

## Legal Orientation Camp by Aaranyak



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Frontline staff of Kokrajhar Wild Life Division were sensitised on various laws relevant for handling of forest and wildlife crimes and about preparation of arrest memo, forwarding report, offence report, FIR, seizure list, complaints petition in a day-long legal orientation programme organised on May 26 at Saraikhola Forest IB of Chakrasila Wild Life Sanctuary.

The camp was jointly organised by Kokrajhar Wildlife Division, Bodoland Teritorial Council and AARANYAK, a society for biodiversity conservation, in presence of C Ramesh, the DFO. The legal-orientation camp was organised for Kokrajhar Wildlife Division for the first time.

The resource person of the training programme was Ajoy Kumar Das, an associate lawyer of the Legal and Advocacy Programme of AARANYAK and a practicing advocate working in the field of Environmental Law.

Advocate Das explained before the forest staffs in detail on provisions of Arms Act 1959, Wild Life Protection Act, 1972, Assam Forests Regulation, 1891 and various other laws essential for forest and wild life crime abatement.

He showed the staffs the appropriate method to prepare arrest memo, forwarding report, offence report, F.I.R, seizure lists, complaint petition, etc. He also spoke on the different legal approaches essential for forest and wild life offences and refreshed the staffs on arrest, search and seizure procedures.

There was also an interactive session on case studies. The DFO, C. Ramesh guided the staffs in the hypothetical case studies and suggested tactical methods to tackle the difficulties that the frontline staffs may encounter.

Total 22 frontline forest staff took part in the camp. Dr Bibhuti Prasad Lahkar, Programme Secretary of AARANYAK was also present in the occasion and announced that Aaranyak was planning to organise a larger legal-orientation camp near future involving more wildlife staffs of other forest divisions of the BTC.

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