

## 3 DAY TRAINING FOR EMPANELLED LAWYERS OF MANIPUR LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY HELD



A 3 day training for empanelled lawyers in Manipur State Legal Services Authority (MSLSA) was concluded in the evening on March 01, 2015 at the Auditorium, High Court of Manipur. Summarizing 3 day training at the concluding ceremony Mr. Thokchom Ibohal Singh appreciated the outcome of the entire training for 3 days as part of the integral project “Access to Justice in 8 states in the Northeast India including Sikkim and Jammu and Kashmir”

This training has been part of 8 months long programme “Training & Sensitization of 400 lawyers empanelled with the Legal Services Authorities of 8 states of NE including Sikkim” by the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Govt. of India in collaboration with Manipur States Legal Services Authority (MALSA) and Legal Cell for Human Rights (LCHR) a Guwahati based voluntary Organization.

50 empanelled lawyers of Manipur State Legal Services Authority from six districts attended the training and expressed their satisfaction and said that this has been first and unique much needed training for the empanelled advocates who render their services to the vulnerable

sections of the society. Shri Ch. Brajachand Singh Member Secretary of MASLSA stressed the need of such training programme.



Inaugurating the 3 day training, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kotiswar Singh, Executive Chairman, MSLSA stressing the need to update and to enrich the knowledge he called upon the trainees to keep abreast with new enactments in order to discharge the responsibility of lawyers to act on behalf of the vulnerable sections of the society. Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. P. Katakey, speaking on the occasion said that it is the duty of the advocates to give service to the society. A person has to be able to give justice to the needy. To know the intricacies of the law, the regular interaction through the seminars, refresher courses and interactive sessions are must.

Mr. Ravi Sagar, Director LCHR gave the road map of the entire programme ahead. He also stressed that undertaking any profession is not only to earn bread and butter but to bring social change and be sensitive towards the vulnerable sections of the society. He added "similar training will take place in rest of seven states including Sikkim".

Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.P. Katakey, Mr. Ch. Brajachand Singh, Member Secretary MALSA, Mr. P.Ibomcha Singh, Director of Prosecution (Rtd), Advocates such as Mr. Th. Rajkishore Singh, Dr. Ch. Narendra Singh, Mr. I. Lalitkumar Singh, & Mr. Ravi Sagar, Professors such as Dr. N. Pramod Singh, being the resource persons in the training, enlightened the participants on various selected topics.



Ms. Bisheshwari, Advocate one of the participant of the training said that she was delighted to attend the programme and gained many skills. She was also touched by the exposure visit to Carmel Jyoti Children Home. The interactive and participative learning in the training enkindled a new fire to serve the weaker section to access justice.

Discussions on various topics such as legal Aid as a Fundamental Right, Function, strength and challenge of Manipur State Legal Services Authority, Rights and legislative protections of women, Children, The aged, People with disabilities, SC, ST OBC's, Working Class, Rural and Urban Poor, Victims of Natural calamities, disasters, ethnic conflicts etc. was taken up. While dealing with Civil and Criminal Procedure with relevant laws including customary laws with special reference to vulnerable sections and weaker sections, Skill Development Tools for the empanelled advocates along with professional ethics was emphasized.