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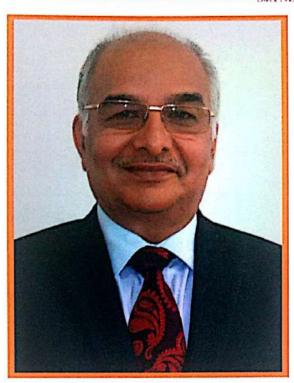


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#### Workshop on "Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994" for Chief Judicial Magistrates and Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrates

A workshop on Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994 for Chief Judicial Magistrates and Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrates was held on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 at the Sikkim Judicial Academy.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim was the Resource Person. His Lordship informed the participants about the object of this Act- to prohibit pre-natal diagnostic techniques for determination of sex of the foetus leading to female foeticide. That abuse of such techniques affects the dignity of women. The entire provisions of the Act inculding offences and penalties were discussed during the workshop.

This workshop was organised in compliance to the directons of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its judgment dated 08.11.2016 (at para 33(g)) titled *Voluntary Health Association of Punjab* v. *Union of India & Others, WP (Civil) No. 349 of 2006*.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim and the Director with the participants.



#### Workshop on "Law of Marriage, Succession and Guardianship" for Judges and Counsellors of the Family Courts and Lawyers having 5 years of practice at the Bar

Workshop on "Law of Marriage, Succession and Guardianship" for Judges and Counsellors of the Family Courts and Lawyers having 5 years of practice at the Bar was organised by Sikkim Judicial Academy on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2017.

Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim were the Resource Persons. Central legislations on marriage, succession and guardianship were covered in the workshop. Various local laws including Rules to provide for registration and solemnization of a form of marriage vide Notification No. 1535/H dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1963 were also discussed by the Resource Persons.



Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and the Director with the participants.





Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim addressing the participants



# Workshop on "Investigation of cases under the Forest Laws" for Officers of the Forest Department (Block Officers, Range Officers and Divisional Forest Officers)

Sikkim Judicial Academy organized a workshop on "Investigation of cases under the Forest Laws" for Officers of the Forest Department (Block Officers, Range Officers & Divisional Forest Officers) on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

Mr. K. W. Bhutia, Registrar, High Court of Sikkim and Director, Sikkim Judicial Academy and Mrs. Usha Lachungpa, Additional Director, Sikkim Biodiversity Board, Forest, Enviornment & Wildlife Management Department, Government of Sikkim were the Resource Persons. Central legislations on forest laws as well as State forest laws were covered during the workshop.



Director with the participants.



Resource persons.



#### Sensitization programme on "Linkages between Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015".

A sensitization programme on "Linkages between Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and JJ Act, 2015" was organized by Sikkim Judicial Academy on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

Judges dealing with POSCO Act cases and Fast Track Court cases, Principal Magistrates and Members of JJBs, Public Prosecutors, SJPUs, Child Protection Officers, Probation Officers, Advocates under the panel of Sikkim SLSA practicing at JJBs, and members of CWC participated in this programme.

Ms. Michelle Mendonca, Advocate based in Delhi was the Resource Person. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Judge In-charge, Sikkim Judicial Academy graced the inaugural function.



Resource person with Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan.

Ms. Michelle Mendonca in the midst of the session.

In this programme, all the stakeholders under the POCSO Act, 2012 and JJ Act, 2015 were brought under a common platform wherein various practical issues were raised and solutions reached.



#### Workshop for Advocates on "Professional Ethics and Etiquette in Court Rooms"



A workshop for Advocates on "Professional Ethics and Etiquette in Court Rooms" was organised by Sikkim Judicial Academy on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Judge Incharge, Sikkim Judicial Academy and Mr. A. Moulik, Sr. Advocate were the Resource Persons.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan conducted the first session on "Professional Ethics" comprising of the following topics:

- (i) Standard of Conduct.
- (iv) Confidentiality and Legal Privilege.
- (ii) Duty to the Client.
- (v) Essential skills of a lawyer and
- (iii) Duty towards the Court.
- (vi) Use of electronic devices in the Court.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan with the young members of the Bar.



Mr. A. Moulik, Sr. Advocate conducted the second session on "Etiquette in Court Rooms" comprising of the following topics:

(i) Appropriate attire.

