

**LAUNCH OF THE BOOK “COURTS OF INDIA: PAST TO PRESENT (ASSAMESE)” PUBLISHED BY SUPREME COURT OF INDIA AT GUWAHATI ON 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019**

In the year 2016, the Supreme Court published *“Courts of India: Past to Present”*, a compilation of glimpses into the rich and complex history of the courts and judicial institutions of India, right from ancient times to the modern day. The Court’s undertaking was inspired by the idea that the making of the Constitution itself, doubtless of great significance, was a part of a continuing tradition of legal and judicial development, which commenced in ancient times and continues to evolve today. The volume draws upon the plurality and diversity of the nation, reflected in all its institutions, with legal and judicial structures being no exception. The work showcases the establishment of justice delivery systems and the task of administration of law

in a kaleidoscopic manner, also tracing the growth of institutions in the country.

The then Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, in his Foreword to *Courts of India* acknowledged the faith of the people in the courts, and the attempt of the courts to meet the challenges of the time. The objective of the publication was to present this rich and diverse part of our heritage to the public for it is part of the history and inheritance of our society itself. It is gratifying that the publication has been well received, and has been accepted as a significant addition to the available literature on India's legal history.

In furtherance of the objective of bringing this aspect of our heritage into the public domain, the Supreme Court has decided to publish translations of the work in the regional languages mentioned in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution. The first translation has been made in the Assamese language

and will be released in Guwahati on November 10, 2019. The Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, Justice Ranjan Gogoi will release the translated volume in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India - designate, Justice Sharad A. Bobde, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajai Lamba, Chief Justice of Guwahati High Court and other dignitaries.\*

It is hoped that this translation of the book into the Assamese language - and those to follow - will serve to bring the treasured past of our courts and judicial institutions closer to the public, and strengthen their faith in our legal systems. At the same time, it reiterates the commitment of our institutions to realise the Constitutional vision by serving the public interest through the development of the law.

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*\*The function will be held on November 10, 2019 at 5.30pm at Pragjyotish ITA Centre, Machkhowa, Guwahati.*