

National Judicial Academy

P-1014: South Zone Regional Conference on Enhancing Excellence of the Judicial Institutions: Challenges & Opportunities In Association with Madras High Court at Chennai and National Judicial Academy, India.
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No. of Participants : 67
No. of forms received : 50

I. OVERALL				
PROPOSITIONS	To a great extent	To some extent	Not at all	Remarks
a. The objective of the Program was clear to me	90.00	10.00	-	-
b. The subject matter of the program is useful and relevant to my work	81.63	18.37	-	-
c. Overall, I got benefited from attending this program	93.88	6.12	-	30. On ground reality I cannot apply principles and ideals in my district.
d. I will use the new learning, skills, ideas and knowledge in my work	86.00	14.00	-	-
e. Adequate time and opportunity was provided to participants to share experiences	83.67	16.33	-	-
II. KNOWLEDGE				
PROPOSITIONS	To a great extent	To some extent	Not at all	Remarks
The program provided knowledge (or provided links / references to knowledge) which is:				
a. Useful to my work	90.00	10.00		-
b. Comprehensive (relevant case laws, national laws, leading text / articles / comments by jurists)	63.83	36.17		-
c. Up to date	66.67	33.33		-
d. Related to Constitutional Vision of Justice	73.47	26.53		-
e. Related to International Legal Norms	25.00	63.64	11.36	-

III. STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAM				
PROPOSITIONS	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Remarks
a. The structure and sequence of the program was logical	86.00	12.00	2.00	-
The program was an adequate combination of the following methodologies viz.				
Case Studies	73.47	24.49	2.04	-
Interactive sessions	91.84	6.12	2.04	-
Audio Visual Aids	43.90	56.10	-	-
IV. INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS				
PROPOSITIONS	To a great extent	To some extent	Not at all	Remarks
a. Discussions in individual sessions were effectively organized	91.30	8.70		
b. The session theme was adequately addressed by the Resource Persons	91.67	8.33		
V. PROGRAM MATERIALS				
PROPOSITIONS	To a great extent	To some extent	Not at all	Remarks
a. The Program material is useful and relevant	96.00	4.00		
b. The content was updated. It reflected recent case laws/ current thinking/ research/ policy in the discussed area	85.11	14.89		
c. The content was organized and easy to follow	91.67	8.33		