- (iv) Relation with Court Staff.
- (ii) Waiting to appear/entering the Court Room.
- (v) Senior Counsel and
- (iii) Presentation before the Court.
- (vi) The Advocates Act, 1961.



Registrar General presenting a memento to Mr. A. Moulik, Sr. Advocate.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Institutional Training Programme for newly appointed Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrates, 2017-2018.

The Sikkim Judicial Academy organised first institutional training for two newly appointed Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrates, (2017-2018 batch) from 18.09.2017 to 31.10.2017.

The Resource Persons for the 1st institutional training were as under:

- Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim.
- Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan,
   Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Judge In-charge, SJA.
- 3. Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. P. Subba, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim.
- 4. Mr. N. G. Sherpa, Registrar General, High Court of Sikkim.
- Mr. K. W. Bhutia, Registrar, High Court of Sikkim & Director, Sikkim Judicial Academy.
- 6. Mr. Prajwal Khatiwada, District & Sessions Judge, North Sikkim.
- 7. Ms. Jyoti Kharka, District & Sessions Judge, East Sikkim.
- 8. Dr. Ong Tshering Lepcha, Senior Medico Legal Specialist, STNM Hospital, Gangtok and
- 9. Rudra Rimal, Sr. System Officer, High Court of Sikkim.



Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai

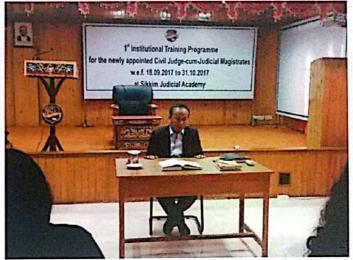


Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan





Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P Subba



Mr. N.G Sherpa, Registrar General



Mr. K.W. Bhutia, Director, SJA



Mr. Prajwal Khatiwada, District & Session Judge, North at Mangan





Ms. Jyoti Kharka, District and Session Judge, East at Gangtok



Dr. Ong Tshering Lepcha, Senior Medico Legal Specialist, STNM Hospital



Mr. Rudra Rimal, Sr. System Officer



#### A Course on "Medical Jurisprudence and Forensic Science" for Judicial Officers of Sikkim

A course on "Medical Jurisprudence and Forensic Science" for Judicial Officers of Sikkim was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Sikkim Judicial Academy.

Mr. K. K. Semwal, Senior Faculty (Documents), LNJN National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science, Delhi and Dr. Ong Tshering Lepcha, Chief Medico-Legal Specialist, STNM Hospital, Gangtok were the Resource Persons.



Director with Mr. K. K. Semwal.

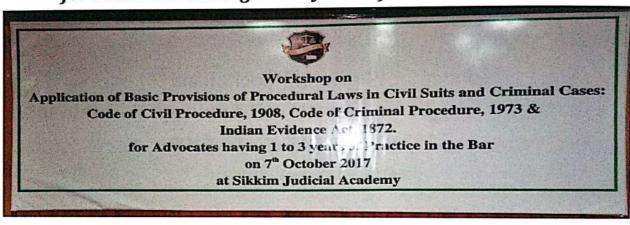


Dr. Ong Tshering Lepcha conducting a session.



#### Workshop on

"Application of Basic Provisions of Procedural Laws in Civil Suits and Criminal Cases: Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and Indian Evidence Act, 1872" for Advocates having 1 to 3 years of Practice at the Bar



Workshop on "Application of Basic Provisions of Procedural Laws in Civil Suits and Criminal Cases: Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and Indian Evidence Act, 1872" for Advocates having 1 to 3 years of Practice at the Bar was held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at Sikkim Judicial Academy.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Judge Incharge, Sikkim Judicial Academy and Mr. T.B. Thapa, Senior Advocate were the Resource Persons.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan with the participants

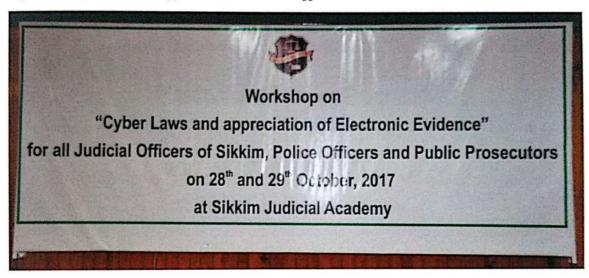


Mr. T.B Thapa, Senior Advocate taking a session

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan, dealt with Criminal laws while Mr. T.B Thapa, Senior Advocate apprised the participants about the various facets of Civil laws.



