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CATEGORY I

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PROGRAMMES FOR HIGH COURT JUSTICES



NATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR HIGH COURT JUSTICES ON CONSTITUTIONAL REMEDIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Participants to be Nominated

High Court Justices

Programme Number & Date

P-1369: 04/11/2023 to 05/11/2023 P-1391: 02/03/2024 to 03/03/2024

Objective:

The workshop has been developed for mutual enhancement of knowledge and enable domain expertise understanding of operations, optimal application, and execution of the "Constitutional Remedies" by the High Courts. The participative andragogy is aimed to disseminate knowledge and exchange experiences through shared learning. The workshop will explore the contemporary issues and developments under the Writ jurisdiction of a High Court especially under Article 226 and its dynamics under the constantly evolving social paradigm. Navigating the contours of "Judicial Review" of both legislative and administrative actions with the rider of "doctrine of proportionality", an attempt would be made to discern and distinguish between, the concepts of judicial restraint, activism and over-reach. The scope of *suo-motu* motion and entertainment of PIL by a High Court as a "Constitutional Remedy" would be examined. The workshop would also enable a discourse on moulding of a relief.

- Locus Standi, Proper and Necessary Parties, Exploring Alternative Remedies
- Judicial Review of Legislative Action
 - + Constitutional Limitations
 - ⋆ Delegated Legislation
 - + Error of Fact and Error of Law
 - + Institutional Limitations of Judiciary viz. Policy, Time, National Interest etc.
- Iudicial Review of Administrative Action
 - + Grounds Illegality, Irrationality, Procedural Impropriety, Proportionality, etc.

- + Principles Wednesbury Principle of Reasonableness (*Associated Provincial Picture House v. Wednusbury Corporation* (1948))
- + Institutional Limitations of Judiciary *viz.* Article 72 & 161 (Powers to Pardon) (*Maru Ram v Union of India* AIR 1980 SC 2147, and *Kehar Singh v Union of India*, AIR 1989 SC 653)
- Judicial Review, Restraint and Activism, Judicial Over-reach, Principles of Proportionality
- Moulding of Relief
 - + Appellate Courts Power Scope and Application
 - + Power under Altered Situations Change in "Facts" and/or "Law"
- Suo Motu Powers
 - + Scope to take Cognizance by High Courts
 - + Suo Motu Powers to Establish Rule of Law
- Institutional Limitations of Judiciary Doctrine of Separation of Powers



NATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR HIGH COURT JUSTICES ON DIRECT TAXES

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

High Court Justices

P-1358: 02/09/2023 to 03/09/2023

Objectives:

Tax administration has been a matter of concern in many quarters both domestically and overseas. This eventually, places a greater burden on the judiciary as a final arbiter between the state and the taxpayer. To develop expertise on disputes in this area, the workshop is conceived to facilitate deliberation among participant 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 history and basic features of tax laws along with constitutional provisions for the finance bills; international tax treaty law and double tax avoidance agreements; transfer pricing; and appellate and writ jurisdictions of High Courts. Deliberations would be primarily based on case studies and analysis of relevant judgments.

- History and Basic Features of Tax Laws, Constitutional Provisions for Finance Bill and Treaties, Money Bills & Scheme of Income Tax Act, 1961
- The Constitutional Authority to Tax
- Interpretation of Fiscal Statutes: Core Principles
- International Tax Treaty Law and Double Tax Avoidance Agreements: An Overview
- Transfer Pricing, Basic Principles, and Major Areas of Disputes
- Appellate and Writ Jurisdiction of High Courts in Tax Matters: Jurisdictional Challenges and Limitations

NATIONAL WORKSHOPS FOR HIGH COURT JUSTICES ON GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST) AND OTHER INDIRECT TAXES

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

High Court Justices

P-1367: 28/10/2023 to 29/10/2023

Objectives:

The workshop aims to offer valuable knowledge about the GST Act, 2017 and its impact on transitioning from various separate tax systems to a more consistent and unified approach across different tax domains and jurisdictions, including federal and state levels. In addition, the workshop will delve into substantial questions of law, jurisdictional concerns, identify possible conflict areas, and examine litigation resulting from this legislative change. Moreover, the workshop will analyse the evolution of jurisprudence in this field.

- GST: Constitutional Perspectives
- Concept of Supply; Mixed and Composite Supply
- Valuation; Time & Place of Supply
- Input Tax Credit
- Emerging Challenges in GST Regime



NATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR HIGH COURT JUSTICES ON COMMERCIAL LAW

Participants to be Nominated

High Court Justices

Programme Number & Date

P-1362: 23/09/2023 to 24/09/2023 P-1384: 03/02/2024 to 04/02/2024

Objectives:

The rapid progression of industrialization and globalization has widened the range of responsibilities of the judiciary. In contemporary times with the advent of the Commercial Courts Act, 2015, High Courts have to preside over multifaceted as well as high-value commercial disputes and concerns. These issues are new and intricate in nature and requires in-depth knowledge and practical understanding. Experts from related domains will share experiences, knowledge, and skills with participants and help identify solutions to challenges faced in the adjudication of commercial disputes within the jurisdiction of their courts, through discussions and interactive sessions.

- Commercial Courts Act: Genesis, Benefits, and Challenges
- $\bullet \quad \text{Interpretation of Construction and Infrastructure Contracts} \\$
- Intellectual Property Rights: Infringement & Enforcement
- Arbitration and Conciliation Act: Towards a Model Dispute Resolution
- Recognition & Enforcement of Arbitral Awards
- Contemporary Issues Pertaining to Commercial Laws for Effective Adjudication of Commercial Disputes

NATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR HIGH COURT JUSTICES ON CYBER LAWS

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

High Court Justices

P-1352: 12/08/2023 to 13/08/2023

Objectives:

The evolving nature of the cyber-space synergized with modern technology poses novel judicial challenges. The national workshop has been conceived to appreciate the judicial necessity to keep pace with the fast changing techno-legal aspects and the extant cyber laws. The workshop would also consider the novel attempts and the international jurisprudence to regulate such techno-legal advances. The aspects of unregulated domains viz, "Distributed Ledger Technology" (Block-Chain Tech) enabling relevance to Crypto Currency transactions, "Deep Web" operations including legal and illegal transactions, etc would form part of discourse. The technology neutral challenges and the techno-legal issues including jurisdictional challenges, access to digital evidence (especially from foreign land), and fixation of intermediary liabilities under the mutating cyber laws would be discussed. The Constitutional conflicts viz. "Right to be Forgotten" versus "Right to Information" shall be examined by the participative forum. The implications and effectiveness of new-gen remedies including "Global Injunctions" to deal with online issues would be debated. Areas of institutional (in) security to guard the gold-mine of judicial big data and the systemic vulnerabilities would form part of the discourse, while putting the extant cyber-hygiene of the courts to litmus test and contemplating the novel concepts of "safe e-corridor" and other best practices.

