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Conference for High Court Justices (2)

Programme Number & Date

P-1105 31/08/2018 to 02/09/2018

P-1128 02/11/2018 to 04/11/2018

Participants to be Nominated

High Court Justices



Objectives of the Programme :

This Academic Year, the NJA is organizing two Conference for High Court Justices, covering various thematic areas. These conferences are conceived with a view to provide a platform for justices to share experiences, insights and suggestions with a panel of distinguished resource persons from the judicial branch and other relevant domain experts. These conferences are designed to facilitate discussions on issues related to Social Context Adjudication within the Constitutional Framework, Precedents: Navigating through Conflicting Decisions, Contemporary Judicial Review and Separation of Powers, Construing the sounds of Constitution's speech and free & fair elections. These conferences will also focus on areas such as corporate frauds and economic crimes. Identifying challenges and evolving optimal solutions/strategies to effectuate qualitative justice delivery will be among the agenda during the conference.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Social Context Adjudication
- Election Laws
- Impact of Media on Public Perception regarding vitality of Justice Delivery
- Judicial Review and Separation of Power
- Sounds of Constitution Speech: Meaning Beyond Text
- Corporate Fraud and Manipulation
- Money Laundering

*Workshop on
Counter Terrorism in
Collaboration with CEELI
Institute/FJC for High
Court Justices (Phase II)
at Washington, D.C. (1)*

Programme Number & Date

P-1109 10/09/2018 to 14/09/2018

Participants to be Nominated

High Court Justices (Nominations Closed)

Objectives of the Workshop:

The workshop, being organized in Washington, D.C., US will facilitate interaction and sharing of experiences between US and the Indian judges engaged in adjudication of cases involving terrorism and other national security challenges posed by accelerating global phenomenon. The purpose of the workshop is to sensitize judges to contemporaneous best practices and jurisprudence pertaining to Counter terrorism control norms, adjudication protocols and allied areas. Phase I of the training programme was held at the NJA, Bhopal on October 27 – 29, 2017. The Phase II workshop is a Master Trainers' programme on the subject of "Counter- Terrorism Trials" for training in service High Court Justices who would impart further training to officers of the subordinate Judiciary on the subject, within India through the NJA or State Judicial Academies.

The exchange will focus on the GCTF Hague Memorandum and evolving best practices for conduct of terrorism or other national security cases. The participants will visit the Federal Judicial Center in Washington, DC, and follow-up with a site visit with an exchange at the US District Court for the Central District of California.



Conference for High Court Justices on the Regime of Goods and Services Tax (2)

Programme Number & Date

P-1124 05/10/2018 to 07/10/2018

P-1153 01/03/2019 to 03/03/2019

Participants to be Nominated

High Court Justices



Objectives of the Programme :

The conference is conceived to provide insights into the GST Act, 2017 and deliberate upon normative issues relevant to the evolution of indirect taxes from a regime of distinct and multiple taxation to one of substantial uniformity across diverse tax domains and jurisdictions i.e., Federal and State. It will explore and classify potential areas of conflict and litigation consequent to this legislative shift, the constitutional evolution in the area and the adjudicative and socio-judicial consequences that result thereby.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Indirect Taxes – Historical Perspective
- GST: Constitutional Perspective
- Concept of Supply
- Classification: Mixed/ Composite Supply
- Valuation: Time & Place of Supply
- Input Tax Credit
- Advance Ruling Anti-profiteering
- Demands/ Refunds Normal/Extended period of Limitation Unjust Enrichment Zero Rated Exports – Mechanism

Conference for Newly Elevated High Court Justices (2)

Programme Number & Date

P-1131 16/11/2018 to 18/11/2018

P-1160 12/04/2019 to 14/04/2019

Participants to be Nominated

Newly elevated High Court Justices

Objectives of the Workshop :

The conference would facilitate deliberations among participant justices on contemporary topics such as ICT in courts and Court Management Techniques to improve efficiency and strengthen justice administration; core constitutional principles such as Judicial Review, Federal architecture, Separation of Powers, Doctrine of Basic Structure and Fundamental Rights. The Conference would include interactive sessions and round table discussions on designated themes among participant justices.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions :

- Constitutional Vision of Justice
- Court Management
- Information and Communication Technology in Courts
- Theories of Judicial Review
- Allocation of Legislative Powers- the Federal Architecture
- Separation of Powers
- Theory of Basic Features
- Fundamental Rights and Restrictions



Conference for High Court Justices on Arbitration including International Arbitration (1)

Programme Number & Date

P-1145 14/12/2018 to 16/12/2018

Participants to be Nominated

High Court Justices

Objectives of the Programme :

