

On 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 as desired by the Hon'ble Executive Chairperson, Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, a Sensitization Programme with regard to 'Lok Adalat, Cognizance of Cases by Lok Adalats and Procedure thereof', was held in the Conference Hall of Sikkim SLSA.

The same was attended by all the Ld. Judicial Officers of Sikkim, Members of the Bar Association of Sikkim, Other Person's of High Court Lok Adalat, Other Persons of District and Taluk Lok Adalat, Press and Media and Para Legal Volunteer.

Various topics relating to Lok Adalat was taken up for discussion by the Hon'ble Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA during the said Sensitization Programme i.e. steps taken for reducing the number of pending Cases in Courts with the aid of Lok Adalat and directed that all pending cases in the various Courts be referred to National Lok Adalat to be held on 09.09.2017. Further, the relevant provisions under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 and Sikkim SLSA Rules, 1995 pertaining to Lok Adalat, National Legal Services Authority (Lok Adalat) Regulations, 2009 and functioning of Lok Adalat as per the Vision Document of NALSA was also discussed.

Hon'ble Shri Justice A.P. Subba, Former Judge, High Court of Sikkim, was also one of the Resource Persons.