusively to her and the same is to be retained by her notwithstanding from whom she got the property or valuables.
- The offences under this Act are cognizable, non-bailable and non-compoundable.
- Complaint for dowry harassment may be lodged by the aggrieved party, her parents, or by any recognized welfare institution or by the court on its own knowledge (Suo moto)
- The presumption of guilt is fastened on the person prosecuted unless he proves otherwise.
- Section 304-B of IPC:- If a woman dies within 7 years of her marriage and she had been subjected just before her death to cruelty or harassment by her husband or his relative, that such cruelty or harassment was in connection with any demand for dowry and that the death is caused by burns, bodily injuries, or occurred otherwise than under normal circumstances, then the
husband or relative shall be deemed to have caused the death and is punishable with imprisonment of not less than 7 years which may extend for life.

- If complaint is being filed under Section 304-B, care should be taken to narrate the events that took place immediately before her death.
- Section 498-A of IPC: If the husband or the relative of the husband of a woman subjects her to harassment with a view to coerce/force her or any other person related to her to meet unlawful demands for any property or money etc., then the husband or the relative shall be punishable with imprisonment that may extend up to three years and fine.

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN WORK PLACE**

No specific law regarding sexual harassment, Supreme Court has laid down guidelines in Vishaka's case (AIR 1997 Supreme Court 3011)

Any unwelcome sexually determined behaviour- direct or implicit viz.,
- Physical contact and advances
- Demand or request for sexual favours
- Sexually coloured remarks
- Showing pornography
- Any other unwelcome physical, verbal or non-verbal conduct of sexual nature.

**Such Acts committed amounts to sexual harassment:**

- When the victim has a reasonable apprehension
  - that such conduct is humiliating
  - constitutes health and safety problem
- When the victim has a reasonable ground to believe that her objections to such acts would disadvantage, would prejudice her in connection with work, recruitment, promotion, creates an hostile work atmosphere.
- When non-consent/objections to such acts entails adverse consequences.

**DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS AS PER JUDGEMENT**

1. Duty To Prevent Commission Acts Of sexual Harassment
   - Identify the acts that constitute sexual harassment
   - Prohibit acts of sexual harassment - workplace/precincts/residence.
   - Penalize commission of acts of sexual harassment.
   - Abetment to be defined to include non action of the official concerned.
   - Notify, publish and circulate - acts prohibited.
   - Provide congenial atmosphere - work-leisure & health-hygiene.
   - That no women employee should have grounds to believe that she is disadvantaged in connection with her work.
   - Provide optional transfer, if the victim feels necessary.
Incorporate sexual harassment in conduct rules.
Incorporate in the Industrial Standing Order.
Initiate disciplinary proceeding.
Initiate criminal proceeding under IPC.
Ensure prevention to victimization and discrimination of victims and witnesses.
Facilitate discussions in employee - employer meeting.
Create awareness among women about sexual harassment.

II. Duty to Provide Procedure For Resolution Complaint Mechanism headed by women.

III. Duties of the committee:- Provide counselling, medical aid, legal aid, maintain Confidentially and time bound inquiry

**RAPE**

- Rape is an offence not against the individual but like all crimes in the Indian Penal Code it is a crime against the State.
- Once the incident occurs, it has to be reported immediately without any delay to the jurisdiction police station. As far as possible the complaint must be given in writing containing all relevant facts in order to avoid manipulation. Then the police will investigate the matter and file charge sheet.
- The information, i.e., the person filling the complaint is entitled to a copy of the First Information Report (FIR)
- The victim must undergo medical examination
- The trial is conducted in a Court of Sessions and not a Magistrate Court, by the public prosecutor.
- Like all criminal matters the victim cannot have an independent lawyer, unless she makes an application for appointing a Special Prosecutor. Any advocate with 10 years of practice can be appointed as a Special Public Prosecutor

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**PROVISIONS RELATING TO SEXUAL OFFENCES IN THE INDIAN PENAL CODE**

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II. Persons may be charged with the following sections in a rape case

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354 Assualt or criminal force to women with an intention to outrage her modesty
Imprisonment for 2 years or fine or both