The Conference is designed to provide insights into recent developments in areas of domestic and international arbitration. It would facilitate deliberations among participant justices on contemporary topics such as Ad-hoc vs. Institutional Arbitration, execution and enforcement of Arbitral Award, Technology in Arbitration, contemporary issues & emerging trends in International Arbitration, role of Courts in International Arbitration and Rethinking Dispute Resolution in Public-Private Partnerships. The sessions would include interactive and round table discussions on designated themes among participant justices.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Ad-hoc vs. Institutional Arbitration
- Execution and Enforcement of Arbitral Award
- Technology in Arbitration
- Role of Courts in International Arbitration
- Rethinking Dispute Resolution in Public-Private Partnerships
- International Investment Law and Arbitration
- Commercial Arbitration: Confidential or Transparency
- Jurisdictional Issues and Challenges in International Arbitration



Conference for High Court Justices on Direct Taxes (1)

Programme Number & Date

P-1148 11/01/2019 to 13/01/2019

Participants to be Nominated

High Court Justices

Objectives of the Programme :

The conference would facilitate deliberations among participants justices on contemporary issues and recent developments in direct taxation in India and globally. It will provide a forum for discussing normative issues pertaining to the evolution of direct taxes, interpretation in tax statutes and treaty law, major issues of dispute and role of High Court alongwith Case studies and overview the constitutional provisions for finance bill.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- History and Basic features of Tax Laws, Constitutional Provisions for Finance Bill and Treaties, Money Bills & Scheme of the Act
- International Tax Treaty law and Double Tax Avoidance Agreements an overview
- Interpretational Issues in Tax and Treaty Law
- Burden of Proof and Law of Evidence in Tax Law with special & reference to search and seizure, illegally collected evidences, Tax Avoidance, International Principles, etc.
- Transfer Pricing, Basic Principles, Major issues of Dispute & Role of High Court
- Appellate and Writ Jurisdiction of High Courts: Powers/ Jurisdiction and limitations
- Case Studies on High Court Appellate and Writ Jurisdictions
- Leading Cases and Precedents.



Conference for High Court Justices on Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) (1)

Programme Number & Date

P-1150 08/02/2019 to 10/02/2019

Participants to be Nominated

High Court Justices

Objectives of the Programme :

The conference is designed to sensitize judges on intellectual property rights, to facilitate effective adjudication of IPR disputes, strengthening enforcement and combating economic crimes. To get acquainted with legal challenges emerging due to shift of societal interaction from physical to virtual space, the conference would cover everyday litigation challenges faced by parties and judges in such technical field. The conference further intends to provide a platform for justices to share experiences, insights and suggestions with a panel of distinguished resource persons.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Intellectual Property Rights: Genesis, Benefits, Importance
- Intellectual Property Rights Regime in India: Government Policies
- Challenges of Intellectual Property Rights in Digital Age
- Emerging Issues on IP regime in India and Globally
- Jurisdictional Issues in Trademark, Copyright & Patent Disputes
- Role of the Judiciary in effective Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights
- Resolving Intellectual Property Disputes via. Commercial Courts and ADRs
- India's IP-related Treaty Obligations
- Landmark Judgments on Intellectual Property Rights in India and abroad and their Impact



Conference for High Court Justices on Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division (1)

Programme Number & Date

P-1156 22/03/2019 to 24/03/2019

Participants to be Nominated

High Court Justices

Objectives of the Programme :

In contemporary times with the advent of the Commercial Courts Act, 2015, High Courts have to preside over variegated and high value commercial disputes and concerns. The issues are new and intricate in nature, and require in depth knowledge and practical understanding in the era of rapid progress of industrialization and globalization. Experts from related domains will share experiences, knowledge and skills with participants and help identify solutions to challenges faced in adjudication of commercial disputes within the jurisdiction of their courts, through discussions and interactive sessions.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Development of Corporate Jurisprudence in India
- Some contemporary issues pertaining to Commercial Laws for effective Adjudication of Commercial Disputes
- Addressing Tax Laws related Challenges of Digital Economy



Seminar for Principal District and Sessions Judges on Court Administration, Management and ICT

Programme Number & Date

P-1103 24/08/2018 to 26/08/2018

Participants to be Nominated

Principal District and Sessions Judges

Objectives of the Programme :

The workshop is aimed at providing a forum to participant judges to deliberate contemporary themes like re-engineering court process through technology amalgamation, relationship management between stakeholders, court management, human resource management, performance assessment, and time management to strengthen court administration. The sessions would also incorporate discussions on National Court Management System in court management, case management and effective use of ICT for digitization of records to improve functioning of the National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG). Contemporary issues relating to connectivity and security which hinder efficient use of ICT at District Court 's Level would also be discussed. The workshop seeks to facilitate integration of technology in court administration, towards better accessibility and transparency in justice delivery. To the extent practicable, the deliberations and discussions during the sessions would be in the clinical/case law analysis format.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions :

