

One-Day Symposium on the Juvenile Justice Act

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Students from the Faculty of Law, ICFAI University Sikkim attended a one-day Symposium on the Juvenile Justice Act, which was organised at the Sikkim Judicial Academy on 2nd October 2026, with the objective of enhancing awareness and understanding of the legal framework governing juvenile justice, child protection, rehabilitation and reintegration.



The symposium was graced by Hon'ble Mr Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque, Chief Justice of the High Court of Sikkim and Patron-in-Chief, Sikkim SLA, as Chief Guest, and Hon'ble Mr Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLA, as Guest of Honour. Their esteemed presence added significance to the occasion and underscored the importance of a child-sensitive and rehabilitative approach in the administration of juvenile justice.

The programme brought together judicial officers, legal professionals and other stakeholders associated with the juvenile justice system. The deliberations focused on various aspects of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, including the statutory framework, the role and responsibilities of the Juvenile Justice Board and other authorities, procedural safeguards for children in conflict with the law, and the principles of care, protection, rehabilitation and social reintegration.

The speakers and participants engaged in meaningful discussions on the challenges encountered in the effective implementation of the juvenile justice framework. Particular

emphasis was placed on adopting a child-friendly approach, safeguarding the rights and dignity of children, and ensuring that the justice system remains focused not merely on adjudication but also on the rehabilitation and development of children.

The symposium provided an important platform for exchange of views, sharing of experiences and strengthening professional understanding among the stakeholders. The deliberations highlighted the need for coordinated efforts among the judiciary, legal services institutions, child welfare authorities, law enforcement agencies and other concerned institutions for the effective implementation of the objectives of the juvenile justice legislation.

The presence and address of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the High Court of Sikkim served as an important source of encouragement to the participants. His participation reaffirmed the judiciary's commitment towards ensuring that children who come into contact with the justice system are treated with compassion, dignity and in accordance with the principles of justice and rehabilitation.

The symposium concluded with a renewed commitment among the participants to strengthen the implementation of the juvenile justice framework and to promote a responsive, humane and child-centric justice delivery system in the State of Sikkim.