- Regulating the Cyber Space: National and International Jurisprudence
 - + Regulated and Unregulated Cyber-space viz. Surface web; Deep web; Dark web
- Exposition and Analysis of National Policies and International Developments
 - → Intermediary Liability
 - + Global Injunctions
 - + Crypto Currency

- Constitutional & Statutory Law Challenges: Limits and Scope of "Right to Privacy",
 "Right to be Forgotten" versus "Right to Information"; concept of "Distributed Ledger
 Technology"
- Challenges in Implementation of Cyber Laws:
 - + Jurisdiction, Extra territorial evidence(s), Technology
 - + Issues relating to extradition, MLAT etc.
 - + Concept of Secured e-Corridors
- Safeguarding Judicial Institutions from Cyber-attacks
 - + Principles of Cyber Hygiene and Best Practices
 - + Evolving Modus Operandi in Cyber Crime



NATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR HIGH COURT JUSTICES ON ARBITRATION

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

High Court Justices

P-1374: 02/12/2023 to 03/12/2023

Objectives:

The workshop has been developed to enhance the knowledge of the participants with the contemporary developments in arbitration landscape in India. The workshop would focus on the recent amendments to the Act and the major procedural changes brought by these amendments. The session would highlight the challenges faced by the courts and the scope of intervention in arbitration proceedings. The issues emanating in challenges to arbitral award and the enforcement of arbitral award would also be the subject of discussion during the sessions.

- The Scheme of Arbitration & Conciliation Act: Towards Model Dispute Resolution Regime
- Jurisdictional Challenges: Balancing the Role of Court and Arbitral Tribunal
- Enforcement of Arbitral Awards
- Current and Emerging Trends in Domestic and International Arbitration
- Jurisdictional Issues: Kompetenz-Kompetenz



ORIENTATION COURSES FOR NEWLY ELEVATED HIGH COURT JUSTICES

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

Newly Elevated High Court Justices

P-1356: 26/08/2023 to 27/08/2023

THEME I: WRIT JURISDICTION

Objectives:

The Orientation course for Newly Elevated High Court Justices is designed to provide a forum for participant judges to deliberate upon contemporary issues in writ jurisdiction. The session will also focus on variety, scope and limitations of different types of writs. The core areas that will be focused upon include the scope of judicial review in legislative and administrative action and the limits of judicial review including judicial restraint and activism. The course aims to provide a platform for learning, and the development of a deeper understanding of the application of Article 226 in the context of evolving social dynamics.

- Locus Standi
- Proper and Necessary Parties
- Judicial Review of Legislative Action
- Delegated Legislation
- Scope of Interference: Error of Fact and Error of Law
- Judicial Review of Administrative Action
- Judicial Review, Restraint and Activism
- Moulding of Relief
- De jure and De facto (Segregation)
- Precedent: Ratio Decidendi, Per Incuriam, Obiter Dicta, Sub Silentio

THEME 2: CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

Newly Elevated High Court Justices

P-1371: 18/11/2023 to 19/11/2023

Objectives:

This orientation course will focus on criminal jurisprudence. More specifically, the debates on norms developed for grant or rejection of bail and important precedents around default bail, and conditional bail will be discussed. The orientation course will also focus on the constitutional remedies relevant in the area of criminal jurisprudence like writs of habeas corpus, right of state and individuals in the matter of the power of preventive detention, as well as the scope of power of High Court u/s 482, Cr.P.C., 1973.

- Bail Jurisprudence
 - + Judicial Overreach in Conditional Bail Orders
- Constitutional Remedies under Criminal Justice
 - + Habeas Corpus
 - + Preventive Detention
 - + Section 482 of Cr.P.C.
- Compromise in Criminal Cases: Section 320 and 321, Cr.P.C., 1973
 - + Compounding of Offences and Withdrawal of Prosecution
- Adjudication of Sexual Offences
- Criminal Appeal and Criminal Revision

THEME 3: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

Newly Elevated High Court Justices

P-1375: 09/12/2023: 10/12/2023

Objectives:

The course is designed to orient newly elevated High Court Judges on fundamental aspects of jurisdiction of constitutional courts and issues relating to public law litigation. The discussion in the course will focus on topics including scope of writ jurisdiction of the High Court under Articles 226, Supervisory Power under Article 227, *Suo Motu* Powers of the High Court, Doctrine of Separation of Powers, Law of Contempt, Public Law Elements in Private Law Adjudications and Election Law. The discussion will involve critical analysis of the relevant judgements to highlight the important issues. The course will involve interactive mode of deliberation for effective participation.

- Scope of Writ Jurisdiction under Articles 226
- Supervisory Power under Article 227
- Suo Motu Powers of the High Court
- Doctrine of Separation of Powers
- Law of Contempt
- Public Law Elements in Private Law Adjudication
- Election Laws



THEME 4: GENERAL

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

Newly Elevated High Court Justices

P-1380: 20/01/2024 to 21/01/2024

Objectives:

The Orientation Course for Newly Elevated High Court Justices is designed to provide a forum for participant justices to deliberate upon contemporary issues and developments their application in the dynamic and constantly changing social paradigms. Some core areas that will be focussed upon during the course include judicial conduct and behaviour including ethical standards of public behaviour, precedential value of judgments, appellate power of the High Court, independence of judiciary, exercise of judicial discretion in grant of interim orders and in prima facie evaluation of cases. The course will provide a platform for participating justices to share experiences, insights and suggestions with a panel of distinguished resource persons from the judicial branch and other relevant domains.

- Judicial Conduct and Behaviour
- Contemporary Precedential Conflicts
- Appellate Power of the High Court
- Independence of Judiciary
- Interim Orders and Judicial Discretion



THEME 5: CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

Newly Elevated High Court Justices

P-1396: 30/03/2024 to 31/03/2024

Objectives:

The main objective of the course is to address key issues concerning appellate and revision powers of the High Court. The sessions in the course will cover areas including first appeal, second appeal, civil revision, appeal from orders, first appeal from orders and appeal from original decrees. The scope of appellate and revision powers of the High Court will be discussed in comprehensive manner and the critical analysis of the relevant judgements of the Supreme Court will be done to highlight important issues. The sessions will be addressed by domain experts and eminent speakers incorporating interactive mode of discussion for effective participation.