- Role of National Court Management System in Court and Case Management.
- Achievements of NJDG and CIS.
- Grass root level challenges faced in court computerization.
- Issues relating to the use of ICT.
- Digitization and Paperless Courts.
- Remedial steps for combating delay and making the court litigant friendly.
- Issues relating to Judicial Performance Assessment.
- Bar-Bench Relations at District Court level.
- Fundamental Rights and Restrictions



Seminar for Principal District and Sessions Judges on Constitutional and Administrative Law

Programme Number & Date

P-1110 14/09/2018 to 16/09/2018

Participants to be Nominated

Senior Principal District and Sessions Judges, likely to be entrusted functions of adjudicating issues pertaining to public law.

Objectives of the Programme :

The seminar will engage participant judges in discussions on constitutional and administrative law and application of the fundamental principles of public law within their jurisdiction. The Seminar is conceived with a view to discuss Constitutional Vision of Justice, acquaint participant judges with the Doctrine of Stare Decisis, theories of Judicial Review and sensitise them to the imperatives of adhering to constitutional and administrative law while construing, applying and executing the substantive and procedural mandates applicable to causes coming up before their courts.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Theories of Judicial Review
- Doctrine of Stare Decisis
- Doctrine of Basic Structure : Contours
- Fair Trial Rights
- The Art of Hearing



National Seminar for Principal District and Sessions Judges on Access to Justice and Legal Aid

Programme Number & Date

P-1144 07/12/2018 to 09/12/2018

Participants to be Nominated

Principal District and Sessions Judges



Objectives of the Programme :

The objective of the Seminar is to study and analyse activities of LokAdalats and the National Legal Service Authority with a view to assess the impact on justice delivery system. The seminar attempts to address challenges which impede access to justice. It provides a forum to the Principal District and Sessions Judges for deliberations leading to formulation of strategies to ensure access to justice despite adverse economic, social or cultural conditions and to study current legal aid dispensation protocols with a view to streamline delivery of aid to marginalized sections of society.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Access to Justice as a Crucial Component of Constitutional Vision of Justice
- Timely and Speedy Justice Delivery
- Social and Economic Impediments in Access to Justice
- Critical evaluation of the Legal Services Authorities its Role & Responsibilities
- Strengthening the judicial system through Access to Justice

Refresher Course for SC/ ST [PoA] Courts

Programme Number & Date

P-1104 24/08/2018 to 26/08/2018

Participants to be Nominated

Judges presiding over courts dealing with SC/ST [PoA] cases

Objectives of the Programme :

The course is designed to facilitate discussions on vital issues relevant for Special Courts constituted under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. It would provide a platform to the participants to discuss and analyse contemporary developments in law and to share their experiences and knowledge with other participants. The course would include discussions on responsibilities of special court ,issues and challenges in trial process and victim compensation. The sessions would also involve deliberations on constraints in effective implementation of the Act and would seek to identify optimal solutions to emerging challenges.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Marginalization and Social Exclusion
- Trial Process under SC/ST (PoA) Act, 1989
- Rights of Victims and Witnesses
- Protection and Rehabilitation of Victims
- Victim Compensation
- Gender Based Atrocities



Refresher Course for POCSO Courts

Programme Number & Date

P-1111 14/09/2018 to 16/09/2018

Participants to be Nominated

Judges presiding over courts dealing with POCSO cases

Objectives of the Programme :

the POCSO Act requires judges, prosecutors and advocates to modify/tune practices and attitudes to ensure that the proceedings are sensitive to the needs and rights of children; to adopt measures to prevent exposure of the child to the accused while ensuring that the rights of the accused are not jettisoned. Judges presiding over POCSO courts appear to face constraints in implementing the several provisions of the Act. The objective of the Course is to acquaint participants with international perspectives on sexual offences, victim protection, child-friendly court procedures, best interests of the child and the role of POCSO courts.

The Refresher Course is designed to facilitate discussions on issues related to recording & appreciation of evidence, presumption & burden of proof under the POCSO Act, age determination, and rehabilitation and compensation for child victims of sexual offences. The course also aims to provide a platform for the POCSO judges to share experiences, insights and suggestions with resource persons on issues concerning POCSO adjudication.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Protection against Child Sexual Abuse and Harassment: International Perspectives
- Child Sexual Abuse: Understanding Behavioral and Psychological Impairments in Victim
- Child Friendly Court Procedures and Judicial Attitudes: Statutory Provisions and Best Practices
- Age Determination (of victim and perpetrator): Challenges and Solutions
- Recording & Appreciation of Evidence in the POCSO cases
- Presumption & Burden of Proof under the POCSO Act
- Rehabilitation and Compensation for Child Victims of Sexual Offences