509 Outraging the modesty of women
Physically/verbally/gestures/exhibits
Simple imprisonment for 1 year or fine or both

499/500
Defamation
Imprisonment for upto 2 years with fine or both

366 Kidnapping, abducting:
With intention to compel the woman to marry against her will
In order that she may be forced or seduced to illicit intercourse.
Or knowing that she is likely to be compelled into marriage or forced into illicit intercourse or seduction
Imprisonment for 10 years and fine

366A Procuring a girl below 18 years with intention of or knowledge of the intention to force or seduce to illicit intercourse
Imprisonment for 10 years and fine

366B Importation of girls below 21 years with intention or knowledge of the intention to force or seduce to illicit intercourse
Imprisonment for 10 years and fine

367 Kidnapping or abducting with intention of or knowledge of the intention to subject a person to grievous hurt, slavery or to the unnatural lust of any person
Imprisonment for 10 years and fine

372 Selling a minor person below 18 years for purpose of Prostitution or for illicit intercourse or for any unlawful and immoral purpose or knowledge of such intention
Imprisonment for 10 years and fine

373 Buying a minor person below 18 years for prostitution or for illicit intercourse or for any unlawful and immoral purpose or knowledge of such intention
Imprisonment for 10 years and fine

**IMMORAL TRAFFIC (PREVENTION) ACT, 1956**

1. In India prostitution is tolerated and regulated.
2. Prostitution is per se not a crime. Prostitution is not abolished/prohibited/banned.
3. The Act intends to criminalize and penalize the Institutions/Industry (brothel, brothel keepers, procurers, pimps, touts, middleman, landlords etc.). But actually ends up criminalising and penalizing women.
4. Trafficking of persons - male/female is prohibited. (Sec. 3-6)
5. Prevention of sexual exploitation of persons for commercial purposes
6. Soliciting and/or seduction in public places is a crime (Sec 7&8)
8. Does not address the health concerns of the persons trafficked.
9. Provides for Rescue and Rehabilitation of the prostituted women (Sec. 10-A, 16 & 17, 21)
10. Voluntary rehabilitation (Sec 19)
11. Removal of prostitutes from any place - on complaint (Sec. 20)
12. Special enforcement mechanism. (Sec 13-15)
13. This does not focus on persons who are voluntarily in this field.
14. Provides for mandatory testing for STD (Sec 15 (5-A)

**OFFENCES**

- Keeping brothel or allowing the premises to be kept as a brothel.
- Leasing/using a premises for brothel. (landlord/tenant, lessor/lessee)
- Living on the earnings of prostitution (Sec. 4)
- Procuring, inducing, taking a person for the sake of prostitution.
- Detaining persons in the brothel/premises where prostitution is carried on, with an intention to have sexual intercourse with a person who is not a spouse.
- Enhanced punishment for subsequent offence
Stringent punishment for the above said offence where the person involved is a child/minor.

Special Courts are to be set up for trial of cases under this Act.

An offence under this Act is cognizable i.e., a police officer can arrest without a warrant.

Special Police Officer (SPO), not below the rank of Inspector to be specified by the State Govt. to deal with matters under this Act. Trafficking police officers to be appointed by Central Govt. to deal with interstate trafficking.

Non-official advisory body consisting of not less than five leading social welfare workers of that area, including women social welfare workers to advice on questions of general importance regarding working of the Act's.

THE INDECENT REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN (PROHIBITION) ACT, 1986

- The Act prohibits depiction in any manner the figure of woman, body or any part thereof, in such a way that has the effect of being indecent or derogatory to or denigrating women.
- In intends to prevent women being depicted as sex objects in the media for commercial gain or prevent the commodification of women.
- This Act indents to prohibit indecent representation of women in writings, paintings, figures or in any manner that is likely to deprave, corrupt or injure the public morality or morals.
- It penalizes persons who publishes or arranges or takes part in the publication or exhibition of any advertisement which contain indecent representation of women an any form.
- It penalises persons who sell, hire, distribute, circulate or send by posts any books, pamphlet paper, slide, film, writings, drawings, paintings, photograph figures or representation which contains indecent representation of women in any form.
- The punishment is imprisonment for a term which may extend to 2 years with fine up to Rs. 2000/-.
- However certain exceptions are made in favour of religion, art learning and ancient monuments.
- The Act empowers Gazetted Officers authorised by the State Government to enter and search premises, seize articles and examine records or materials which he has reasons to believe to be in the nature of contraventions of the Act.
- The Indian penal code penalises obscenity.
PROVISIONS IN INDIAN PENAL CODE REGARDING OBSCENITY

