Report on One-Day Financial Awareness Cum Literacy Programme for neighbouring Communities under Flagship Intervention Project 'Kutumb'



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National Law University-Centre for Child Rights Organised a Unique One-Day Financial Awareness Cum Literacy Programme for Neighbouring Communities as Part of Its Flagship Intervention Project 'Kutumb'

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As part of National Law University Odisha, NLUO's flagship initiative 'Kutumb', in the neighbouring communities of Brajabeharipur, Baba Tilka Nagar, Valmiki Nagar, the Centre for Child Rights (CCR) of NLUO organised a one-day financial awareness cum literacy programme for the communities. This is with the view that child well-being and family well-being are inter-linked and family well-being needs financial security and growth, hence the awareness cum literacy programme on 1-0-1 of personal finance, budgeting, savings, livelihoods investments, small enterprises and social protection programmes for those rainy/difficult days.

The India Post and Payments Bank's Malay K Mohapatra and Lipun K Das, State Bank of India's Santosh K Dash and Anuradha Agarwal and Govt of Odisha's Mission Shakti's Swagatika Parida, Satyanarayan Rout and Khirod Chandra Patra kindly participated in the workshop as resource persons and took dedicated sessions to share 1-0-1 of personal finance, budgeting and investing and cautions around digital transactions and financial frauds these days. The resource persons also got an opportunity to share their special products targeted at low income/no income households, small entrepreneurs, SHG members and special social protection schemes.

At the outset, Dr. Swagatika Samal of CCR welcomed all the participants and resource persons on behalf of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ved Kumari, Registrar Dr. Rangin P. Tripathy, faculties, staff and students of NLUO and set the agenda. Prof. Ved Kumari then put forth the genesis of project 'Kutumb' with the vision of transforming the neighbouring communities to Child-Friendly-Villages status per SDGs criteria and also building an empowered, active, legally literate citizenry that can effectively engage with the states. As one of the speakers Mr. Amulya Kumar Swain of CCR, NLUO highlighted the importance of money, keeping and managing savings and provided the idea of recording a detailed list of all family expenditures in a notebook on daily basis and at the end of the month, he suggested to identify the unnecessary expenditures which can be avoided and likewise the poor families and/or low-income families can start keeping it as saving for future needs. He emphasized that instead of saving whatever is left at the end of all the expenditure in a month, one, rather save a specific amount at the beginning of the month first and then spend whatever is left after the savings. He also explained how the saving of say - Rs. 3000 rupees per month for a period of 30 years would ultimately compound for them to be able to save large sums of money. The only thing matters is that of the habit of saving.

Resource persons from Mission Shakti-Cuttack emphasised on WSHGs to take utmost benefits of various schemes, while systematically repaying the loans that they have taken so that they can enjoy the relief on paying the interest of the loans and the mission would support them in creating and helping their micro-entrepreneurships. They explained the participants the vicious cycle of poverty and factors which has been leading to their poor conditions and how proper financial planning and saving can help in meeting the future actual and emergency needs. They urged the participants not to fall for scams and instead focus on safe institutions like banks or post offices for regular saving and opening recurring deposits because habit record of savings would enable them to have easy access to loans at the time of need. They informed that Mission Shakti is providing various vocational training such as tailoring and beauty salon etc. of which the interested persons can take benefit out of them. Resource persons from India Post Payments Bank alerted the bank users not to share any kind of account details to any stranger. They shared about the schemes and products of India Post such as post-office savings bank, recurring deposits, women specific schemes and various other saving schemes starting from Rs. 500.00 and

health and life insurance schemes etc. They also suggested that to have access to certain loan schemes the community members should maintain a good credit score.

Resource persons from State Bank of India ensured that the community members would be provided with all kinds of support they need from the bank while describing and clarifying about various saving schemes, Atal Pension accidental insurance schemes, health insurance schemes etc. targeting low-income/ no-income households, women and girl children of the communities. The community members also got an opportunity to flag the access barriers they faced and challenges they encountered in their daily interface & transactions/applications with these institutions. They also discussed the grievance redressal mechanisms and the role of the RBI's non-profit extension service for community outreach and facilitation.

At the end, Mr. Durbadala Mantry proposed the vote of thanks. Mr. Mantry has been the frontline staff on behalf of NLUO engaging with the above-mentioned communities and made the high turn-out of the community people in the programme possible with his enthusiastic, active and well-structured communication with these communities.

The participation and learning of the women and parents was enabled, when in recognition of their important care responsibility, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ved Kumari, the lead conceptualiser of Project Kutumb, kept the children and toddlers engaged, baby-sat them in the University creche along with the faculty Rashmi R Baug and student volunteers Suraj Mishra, Bharat Bhusan Tyal, so that the parents, especially mothers can focus on the programme and take key learnings on thrift, credit, savings, social protection and targeted credit-savings programmes etc.

Over 85 members of the neighbouring communities of Project Kutumb and beyond also participated. Other than the Hon'ble VC, Registrar Dr. Rangin P. Tripathy and Finance Officer Ms. P. Mohanty, many faculty members and students engaged in various Kutumb initiatives and students engaged with the Centre for Child Rights and other initiatives also participated.

It was a one-of-a-kind programme bringing financial institutions and communities on a single platform facilitated by an elite University of NLUO's standing.

Dr. Swagatika Samal of CCR was the lead organiser ably supported by Mr. Amulya Kumar Swain of CCR, Mr. Durbadala Mantry of Legal Aid Clinic-cum-Kutumb and Prof. Biraj Swain of CCR.















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