REPORT ON THE 40 HOURS MEDIATION TRAINING PROGRAMME CONDUCTED BY THE MEGHALAYA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MEDIATION & CONCILIATION PROJECT COMMITTEE, SUPREME COURT OF INDIA W.E.F. 9TH – 11TH OCTOBER AND FROM 30TH OCTOBER – 1ST NOVEMBER, 2015

A 40 Hours Mediation Training Programme was conducted by Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority in collaboration with the Mediation Conciliation Project Committee(MCPC) of the Supreme Court of India. The Programme was conducted in two phases viz:

 1^{st} Phase with effect from 9^{th} to 11^{th} October, 2015

 2^{nd} Phase with effect from 30^{th} October, 2015 to 1^{st} November, 2015.

A total number of 18 Mediators from the State participated in the training programme. The Mediation Conciliation Committee Project had deputed the following Master Trainers to conduct the training programme;

1st phase

- 1. Dr Sudhir Jain, DHJS
- 2. Smti Anuja Saxena, Advocate

2nd phase

- 1. Dr Sudhir Jain, DHJS
- 2. Smti Pushpa Gupta, Advocate.

The first day's programme started with the welcome address by Shri W. Diengdoh, Member Secretary, Meghalaya state legal services Authority who welcomed all the participants and especially the Master Trainers from MCPC. Thereafter, the sessions were handed over to the Master Trainers. The Training programme was conducted as per the training manual of the Supreme Court of India and the topics were taken up in the six (6) day programme are as follows:

TIME	SESSIONS	STUDY TOPIC
TIME 10.00 AM TO 11.00 AM	SESSION – 1	 A. Ground Rules B. Learning & Training 1. Learning 2. Principles of Learning 3. Adult Learning 4. Training 5. Mediation Training
TIME: 11.15 AM TO 1.15 P.M	SESSION – II	 C. Conflict Management and Resolution Perception Conflict: Definition, Causes Management & Resolution ROLE PLAY – 1 (Savitri V Lokesh Chander)
TIME: 1.45 PM TO 3.15 P.M	SESSION – III	ADR : Relevance with special reference to Section 89, Code of Civil Procedure, 1908: Types of ADR Mediation: Definition Components Difference between mediation and judicial process Difference between Mediation and Arbitration Difference between Mediation and Lok Adalat Difference between Mediation and Conciliation Difference between Mediation and Panchayat Benefits of Mediation Role of Mediators

Day 2

TIME	SESSIONS	STUDY TOPIC
TIME: 10.00 AM TO 11AM	SESSION – 1	C CAUCUS D CLOSING Settlement Non- Settlement ROLE PLAY – III (Anita V Suresh)
TIME: 11.15 PM TO 5 P.M	SESSION – II	A. COMMUNICATION1. Definition and Process2. Effective and Ineffective
		Communication, Benefits 3. Types of Communication
		4. Modes of Communication
		a) Verbal Communication
		b) Non-Verbal Communication
		5. Communication in Mediation
		ROLE PLAY – IV
		(Meena V Sudhir)
		B. Communication Skills
		1. Active Listening
		a) Parapharasing
		b) Summarizing
		c) Neutral reframing
		d) Setting an agenda
		2. Body Language
		3. Questions
		4. Empathy with neutrality
		ROLE PLAY – V
		(Mohan V Soft Drinks)

TIME	SESSIONS	STUDY TOPIC
TIME:		BARGAININGS
10 AM TO 4.00 PM	SESSION – 1	Positional
		Distributive
		Integrative
		Interests based
		NEGOTIATION :
		a) Definition
		b) Negotiation Styles
		i) Competitive
		ii)Co-operative
		c) Negotiation Skills
		d) Barriers to Negotiations
		Strategic
		Principal and agent
		Cognitive
		Reactive Devaluation
		e) Effective and ineffective Negotiator
		f) Role of Mediator in negotiation
		ROLE PLAY – VI
		(Ram V Sunil)

DAY - 4

TIME	SESSIONS	STUDY TOPIC
TIME: 10.00 AM TO 11 A.M.	SESSION – 1	IMPASSE : Understanding and Management Definition
		CAUSES
		i. Emotional
		ii. Substantive
		iii. Procedural
11.15 AM to 5 PM	SESSION - II	STAGES OF IMPASSE AND MEDIATIOR'S REFLECTIONS
		MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGIES
		Assessment Strategies
		Real Testing
		Role Reversal
		Options Generation Strategies
		Lateral thinking\
		Brainstorming
		Re-directing Mediation process
		Use of external resources
		Reshape physical control of Mediation process
		Social skills
		Last resorts
		False impasse & Impasse avoidance
		ROLE PLAY – VII
		(Ram Lal V Management of Rolling

		Shutter Company)
DAY - 5	SESSIONS	STUDY TOPIC
TIME:		Role of Lawyers
10.00 AM TO 11 AM	SESSION - I	Mediation and Conciliation Rules
		Mediation and Spirituality
TIME :		Role and responsibilities of a
11.15 AM TO 5 PM	SESSION – II	Referral Judge U/s. 89 Code Of Civil Procedure, 1908.
		PROFESSIONAL ETHICS
		A Ethical principles for a mediator :
		i. Self – determination
		ii Impartiality
		iii Conflict of Interest
		iv Competences
		v Confidentiality
		vi Quality of the process
		vii Termination of mediation
		viii Recording settlement
		ix Publicity and Advertising
		x Fees
		xi Legal Advice
		xii Duties to third parties

DAY - 6

TIME	SESSIONS	STUDY TOPIC
TIME:		B Ethical Principles for Judicial Mediators
10.00 AM TO 4 PM	SESSION - I	C. Ethical Principles for Advocate Mediators
		DOCUMENTARY
		INTERACTIVE SESSION / CONCLUDING REMARKS

Hon'ble Justice T.N.K. Singh, Executive Chairman, Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority attended the programme on the 10th October, 2015 and met the Mediators and the Master Trainers. His Lordship also addressed the participants on the importance of mediation in the world today. His Lordship so informed that mediation is not a new thing in Meghalaya. In fact mediation has been practiced in the State since time immemorial and is deeply ingrained in the traditional institutions of the State. However, with the evolution of the modern world Mediation requires special techniques to be adopted by the Mediators in order to have successful mediation.. His Lordship hope that the training programme will be able to equip all the Mediators in the State with the necessary skill to enable them to function as good Mediators for amicable settlement of disputes. His Lordship wished the programme a grand success.

Overall the programme was a huge success. The sessions were interactive . The Master Trainers were able to explain everything clearly in simple language. Doubts raised by the participants were clarified by the Master Trainers. Apart from the lectures and the presentations, role plays were conducted in which all the Mediators actively participated. At the conclusion of the Programme, the Vote of Thanks was offered by Smt. M. Kharkongor who thanked the organizers and especially the Master Trainers for sparing their valuable time to come all the way from Delhi to impart training to them.