1. Section 292 Sale of obscenity book Imprisonment for 2 years with fine
2. Section 292-A Printing of gross incident or scurrilous matter or matter intended for blackmail Imprisonment for 2 years / fine / both
3. Section 293 Sale of obscene object to young person Imprisonment 3 years with fine
4. Section 294 Obscene songs months Imprisonment for 3 years

THE COMMISSION OF SATI PREVENTION ACT, 1987

- This Act intends to prevent commission of Sati by any one.
- Any person who commits Sati or does any act towards such commission in punishable with imprisonment that may extent to one year or fine or with both.
- Person abets the commission of such Sati, either directly or indirectly, shall be punishable with life imprisonment and fine
- Abetment includes:
  - including a woman to commit sati;
  - making the woman believe that the commission of Sati would result in some spiritual benefit to her or to the deceased husband’s family;
  - encouraging a woman to remain fixed in her resolve to commit Sati and thus instigating her to commit Sati
  - participating in any procession in connection with the commission of Sati
  - being present at the place where Sati is committed
  - preventing or obstructing a woman from saving herself from being burnt or buried alive.
  - Obstructing or interfering with the police in discharge of their duties of taking steps to prevent the commission of Sati

- Glorification of Sati is punishable with imprisonment for not less than one year which may extend upto 7 years and fine of Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 30,000/-
- The government has power to remove the temple or any other structure with has been in existance for not less than 20 years, where any form of worship or the performance of any ceremony is carried on with a view to perpetuate the honour or preserve the memory of the person in respect who such Sati has been committed.
- The Collector or the District Magistrate has power to seize properties or founds that has been acquired or collected for the purpose of glorification of the commission of Sati.

THE KARNATAKA DEVADASI (PROHIBITION OF DEDICATION) ACT, 1982

- The practice of Devadasi is peculiar to some state viz., Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Andhra pradesh, Maharasstra, etc.,
- This practice which is based on religious belief and is often misused, is one source of inducting woman in to prostitution.
- Dedication of woman / girls as devadasi is unlawful
- Person who performs, promotes, takes part in or abets the performance of any ceremonies or act for dedication a woman as devadasi shall be punishable with imprisonment for a period extended upto 3 years and fine upto two thousand rupees.
- A devadasi entering into a marriage shall not be invalid and no issues of such marriages shall be illegitimate by reasons of such woman being a davadasi.
THE MEDICAL TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY ACT, 1971

- Abortion in India has been legalized since the year 1971.
- The medical practitioners under the following circumstances could perform abortion up to 20 weeks of gestation.
- If the doctor is of the opinion that continuance of the pregnancy would involve a risk to the life of the pregnant woman or would cause grave injury to her physical or mental health.
- If the continuation of pregnancy caused substantial risk that if the child were born it would suffer such physical or mental abnormalities as to be seriously handicapped.
- If the pregnancy is caused by rape and the anguish caused by such pregnancy is presumed to constitute a grave injury to the mental health of the pregnant woman.
- If the pregnancy occurs as a result of failure of family planning device, the anguish caused by such unwanted pregnancy may be presumed to constitute a grave injury to the mental health of the pregnant woman.
- No pregnancy shall be terminated without the consent of the pregnant woman.
- Termination of pregnancy shall be made only in the hospital established or maintained by the government or such other places as approved by the government.

