

Gauhati High Court Celebrates Diamond Jubilee



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The towering white structure of the Gauhati High Court, a landmark of Guwahati stands tall glimmering in the city skyline. A keeper of law and a defender of justice it has been advocating justice since the past sixty years of glorious existence.

It was way back in the year 1948 on April 5 Ronald Francis Lodge was appointed the first Chief Justice of the Assam High Court. The Assam High Court was inaugurated by then chief justice of India Justice Harilal Kania in the present house of the district and sessions judge , Kamrup Guahati on the western bank of Dighalipukhuri. The inaugural ceremony was attended by many luminaries of Assam including Sir Akbar Hydari, Premier Gopinath Bordoloi, Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed etc.

Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed , the Advocate General of Assam guaranteed complete cooperation of the members of the Bar Association for the administration of justice.

The High Court initially had its sitting in Shillong but in July 1948 the government decided to shift it to Guwahati. However, its new building at the present site was inaugurated in 1957.

RF Lodge, TV Thandani and Ram Labhaya (Puisine Judge), were the judges while FA Ahmed, the former President of India was the Advocate General along with kairam barman, bhabesh Chandra Barua and lyngdog as the Government Advocates.

Since its inception the Gauhati High Court has been continuing its crusade for justice in northeastern India. It has earnestly carried out its task in this region despite the varied laws and customs of the region.

In keeping with the constitution of modern India the Supreme Court and the High Courts became constitutional guardians of the people and for the past 60 years the Gauhati High Court has carried forward a legacy of justice in a democratic society.

Apart from its principal seat at Guwahati the court has under its umbrella the states of Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Tripura, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh having its benches at Shillong, Kohima, Imphal, Agartala, Aizawal and Itanagar.

The Diamond Jubilee Celebration was organized at the ITA Complex at Machkhowa, in Guwahati. The legal fraternity of India, from the Chief Justice of India, Justice KG Balakrishnan to Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court Justice Jasti Chelameswar was all praise for the Gauhati High Court.

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