

## WORKSHOP ON INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT & INDIA

Guwahati, 3 March 2006

### REPORT

A workshop titled “International Criminal Court & India” was held on 3 March 2006 in Guwahati, Assam. This event was organized by ICC-India campaign and Citizens’ Collective, and hosted by University Law College, Guwahati. Dr. Subhram Rajkhowa, President of Citizens' Collective and Reader in Law, Guwahati University, & Saumya Uma, Coordinator of ICC-India, were resource persons for the workshop. This event had the participation of over 50 persons, consisting of students and faculty members of the College.

Dr. Subhram Rajkhowa talked about the fundamental principles underlying the ICC, crimes under the ICC and their definitions, how cases go to the ICC, whom can the ICC prosecute as well as global dynamics related to the ICC. In elaborating on global dynamics, Dr. Rajkhowa talked about the global ratification campaign, response of various regions of the world to the ICC as well as U.S. opposition to the ICC.

Saumya Uma talked about the Indian official position on the ICC, issues and concerns of the Indian government with regard to the same, relevance of the ICC to human rights in India, gender integration in the ICC, the importance of using international legal standards locally as well as the ICC-India campaign, its focus areas, activities and efforts.

Discussion that followed the presentations focused on the following issues:

- Difference between International Court of Justice & International Criminal Court
- Where will the ICC be situated and how will it be accessible to persons around the world?
- Is the ICC a human rights court? If not, why not?
- Sovereignty, human rights and the ICC
- Relevance of ICC as a mechanism to combat impunity internationally
- Indian government responses to U.S. opposition to the ICC
- Provisions in the ICC statute pertaining to rights of victims, accused, women and children
- Illustrative examples for genocide and crimes against humanity.

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