

## SIKKIM STATE SENSITIZATION MEETING REPORT (21<sup>ST</sup> NOV 2017)



On 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2017 State Sensitization meeting for the National Survey on Extent and Pattern of Drug Use in India was organized by Department of Social Justice and Empowerment - Welfare Division (SJD-WD) Govt , of Sikkim at Nepali Sahyita Parishad Bhawan Gangtok East Sikkim. The said meeting was chaired by Dr. Christoday RJ Khess , Principle Investigator from Central Institute of Psychiatry - Ranchi . Among other dignitaries present were :

- Mrs Neeta Gazmer Deputy Director SJE/WD Nodal officer from Govt : of Sikkim for the National survey
- Dr. Satish Rasaily, Psychiatrist District Nodal officer East Sikkim
- Shri Siraj Mukheerjee , State Operating Manager - National Survey
- Smt. Tanushree Shaw , Regional Project Coordinator - National Survey
- Mrs Mangal Mit Lepcha , State Project Coordination - National Survey

The program began with the welcome speech by Mrs. Neeta Gazmer Deputy Director SJE/WD Govt of Sikkim Nodal officer for the said survey, where she warmly welcomed all the participants.



Later, Dr Satish Rasaily Psychiatrist District Nodal officer East Sikkim, highlighted the scenario of



Drug abuse in Sikkim, and explained the intensity and types of substance abuse prevalent in the Sikkimese society. He gave some comparative data for male and female substance users in Sikkim. He stressed the need for an indepth study in this regard and was hopeful that this survey would prove fruitful in generating data and information thus helping in planning need based intervention. He stressed on the need for conducting a scientific study so that actual data can be gathered and later the same can be used for solving the current

ongoing problems.



Dr Christoday R.J Khess highlighted on the need and importance of conducting this kind of a survey in Sikkim . Then he discussed on the technical detail involved in the National Survey where small interactive session of question were carried out. This was followed by briefly highlighting on the aims and objectives of the said survey, and roles and responsibilities of local stakeholders/ technical

agencies and other structural components of the state.

This was followed by Shri Siraj Mukherjee highlighted on the operational aspect of the survey where he discussed the operational and logistic aspect. He explained the roles and responsibilities of the various institutions during this said survey and various components like data collection, monitoring, guiding the field staffs, data collection tools and preparation of movement plan.



Finally Mrs. Mangal Mit Lepcha State Project Coordinator NDUS gave overall information about activities done till date regarding the survey. She clarified the queries raised by the participants. The program concluded with the vote of thanks given by Mrs. Mangal Mit Lepcha who thanked all the resource persons and participants for their cooperation and dedication for the same.