VI. GENERAL SUGGESTIONS

<p>a. Three most important learning achievements of this Programme</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The training programme was an opportunity to realize that being a munsiff or magistrate we can do a lot of things in a social justice perspective. 2. 1. Knowing the fundamental skills required in a judge; 2. Understanding the SCJ in its full context; 3. Impact of media on trial proceedings; 2. Importance of Ethics, Integrity and Discipline; 3. Social Context in judging, the cases dealing against women, children and vulnerable society people. 4. 1. Opportunity to share/get the idea of the Lordships; 2. Knowing the state of affairs of the southern region; 3. Innovative thoughts. 5. Importance of ethics, integrity, discipline; 2. Impact of media on public perception regarding vitality of justice delivery; 3. Social context judging. 6. Constitutional perspective of the justice delivery system; Role of Judge in delivering social justice to all; 3. Vivid sharing of experiences from all levels of judiciary. 7. 1. To exercise your discretion independently, to be innovative and to do the greatest good to the public; 2. The importance of virtue, ethics and discipline; 3. How to maintain a cordial relation with superior. 8. Good achievement of more conference; 2. Improvement in judicial skills; 3. Effective functioning skills. 9. Importance of ethics and discipline; Social Context judging; Relationship between District and High Court. 10. Participant did not comment 11. Participant did not comment 12. I could learn the view and expectations from the angle of Apex Court. 13. Ethics, Integrity and Discipline 14. Participant did not comment 15. Honesty, Integrity and Discipline 16. Honesty, Integrity and Patient hearing 17. 1. Urge to maintain human values; 2. Expectations of the highest court upon subordinate judiciary; 3. Administration and dispensation of justice. 18. 1. To ensure speedy justice; 2. To give weightage to human values. 19. I learnt that integrity is the hall mark of judicial discipline. We should have virtue more, in day to day work affairs as well as family life(personal life) 20.1. The programme enlightens us on the integrity and discipline – How a judge should follow ethics, discipline and his work; 2. Social Context judging is also very nice subject enlightening us to expedite and speed up; 3. Impact of media on public regarding justice delivery system and strengthening of internal vigilance mechanism.
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	<p>21. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>22. 1. The ways and means to have a balanced approach while dealing with media; 2. Better ways for dealing with fellow Judicial Officers; 3. Means to make e-court services more litigant friendly.</p> <p>23. Gained confidence.</p> <p>24. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>25. This programme is very much helpful to the Judicial Officer to discharge day to day duties in thoughtful manner.</p> <p>26. 1. Got awareness of vigilance mechanism and came to know for what act of misconduct, actions will be initiated against officers; 2. To build a good rapport with hierarchy of officers; 3. Learnt about social context judging.</p> <p>27. 1. Problems faced by the subordinated judiciary was discussed in detail; 2. Session 1: Importance of Ethics, Integrity and Discipline: was insisted and the way & means suggested to uphold it even in the personal and judicial life.</p> <p>28. I had come to know about how Judges conduct should be.</p> <p>29. 1. The interactive session was helpful; 2. Better understanding on SCJ.</p> <p>30. Academy teaches us to be bold, fearless and independent in our judicial work but our District Administration has certain Do's & Don't for universal application and natural academy training is in vain.</p> <p>31. 1. Confidence; 2. Interaction with other State Officers.</p> <p>32. Created an opportunity to the civil judges to meet and understand the higher judiciary better; Instilled confidence; A judge cannot act automatic.</p> <p>33. 1. Supreme Court Judges; 2. Learning sessions in other states and Measures.</p> <p>34. It brought light for a sincere introspection and re-assurance as to – 1. Virtues of a judge; 2. Divine duty of judge and need for a constitutional vision. 3. Disciplined life to motivate public confidence.</p> <p>35. 1. We had interaction with the Hon'ble Apex and High Court judges; Got idea of social context judging; We could see and interact other State Judges.</p> <p>36. Social context judging to be applied in our day to day discharge of our official functions.</p> <p>37. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>38. 1. Powers of District Judiciary; 2. Social Responsibility of judges and Justice delivery system; 3. Session 3: Impact of Media on Public Perception regarding Vitality of Justice Delivery and how to balance.</p> <p>39. Which are: 1. Discipline; Ethics; 3. The behaviors of judges should be high to the perception of public at large.</p>
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	<p>40. 1. Got to know some informative subjects and views of Hon’ble SC Judge on the same; 2. Instilled confidence in us; 3. Gave us good food for thought.</p> <p>41. 1. Media impact on the pending cases; 2. Subject dealt with discretion of the Court in the context of SCJ; 3. Judicial activism in the cases of victims of brutal cases.</p> <p>42. The view of justice is larger prospect.</p> <p>43. 1. Interrelation between ethics, integrity and discipline; 2. How to control ourselves from media.</p> <p>44. Art. 141- Law declared of the Hon’ble Supreme Court binding on all the Courts.</p> <p>45. Attitude decides attitude; Discipline decides discipline; Knowledge and integrity with Ethics.</p> <p>46. Discretion and appreciation of Social Context judging in delivering justice; Use of E- Court and access of judicial website.</p> <p>47. 1. Gaining knowledge from Hon’ble SC judges and High Court Judges; 2. Interactions – improving communication skills; 3. Solving problem in day to day affairs.</p> <p>48. I am going back with great amount of satisfaction; I am very much indebted to Judicial Academy and resource persons.</p> <p>49. If objective is to impart learning more formal speakers to be brought; 2. Less and less of judges either present or retired to be involved except they are known experts in the topics; 3. Futuristic and visionary to be involved.</p> <p>50. <i>Session 1 Importance of Ethics, Integrity and Discipline.</i></p>
<p>b. Which part of the Programme did you find most useful and why</p>	<p>1. Participant did not comment</p> <p>2. Strengthening internal vigilance mechanism with respect to rising judicial indiscipline. Since it is a personal responsibility of every member of judicial service.</p> <p>3. I find that all the parts of the programme are most useful to me for discharging the duties as a judge.</p> <p>4. All the sessions are very good as every session is different from the other and hence it cannot be singled out.</p> <p>5. Social context judging – we serve people as per law and discretion given in Law for decision making.</p> <p>6. Social Context Judging, as it helped our role as a judge in social perspective.</p>

