

Two Day Pilot Training Programme for Public Prosecutors on Child Protection Laws [July 30-31, 2016]

Under the aegis of the UNICEF sponsored project on the Child Rights in the State of Uttar Pradesh undertaken by Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, a two day pilot Training Programme for Public Prosecutors on Child Protection laws, jointly organised by Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Home Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh, UNICEF and Directorate of Prosecution, Government of Uttar Pradesh was inaugurated by DG (Prosecution), Govt. Of U.P., Dr. Surya Kumar and Ms. Ministhy S. Nair, Special Secretary, Home Department on July 30, 2016. 20 public prosecutors from various districts of Uttar Pradesh participated in the two day training programme which ended on July 31, 2016. The aim of the programme was to train and sensitise public prosecutors in matters of child protection under various laws including the JJ Act, 2015 and POCSO. Dr. Surya Kumar underlined the importance of such training programmes and hoped that the participants shall use their knowledge in better execution of child protection laws. Ms. Ministhy S. Nair also spoke about the need for the sensitization of the stake holders in general and Public Prosecutors in particular about the issue pertaining to juvenile justice.



In the criminal justice system, the role of Public Prosecutor is vital in dispensation of justice as the Prosecutor represents the State and the victim. As the proceedings before the Juvenile Justice Board are non-adversarial in nature, the role of a Prosecutor is entirely different in the context of Juvenile Justice Act of 2015. It is important to note that the Act does not specify or even mention Public Prosecutor as a functionary in the Juvenile Justice Board. However, Public Prosecutors are invariably present before the Juvenile Justice Board in every matter. Thus, this training programme dealt with the vital issues related to the functions and the role of Prosecutors under the Juvenile Justice System with the view to acquaint the prosecutors about their role.

The programme ended with distribution of certificate by Mr. S. K. Khare, Joint Director, Directorate of Prosecution and the Mr. Amit Mehrotra, Programme Manager, UNICEF followed by the vote of thanks by the Project Director and Associate Professor (RMLNLU) Dr. K. A. Pandey.