- First Appeal
- Second Appeal
- Civil Revision
- Appeal from Orders
- First Appeal from Order (F.A.F.O)
- Appeal from Original Decrees



NATIONAL CONVENTION FOR SENIOR HIGH COURT JUSTICES: STRENGTHENING FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROTOCOLS IN HIGH COURTS

Participants to be Nominated

Senior High Court Justices

Programme Number & Date

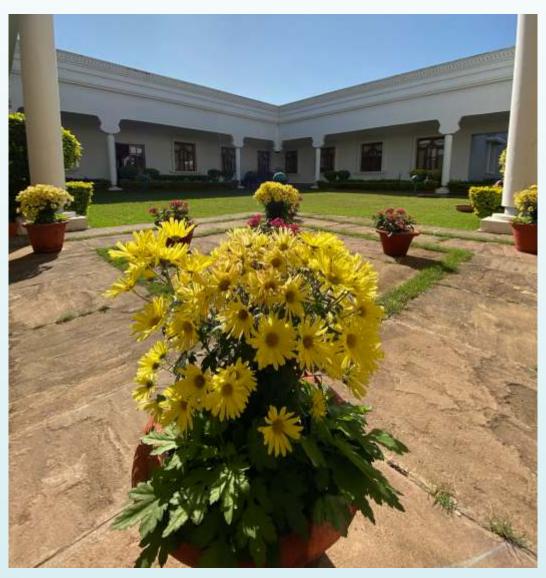
P-1382: 27/01/2024 to 28/01/2024 P-1399: 13/04/2024 to 14/04/2024

Objectives:

The convention intends to identify good practices to facilitate fiscal and administrative protocols for an integrated functioning of the High Court. The convention would offer a forum for discussion among senior High Court Justices, to enable an efficient navigation of their administrative roles as Chief Justice. Discussion on various standard operating procedures, rules and regulations which make the administration more robust and smooth will be an integral part of the convention. The sessions will also attempt to identify and address various fiscal challenges and facilitate optimization of fiscal management, whilst addressing these challenges. Deliberations on "relationship management" both intra court & with external stakeholders including various State Departments, as one of the prominent tools in synergizing better judicial output and enabling a more integrated justice delivery system. Emphasis will also be placed on Judicial Budget Management that includes - Coordination, Collaboration and Effective Cooperation for Optimised Utilization of Resources, Credibility Enhancement, Team Play *interse* Judiciary and Government.

- Administrative Functions of the Chief Justice
 - + Evolving Standard Operating Procedures:
 - Intra-Court Operational Rigors: Developing SoPs
 - Relationship Management; Vertical and Horizontal: with Supreme Court and High Courts
 - Preparing the Agenda and Managing Consensus at Meetings
 - + Horizontal and Vertical Relation Management: Supreme Court, Other High Courts, with the Government and Staff.
 - $+ \quad Review of Working of Administrative Committees in High Courts \\$

- Budget Preparation & Fiscal Management.
 - + Co-opting/Consulting Experts for Fiscal Planning and Budget Preparation;
 - + Effective Utilization of Grants and Other Financial Resources: Monitoring Expenditure
 - + Judicial Budget Management: Coordination, Collaboration and Effective Cooperation for Optimised Utilization of Resources, Credibility Enhancement, Team Play *interse* Judiciary and Government.



NATIONAL CONFERENCES ON DEVELOPMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW BY THE SUPREME COURT AND HIGH COURTS

Participants to be Nominated

High Court Justices

Programme Number & Date

P-1361: 16/09/2023 to 17/09/2023 P-1405: 04/05/2024 to 05/05/2024

Objectives:

The Constitution is a constantly evolving document that has undergone interpretation and reinterpretation by both the Supreme Court and High Courts through their judicial decisions throughout the years. The courts have played a crucial part in shaping the legal principles of the Constitution and have upheld judicial governance in alignment with the values enshrined in the Constitution. Keeping this background in mind, the National Conference endeavours to enhance understanding of developments and change in the constitutional law, allowing it to adapt to the requirements of a transformative society. Through a critical examination of pertinent judgments, the program aims to foster a dialogue on current constitutional challenges and address contemporary themes, encouraging insightful discussions.

- Constitutional Interpretations: Reflections on Transformation, Continuities & Constitution's Silences
- Scope of Judicial Review
- Prohibition: Social and Legal Modalities
- Reservation in Private Institutions
- Development of the Constitutional Law by the Supreme Court
- Development of the Constitutional Law by the High Courts in the Recent Past
- Rule of Law and Justice: Role of Judges
- Dimensions of Article 21 of the Constitution
- Passive Euthanasia
- Substantive Equality: Rights of Marginalized including LGBT+

- Constitutional Validity of Laws
- Validity of Constitutional Provisions and Amendments
- Validity of Subordinate and Delegated Legislations
- Transformative Constitutionalism in India
- Role of Constitutional Benches in Resolving Substantial Questions of Law
- Jurisdictional Reforms: Expansion and Balancing Supreme Court's Appellate Jurisdiction
- Concept of Welfare State and Changing Contours of Citizenship
- Challenges to Secularism in a Pluralistic Society
- Constitutional Liberties, Rights and Freedoms vis-à-vis National Security
- Constitutional Morality
- Contours of Judicial Discretion
- Scope and Limit of Constitutional Provisions (Articles 136 & 142)



NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION ACT

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

High Court Justices

P-1386: 10/02/2024 to 11/02/2024

Objectives:

The conference has been conceptualized to engage High Court Justices in discussion on the issues pertaining to accountability in governance and the judicial role in this context. The key issues involved in the adjudication of cases under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 would be discussed in the course of the conference including grant/refusal of sanction, constitutional and legal protections available to public servants, and burden of proof. The conference would also address issues involving court monitored investigation through special investigation teams and other constitutional issues. Proceeds of crime and forfeiture of assets in anti-corruption cases shall also be a part of the deliberations. Anti-Corruption cases are plagued by delay which infracts the fundamental right to speedy trial. The exercise of supervisory jurisdiction of the High Court to ensure speedy justice in such cases would also be a vital part of the discussion. The scope and limitations of appellate interference would be discussed with reference to Section 19(3) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