#### Conference on "Cyber Laws and appreciation of Electronic Evidence" for all Judicial Officers, Police Officers and Public Prosecutors



A Conference on "Cyber Laws and appreciation of Electronic Evidence" for all Judicial Officers, Police Officers and Public Prosecutors was held on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at Sikkim Judicial Academy.

Mr. Shankey Gupta, Cyber Law Expert from Kolkata and Mr. S.K. Gautam, DSP, CBI Academy, Ghaziabad were the Resource Persons. While Mr. Shankey Gupta dealt with the various provisions of Information and Technology Act, 2000, Mr. S.K Gautam discussed about the techniques of investigating Cyber Crimes.



Mr. Shankey Gupta with the participants.



Director with Mr. S. K. Gautam



#### Refresher Course on "Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Rules for Principal Magistrates and Members of JJBs, Members of CWC and Other Stakeholders

Refresher Course on "Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Rules for Principal Magistrates and Members of JJBs, Members of CWC and Other Stakeholders was held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at the Sikkim Judicial Academy.

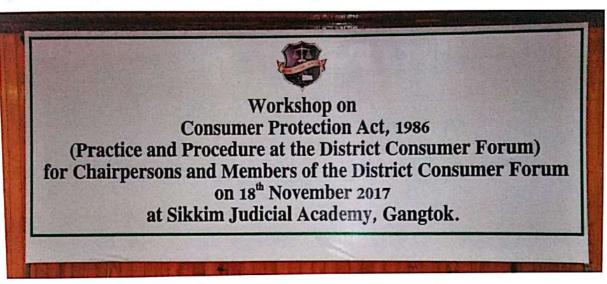
Mrs. Ruchira Goswami, Senior Assistant Professor (Sociology), Centre for Child Rights, National University of Juridical Science, Kolkata was the Resource Person, who dealt at length on the various provisions of the Act as well as the Rules.



Director with Mrs. Ruchira Goswami



# Workshop on "Consumer Protection Act, 1986 (Practice and Procedure at the District Consumer Forum)" for Chairpersons and Members of the District Consumer Forum



The Sikkim Judicial Academy organized a workshop on "Consumer Protection Act, 1986 (Practice and Procedure at the District Consumer Forum)" for Chairpersons and Members of the District Consumer Forum on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Mr. Subrata Sarkar, Senior Member, District Comsumer Forum, Kolkata was the Resource Person. He apprised the participants about the Act and discussed about various cases pertaing to consumer legislation.

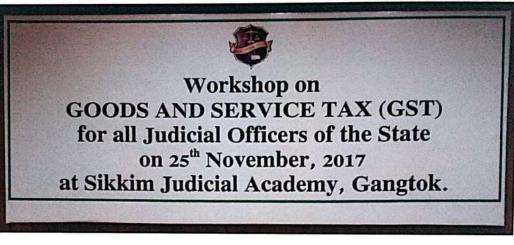




Mr. Subrata Sarkar with the participants (left) and conducting a session (right)



#### Workshop on "Goods and Services Tax (GST)" for all Judicial Officers



The Sikkim Judicial Academy organised a workshop on "Goods and Services Tax (GST)" for all Judicial Officers on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.

Mr. Rakesh Agarwal, OSD, GST Council, New Delhi and Mr. Bikash Diyali, Assistant Director, GST, Commercial Tax Division, Finance, Revenue & Expenditure Department, Government of Sikkim were the Resource Persons.



The Resource Persons with the participants.



#### Workshop on

#### "Time and Stress Management, Skill and Leadership Development" for Chief Judicial Magistrates and Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrates

Workshop on "Time and Stress Management, Skill and Leadership Development" for Chief Judicial Magistrates and Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrates was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2017 at the Sikkim Judicial Academy.

Mr. Shyamal Gupta, former Director, West Bengal Judicial Academy was the Resource Person.



Mr. Shyamal Gupta with the participants (above) and conducting a session (below)



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