Refresher Course for CBI Courts

Programme Number & Date

P-1125 12/10/2018 to 14/10/2018

Participants to be Nominated

Judges presiding over CBI Courts

Objectives of the Programme :

The Refresher Course is conceived to sensitise judges operating in this area with contemporary developments in jurisprudence and to accrete knowledge base and skills requisite to enable qualitative and timely delivery of justice. The sessions would facilitate deliberations on challenges faced by participant judges while adjudicating issues coming up before their courts and help identify best practices and solutions for a variety of problems and the evolving horizons of relevant law and jurisprudence.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Sanction for Prosecution
- Media Trial in CBI Cases
- Appreciation of Electronic Evidence
- Economic Offences
- Cyber Crimes
- Flaws in Investigation



Refresher Course for Family Courts

Programme Number & Date

P-1126 12/10/2018 to 16/10/2018

Participants to be Nominated

Judges presiding over Family Courts

Objectives of the Programme :

Family courts are conceived with a view to facilitate conciliation and speedy settlement. The recommendation of the 59th Law Commission report recommending a radical approach for Family courts was reiterated in the 230th report of the Law Commission. In the light of these recommendations, the Academy has been organizing programmes for Family Court judges. The refresher course is designed to facilitate Family Court judges to comprehend family law jurisprudence. Participant judges will share experiences on issues and concerns that arise during family disputes resolution and identify best practices for dealing with them satisfactorily and expeditiously. Deliberations would identify several optimal approaches for settling family disputes and the proper role of judicial officers while addressing family law issues. Effective use of ADR/Mediation in resolving disputes will also be discussed. Psycho-social requirements in the judicial persona dealing with disputes coming up for resolution will also be a part of the training modules during the sessions.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Understanding Family Disputes: A Psychological Approach
- Resolving Family Disputes Through Effective ADR methods
- Divorce and Family Mediation: Understanding the Pre and Post-Divorce Family
- Maintenance and Divorce Proceedings: Radical Approach of Family Courts
- Gender Justice and Gender Bias: Maintaining Equilibrium
- Significance of Couple Therapy
- Family Court Functioning: Constitutional Mandate
- Role of Family Courts in Protecting Rights and Interests of Children
- Challenges and Constraints Affecting the Working of Family Courts
- Judging Family Disputes: Judges Demeanour



Refresher Course for Labour Courts

Programme Number & Date

P-1143 07/12/2018 to 09/12/2018

Participants to be Nominated

Judges presiding over Labour Courts

Objectives of the Programme :

The Course is designed with a view to facilitate discussions on evolving norms and jurisprudence in respect of labour disputes. It will enable participant judge to share experiences with regard to impediments to speedy and efficacious dispensation, and to identify optimal solutions for contentious issues which retard efficacious and speedy disposal.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Labour and Management : Evolving Perspectives in Contemporary Climate: Constitutional Perspectives and Role of Courts
- Contract Labour: Issues and Challenges
- Unfair Labour Practices
- Dismissal and Discharge
- Reinstatement and Back Wages
- Retrenchment and Lay Off : Balancing Rights of Labour and Interests of Employer
- Strike , Lockout and Closure
- Improving the Efficiency of Labour Courts: Constraints and Solutions



Refresher Course for Commercial Court

Programme Number & Date

P-1151 08/02/2019 to 10/02/2019

Participants to be Nominated

Judges presiding over the Courts established under The Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts Act, 2015

Objectives of the Programme :

The course has been conceived to address challenges in the sphere of intellectual property rights, construction and infrastructure agreements, joint venture agreements and distribution and licensing agreements. The course would facilitate discussion on issues and problems arising during adjudication of disputes and identify measures to deal with them .The course would also involve discussions on the scope of jurisdiction of commercial courts and strive to evolve strategies for speedy disposal of cases.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Jurisdiction of Commercial Courts
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Carriage of Goods
- Distribution & Licensing Agreements
- Construction and Infrastructure Agreement
- Joint Venture Agreements



Refresher Course for PML Act

Programme Number & Date

P-1157 22/03/2019 to 24/03/2019

Participants to be Nominated

Judges presiding over PMLA Courts

Objectives of the Programme :

The Refresher Course seeks to identify appropriate measures to assist presiding officers of Special Courts under this Act to dispose of cases speedily and consistent with spirit and objects of the Act. The course is designed to assess/ audit the working of PMLA Courts within the framework of the Act and identify and evolve the strategies for meeting the challenges and bottlenecks encountered while adjudicating the causes arising thereunder. It also aims to provide a platform to presiding officers to exchange views on various issues and challenges faced during the trial of offences under the Act and to evolve probable solutions.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Concept of money laundering and its gravity.
- Importance of speedy trial in PMLA cases.
- Jurisdictional and other preliminary issues in PMLA cases.
- Bail under PMLA cases.
- Functioning of PMLA Special Courts.
- Attachment/confiscation and disposal of Property in Money-laundering.
- Cross-border money laundering offences and its implications.