- Scope of Appellate Interference
- Issue of Sanction
- Reverse Burden
- Constitutional Protection under Article 311 to 331
- Special Investigation through High Court (SIT)
- Onus for Disproportionate Assets
- Proceeds of Crime and Forfeiture
- Arrest and Investigation
- Delay vis-à-vis Speedy Justice: Role of High Courts

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JUDGMENT WRITING

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

High Court Justices

P-1350: 05/08/2023 to 06/08/2023

Objectives:

The workshop aims to promote transparency and public confidence through clear and well-drafted judgment. The sessions aim to review fundamental principles of judgment drafting, including legal analysis, organizing sentence structure, and editing. The aspect of modesty and moderation in judgment will be an area for discussion during the workshop. The workshop is designed to assist judges in improving their judgment-writing skills and highlight the importance of command of language which demands the knowledge of law and procedure. The workshop aims to enhance the skills of participating judges to support their judgment with reasoning and logic which will bring clarity and precision to the judgment.

- Art of Judgment Writing: Purpose, Length, Structure & Style
- Reasoning in Judgments
- Brevity, Simplicity, and Clarity in Judgment Writing
- Command of Language: Identifying Essential Elements of Good Judgment Writing
- Gender Sensitive Judgment Writing in light of International Conventions and Supreme Court Guidelines

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MONEY LAUNDERING AND FINANCIAL FRAUD

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

High Court Justices

P-1359: 09/09/2023 to 10/09/2023

Objectives:

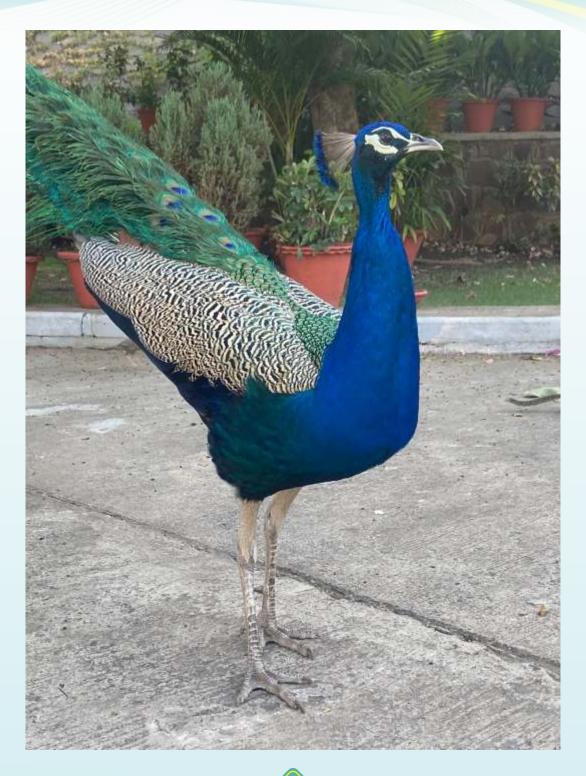
The conference will facilitate deliberation among participant justices on contemporary issues and scope of appellate interference pertaining to Prevention of money laundering and financial fraud. The conference will provide an overview of the basics of money laundering process and the multiple use of the proceeds of crime including terror financing. The sessions will deliberate on various issues relating to bail under the Act along with analysis and impact of relevant judgments. Financial frauds in the banking sector; corporate frauds and allied complexities will also form an integral part of the discourse. Inter-disciplinary approaches to handle corporate frauds will also be elaborated upon.

- Scope of Appellate Interference
- Vijay Madanlal Choudhary vs. Union of India: Analysis and Impact
- Financial Frauds in the Banking Sector
 - + Loan Recovery SARFAESI Act
 - → Insurance Fraud
- Corporate Frauds and Their Complexities
 - + Specific Offences Relevant to Corporate Fraud
 - + Tax Evasion
 - + Corruption and Embezzlement by Civil Servants in Financial Fraud
- Inter-disciplinary Approach to Corporate Frauds
 - $+ \quad Arbitration \, and \, its \, Efficiency \, in \, Settling \, Corporate \, Fraud \, Disputes$
 - $+ \quad Companies\,Act\,and\,its\,Short coming\,in\,Tackling\,with\,Online\,Frauds$
 - + Using Information Technology for Fraud Examination and Financial Forensics
- Financial frauds and Sentencing/Punitive Policies
 - + Types of Punishments: Restitution/Compensation, Asset Forfeiture
 - + Fine, Imprisonment, Public Notice of Sentence, Occupational Ban

CATEGORY II

05

E-COMMITTEE PROGRAMMES FOR HIGH COURT JUSTICES



WORKSHOP FOR CHIEF JUSTICES/CHAIRPERSON OF COMPUTER COMMITTEE OF HIGH COURTS ON INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT)

Participants to be Nominated

Chief Justices/High Court Justices of Computer Committee

Programme Number & Date

P-1388: 18/02/2023

Objectives:

The National Workshop for the Chief Justices of High Courts, organized under the directives of the e-committee, is designed to assess and track the progress of ICT (Information and Communication Technology) implementation in the Indian Judiciary. The primary objective of this one-day conference is to highlight the crucial role played by Chief Justices as leaders of their respective High Courts, specifically in relation to phase III of the E-courts project.

During the workshop, there will be focused discussions on various aspects of courtroom technology, with particular emphasis on video-conferencing, live-streaming, and recording of court proceedings. The workshop aims to provide a platform for Chief Justices to exchange their ideas and suggestions on how to improve courtroom technology. By sharing their valuable insights, the Chief Justices can contribute to the development and refinement of rules and guidelines pertaining to video-conferencing, live-streaming, and recording of court proceedings.

- E-Courts Project Funding by Department of Justice
- Role of Chief Justices under Phase III of E-Court Projects
- Use of AI in Leveraging the Legal Ecosystem
- Videoconferencing Rules, Rule of Live Streaming and Recording of Court Proceedings, Rules on Online e-Filing framed under Article 225 & 227 of Constitution.