	<p>7. Social context judging because it relates more to the work done and also how we need to expand our vision and understand the reality.</p> <p>8. All the sessions are very useful for improving judicial skills for smooth function of court by enhancing the judicial skills.</p> <p>9. Social context judging because of knowledge to some extent is easy to follow the debate regarding that.</p> <p>10. Participant did not comment</p> <p>11. Participant did not comment</p> <p>12. IInd day Sessions-- Session 5: Social Context Judging (SCJ) as Principle for Exercise of Discretion and Application of SCJ in given Case Studies, Session 6: E-Justice: Re-engineering the Judicial Process through Effective use of ICT</p> <p>13. It is very useful to judicial officers in day to day work.</p> <p>14. Participant did not comment</p> <p>15. All parts of programme</p> <p>16. <i>All parts of the programme.</i></p> <p>17. Session 1 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Importance of Ethics, Integrity and Discipline—Importance of virtue Session 2 12:00 Noon – 01:00 PM Strengthening Internal Vigilance Mechanism as Response to Rising Judicial Indiscipline—How the highest institutions have checks and balance for its subordinate judiciary; Session 3 Impact of Media on Public Perception regarding Vitality of Justice Delivery—Participative democracy and Role of Media/press Session 4 03:30 PM – 04:30 PM Relationship between High Court and District Judiciary—Trust and faith of High Court upon its subordinate judiciary.</p> <p>18. Session 1 Importance of Ethics, Integrity and Discipline—ensure our good conscience.</p> <p>19. All the programme I find most useful day because it is the trial judge who comes in contact with the litigant during day to day proceedings in the Court and through that a heavy responsibility lie on us to build a solemn unpolluted atmosphere in the dispensation of justice which is an essential and inevitable function in a civilized democratic society by keeping in mind regarding constitutional law, human rights and democracy.</p> <p>20. Participant did not comment</p> <p>21. The interaction after conclusion of each session, because I got to know the opinion and view of many officers.</p> <p>22. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>23. All the sessions were most useful.</p>
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24. **Session 3:** *Impact of Media on Public Perception regarding Vitality of Justice Delivery.*
25. Very much useful to me and all my colleagues.
26. **Session 1:** *Importance of Ethics, Integrity and Discipline:* as I came to know about Bangalore Principle of judicial conduct 2002.
27. **Session 4:** *Relationship between High Court and District Judiciary:* regarding the relationship between High Court and District Judiciary was useful as an opportunity was given to the subordinate judiciary to state their problem faced by the ground reality.
28. I found every sessions to be useful.
29. **Session 5:** *Social Context Judging (SCJ) as Principle for Exercise of Discretion and Application of SCJ in given Case Studies:* as the interactive session was helpful.
30. Sessions by Justice Nagamuthu S. was motivated a mind strengthening session.
31. **Session 4:** *Relationship between High Court and District Judiciary* and **Session 5:** *Social Context Judging (SCJ) as Principle for Exercise of Discretion and Application of SCJ in given Case Studies:* were extremely useful as the resource persons dealt with the difficulties faced by the subordinate judiciary and come out with solutions to solve it.
32. **Session 1:** *Importance of Ethics, Integrity and Discipline* & **Session 4:** *Relationship between High Court and District Judiciary:* were really good. It (Session 1) helped us understand better as to what is expected of a judge. Session 4 was very interactive where the resource person tried their very best to bridge the gap between the Higher Judiciary and the District Judiciary.
33. Supreme Court Judge- Thought provoking
34. Social Context Judging which taught me the real purpose of the judicial institutions.
35. **Session 5:** *Social Context Judging (SCJ) as Principle for Exercise of Discretion and Application of SCJ in given Case Studies.*
36. **Session 4:** *Relationship between High Court and District Judiciary:* - Reason is that only if the grassroots level judicial officer is full of confidence that the honest Judicial Officer shall be safeguarded by High Courts then only he can discharge his functions in an effective and independent manner.
37. Participant did not comment.
38. **Session 5:** *Social Context Judging (SCJ) as Principle for Exercise of Discretion and Application of SCJ in given Case Studies*
39. **Session 2:** *Strengthening Internal Vigilance Mechanism as Response to Rising Judicial Indiscipline;* **Session 4:** *Relationship between High Court and District Judiciary;* **Session 5:** *Social Context Judging (SCJ) as Principle for Exercise of Discretion and Application of SCJ in given Case Studies.*

