National Judicial Academy

P-1350: National Conference for High Court Justices on Judgement Writing $05^{th} - 06^{th}$ August, 2023

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No. of Participants : 30 **No. of forms received** : 30

	I. OVERALL						
	PROPOSITION	To a great extent (%)	To some extent (%)	Not at all (%)	Remarks		
a.	The objective of the programme was clear to me	100.00	-	-	18. For delivering judgement in better way.		
b.	The subject matter of the programme is useful and relevant to my work	100.00	-	-	-		
c.	Overall, I got benefited from attending this programme	96.67	3.33	-	18. Immensely.		
d.	I will use the new learning, skills, ideas and knowledge in my work	93.33	6.67	-	18. Difficulty.		
e.	Adequate time and opportunity was provided to participants to share experiences	90.00	10.00	-	18. No complaints.		
		II.	KNOWLEDGE				
	PROPOSITION	To a great extent (%)	To some extent (%)	Not at all (%)	Remarks		
Th	The programme 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)	86.67	13.33	-	-		
c.	Up to date	93.33	6.67	-	-		
d.	Related to Constitutional Vision of Justice	90.00	10.00	-	-		
e.	Related to International Legal Norms	67.86	32.14	-	-		

III. STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME							
PROPOSITION	Good (%)	Satisfactory (%)	Unsatisfactory (%)	Remarks			
a. The structure and sequence of the programme was logical	93.33	6.67	-	-			
The programme was an adequate combination of the following methodologies viz.							
(i) Case studies were relevant	89.66	10.34	-	22. Not relevant to the subjects.			
(ii) Interactive sessions were fruitful	86.67	13.33	-	18. Focus on the practical difficulty needs to be enhanced.			
(iii) Audio Visual Aids were beneficial	75.86	24.14	-	18. Excellent.			
	IV SESSI	ONS WISE VETTIN	NG				
		Parameters					
	Discussions in individual sessions were effectively organized		The Session theme was adequately addressed by the Resource Persons				
Session	Effective and Useful (%)	Satisfactory (%)	Effective and Useful (%)	Satisfactory (%)			
1	89.66	10.34	95.00	5.00			
2	91.67	8.33	93.75	6.25			
3	95.83	4.17	100.00	-			
4	87.50	12.50	93.75	6.25			
5	83.33	16.67	80.00	20.00			
	V. PROG	RAMME MATERIA	ALS				
PROPOSITION	To a great extent	To some extent	Not at all	Remarks			
a. The Programme	(%)	(%)	(%)				
material is useful and relevant	93.33	6.67	-	-			
b. The content was updated. It reflected recent case laws/ current thinking/ research/ policy -in the discussed area	96.67	3.33	-	-			
c. The content was organized and easy to follow	96.15	3.85	-	-			

VIII. GENERAL SUGGESTIONS

- Three most important learning achievements of this Programme
- 1. 1. Better way of writing judgement. 2. How to apply judgements as precedent.
- 2. 1. To think rationally towards gender sensitivity. 2. Overcoming the barriers of effective listening. 3. Comity of courts.
- 5. 1. Got sensitized a lot. 2. Though topic dealt with in session I appears to be very known it kindled our mind as to the details of job.
- 6. 1. I came to understand lot about the law of precedents and stare decisis. 2. I come to understand gender sensitivity.
- 7. Session 3: Judicial Reasoning in Judgments. Session 4: Law of precedents and stare decisis in judgment writing. Session 5: Gender Sensitivity in Judgements & Orders were learning experiences for me.
- 9. 1. To correct myself on certain concepts. 2. To update myself on different topics.
- 3. To have broader outlook.
- 10. 1. Art of hearing. 2. Proper judgement writing. 3. Regarding gender sensitivity.
- 11. Judgement writing. How to apply law of precedent in judgement. Structure of a judgment.
- 12. All the resource persons have taken much strain and prepared programme material. Which are very useful to all judges.
- 13. 1. How to use/ follow ratio decidendi. 3. Concise judgment to the issues raised and question placed before court to decide.
- 14. 1. Judgement writing. 2. Law of precedency. 3. Gender sensitivity judgement.
- 15. Will be helpful in writing. Clear doubts about precedents. 3. Guiding in real sense.
- 16. Learnt and How to following in writing judgment- 1. Law of precedent and stare decisis in judgement writing. 2. Gender sensitivity in judgments and orders. 3. Eliminating bails, stereotype & prejudices.
- 17. Focus should be on- 1. Cutting short the unnecessary arguments. 2. The quoting part, expression to be reduced. 3. Focus on listening and concentration and not hearing.
- 18. Brushing up the skills of judgment writing. Meeting with the resource person. Big luminaries' acquaintance with colleagues of other HC.
- 20. Regarding structuring of judgement. Law of precedents. Gender sensitivity.
- 21. The programme was very effective and informative. Learnt the art of judgment writings.
- 22. Proper structure and contents of judgement. Session on use of precedents was very useful. Session on gender sensitivity was eye-opening.
- 23. General reminder- 1. Quality over quantity of judgements. 2. Recognizing the important factors. 3. Gender sensitivity.
- 24. Resource persons were totally experienced in their respective fields. The experience was greater tremendously helpful in discharging our duties as judges of High Court.
- 25. All sessions excellent & outstanding.
- 26. 1. Effective & balanced judgement writing. 2. Binding precedents. 3. Eliminate Bias.
- 27. Insight into the constitutional provisional with case law.