WORKSHOPS FOR HIGH COURT JUDGES ON INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT)

Participants to be Nominated

High Court Justices

Programme Number & Date

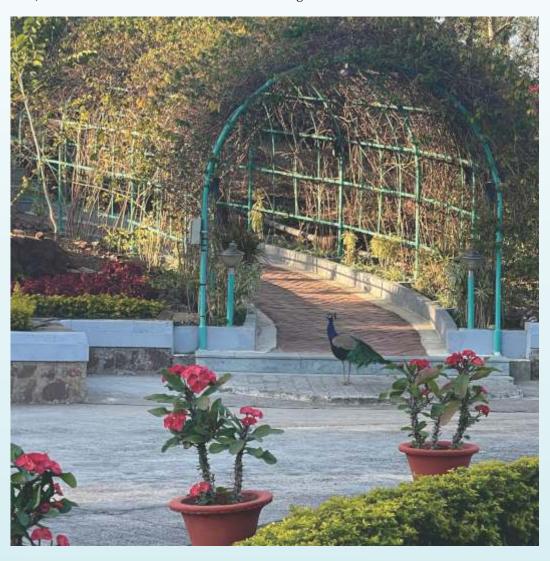
P-1349 : 30/07/2023; P-1355 : 20/08/2023 P-1393 : 10/03/2024; P-1398 : 07/04/2024

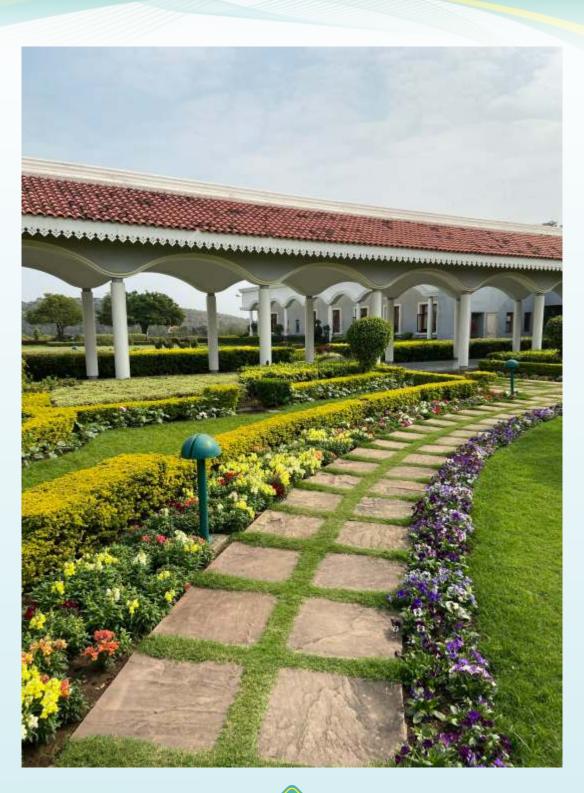
Objectives:

The workshop will discuss and deliberate advancement of Indian judiciary under the e-Courts Project [Phase wise] and allied contemporary practices. Alongside, innovation and implementation of good practices in software system at High Court level will also be discussed. The use of information and communication technology in court and case management will be discoursed in the light of Paperless Courts & E-Filing, Court & Case Management Tools-National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG), Case Information Software (CIS), and Electronic Case Management Tools (ECMT). Augmentation of technological exchange among various stakeholders (National Informatics Centre (NIC), Inter Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS), Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & System (CCTNS), CIS Developers will be discussed. Additionally, the significance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Courts as a prospective courtroom technology and its interplay with judicial governance will form an integral part of the discourse.

- ICT in Courts vis-a-vis Advancement of Indian Judiciary under e-Courts: Overview & Contemporary Practices
 - + e-Courts Project : Phase-wise Outline
 - + Role of High Court Justices in High Court Computer Committee under e-Courts Project
 - + Innovation and Implementation of Best Practices in Software System at High Court Level
- Use of ICT in Court & Case Management
 - + Paperless Courts & E-Filing

- + Court & Case Management Tools-National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG), Case Information Software (CIS), Electronic Case Management Tools (ECMT)
- + Augmenting technological exchange among various stakeholders (National Informatics Centre (NIC), Inter Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS), Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & System (CCTNS), CIS Developers
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Courts: Prospective Courtroom Technology
 - + Integrating AI in Court Processes: Challenges and Issues
- Judicial Governance vis-à-vis Artificial Intelligence





CATEGORY III

26
PROGRAMMES FOR

DISTRICT JUDICIARY





NATIONAL SEMINAR ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

District Judiciary

P-1357: 26/08/2023 to 27/08/2023

Objectives:

The seminar is designed with the objective to enhance the constitutional perspective of the District Judiciary. The participants will be apprised of various areas where the district judiciary has to deal with the constitutional principles. The seminar will deal with the topics including constitutional status of trial judiciary: constitutional provisions for observance by the district judiciary, applications of the principles of administrative law in court management, principles of natural justice for procedural fairness and speedy justice and fairness in trial. The discussion in the seminar will focus on the critical analysis of relevant judgments in the concerned topics and interactive mode of deliberations will be adopted for effective participation.

- Constitutional Status of Trial Judiciary
- Constitutional Provisions for Observance by the District Judiciary
- $\bullet \quad \text{Applications of the Principles of Administrative Law in Court Management} \\$
- Principles of Natural Justice for Procedural Fairness
- Speedy Justice and Fairness in Trial

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON COURT AND CASE MANAGEMENT

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

District Judiciary

P-1354: 19/08/2023 to 20/08/2023

Objectives:

The seminar aims to encourage the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for streamlining the Court Processes. The aspect of the use of e- Courts services and the National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG) will also be an area for discussion. The seminar seeks to apprise the participant judges with the art of developing and managing judicial budgets and the evaluation of the performance of judicial officers. The seminar also seeks to assist judges in bringing forth the intricacies of leadership while administering the court. The seminar will facilitate an interactive dialogue on case management and reorganizing caseload to further enhance productivity. The seminar will also manifest discussion on approaches towards human resource management, case flow management for docket control, and coordination between Bar & Bench at the District Court level.

- Human Resource Management in the District Judiciary
- Case flow Management for Docket Control
- Allocation of Work and Case Management.
- Use of AI and e-Courts Services for Optimization
- Reengineering the Judicial Process through the Effective Use of ICT.
- Evaluation of the Performance of Judicial Officers including Inspection and Visits.
- Coordination Between Bar & Bench at District Court Level

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON STRESS MANAGEMENT

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

District Judiciary

P-1351: 05/08/2023 to 06/08/2023

Objectives:

The seminar aims to provide a perspective on wellbeing and improvement in organizational efficiency to judges from district judiciary. The discussion in the seminar will focus on addressing core issues relating to occupational stress and strategies to cope with it. The seminar will involve discussion on topics on stress and wellness, managing occupational stress, life beyond the dais, understanding litigant behaviour in diverse litigation, emotional intelligence and handling of vicarious trauma. The interactive mode of discussion will be followed in the seminar for effective participation of judges guided by domain experts and eminent speakers.

