- [1] The Sikkim State Legal Services Authority under the directions of Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA organized a *Training Programme for Panel Advocates and members of the Bar* on 20thJuly, 2019as per the Training Module of NALSA, at the *Conference Hall of Sikkim SLSA at Development Area, Gangtok*.
- [2] Her Ladyship's prime concern was with regard to the members of the Bar, who appear before the Hon'ble Bench of the High Court and the Ld. Trial Court,to be well versed and sound in all legal procedures and acquire leadership quality with punctuality as a main tool for becoming good professionals.
- [3] The Resource Persons for today's programme were Master Trainers Shri K.W. Bhutia, Registrar, High Court of Sikkim and Shri N. Rai, Sr. Advocate, High Court of Sikkim and Sr. Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA, who had undergone the first batch of Training of Trainers (TOT) Programme for the Master Trainers as per the Training Module of NALSA, held on 11th 13thJuly, 2015 at the Indian Law Institute, Bhagwan Das Road, New Delhi.
- [4] The programme commenced with the welcome note from Shri Suraj Chettri, Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA.
- [5] Under the aegis of Sikkim SLSA the 1st Batch of **Training Programme for Legal Services Lawyers of Sikkim SLSA** from all the 04 Districts as per the Training Module-1 of NALSA was held in the Conference Hall of Sikkim SLSA on 3rd& 4th September, 2015, and, thereafter under the directions of Hon'ble Executive Chairperson threesuch **Training Programmes**were held during 2015,2016and 2018, by the above Master Trainers as Resource Persons.
- [6] Shri K.W. Bhutia commenced the training programme with ice breaking session and thereafter deliberated on the topics such as *Professional Ethics for Lawyers, Law of Property, Consumer Protection Act, 1986* followed by role play and discussion. Shri N. Rai spoke on *Property Rights of Women under Hindu Law, Hindu Marriage Act, Law of Maintenance to Wife, Child Sexual Abuse and the POCSO Act, 2012* and *Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989* followed by discussion and concluding remarks.
- [7] The programme ended with a Quiz Competition and a vibrant interaction between Advocates and Resource Persons. The moderator of the programme was Shri Bikash Sharma, Deputy Secretary, Sikkim SLSA while the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Praveen Pradhan, Under Secretary, Sikkim SLSA.