	<p>40. Session 3: Impact of Media on Public Perception regarding Vitality of Justice Delivery:- This session, I feel was the most useful because it was very well put further by the Hon'ble Speakers & we as the delegates were thoroughly enlightened by his Lordship Justice U. Lalit's lecture.</p> <p>41. Session 3: Impact of Media on Public Perception regarding Vitality of Justice Delivery—which dealt with the impact of media. Media trial is not only an interference in the justice delivery system, it also casts doubt on the system by the society.</p> <p>42. Entire session.</p> <p>43. Session 3: Impact of Media on Public Perception regarding Vitality of Justice Delivery- a useful discussion in the present scenario. It is highly required to be dealt with to motivate the officers.</p> <p>44. Session 3: Impact of Media on Public Perception regarding Vitality of Justice Delivery—Media trial affects the administration of justice.</p> <p>45. Session 1: Importance of Ethics, Integrity and Discipline—it energized me to rededicate.</p> <p>46. Session 4: Relationship between High Court and District Judiciary Session 5: Social Context Judging (SCJ) as Principle for Exercise of Discretion and Application of SCJ in given Case Studies, Session 6: E- Justice: Re-engineering the Judicial Process through Effective use of ICT</p> <p>47. Each and every one.</p> <p>48. Session 4: Relationship between High Court and District Judiciary—is highly useful as it dealt with day to day problems and issues.</p> <p>49. Session 3: Impact of Media on Public Perception regarding Vitality of Justice Delivery</p> <p>50. Session 4 Relationship between High Court and District Judiciary—as it is very useful to junior officers in day to day functioning.</p>
<p>c. Which part of the Programme did you find least useful and why</p>	<p>1. Participant did not comment</p> <p>2. SCJ as principle of laissez faire at discussion and application. If SCJ is given answer- Since the theme needs developments to meet the real requisites.</p> <p>3. Participant did not comment</p> <p>4. Participant did not comment</p> <p>5. Participant did not comment</p> <p>6. Nil</p> <p>7. Relationship between High Court and District Judiciary –esp the interactive session because the participants seemed hesitant to speak out.</p>

	<p>8. All parts of seminar are very useful.</p> <p>9. Participant did not comment</p> <p>10. Participant did not comment</p> <p>11. Participant did not comment</p> <p>12. Participant did not comment</p> <p>13. Participant did not comment</p> <p>14. Participant did not comment</p> <p>15. All parts of programme useful</p> <p>16. All parts of the programme useful.</p> <p>17. NA</p> <p>18. NA</p> <p>19. Participant did not comment</p> <p>20. Participant did not comment</p> <p>21. All sessions were useful.</p> <p>22. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>23. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>24. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>25. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>26. Session 3: <i>Impact of Media on Public Perception regarding Vitality of Justice Delivery:</i> as I see, most of the judges are not influenced by the media trail.</p> <p>27. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>28. Session 4: <i>Relationship between High Court and District Judiciary:</i> would have been extended to some more time.</p> <p>29. None.</p> <p>30. Session on impact of media – because I feel that the third estate is wiser than the fourth estate.</p> <p>31. None of the programmes were least useful as all the sessions were equally good and informative.</p> <p>32. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>33. Session 3: <i>Impact of Media on Public Perception regarding Vitality of Justice Delivery.</i></p> <p>34. Nil</p> <p>35. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>36. Nothing</p> <p>37. Participant did not comment.</p>
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	<p>38. All parts.</p> <p>39. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>40. Nil</p> <p>41. No comment</p> <p>42. Nil</p> <p>43. Participant did not comment</p> <p>44. Social context judging – how the courts are providing compensation.</p> <p>45. Nil</p> <p>46. Nil</p> <p>47. Nil</p> <p>48. All sessions are useful</p> <p>49. <i>Session 1 Importance of Ethics, Integrity and Discipline</i>—more theory and sermon. No practical solutions for practical problems faced. Nothing inspiring.</p> <p>50. Participant did not comment</p>
<p>d. Kindly make any suggestions you may have on how NJA may serve you better and make its programmes more effective</p>	<p>1. Participant did not comment</p> <p>2. Participant did not comment</p> <p>3. Participant did not comment</p> <p>4. Arrange periodical programmes from all over so that we can share the thoughts to parts of India and get their inputs also.</p> <p>5. More important to have discussion on the topic of Importance of Ethics, Integrity and Discipline to improve our institution value.</p> <p>6. Sharing of material through emails to all the officers can really help to learn and improve.</p> <p>7. A yearly programme like a refresher course most preferably a regional programme.</p> <p>8. If this type of conference is conducted regularly for the officers, it will help to improve personal judicial skills and effective judicial functioning and it will enhance judiciary's value.</p> <p>9. Consistent arrangements for the forthcoming periods.</p> <p>10. Participant did not comment</p> <p>11. Participant did not comment</p> <p>12. Participant did not comment</p> <p>13. Participant did not comment</p> <p>14. Sir, please notify the delegates about the conference at least one month by providing topics for studying.</p> <p>15. No</p> <p>16. Nil</p>