- Maintaining the Balance: Judicial Stress and Wellness
- Managing Occupational Stress
- Life Beyond dais
- Understanding Litigant Behaviour in Diverse Litigation
- Emotional Intelligence
- Handling of Vicarious Trauma



NATIONAL SEMINAR ON ARBITRATION AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR)

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

District Judiciary

P-1360: 09/09/2023 to 10/09/2023

Objectives:

The seminar aims to sensitize judges on contemporary areas of both domestic and international arbitration. The seminar will focus on the intricacies and nuances of speedy and expeditious settlement of disputes through the use of alternative dispute resolution system. The discussion in the seminar will address issues related to fundamentals and scheme of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, bottlenecks in implementation of arbitration regime in subordinate courts, strengthening arbitration and its enforcement in India, challenges in implementation of ADR system in subordinate courts, effect of legal proceedings on arbitration, challenge to award under Section 34 and scope of injunction relief under Section 9. The seminar aims to identify challenges and evolve optimum solutions to effectuate qualitative justice delivery through arbitration and conciliation process.

- Fundamentals and Scheme of Arbitration: Setting the Context
- Bottlenecks in Implementation of Arbitration Regime in Subordinate Courts
- Strengthening Arbitration and its Enforcement in India
- Challenges in Implementation of ADR System in Subordinate Courts
- $\bullet \quad \hbox{\it Effect of Legal Proceedings on Arbitration}$
- Challenge to Award under Section 34, Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996
- Scope of Injunction Relief under Section 9, Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996
- Mediation, Legal Aid and Lok Adalat

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON JUDICIAL SKILLS

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

District Judiciary

P-1365: 14/10/2023 to 15/10/2023

Objectives:

The seminar aims to enhance core judicial skills of judges at district judiciary level. The discussion in the seminar will focus on skills including judging skills, judicial reasoning, objectivity and rationality in decision making, constitutional morality in judicial reasoning, leadership skills and administrative skills. The participants will be apprised of the latest developments and guidelines of the Supreme Court in the concerned areas. There will be interactive mode of discussion in sessions and discussion will be guided by eminent speakers and domain experts.

- Judging Skills
 - + Objectivity in Decision Making
 - + Art, Craft and Science of Drafting Judgments
 - + Sensitivity in Judgments (*Aparna Bhat vs. State of M.P.*)
- Judicial Reasoning: Knowledge, Skills & Perspective Development
 - + Principles of Logic
 - + Qualities, Attitudes and Skills for Effective Judging
 - + Interference of Personality in Judicial Reasoning
 - + Subjectivity, Objectivity, Rationality in Decision Making Process
 - + Constitutional Morality in Judicial Reasoning
- Leadership Skills: Organisational Performance and Leadership Effectiveness
 - + Strategies to Achieve Organisational Goals
 - + Developing Efficient Judicial System
 - + Effective Management of Different Stakeholders in Justice Delivery System
 - + Fostering Cordial Bar & Bench Relations
- Administrative Skills
 - + Delay and Arrear Management
 - + Time Management
 - + Organising the Docket for Effective Caseload Management
 - + Staff Management and Supervision: Inspiring Commitment and Catalysing Performance

NATIONAL SEMINARS ON ICT SKILLS FOR DISTRICT COMPUTER COMMITTEE IN-CHARGE AND MEMBERS

Participants to be Nominated

District Judiciary

Programme Number & Date

P-1370: 04/11/2023 to 05/11/2023 P-1378: 06/01/2024 to 07/01/2024

Objectives:

The objective of the program is to apprise the Judges from District Judiciary on the implementation of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) tools in the justice delivery system. The workshop aims to emphasize on delivery of efficient, time-bound and citizen-centric services through the medium of technology. The discussion in the workshop will examine the contribution of ICT in the growth and modernization of Indian Judiciary under E-Courts, and the concerns & bottlenecks to be addressed to ensure effective access to justice. The sessions would scrutinize the ICT in Judicial Proceedings and in Administration of Courts. The workshop will also throw light upon E-filing, e-payments, CIS, NJDG etc.

- ICT in Judicial Proceedings
- Legal Research & Data Retrieval
- Video-Conferencing, Live Streaming & Recording
- ICT in Administration of Courts
- Paperless Courts & e-Filing
- Technologies for Exchanges between Courts and Various Stakeholders: Effective use of e-Court Services, NJDG, e-Sewa Kendra, Citizen Service Centres, Electronic Process Serving & Electronic Payments etc.
- Use of Artificial Intelligence: SUVAS etc.

NATIONAL SEMINARS ON BAIL AND INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATION

Participants to be Nominated

District Judiciary

Programme Number & Date

P-1376: 09/12/2023 to 10/12/2023 P-1389: 17/02/2024 to 18/02/2024

Objectives:

The seminar will focus on issue relating to bail and interlocutory applications at the trial court level. The scope of judicial discretion in dealing with bail and interlocutory applications will be deliberated upon. The crucial areas including intricacies and nuances of bail, expeditious disposal of bail orders, bail in offences punishable under special Acts, media trial and bail matters, limits and scope of conditional bail and management & expeditious disposal of interlocutory applications will be discussed in the seminar. The domain experts and eminent speakers will address participants in relevant areas and interactive mode of discussion will be followed for effective participation. The critical analysis of relevant judgments will be done to highlight the important areas.

- Bail: Intricacies and Nuances
- Expeditious Disposal of Bail Orders
- Bail in Offences Punishable under Special Acts
- Media Trial and Bail Matters
- Limits and Scope of Conditional Bail
- Interlocutory Applications: Management & Expeditious Disposal

NATIONAL SEMINARS ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION

Participants to be Nominated

District Judiciary

Programme Number & Date

P-1364: 07/10/2023 to 08/10/2023 P-1394: 09/03/2024 to 10/03/2024

Objectives:

The Seminar aims to enhance and leverage the understanding of the participant judges in the dialogue relating to criminal law and administration of criminal justice system and its intricate dynamics. The focus of the seminar is to assess the functioning of the crucial components of criminal justice administration i.e. law enforcement agencies, prosecution and judiciary including the challenges involved in the administration of justice in India with an effort to evolve strategies for a more effective mechanism for better administration. The discussions would explore the various components of criminal justice administration including elements of fair trial, presumption of innocence, burden of proof, appreciation of evidence, framing of charge, rights of accused and victim. The seminar would provide an indepth study of the legal requirements and problems associated with the administration of criminal justice agencies, including enforcement, prosecution, adjudication, and corrections while expounding that fair trial guarantees must not lose sight of and a fine balance is required to be maintained between the interests of various stakeholders.