THE PRE-NATAL DIAGNOSTIC TECHNIQUES (REGULATION AND PREVENTION OF MISUSE) ACT, 1994

- The Act prohibits misuse of pre-natal diagnostic techniques for determination of sex of fetus leading to female foeticide.
- It prohibits advertisement of pre-natal diagnostic techniques for detection of sex of the child.
- The Act permits and regulates use of pre-natal diagnostic techniques for the purpose of detection of specific genetic abnormalities or disorders.
- The Act permits use of pre-natal diagnostic techniques only under certain conditions by registered institutions.
- The Conditions are:
  - The age of pregnant woman is above thirty five years.
  - The pregnant woman has undergone 2 or more spontaneous abortions or foetal loss.
  - The pregnant woman has a family history of mental retardation or physical deformities such as spasticity or any other genetic disorder.
  - The pregnant woman must consent in writing to undergo such procedure.
  - The pregnant woman must be explained all known side effects of such procedure.
- The medical practitioner who offers such services and the person who seeks such person are liable for punishment of imprisonment up to 3 years and fine which may extend up to ten thousand. In addition action can be taken by the Medical Council of India to remove the name of such doctors who has been convicted for such an offense for a period of 2 years.
- It provides for a Central Supervisory Board consisting of Minister of Family Welfare, as a Chairperson, Secretary to Government of India in charge of Department of Family Welfare, as its Vice Chairperson, and others to advice the government on policy matters relating to use of pre-natal diagnostic techniques to review implementation of the Act to create public awareness against the practice of pre-natal determination of sex and female foeticide, to lay down code of conduct to be observed by persons working in Genetic counselling centers, laboratories and clinics.
- The Act empowers the central Governments to appointment appropriate authorities for the union territories and state government to appoint appropriate committees to enforce standards prescribed for the genetic counselling laboratories, counselling centers and clinic, monitor registration for such centers, to investigate complaints of breach of the provisions of the Act, etc.,
- Since this law was not implemented, a Public Interest Litigation has been filed in the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court has issued certain guidelines for effective implementation of the Act, Viz., Center For enquiry into Health & Allied Themes (CEHA) and others (2001) 5 supreme Court Cases 577
RAGGING

- There is no central enactment to deal with ragging.
- Some states have enacted special law to deal with the menace of ragging, which is crime. However, they have not been effective in curbing the menace of ragging.
- Therefore, the Supreme Court has laid down certain guidelines in Vishwa Jagriti Mission -vs- Central Government ((2001) 6 Supreme Court Cases page 577) wherein the educational institution in which the student is studying is empowered to be the disciplinary authority and that the police action should not be resorted unless it is unavoidable.

Ragging is defined as:

Any disorderly conduct by words spoken or written or by an act
- That has the effect of testing, treating or handling with rudness any other student including in rowdy or undisciplines activities
- Which cause or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship, or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension in a fresher or a junior student;
- Asking the students to do any act or perform something which such student will not do in the ordinary course
- Which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or embarrassment so as to adversely effect the physique or psyche or a fresher or junior student.

DUTIES OF THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AS PER THE SUPREME COURT JUDGEMENT

- The prospectus issued at the time of admission must mention clearly that ragging is banned in the institution and that any one who indulges in ragging is likely to be punished.
- The punishment may be expulsion from such institution suspension from the institution or class for a limited period or fine or public apology, withholding of scholarship, debarring from representation in events withholding results, suspension or expulsion from hostel, mess etc.
- The application from shall have printed undertaking to filled up and signed by the student and the parents/guardians.
- Student who are already studying in the institution and their parents/guardian shall also give such an undertaking before the commencement of the next educational year/session.
- The management, the principal, the teaching staff should interact with freshers and take them in confidence by appraising them of their right as well as obligations to fight against ragging and to generate confidence in their mind that they should report any incidence of ragging.
- The institutions should constitute proctorial committee to keep a watch and vigil over ragging so as to prevent its occurrence and recurrence.
- The student must be made aware of the dehumanizing effect of ragging.
- Migration certificate issued by the institutions should have an entry whether the student had participated in ragging and the punishment.
- If individual committing or abetting ragging is not identified, then collective punishment could be resorted to act as deterrent punishment and to ensure collective pressure on the potential raggers.
- The Failure to prevent ragging shall be construed as an act of negligence in maintaining discipline in the institutions on the part of the management, the principal and the hostel wardens/superintendents.
- If the institutions fail to curb ragging, UGC/Funding agency may consider stoppage of financial assistance to such an institution.