17. 1. Presentation by the participants; 2. Group discussion and elaboration before the audience.

18. As like this Conference, the NJA should direct TNJA to conduct periodical programme at District level to update judgment law.

19. Participant did not comment

20. On overall the conference is very useful.

21. Participant did not comment.

22. Number of topics may be less so that there can be more effective discussion.

23. Participant did not comment.

24. Participant did not comment.

25. Participant did not comment.

26. Some more topics like victim compensation scheme and Motor Accident claims can be added.

27. Period of sessions can be increased.

28. The topic of conference starts as 'Enhancing Excellence'. As far as I am concerned whether Excellence has been achieved. If it had been achieved there would not be such long pendency. As far as we without the cooperation of Bar there can't be disposal and however I being a trainee judge I have a doubt as if when a case is entrusted with advocate by the client & the plaint if appears regularly & what if had representation for him What should judicial officer do at that point? Hence I feel that first some legal awareness to the given people particularly to rural areas, and what judicial officers to follow when such situation arises.

29. NJA may arrange for additional programme on various connected topics.

30. If the NJA consider ground reality and practical problems faced by officer in the day to day administration of Justice and address such issues – I shall be grateful.

31. Participant did not comment.

32. It is suggested that the intention of the legislature be enlightened I always wonder as to why there would be so many varied interpretation by so many persons (judge) for a single section – Are we really understanding the intention of the legislature.

33. Conducting periodical regional conferences with core subjects and suitable Resource Persons.

34. Need more training to inculcate constitutional vision and thought process among judges so as to curb personal prejudices. Welcomes more refresher workshops.

35. Can send important judgement holding ion the field of law through State Academies.

36. After completion of sessions certain Questioner Models shall be shared to show their self-assessment. Zero hour- like parliament- Any questions on any legal topic can be entertained.

37. Participant did not comment.

38. Computer training programme for officer and staff given for one/days continuous 15 days/1 month will improve their quality and compulsory computer training will yield fruitful.

39. Participant did not comment.

40. Since we work under a lot of pressure, I feel it would be better if the NJA arranges such programme more frequently as it instills confidence in us.

41. I suggest to have more number of sessions so that the resource persons deal with the assigned topics in detail.

42. A common website for all judicial officers attending to know their programme.

43. According to me, it may be more useful if topics are less and discussions are more, so that effective deliberation can be made on all such topics.

44. If the materials provided earlier that is 5 days prior, it is most useful to read in advance.

45. My sincere thanks to beloved Chairpersons.

46. Participant did not comment

47. Frequent programmes of this kind may be arranged in future.

48. Participant did not comment.

49. Course content has to segregate between HC judges and subordinate judges. Group discussion would bring more solutions to the practical problems.

50. Participant did not comment