- Fair Trial Presumption of Innocence & Burden of Proof
- Framing of Charge
- Appreciation of Evidence
- Victim in the Criminal Justice System
- Criminal Trial of Person of Unsound Mind: Mental Health Act, 2017
- Malafide Prosecution

NATIONAL SEMINARS ON CYBER CRIME AND ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE

Participants to be Nominated

District Judiciary

Programme Number & Date

P-1348: 22/07/2023 to 23/07/2023 P-1401: 20/04/2024 to 21/04/2024

Objectives:

One of the greatest challenges before the judiciary is to keep abreast with the exponential celerity in technological change. Judicial (in)compatibility to deal with such cyber-enabled crimes, and the fragile and fractured standard operating investigative procedures to deal with such new-gen crimes, further vitiates the scenario disabling effective justice delivery. On one hand the quick advent of novel cybercrimes, and their mutating nature poses significant judicial challenges, while on the other hand the volatility of digital evidence and its enabling nature to worsen conventional crimes, making them more complex and difficult to prove. The objective of the course is to familiarize judges with the ever-expanding horizons of the cybercrimes alongside the complex legal issues involved therein. The seminar seeks to augment the knowledge of participant judges about the *modus operandi* of cybercrimes, potential targets and emerging threats. The seminar would facilitate deliberations on jurisdictional issues; admissibility & appreciation of electronic evidence in the adjudication of cybercrime; examining the authenticity of digital evidence; contemporary issues *viz.* use of social media in offences involving threat to national security and more.

- Cyber Crime Emerging Trends, Modus, Motivations, Intentions, Threats
- Applicability of International Law including Treaties and Arrangements on the Subject-matter Regulatory Compliances and Conventions
- Jurisdictional Issues in Adjudication of Cybercrime
- Admissibility and Appreciation of Electronic Evidence
- Examining Authenticity of Digital Evidence (prospective threat from Generative AI)
- Scientific Evidence and Expert Testimony
- New Emerging Security Threats & Best Practices

WORKSHOP ON MEDICAL FORENSICS

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

District Judiciary

P-1353: 12/08/2023 to 13/08/2023

Objectives:

Understanding the probative value of forensic evidence to enable a fair and meticulous trial process is imperative. The workshop aims to sensitize the participants on medical forensic to qualitatively improve justice delivery. By tracing the footprints through historic evolution to the modern day technology, the workshop intends to apprise participants on constitutional, statutory and case law jurisprudence in both national and international arenas. The workshop intends to critically analyze and examine the bottlenecks and potential synergies of a coordinated functioning of the stakeholders to ensure an efficient justice delivery system. Additionally, the impact of technology i.e., artificial intelligence and machine learning on the present day forensic sciences would also be dwelt upon during the workshop.

- Fundamentals of Medical Forensic Law & Medical Negligence: Setting the Context
- Identifying Challenge and Culling out Best Practices
- Liabilities and Obligations in Transplantation of Human Organs: Scope and Limits
- Application of Judicial Mind to Evaluate Forensic Evidence: Judge as a Gate-Keeper
- Impact of Technology on Forensic Evidence
- Constitutional Guarantees
- Impact of Medical Forensic on Justice Delivery System
- Appreciation of DNA Evidence: Scope and Limitations
- Probative Value of Medical Forensic Evidence
- Role of Expert Evidence under Section 45 of IEA
- Concept of Forensic Toxicology
- Zoological & Botanic Investigation in Criminology
- Role of Technology in Modern Day Forensics
- Infrastructural and Resource Challenges of FSLs and its impact on Justice Delivery
- DNA Profiling

CONFERENCE ON MATRIMONIAL LAWS

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

District Judiciary

P-1392: 02/03/2024 to 03/03/2024

Objectives:

The conference intends to identify approaches for settling family disputes in addition to the role of judicial officers while addressing family law issues. Participant judges will share experiences on issues and concerns that ascend during family disputes and identify good practices for dealing with them expeditiously. The sessions would focus on matters related to psycho-social approach in family litigation, section 498A, IPC, and adjudication of custody and guardianship matters. Issues relating to NRI marriages & child custody, anticonversion laws will also form an integral part of the discourse.

- Psycho-Social Approach in Family Litigation
- Adjudication of Disputes relating to Marriage: Orders under PWDVA, Maintenance, Divorce, Section 498A IPC
- Intersection of Anti-Conversion Legislations and Laws Relating to Marriage
- Adjudication Custody and Guardianship
- Optimal Approaches for Adjudicating Family Disputes
- Recognition of Foreign Orders and Decrees
- NRI Marriages & Child Custody-Issues & Challenges



NATIONAL SEMINAR FOR PRESIDING OFFICERS OF PMIA COURTS

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

District Judiciary

P-1397: 30/03/2024 to 31/03/2024

Objectives:

The Seminar is designed with the objective of identifying the challenges that judges face in adjudicating money laundering cases and highlighting effective elements and best practices in the conduct of prosecution, conviction and confiscation. The course will provide an overview of the basics of money laundering process and the multifarious use of the proceeds of crime including terror financing. The participants will be provided a forum to discuss pertinent and topical issues relating to attachment of property, search and seizure, burden of proof, appreciation of evidence and the vexed question of bail under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 alongwith the analysis of relevant judgments. The impact and analysis of the recent decision of the Supreme Court in *Vijay Madanlal Choudhary v. Union of India* will also form part of the discourse.

- Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002: An Overview
- Burden of Proof and Appreciation of Evidence
- Vijay Madanlal Choudhary v. Union of India: Analysis and Impact
- Money Laundering: Concept and Modalities
- Bail under PMLA
- Search, Seizure & Attachment
- Trial by Special Court Issues and Challenges

WORKSHOP ON JUDGMENT WRITING

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

District Judiciary

P-1404: 27/04/2024 to 28/04/2024

Objectives:

The workshop has been designed to enhance the judgment writing skills of the participants by focusing on judicial reasoning and style of the judgement. The importance of clarity, coherence and brevity would also be focal point of discussion during the workshop. The workshop would emphasize on the appropriate language to be used in the judgments and orders with special stress on usage of gender sensitive language and avoidance of irrelevant and inappropriate remarks in the judgment. The workshop will provide a platform for judges to understand inner biases & prejudices and to avoid stereotyping in a judgment. The workshop will also emphasize on enhancing the skill of judges in writing reasoned orders and judgements which would enhance the public confidence in the judiciary and the rule of law.