### APPENDIX I

**Index of Family Counselling Centres, Legal Aid Centres, Skills Training Institute, Shelter homes, support services for children and Drug and HIV/AIDS Rehabilitation Centres in Assam**

#### Counselling Centres

1. Karimganj Jila Mahila Manch, Karimganj
2. District Level Committee for Monitoring Crimes against Women, Karimganj
3. Nur Nagar Paramorshadan Kendra, Herapatti, Nagaon
4. Dimasa Women’s Organization, Haflong
5. Lakhimpur Sishu Aru Matri Mangal Samiti, North Lakhimpur
6. Nari Samashya Samadhan Samiti, North Lakhimpur
7. Associated Grammya Unnayan Society, Sibsagar
8. Sampriti Mahila Samiti, Tezpur
9. Drug Abuse Information Prevention and Rehabilitation Centre (DIAPARC), Tezpur
10. All India Democratic Women Association, Sonitpur Branch, Rangapara, Sonitpur
11. Tinsukia District Mahila Samiti, Tinsukia
12. Tinsukia Kendriya Mahila Samiti, Tinsukia
13. Akhil Bharatiya Hindi Bhashi Mahila Mancha, Assam, Tinsukia
14. Tinsukia District Women’s Cell, Tinsukia
15. Poriyal Paramorshadan Kendra, Dhemaji
16. Bajali Pragati Sangha, Patsala, Borpeta
17. Drug De-Addiction Centre, AMC, Dibrugarh
18. Association for Socio-Cultural Development (ASCED), Dibrugarh
19. Roji Isanali Co-operative Society Ltd., Salokati, Kokrajhar
20. Morigaon Mahila Mehfil, Morigaon
21. The Women Grievance Cell, Lakhimpur, Cachar
22. Community Development and Social Counseling centre, Bihara Bazar, Cachar
23. District Level Committee for Crimes Involving Women, Silchar, Cachar
24. Nivedita Nari Santha, Silchar, Cachar
25. District Women Cell, Dhubri
26. Sadou Assam Lekhika Samaroh Samiti, Goalpara
27. Dakshin Sarbaibandha Mahila Samiti, Jorhat
28. Anirban Sanskritik Gosthi, Teok, Jorhat
29. Global Organization for Life Development, Guwahati
30. Eastern India women’s association (EIWA), Guwahati
31. Family counseling Centre (under ICCW), Guwahati
32. Helpline, S.M. Polyclinic, Guwahati
33. Assam Pradeshik Mahila Samiti, Guwahati
34. Family Counseling Centre, Barowari, Guwahati
35. Labita Nari Sangha, Mirza, Guwahati
36. Peace Centre, Guwahati
37. Nirjatan Biruddhi Akya Mancha, Guwahati
38. Helpline, 1091 (toll-free), Guwahati
39. Pioneer Club, Silchar
40. Darrang District Mahila Samiti, Darrang
41. Manas Kalyan Sewa Santha, Dibrugarh
42. Goalpara Zila Pradeshik Mahila Samiti, Goalpara
43. Jagriti, Lakhimpur
44. Pariyal Paramorshadan Kendra, Nagaon
45. Sibsagar Zila Mahila Samiti, Sibsagar
46. District Women’s Cell, Sibsagar
47. Tezpur District Mahila Samiti, Tezpur
Legal Aid Centres
1. Karimganj Jila Mahila Manch, Karimganj
2. District Level Committee for Monitoring Crimes against Women, Karimganj
3. Karbi Anglong Mahila Samiti, Diphu
4. Mahila Mukti Samiti, Diphu
5. Dimasa Women’s Organization, Haflong
6. Hmar Women’s Association, Haflong
7. Sibsagar Jila Mahila Samiti, Sibsagar
8. Women’s Cell, Sibsagar P.S. Sibsagar
9. District Women’s Cell, Sibsagar
10. Tezpur District Mahila Samiti, Tezpur
11. Police Women Cell, Tezpur
12. Tinsukia District Mahila Samiti, Tinsukia
13. Akhil Bhartiya Hindi Bhavi Mahila Mancha, Assam, Tinsukia
14. Tinsukia District Women’s Cell, Tinsukia
15. Silapathar Anchalik Mahila Samiti, Dhemaji
16. District Women’s Cell, Dhemaji
17. Nari Suraksha Parishad, Borpeta
18. Sadou Assam Pragatisheel Nari Sangtha, Dibrugarh
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23. Nivedita Nari Santha, Silchar, Cachar
24. District Women Cell, Dhubri
25. Women Enquiry Section, Dhubri
26. Women Congress Association of Hailakandi District, Hailakandi
27. Women Legal Aid Cell, Jorhat
28. Global Organization for Life Development, Guwahati
29. Assam Pradeshik Mahila Samiti, Guwahati
30. Women’s Legal aid Cell (of the Common Platform of the Conscious Women of Greater Guwahati), Guwahati
31. New Bongagaon Zila Mahila Samiti, Bongaigaon
32. Simaluguri Mahila Samiti, Bongaigaon
33. Darrang District Mahila Samiti, Darrang
34. Manab Kalyan Sewa Santha, Dibrugarh
35. Zila Mahila Kosh, Golaghat
36. Sexual Harassment Cell, Jorhat
37. Jagriti, Lakhimpur
38. Drug Abuse Information, Prevention and Rehabilitation Centre (DIAPARC), Tezpur