Workshop for Additional District Judges (5)

Programme Number & Date

P-1101 17/08/2018 to 19/08/2018

P-1108 07/09/2018 to 09/09/2018

P-1129 02/11/2018 to 04/11/2018

P-1155 08/03/2019 to 10/03/2019

P-1159 05/04/2019 to 07/04/2019

Participants to be Nominated

Additional District Judges

Objectives of the Workshop:

The workshop aims to discuss critical areas concerning adjudication at the District level; to explore challenges in implementation of ADR system; to study sentencing practices and advantages of integrating court and case management systems in Subordinate Courts. The sessions will cover topics including issues and practices pertaining to collection, preservation and appreciation of electronic evidence; advances and inadequacies in laws regulating cybercrimes. During the sessions, the participants will discuss, evaluate and share best practices on exercise of appellate and revision jurisdiction of District Judges, in criminal and civil domains, as well. The emphasis will be in enabling deliberations through clinical analysis of statutory provisions, case studies and critical consideration of the relevant judgments, minimizing the lecture format.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Challenges in implementation of ADR system in Subordinate Courts
- Court & Case Management :Role of Judges
- Fair Session Trials
- Laws relating to Cybercrime: Advances and Bottlenecks
- Electronic Evidence : Collection, Preservation and Appreciation
- Sentencing: Issues and Challenges
- Criminal Justice Administration: Appellate and Revisional Jurisdiction of District Judges
- Civil Justice Administration: Appellate and Revisional Jurisdiction of District Judges



Workshop on Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960

Programme Number & Date

P-1102 17/08/2018 to 19/08/2018

Participants to be Nominated

Magistrates

Objectives of the Programme :

The workshop is aimed to enhance and update knowledge and skills of judicial officers dealing with trafficking atrocities and exploitation of animals; procedural impediments perceived in adjudication of such cases; evolving strategies to deal with the challenges, in the context of The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and notifications issued there under.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Jurisprudence and Ethics of Animal Welfare
- The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act,1960
- The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act,1960
- Wild Life Protection Act, 1972
- Illegal Poaching and Hunting
- Importance of Wild Life Investigation to Combat Organized Wild Life Crimes
- Case Studies and Overview of Animal Welfare Related Cases
- Animals as Property- Ownership and Liability



Workshop on Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994

Programme Number & Date

P-1106 31/08/2018 to 02/09/2018

Participants to be Nominated

Magistrates

Objectives of the Programme :

The workshop is conceived to enhance the capacity of Judicial Magistrates in better implementation of provisions of the PC & PNDT Act and the expeditious disposal of cases. The workshop will involve discussions with and guidance from experts engaged in implementation of the Act including judges, advocates and civil society organizations. The workshop will focus on issues regarding social context of the PC & PNDT Act; grey areas between medical termination of pregnancy and sex-selection; role and functions of authorities under the Act; jurisprudence concerning implementation of the Act; and trial process and appreciation of evidence under the Act. The emphasis in sessions will be on clinical methods, case law analysis and interactive discussions.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Cultural, Social and Economic Factors that Promote Gender Bias: Context of the PC & PNDT Act in India
- Role & Functions of Authorities under the PC & PNDT Act
- Medical Termination of Pregnancy and Sex Selection: Grey Areas
- Jurisprudence on Implementation of the PC & PNDT Act
- Bail and Search & Seizure under the PC & PNDT Act
- Major Challenges in the Implementation of the PC & PNDT Act
- Trial Process under the PC & PNDT Act
- Appreciation of Evidence under the PC & PNDT Act



Workshop on Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015

Programme Number & Date

P-1112 21/09/2018 to 23/09/2018

Participants to be Nominated

Magistrates

Objectives of the Programme :

The workshop provides a forum for deliberations on recent changes in the laws; interpretation and treatment of juveniles in conflict with law; appropriate processes and strategies for care and protection of juveniles; audit and measures to accrete the efficiency of Juvenile Justice Boards and other Duty Holders. Assessment of available infrastructure and suggestions for augmenting the same, pendency and causes therefore, concerns regarding and modalities for robust monitoring and co-ordination, of institutions dealing with juveniles in conflict with law, will also be areas for discussions and suggestions by participants.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Understanding Non Adversarial Nature of Juvenile Justice System
- Changes Brought by the 2015 Act and the 2016 Rules: An Overview
- General Principles of Care and Protection of Children U/S 3 of the 2015 Act
- Juvenile Justice in India: Human Rights and Constitutional Perspectives
- Presumption and Determination of Age U/S 94 of the 2015 Act and the 2016 Rules
- Placement or Bail under the 2015 Act: Issues and Concerns
- Role of Duty-holders at Various Stages of Inquiry/Trial of Juvenile
- Individualized Care Plan for Comprehensive Development of Children: Role of JJB and other Duty-holders
- Adoption under JJ Act.



