

[1] The Sikkim State Legal Services Authority under the directions of Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Acting Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA/Judge-in-Charge, Mediation Monitoring Committee had organized a **20 Hours (03 days) Refresher Course on Mediation for Advocate Mediators** from **5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2018** in the **Conference Hall of Sikkim SLSA, Development Area, East Sikkim**.

[2] The programme commenced with the welcome note from Shri K.W. Bhutia, Registrar, High Court of Sikkim/Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA/Central Co-ordinator of District Mediation Centres/Member, High Court Mediation Monitoring Committee, who highlighted on the introduction of Mediation in Sikkim in the year 2009, establishment of Mediation Centres in all the four Districts of Sikkim and the nine training/sensitization programmes conducted for Mediators under the aegis of Mediation & Conciliation Project Committee, Supreme Court of India, since 2009.

[3] Senior Trainer, Ms. G. Saseedhevi from Tamil Nadu Mediation and Conciliation Centre and Potential Trainers, Ms. Anuradha S.R. and Ms. Vaishali Hegde from Bangalore Mediation and Conciliation Centre were deputed by the Mediation & Conciliation Project Committee for the said Refresher Course.

[4] Present were **28** Advocate Mediators from all the four Districts of Sikkim which included Senior Advocates, High Court of Sikkim, General Secretaries, BAR Associations of Gangtok, East Sikkim and Namchi, South Sikkim and Members of the BAR.

[5] The training schedule of the programme for three days covering all the aspects on Mediation, Conflict Management & Resolution, etc. has been worked out as per the module of the Mediation Training Manual for Refresher Course on Mediation for Advocate Mediators, as framed by the Mediation & Conciliation Project Committee, Supreme Court of India.

[6] The training programme that commenced throughout the first day witnessed vibrant interaction between the Advocate Mediators and the Trainers.

[7] Also present during the programme was Mrs. Matilda Isaacs, Special Secretary, Sikkim SLSA/Incharge/Secretary, Mediation Monitoring Committee along with Officers of Sikkim SLSA and Press and Media.