

Under the directions of Hon'ble Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Acting Chief Justice of High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA, and in pursuance to the directions of Supreme Court of India contained in *Re: Inhuman Conditions in 1382 Prisons Writ Petition(s) (Civil) no(s).406 of 2013*, a sensitization programme on the functions, duties and responsibilities as also the rights of prisoners for the Senior Police Officers of both the Jails (*State Central Prison Rongyek and Additional District Prison Namchi*) along with Additional Superintendent of Police and Sub-Divisional Police Officers of all the 04 (four) Districts of the State was organized by Sikkim State Legal Services Authority via virtual mode on **03rd September, 2021 (Friday)**.

[2] 26 Officers comprising of District Additional Superintendents of Police and Sub-Divisional Police Officers from all the four Districts including State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim at Gangtok and District Prison, Boomtar, South Sikkim at Namchi, participated in the sensitization programme.

[3] Shri Rupak Kumar, Additional Inspector General, Jail and Correctional Services, Bihar, Patna was the Resource Person who apprised the participating Officers about the functions, duties and responsibilities and also the rights of prisoners.

[4] Shri Sonam Palden Bhutia, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA in his welcome address delineated the purpose of conducting today's Training-cum-Sensitization Programme.

[5] The Programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Deputy Secretary, Sikkim SLSA.