Skill Training Institutes
1. Bishnupriya Manipuri Mahila Samiti, Karimganj
2. Karbi Anglong Mahila Samiti, Diphu
3. Mahila Mukti Samiti, Diphu
4. Nehru Yuva Kendra, Diphu
5. Sadou assam Gramya Puthibharal Santha, Teliapatti, Nagaon
6. Pathari Vocational Institute, Nagaon
7. Cheran Women Welfare Association, Haflong
8. Lakhimpur Jila Mahila Samiti, Lakhimpur
9. Sowansiri Valley Regional Weavers and Artisans Co-operative Society Ltd., Lakhimpur
10. Donji Polo Youth Society, Lakhimpur
11. Khorapathar Sanmitita Yuva Samaj, Sandakphuwa, Lakhimpur
12. Associated Grammya Unnayan Society, Sibsagar
13. Sibsagar Jila Mahila Samiti, Sibsagar
14. Nari Silpa Samiti, Tezpur
15. Sampriti Mahila Samiti, Tezpur
16. Tezpur District Mahila Samiti, Tezpur
17. Action for Youth Development, Sonitpur
18. Agency for rural income Generation and Management, Biswanath Chariali, Sonitpur
19. Tinsukia District Mahila Samiti, Tinsukia
20. Dhemaji District Mahila Samiti, Dhemaji
21. Rural Volunteers Centre, Silapathar, Dhemaji
22. Borpeta Jila Mahila Samiti, Borpeta
23. Bajali Jila Mahila Samiti, Borpeta
24. Anchalik Gramunnayan Parishad, Borpeta
25. Residential Girls Polytechnic, Golaghat
26. Roji Isanali Co-operative Society Ltd., Salokati, Kokrajhar
27. The All-Bodo Women’s Welfare Federation (ABWWF), Kokrajhar
28. Morigaon Mahila Mehfil, Morigaon
29. Manikpur rupjyoti Mahila Samiti, Manipur, Morigaon
30. Khadi Aru Gramudyog Bikas Samiti, Manipur, Morigaon
31. Nivedita Nari Sangtha, Silchar
32. Sepormoina Women welfare Society, Lakhipur, Cachar
33. Dhubri District Mahila Samiti, Dhubri
34. Dhubri Ladies Club, Dhubri
35. Vidyapara Bhatigaon Mahila Samiti, Dhubri
36. Darrang District Mahila Samiti, Darrang
37. Sipajhar Sakha Lekhika Samaruh samiti, Sipajhar, Darrang
38. Sipajhar Diamond Club Community Centre, sipajhar, darrang
39. Shri Sharoda Sangha, Hailakandi
40. Women Congress Association of Hailakandi District, Hailakandi
41. WODWICHEE, Lakhirbandha, Hailakandi
42. Assam Mahila Samata Society, Goalpara
43. Jivika Parikshan Kendra, Goalpara
44. Drishtihind Vidyalaya (Blind Institution), Jorhat
45. Hemalata Bezbora Skill training institute (under Jorhat Jila Mahila Samiti), Jorhat
46. Assam Jatiyatabadi Yuva Chatra Parishad, Jorhat
47. Kalyani Samaj Kalyan Kendra, Jorhat
48. Kasturba Unnayan Kendra, Jorhat
49. Dakshin Sarbaibandha Mahila Samiti, Jorhat
50. Jila Mahila Kalyan Parishad, Jorhat
51. Lakhimi Sangha, Jorhat
52. Simalugiri Mahila Samiti, Bongaigaon
53. Sister Diocese Forum, Bongaigaon
54. The Action North East Trust, Bongaigaon
55. Lachit Yuvak Sangha, Dhemaji
56. Dibrugarh District Mahila Samiti, Golaghat
57. Golaghat Zila Mahila Samiti, Golaghat
58. Assam Rajik Mahila Griha, guwahati
59. Saatsori Matri Samaj, Azara, Kamrup
60. Kokrajhar District Mahila Samiti, Kokrajhar
61. Nalbari District Mahila Samiti, Nalbari