- 28. Improved- Knowledge. Confidence, the sense of responsibility.
- 29. Tow day conference is most useful to the participant judges to discharge their duties most effectively.
- 30. Session 1: Art of Judgment Writing and Listening- An Overview.- along with Justice Raveendran and Justice U.U. Lalit with respect to art of judgement writing and listening (An over view) was great learning experience and have cleared all our doubts.
- Which part of the Programme did you find most useful and why
- 1. Reasoning in judgements.
- 2. Gender sensitivity in the judgments and orders.
- 5. Session 4: Law of precedents and stare decisis in judgment writing.
- 7. Found session 1 most useful. Where Justice Dama Seshadri Naidu shared his personal experiences & difficulties.
- 9. Session 1: Art of Judgment Writing and Listening- An Overview.
- 10. Session 3: Judicial Reasoning in Judgments.
- 11. Session 1: Art of Judgment Writing and Listening- An Overview and Session 2: An Ideal Judgement Writing- Structure of a Judgement- Had on idea of how to write a better judgement.
- 12. All most all programme was most useful.
- 13. Law of precedents and stare decisis is most useful as it imported valuable information to take care during delivery of judgment.
- 14. Judgement writing as it is of day to day use.
- 16. Session 1: Art of Judgment Writing and Listening- An Overview. Session 4: Law of precedents and stare decisis in judgment writing and Session 5: Gender Sensitivity in Judgements & Orders.
- 17. Judgement writing, In its in entirety. Since it is the duty of the judge to render justice and the judgments delivered should justify the conclusions arrived at with sufficient reasons for arriving at the said conclusions. How dharma of the constitutional would eventually decide the karma of the adjudication it is understood as explained by the speakers.
- 18. It is difficult to categorize the session in this column. All session are of equal use and important.
- 19. The question answer sessions.
- 20. Law of precedents. Got clarity regarding difference between Article 141&142 of the court of India.
- 21. The entire two days programme was very interesting and both days were very informative.
- 22. Proper structure and contents of judgement. Session on use of precedents was very useful. Session on gender sensitivity was eye-opening.
- 23. **Session 4:** Law of precedents and stare decisis in judgment writing- because it allowed an opportunity to clear many a dilemma arising every day in the huge volume of cases.
- 24. The question & answer sessions were useful.
- 25. All sessions excellent & outstanding.
- 27. Sessions of Justice R.V. Raveendran & Justice U.U. Lalit as they provided Constitutional vision and involved deliberations on intricate legal provisions.
- 28. Session 1: Art of Judgment Writing and Listening- An Overview- Impactful.

		29. Session 2: An Ideal Judgement Writing- Structure of a Judgement.		
3.	Does the programme need further modulations or change	1. Keep it up NJA.		
		2. The follow up from such batches of judges may be gathered to study its impact.		
		9. More participants so that all can participate in wide range of programmes.		
		13. Yes. On passage of time new information in required to be added to enrich to content.		
		18. Alongside the standard to be maintained by High Court judges, some focus on the practical difficulties being faced, may also be explained.		
		19. Yes, all judges be asked about their working and suggestions for decision with general or particular problems generally faced in day-to-day functioning of the court		
		20. I think the programme is perfectly modulated.		
		22. It was a well-structured programme.		
		23. There is always scope for improvement.		
		24. It was excellent.		
		25. May it in future if need arises.		
4.	Kindly make any	1. Everything is to the satisfaction as of date. Keep it up.		
	suggestions you may have on how NJA may serve you better and make its programmes more effective	2. Following programme may be- 1. Thinking judicially. 2. Personality development of judges. 3. Health & time management of judges.		
		9. To have programmes in wide variety of subject.		
		10. The topic selected and the resource persons was very effective and helpful in improving myself. The programme was very effective and further programme should be organized on the same line.		
		11. Good if you also include case related doubts.		
		12. It is better to start programme at 9:00am instead of 10:00am. Which will be helpful to judges to participate in the programme.		
		13. This programme is very important as it is the face of judiciary so it re regular improvement. Almost all factors are discussed, but chances of bettern always there by incorporating new and relevant issues in it.		
		14. Study material be provided in advance.		
		15. Everything is so perfect.		
		16. Similar type of programs should be conducted in regular manner.		
		17. More frequently. The classes should be conducted to all judges throughout the country.		
		18. Already doing well and up to mark.		
		19. At least one suggestion of one hour be separately organized for discussions between all the judges of all high court. In which they may discuss the practical problems they are facing their suggestions may be taken with regard to the best practices adopted by the them. While dealing with the matters.		
		21. I wish all success to NJA.		
		23. The grass outside the rooms need to be trimmed. Toffees may be placed in the conference room please.		

26. Subject wise judgement writing - can be considered.