Orientation Programme for Junior Division Judges (4)

Programme Number & Date

P-1107 06/09/2018 to 12/09/2018

P-1130 16/11/2018 to 22/11/2018

P-1147 04/01/2019 to 10/01/2019

P-1154 01/03/2019 to 07/03/2019

Participants to be Nominated

Junior Division Judges

Objectives of the Programme :

District judiciary is the basic framework of our justice delivery system and is to a substantial measure the most accessible institution of the Judicial Branch to the vast multitude of our people. Judges operating at the primary tier in the judicial hierarchy constitute the vitals of; and their operative excellence indexes our institutional relevance, to justice delivery and in effect the health of our democratic way of life itself.

The programme is conceived at capacity building of judicial officers at the primary tier, viz. Civil Judges (Junior Division). The sessions are designed to provide a forum for participant officers to share experiences and views with counterparts from other States; to facilitate better appreciation of the judicial role; responsibility of judicial officers in a constitutional democracy; recent developments in juridical thinking; technological advances relevant to accreting performance standards; and to deliberate on several aspects of law and practice relevant to enhancing the quality of their performance.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Role of the Court in a Constitutional Democracy; Constitutional Vision of Justice; Discovering Current Judicial Methods; Adherence to Core Judicial Values;



- Judging Skills: Art, Craft and Science of Drafting Judgment
- Managing the Docket: Court and Case Management
- Information Technology and Cyber Crimes
- Electronic Evidence: Collection, Preservation and Appreciation
- Forensic Evidence in Civil and Criminal Trials: DNA Profiling
- Understanding Stress & its Implications
- Managing Stress through Emotional Intelligence
- Dealing with Occupational Stress
- Role of Courts in Securing Gender Justice
- ADR and Plea Bargaining
- Law of Precedents
- Identifying & Applying Ratio Decidendi
- Courtroom Technology: Use of ICT in Courts
- Art of Hearing; and of Regulating Appropriate Decorum in the Court Room
- Perceptions and Prejudices



Court Excellence Enhancement Programme (CEEP) (20)

Programme Number & Date

P-1113 to P-1122
28/09/2018 to 30/09/2018

P-1132 to P-1141
30/11/2018 to 02/12/2018



Participants to be Nominated

P-1113 to P-1122 - All stakeholders of a Court (Judicial Officer, Advocate, Prosecutor, Clerk and Reader) from High Courts namely : Allahabad, Telangana & Andhra Pradesh, Bombay, Calcutta, Chattisgarh, Delhi, Gauhati, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, karnataka

P-1132 to P-1141 - All stakeholders of a Court (Judicial Officer, Advocate, Prosecutor, Clerk and Reader) from High Courts namely : Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Madras, Manipur, Meghalaya, Orissa, Patna, Punjab and Haryana, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttarakhand

Objectives of the Programme :

CEEP was conceived by the Academy in 2010 and is rated as a useful programme for judicial officers and other stakeholders of the justice delivery system. This programme brings together several stakeholders, enables comprehensive deliberations and discussions, and provides a forum for identifying challenges and constraints to efficiency and evolve standard working models for delivery of quality justice.

Two cluster programmes are scheduled this academic year. Respective High Courts will be requested to nominate one Chief Judicial Magistrate facing high pendency and arrears. A template will be provided to nominated judicial officers, in advance, seeking specification and analyses of the challenges, causes and reasons for the delay in disposal of cases.

The programme seeks to develop a comprehensive Court Excellence Plan for enhancing qualitative and timely justice through harnessing the synergies of various stake and duty holders in the system. An action plan is envisaged to be developed, which would identify areas calling for systemic improvement.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Assessing and enhancing Court Performance.
- Discussion on Court Excellence Indicators and Court Excellence Plan.
- Open Discussion involving participants and resource persons on best practice solutions for improving the court performance.
- Break out group discussion and presentation by the participants on enhancing their Court's performance.
- Presentations by various stakeholders on challenges faced by them and their own probable suggestions to improve the Court Performance.
- Court wise presentation on developing Court Excellence Plans.
- Follow-up of their court performance as per the Plan Developed by themselves.



