



infrastructure of Juvenile Courts saying that a nominal number of the Courts lack facilities forcing victims to wait for justice. He was very much concerned about the women getting pregnant in city homes and children abused in such homes. The

presence of a doctor at these homes round the clock is mandatory, but what I have heard is that they are never available. He accused N.G.Os working for women and children siphoning off crores of rupees.

Shri Nisith Nandan Adhikary, Minister of State, Law Affairs said "common people are horrified by the people and judiciary" because they presumed that the process is an expensive and time consuming. He emphasised that honest efforts should be made to deal with the rights violation issue.

Justice Shyamal Kumar Sen, Chairman, West Bengal Human Rights Commission condemned America for their barbaric acts against the people of Iraq and torturing of prisoners by their Army in the Iraqi Jails. Justice Sen further said that the people in the villages can send their grievances directly to the Commission for their redressal.

Other Speakers in the Seminar were, Shri Justice Chittatosh Mookerjee, Former Chairman, West Bengal Human Rights Commission, Shri Asoke Nath Basu, Vice-Chancellor of Jadavpur University, Shri Sujoy Chakraborty, Commissioner of Police, Kolkata,, Justice Samaresh Banerjee, Justice Indira Banerjee, Justice Ashok Ganguly, Smt. Jasodhara Bagchi and Mrs. Debarati Sen, lecturer..

Sensitization of Police Personnel

Hon'ble Justice (Dr.) A.S. Anand, Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission inaugurated three days' training programme on Human Rights for Police and Correctional Service Officers on the 27th June, 2004 in the ball room of Oberoi Grand, Kolkata which was gracefully chaired by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, as a Chief Guest. Hon'ble Shri Justice Chittatosh Mookerjee, Former Chief Justice of Calcutta & Bombay High Court and Former Chairperson, West Bengal Human Rights Commission and Prof. B.S. Chimini, Vice-Chancellor, W.B.N.U.J.S. were present as special Guests.

Hon'ble Justice Shyamal Kumar Sen, Chairperson, West Bengal Human Rights Commission presided over the programme.

Prof. (Dr.) Amit Sen, Member, West Bengal Human Rights Commission gave the welcome address and Md. Nesar Khan, Member, West Bengal Human Rights Commission expressed vote of thanks.

In his inaugural speech Justice Shri A.S. Anand said though the police force by and large does not indulge in human rights violation, the few exception give a



bad name to the entire force. "It is the act of a few police personnel that shows the entire force in a bad light".

Shri Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, Hon'ble Chief Minister stressed the need for changing the public perception of police. "Though the police force is often exposed to extreme provocation by terrorists and other extremist's forces, they should not commit any excesses". "They are the protectors of law and order and guides of the people and must conduct themselves with restraints. He also hit out against draconian laws like Pota which provide

for preventive detention and detention without trial. In a welfare state guided by the rule of law, Government machinery should not operate as an instrument of oppression.

Justice Chittatosh Mookerjee stressed the need to make the investigation more scientific and scientific measures should be adopted to probe into the grievances of the women and children with due care and caution.

He expressed his dismay over the worst conditions existing in the jails of North Bengal in particular.