

[1] A Sensitization Programme on “*Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012*” as per the directions of Hon’ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Acting Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA was held on 20th September, 2019 (*Friday*) at Chintan Bhawan, East Sikkim, for the District Child Protection Unit Officers/Officials from the Social Welfare Department, Police Department, Panel Advocates, Sikkim SLSA, Peshkars and the staff of the Juvenile Justice Boards of all the Districts, Teachers, Faculty Members and Students of Universities, Colleges and Senior Secondary Schools from Gangtok, East District.

[2] The Sensitization Programme was an effort to make the participants aware that the *Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015* and *Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012* are special Acts for the protection of children and that it is the responsibility of every State Government to provide necessary services to children as laid down under the J.J. Act 2015 and the JJ Model Rules 2016.

[3] The Resource Person Shri Benoy Sharma, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Civil Judge (East) at Gangtok, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Civil Judge (North) at Mangan (additional charge) and Secretary, D.L.S.A., North deliberated in depth on the topic “*Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015*” while Shri T.R. Barfungpa, Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA deliberated on the topic “*Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012*”. The Working Sessions were followed by vibrant Interactive Sessions between the participants and the Resource Persons.

[4] The welcome address was delivered by Shri Sonam Palden Bhutia, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA while the vote of thanks was proposed by Shri Praveen Pradhan, Under Secretary, Sikkim SLSA.