Training of Trainers for State Judicial Academies (1)

Programme Number & Date

P-1161 12/04/2019 to 14/04/2019

Participants to be Nominated

Directors and Faculty Members of SJAs

Objectives of the Programme :

The purpose of the Training of Trainers programme is to develop a standard framework for judicial training by structuring methodologies and pedagogies, with assistance drawn from in-house expertise and domain experts; to explore new training modules for maximizing learning process at State Judicial Academies as they lay the foundation and play an important role in orientation and continuing judicial education by imparting training to judges. The emerging trend to integrate technology into the administration of justice invites adoption of nuance and change in judicial education and training protocols would also be addressed. The workshop will facilitate discussions and sharing of information on the training methodologies, faculty, infrastructure at the State Academies; and interactive sessions for exchange of knowledge and evolving best practices to enhance the quality of judicial education.

- Role of Trainers in Judicial Education
- Implementing modern judicial training methods
- Adopting adult learning principles in judicial training
- Vitalising faculty development module to evolve and inculcate best practices to enhance quality of judicial education
- Distance learning, use of information technology and web based programmes
- Impact assessment of training programme



Regional Conferences (8)

Programme Number & Date

P-1123 (South Zone 1) 29/09/2018
to 30/09/2018

Andhra Pradesh and Telangana,
Karnataka, Madras, Kerala

P-1127 (West Zone 1) 27/10/2018
to 28/10/2018

Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya
Pradesh, Rajasthan

P-1142 (North Zone 1) 01/12/2018 to 02/12/2018

Delhi, Punjab and Haryana, Allahabad, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir

P-1146 (East Zone 1) 22/12/2018 to 23/12/2018

Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, Patna, Orissa

P-1149 (South Zone 2) 19/01/2019 to 20/01/2019

Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, Karnataka, Madras, Kerala

P-1152 (West Zone 2) 23/02/2019 to 24/02/2019

Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan

P-1158 (North Zone 2) 30/03/2019 to 31/03/2019

Delhi, Punjab and Haryana, Allahabad, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir

P-1162 (East Zone 2) 27/04/2019 to 28/04/2019

Calcutta, Guahati, Manipur, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Tripura



Participants to be Nominated

High Court Justices, Senior Division Judges and Junior Division Judges

Objectives of the Programme :

The Regional Conference is designed to provide a forum for exchange of experiences, communication of knowledge and dissemination of best practices from across clusters of High Court jurisdictions in regions of our country and amongst hierarchies; to accentuate the experience of familial community between High Court and Subordinate Courts judicial officers, besides revisiting established and imperative norms of a constitutional vision of justice; elements of Judicial behaviour; Norms for Appellate Review: Consequence of Frequent and Excessive Appellate Interference and other specified topics.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Constitutional Vision of Justice
- High Court and District Judiciary: Building Synergies
- Norms for Appellate Review: Consequence of Frequent and Excessive Appellate Interference
- Access to Justice: ICT in Courts
- Access to Justice: Court and Case Management

Seminar for Members of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal

Programme Number & Date

SE-01 21/09/2018 to 23/09/2018

SE-04 04/01/2019 to 06/01/2019

Participants to be Nominated

Members of Income Tax Appellate Tribunal

Objectives of the Programme :

The National Judicial Academic Council has approved two conferences for Members of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT), as a special event, with a view to capacity building and enhancing excellence in justice delivery by these quasi-judicial tribunals. The seminar is intended to provide the participant Members of the ITAT with a forum to discuss and examine the constitutional and statutory mandate of the ITATs, the adjudicatory challenges faced by the ITATs and solutions for any bottlenecks in the effective functioning of the ITATs. The seminar is also designed to provide perspectives of emerging issues in tax law by engaging participants in discussion with domain experts, on evolving jurisprudence in tax law, seminal rules of interpretation and evidentiary standards in tax law.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Constitutional and Statutory Basis of Taxation
- Interpretational Issues in Tax and Treaty Laws
- Balancing the Interests of Revenue and Citizens
- International Tax Treaty Law and Double Tax Avoidance Agreements
- Transfer Pricing
- General Anti-Avoidance Rules
- Law of Evidence in Tax Law
- Assessment Proceedings and Role of the Tribunal



Seminar for Foreign Judges [Bangladesh]

Programme Number & Date

SE-02 05/10/2018 to 11/10/2018

SE-05 11/01/2019 to 17/01/2019

Participants to be Nominated

Senior Assistant Judges, Assistant Judges and Magistrates

Objectives of the Programme :

