

MASLSA observes International Women's Day

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Imphal, March 11 2015: Manipur State Legal Services Authority (MASLSA) in collaboration with Folksy Triumph, Indigenous Perspectives(IP), Gender Development Initiative(GENDI) observed International Women's Day at South Lousing Hill, Chingnungkhok.

The programme included a series of events including an ongoing Awareness programme, poster campaigns, awareness cycle rally, music concert and activities for young children.

10 Women who have been working for the upliftment of the society in their own respective profession were also honoured on the occasion, according to a press release.

Justice N Kotiswar Singh, Judge, High Court of Manipur and executive chairman, MASLSA was the chief Guest and Yambem Laba, former member, Manipur Human Rights Commission and Guneshwar Sharma, Session Judge, Manipur East were the guests of honor on the occasion.

Basanta Wareppa of Human Rights Alert, Premlata Thokchom of Human Rights law Network and Santa Khurai of All Manipur Nupi Manbi Association spoke as resource persons at the event and dwelled on "Prevention of Domestic Violence Act 2005," "Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012," "Gender Disparity in a Traditional Structure" and "Institutional Mechanisms to Protect and Uphold Women' Rights" .

An interaction was also facilitated by Nandini Thockchom and the women of the adjoining villages like Happy land, Chana, Telou, Chingnungkhok voiced their grievances.

A pamphlet on the various laws and policies for women was also released and distributed to the participants.

Noted folk singer Rewben Mashangwa, Eastern Doc and a young group called Pebet also performed on the occasion.

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