**Shelter Homes**
1. Assam Rajik Mahila Griha (State Home for Women), Guwahati
2. Nirmal Ashroy (Short Stay Home for women and Girls), Guwahati
3. Jaluguti agragami Mahila Samiti, Guwahati
4. Central Destituta Home, Silchar
5. Nari Nivas, Mahamaya Hat, Dhubri
6. Shri Sharoda Sangha, Hailakandi
7. Dakshin sarbaibandha Mahila Samiti, Jorhat
8. Jagat Sewa Ashram, Silapathar, Dhemaji
9. Women’s Hostel and Day Care Centre (under Karbi angling Mahila
Support Services for Children

1. Sahayika, Guwahati
2. CHILDLINE, Guwahati
3. Juvenile Observation Home, Jorhat
4. Snehalaya, Guwahati
5. PRERONA, Jorhat
6. Deaf and Dumb Institute, Jorhat
7. Drishtihind Vidyalaya (Blind Institution), Jorhat
8. Mother Teresa’s Nirmal Hriday, Home for Destitutes, For Orphanages, Jorhat
9. World Vision, Guwahati
10. Indian Council for Child Welfare, Tezpur
12. Sanjivani, Sonitpur

Drug and HIV/AIDS Rehabilitation Centres

1. Drug Abuse Information Prevention and Rehabilitation Centre (DIAPARC), Tezpur
2. Drug De-addiction Centre, AMC, Dibrugarh
3. Association for Socio-Cultural Development (ASCED), Dibrugarh
4. Drug De-addiction Centre, Jananayak Debeshwar Sarma Civil Hospital, Jorhat
5. De-addiction cum rehabilitation Centre, Jorhat
6. MASHWARA (Drug De-addiction and Rehabilitation Centre), Guwahati
7. Jagriti, Islamgaon, Lakhimpur
8. Nehru Yuva Kendra, Diphu
9. Nivedita Nari Sangstha, Cachar
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## APPENDIX II

### DISTRICT WISE STATISTICS ON CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN

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APPENDIX III

Questionnaire for the resource directory on support services to counter violence against women

Questionnaire 1:

1. Name of the Organisation:

2. Address:

3. Details relating to the Organisation:
   Date of Establishment:
   Person in Charge:
   How is it funded?:
   Vision of the Organisation:
   Core Activities:
   If the organisation networks with other organisations or individuals for other services:

4. Skill Training (as a second level support service):
   Type of Trainings provided:
   Duration of the days of training:
   Fees:
   Criteria for selection, if any:

5. Health care service provided:
   Services Provided (please tick):
   a. Emergency services:
   b. Psychiatric unit:
   c. Burn units:
   d. Gynaecological Unit:
   e. Trauma Counselling Services:
   f. Child Care:
   g. OPD’s:
   h. Help lines:
   i. Whether they have any links with the police and counselling centres:
   j. Any other service available:

6. Police Station/(Women’s Cells):
   i. Number of Female Inmates:
   ii. Special Provisions for Female Inmates, if any:
   iii. Number of registered cases of VAW:
   iv. Trends in VAW:
   v. If police women’s cell, support services available:

Follow up services, if available:

Capacity (In case of shelter home/hospital/training):


APPENDIX IV

References