## **WORKSHOP ON "VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN"**

ON 12th & 13th MARCH, 2011

The Women's Movement for justice has been considered by Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority as the most important in the ongoing violence faced by Women, which often takes the form of sexual, mental or physical abuse, killings and clashes. The impact on women and girls is far greater because of their status in society and their sex.

As a consequence, a part of the endorsement of the Women's Cause, Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority (JHALSA) organized a two days Workshop on "Violence Against Women" in collaboration with Multi Action Research Group (MARG)- a Non-Governmental Organization based in Delhi.

The Programme was attended by a Group of Lawyers, Secretary Level Govt. Officers of Jharkhand, Judicial Officers and NGO people working for the cause of women. The Workshop was held in different interactive sessions.

The Workshop was inaugurated by Hon'ble the then Chief Justice, Jharkhand High Court. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sushil Harkauli the then Executive Chairman, JHALSA, Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. K. Merathia, Judge, Jharkhand High Court & Chairman, HCLSC and other Hon'ble Judges of Jharkhand High Court actively participated in the said Workshop. On the said occasion Hon'ble the then Chief Justice and Hon'ble Executive Chairman, JHALSA addressed the participants and expressed their views on the topic of the Workshop and made them aware about the various laws available for protection of Women from Domestic Violence.

From the views of the Hon'ble Judges and that of the participants, a message was sent to the common masses to sensitize each section of the society. It was also suggested that the Govt. agencies like Protection Officers and the Police need to be highly sensitized in order to see that the grievances of the women are to be taken care of more sensitively by giving immediate relief to women under different provisions of law. The two days Seminar was a successful end in so far as it provided an extensive area for raising awareness on the protection of women from domestic violence as well as in securing the basic rights of all women. It also ended successfully the women for Access to Justice.

Mrs. Anju Talukdar, Executive Director, MARG and her team members took keen interest in organizing the programme and made it highly meaningful for ensuring Women's Access to Justice.



Hon'ble Dignitaries sitting on the dais



Participants of the Workshop