Training and Capacity Building programmes for judicial officers of Bangladesh, covering all District and below judicial officers, to be organized and conducted under the aegis of the Academy, was formalized during the recent visit of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh to India. MOU for the purpose was entered into between the Academy and the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, for training of about 1500 officers, during 2017 to 2023. During this academic year, 4 batches of about 40 officers would participate in a course of 15 days training programme. The first three batches would comprise Junior Division Judges, Magistrates and Subordinate judges; and the fourth batch would comprise District and Sessions and equivalent rank judicial officers. Identified and designated State Judicial Academies would organize part of the training programme after a stint of training at the Academy, within the framework of a training module and curriculae designed by the Academy. The Programme will include sessions on judicial skills, constitutional, civil, criminal, environmental and human rights laws and correlative jurisprudence. Domain experts and Justices of High Courts and the Supreme Court will be invited as resource persons to guide deliberations.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Overview and Architecture of the Indian constitutional arrangement
- Indian Judiciary: organizational Structure and Jurisdiction
- Goals, Role and Mission of Courts: Constitutional Vision of Justice
- Elements of Judicial Behaviour – Ethics, Neutrality and professionalism
- Judging Skills: Art, Craft and Science of Drafting Judgments
- ICT and E-Judiciary: Indian Perspectives, and Human Rights: Fair and Impartial Investigation, etc.
- Court and Case management
- Electronic Evidence: Collection, Preservation and Appreciation



Seminar for Foreign Judges [Bangladesh]

Programme Number & Date

SE-03 07/12/2018 to 13/12/2018

SE-06 15/02/2019 to 21/02/2019

Participants to be Nominated

Senior Judges from District Judiciary
[Judges above the Rank of Joint District Judges]

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National Seminar for Members of the Railway Claims Tribunal

Programme Number & Date

SE-07 16/02/2019 to 17/02/2019

Participants to be Nominated

Members of Railway Claims Tribunal

Objectives of the Programme :

The Seminar aims to visit the Charter of the RCT within the framework of the enabling legislation; the welfare jurisprudence under the Railways Act, 1989 and to address the institutional bottlenecks affecting the optimum performance of Railway Claims tribunals. The seminar aims to bring consonance and balance in functioning of the member judicial and member technical of the tribunal through dialogue among the participants. Further, it will discuss the uses and impact of information technology within the scheme of the legislation, revise the claims format to reduce errors and maximise the performance of these tribunals. The sessions would provide a forum for members to exchange views, improve the knowledge curve and evolve best practices in adjudication, in the RCT.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Charter of the RCT and the social welfare scheme under the Railways Act, 1989
- Statutory Interpretation of key concepts - Untoward Incident, Self-inflicted injury, Criminal act and violent attack/ stampede.
- Strict and contingent liability as mandated by legislation and expounded in conventions and precedents.
- Application of precedent, reasoning in order and reasoned orders: Best practices
- Mechanisms and standard operation procedures to ascertain the genuineness & validity of claims.
- Handling difference of opinion in the bench vis. Bench etiquettes
- Methodologies for speeding up adjudication and use of ICT.



National Seminar for Senior IRS (C & IT) Officers on Adjudication Skills

Programme Number & Date

SE-08 15/03/2019 to 17/03/2019

Participants to be Nominated

Senior IRS (C & IT) Officers



Objectives of the Programme :

The Workshop is intended to provide a forum for the Learned IRS Officers to discuss, deliberate and share experiences, knowledge and best practices in exercise of jurisdictions. The participants will be able to interact with domain experts and Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts, who would be invited as resource persons to evolve horizons of relevant law and jurisprudence; seminal interpretive principles; the incessant problem of objectivity in decision making; the art, science and craft of drafting reasoned orders and like themes.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Role of civil service in a democracy;
- Constitutional authority to tax;
- Variety of taxes: the federal context;
- Elements of interpretation of fiscal statutes;
- Ethics, professionalism and neutrality in adjudication;
- Constitutional & administrative law principles relevant for adjudication;
- Art, craft and science of writing judgements;
- Core principles of interpretation of tax statutes.

National Seminar for the Members of the Central Administrative Tribunal

Programme Number & Date

SE-09 16/03/2019 to 17/03/2019

Participants to be Nominated

Members of Central Administrative Tribunal

Objectives of the Programme :

The objective of the seminar is to address challenges faced by the members of the Central Administrative Tribunal. The seminar would incorporate discussions on judicial review apart from deliberations on principles of administrative law. It would also include discussions on court and case management for effective functioning of the courts, scope of judicial discretion and the art of judgment writing. The seminar also aims to provide a platform to the participants to share experiences, develop professional harmony between judicial and technical members and to develop strategies for effective disposal of cases.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions:

- Scope and limits of Judicial Review
- Principles of administrative law
- Scope of judicial discretion
- Court and Case Management
- Identification of Ratio Decidendi



National Seminar for the Members of the Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal

National Seminar for Presidents of the District Consumer Forum

Training Programme for Officers of the Department of Justice on 'Legislative Drafting'

Training Program for Armed Forces Officers, JAG's

Training for Officers of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Training Modalities for these programmes at NJA are under consideration.



Seminar for Foreign Judges [Bhutan]
Seminar for Foreign Judges [Fiji]
Seminar for Foreign Judges [Myanmar]
Seminar for Foreign Judges [Sri Lanka]

Training Modalities for Training of Judges of these countries at NJA are under consideration.









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