

# Workshop highlights right to food of every child

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**Guwahati:** Save the Children, in Collaboration with National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam (NLUJAA) organised a state level workshop on Food Security for Healthy Life to mark the National Nutrition Week here on Thursday.

The workshop was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor of NLUJAA Gurjeet Singh. Addressing the gathering at Ulubari in the city, Dr Singh said, "Food security should not limit to providing food alone but it should strive to provide nutritious food to ensure healthy lifestyle."

Speaking on the occasion, Rajan Mohanty, state programme manager of the Save the Children said that in Assam out of every 10 children under three years of age, three are underweight — an indication that a large number of families are living under food insecurity.

"Food security Bill must be seen from the perspective of right to food of every child to live with dignity. It is

call of the hour to find solution to this problem. Availability of food access to sustainability of food appropriate to the cultural preference along with food safety are the areas which need attention while considering food security for healthy life for children," he added.

Dr Benarji Chakka, Associate Professor of NLUJAA, said that food security Bill is a progressive step towards ensuring basic rights of the people. It may not revolutionise issues pertaining to food problems like hunger, malnutrition but it certainly gives people a right to demand.

The workshop was also attended by Dr Archana Sharma, Professor and former HoD of department of Economics, Dr Rajashree Bedamatta, faculty, department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Upama Dutta, Dr Chandana Gohain Baruah of department of Pharmacology, Assam Agricultural University.