

Bar Association

In each and every creation, there should be an impulsion and tendency. So also, the Learned Advocates from Jowai, Jaintia Hills District, at certain point of time found that the formation of a Bar Association is a necessity to render better service to the Litigant, public and also for better and convenience relationship between the Bar and the Bench. And indeed the Bar Association has really served the necessity of the Society and served its people legally, socially, politically and especially it enable to maintain the cultures and other traditional practice as well as to bring in black and white all that we inherit from our ancestors, hence the creation of the Jaintia Hills District Bar Association was a must.

On the 11 day of May, 1984 there was a meeting of some practicing Lawyers which was held at District Council premises with the intention of formation the Bar Association. The meeting was attended by Shri G S Massar Advocate, Shri A D Massar, Advocate, Shri N A Lyngdoh, Advocate, Late Shri P Pyrtuh, Advocate, Shri E Pyrbot, Advocate, Late Shri I Lamare, Advocate and Late Shri D S Challam, Advocate.

The above mentioned learned advocates with their wisdom and with a visionary mind, sat in the meeting on that particular day to discuss thoroughly about the ins and out of the Society and found that the formation of the Bar Association is a necessity, to render a better service to the litigant, public and to maintain a convenient relationship between the bar and the Bench. And it was named as THE JAINTIA HILLS DISTRICT BAR ASSOCIATION JOWAI.

The Jaintia Hills District Bar Association has maintained its spirit up to now. The Bar has its President, Vice President, Secretary and Assistant Secretary and Advisor and its membership have reach to 30 members.

The Jaintia Hills District Bar Association has its source of income by collecting from its member each Rs 200/- per month and once a year the Bar receive its fund from the law Department of Meghalaya for Buying Law Books. The Bar Association has its own account with the State Bank of India Jowai Branch with the present Balance of Rs 297564/-

The Jaintia Hills District Bar Association has its chamber, the one within the Building of the Deputy Commissioner, West Jaintia Hills District and the other one in the Building of the Jaintia Hills Autonomus District Council Court, Jowai.

It has a Library for keeping the Law Books and the assistant to see the welfare of the Library. It also has its own helper in order to help the members of the Bar for printing Valakatnama, Bail Bond, Affidavit, Release Notice, Certified Form and all other non-clerical activities and also the assistant of the Bar has to look about the cleanliness of the Bar premises as well.

That the Jaintia Hills District Bar Association has maintained a seperate room for the Assistant Public Prosecutors (APP Room) which is in the building of the Deputy Commissioner West Jaintia Hills District and also a seperate room for the Public Prosecutor to enable him to conduct cases at his convenience schedule

Since, its foundation day up tonow has served the purpose by conducting seminars, Legal awareness and at time conducts legal Campaign in different Schools and colleges, Villages and Organisation

The Jaintia Hills District Bar Association with its young minded lawyers who passed out from different Law University of India has now joint this profession to enable to speed up the Judiciary work and to render Justice to the citizen of the Jaintia Hills District, for instance some jointed as a Legai Aid Counsel, State Defend Counsel and some has been appointed as APP to assist the Public Prosecutor.

The Jaintia Hills District Bar Association has its Office bearers who are elected on the voting system for a term of One year. The Bar in order to maintain the proper conduct and professional ethics has conduct its meeting from time to time, always in the present of its adviser, President, Secretary and all its 30 members. In this regard every decision of the Bar was thoroughly discuss and debate by its members. And the Bar inculcate on its members to maintain and follow the Professional ethics and decorum of the Court.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE JAINTIA HILLS DISTRICT BAR ASSOCIATION, JOWAI

The Jaintia Hills District Bar Association was established on 30th July, 1985. The meeting of some lawyers practicing at Jowai held on the 11th May, 1984 at 12.00 noon, at District Council Court premises, feels that the formation of a Bar Association at Jowai is a necessity in order to raise the standard of practice, to render better service to the litigant public and also for better congenial relationship between the Bar and the Bench in the District and for other purposes.

The said meeting appoints Shri N.A. Lyngdoh, Advocate and Shri E. Pyrbot, Advocate to be the conveners of the meeting of all the lawyers practicing at Jaintia Hills at a convenient date.

The conveners will also enquire about the necessary requirements for the formation of the Bar Association before the said meeting is called/held.

This meeting was attended by a few lawyers namely (1) Shri G. S. Massar, (2) Shri A. D. Massar, (3) Shri N. A. Lyngdoh, (4) Shri P. Pyrtuh, (5) Shri E. Pyrbot, (6) Shri I. Lamare, and (7) Shri D. S. Shallam.

Due to the extraordinary work and sacrifice of the above mentioned lawyers, the Jaintia Hills District Bar Association was established on the 30th July, 1985.

The first founding members/executive members were as follows:

1. President : Shri L.Khyriem
2. Vice President : Shri D. S. Shallam
3. Secretary : Shri E. Pyrbot
4. Assistant Secretary : Shri N. A. Lyngdoh
5. Executive Members :
 - a) Shri G. Passah
 - b) Shri G. D. Pde.
 - c) Shri A. D. Massar
 - d) Shri D. E. Shallam
 - e) Shri P. Pyrtuh
 - f) Shri I. Lamare.

With the passing of time the Jaintia Hills District Bar Association played a vital role in raising the standard of practice and renders better service to the litigant public and also develops a congenial relationship between the Bar and the Bench. It also redresses and solved many issues in the functioning of the Court for the speedy justice to the litigant's public in both the District i.e. East Jaintia Hills and West Jaintia Hills District.

The Jaintia Hills District Bar Association has its office at the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai which was allotted to it. It also has one office room for the Public Prosecutor/Government Pleader and a separate room for Assistant Public Prosecutor/Assistants Government Pleaders and one room at District Council. The Jaintia Hills District Bar Association also have its own library for its members.

The Jaintia Hills District Bar Association received its fund by collecting Rs 500/- only as admission fees and Rs 100/- only as regular monthly membership subscription fees. It also received fund from the Government as grant-in-aid. It received gift from the member of the public.

With the separation of Judiciary from the Executive in the district in the month of July, 2013 the quality and standard of the Bar has drastically improved. It has also take part with the Judiciary in imparting legal literacy, legal awareness amongst others in the District.

The members of the Bar has also increased year by year, from who passed out from different university and colleges around the nation. Many of its members have been empanelled as Legal aid counsel in rendering legal service and justice to the poor section of the litigants in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority.

The present strength of the bar is increasing with 49 members enrolled as Advocates at present.

The Jaintia Hills District Bar Association has also played a vital role in creating the law College in the District known as "Khad-Ar Dalloi Law College, Jowai".

The Jaintia Hills District Bar Association has the following Office Bearers/ Executive Members who administer/manage the functioning of the Bar. It has (1) President, (2) Vice President, (3) Secretary, (4) 2 Assistant Secretary, (5) Adviser, (6) 8 Executive members. The tenure of office is for one year.

The Jaintia Hills District Bar Association recently on the 11.08.2015 elected the following members as Office Bearers/Executive Committee for the year 2015-2016.

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1. Shri C. S. Kyndiah President 9856005133
2. Miss K. Kynjing vice President 9863017308
3. Shri S. Changsan Secretary 9862425620
4. Shri F. Suiam Asstt. Secretary 9612261171
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9. Miss Rimaya Manner Executive Member 9863175630
10. Shri D. O. Chyne Executive Member 9774864325
11. Shri Heipormi Pajuh Executive Member 9863079919
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