- Structure of Judgment: Essential Elements
- Writing Style & Language
- Reasoning in Judgments
- Gender Sensitivity in Judgments and Orders
- Eliminating Bias & Prejudices and Judicial Stereotypes
- Art of Listening
- Application of Logical Principles in Judicial Reasoning

WORKSHOP ON WITNESS PROTECTION

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

District Judiciary

P-1385: 03/02/2024 to 04/02/2024

Objectives:

The workshop aims to acquaint the participants with the witness protection regime in India with special emphasis on the Witness Protection Scheme, 2018. The judges would be apprised with the procedural framework and modalities for protection of witnesses. It will include discussions on development of strategies for creating witness friendly courts and recording evidence of vulnerable witnesses in court proceedings. The topical issue of courtroom security will also be explored during the workshop. It will also provide a forum for participants to deliberate upon and share solutions for effective implementation of the Witness Protection Scheme, 2018.

- Witness Protection : An Overview
- The Modalities of Witness Protection Scheme, 2018
- Protection of Witnesses under Special Legislations
- Courtroom Security
- Examination of Vulnerable Witnesses
- Issues and Challenges in Effective Implementation of Witness Protection Measures



NATIONAL SEMINAR FOR PRESIDING OFFICERS OF NIA COURTS

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

District Judiciary

P-1383: 27/01/2024 to 28/01/2024

Objectives:

The Academy will be organizing a National Seminar of Presiding Officers of the NIA Courts. The seminar seeks to facilitate participant judges to comprehend the substantive and procedural aspects such as framing of appropriate charges, powers and procedure of NIA courts, investigation of scheduled offences, rigours of bail and remand, witness protection, among others while dealing with offences against national security along with the role of National Investigation Agency tasked to deal with instances of terrorism in India. The seminar aims to acquaint participant judges with the recent amendment to the National Investigation Agency Act and the issues involved therein. The evolving horizons and general principles of appreciation of electronic evidence shall be accentuated. The seminar will also focus on other relevant aspects including methods of effective court and case management while adjudicating upon offences against national security. An insight into handling high profile cases involving media pressure is intended to be shared and discussed. The seminar will also deal with the necessity of the relevant legislation to combat with the menace of organized crime impacting the integrity of the nation.

- Adjudicating Offences against National Security: Substantive and Procedural Aspects
 - + Framing appropriate Charges and ensuring Adequate Defense for the accused
 - + Investigation of Scheduled Offences: Scope & Limits
 - → Procedure and Powers of NIA Courts
 - + Rigours of Bail and Remand: Balancing Personal Liberty with National Interest
 - $+ \quad \text{Witness Protection: Safeguarding the Edifice of Administration of Justice}$
- Decoding the National Investigation Agency (Amendment) Act, 2019
- Electronic Evidence in NIA Cases: Evolving Horizons
- Measures and Tools for Effective Adjudication in Offences against National Security
- Managing Media in Adjudicating High Profile Cases

REFRESHER COURSE ON LAND ACQUISITION

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

District Judiciary

P-1368: 28/10/2023 to 29/10/2023

Objectives:

The objective of the course is to apprise participants about the latest development in the law relating to land acquisition. The sessions will involve discussion on the topics including amendments in the land acquisition laws, natural justice principles in acquisition process, determination of compensation and rehabilitation and resettlement of affected persons, continuity and lapse of acquisition proceedings, adjudication of offences & penalties under the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 and major challenges in adjudication of land acquisition disputes. The domain experts and eminent speakers will address participants in relevant areas and interactive mode of discussion will be followed for effective participation.

- Land Acquisition: Land Reforms and Amendments in Land Acquisition Laws
- Procedural Fairness and Natural Justice Principles in Acquisition
- Determination of Compensation and Rehabilitation and Resettlement of Affected Persons
- Continuity and Lapse of Acquisition Proceedings
- Adjudication of Offences & Penalties under the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013
- Major Challenges in Adjudication of Land Acquisition Disputes

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SENTENCING, PROBATION AND VICTIM COMPENSATION

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

District Judiciary

P-1381: 20/01/2024 to 21/01/2024

Objectives:

The seminar will focus on critical areas involving sentencing practices at the trial court level. The use of judicial discretion at the stage of sentencing requires balancing various factors and the seminar will involve deliberations on related issues. The seminar will address issues related to sentencing policy with reference to compoundable offences, offences involving death penalty, economic offences and sexual offences. The role of court in providing compensation to victims and reformation of offenders will also form part of the discussion. The domain experts and eminent speakers will address participants in relevant areas and interactive mode of discussion will be followed for effective participation.

- Sentencing Policy with Reference to Compoundable Offences
- Death Sentence: Aggravating & Mitigating Circumstances, Rarest of Rare Test.
- Sentencing in Economic Offences
- Sentencing in Sexual Offences
- Victim Compensation under Sections 357 & 357A, Cr.P.C., 1973
- Probation of Offenders
- Sentencing and Doctrine of Proportionality
 - + Traditional and Emerging Approaches to Sentencing
 - + Sentencing Parameters in Major Offences
 - + Judicious Approach in Determination of Quantum of Sentence
 - + Reparation: Compensation to Victim

WORKSHOP ON JUDICIAL ETHICS & BEHAVIOUR

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

District Judiciary

P-1377: 16/12/2023 to 17/12/2023

Objectives:

Judicial ethics as an arrangement of professional principles and as an institutional judicial apparatus is an essential part of court administration centered on the norm of selfregulation. Judicial ethics entails righteous action, demeanor, object, character of judges and what is befitting for them. Judicial ethics comprises of such principles which belong to the realm of the judiciary without regard to time or place and are attributable to the dispensation of justice. The workshop will focus on significant documents which serve as a guide to be perceived by judges, vital for an independent and strong judiciary, essential in the impartial administration of justice viz., Restatement of Values of Judicial Life adopted by the Chief Justices' Conference of India, 1999; the Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct, 2002, and the Oath of a Judge, as contained in the Third Schedule of the Constitution of India. Emphasis will also be placed on Nolan Principles of Public Administration, UN Convention against Corruption and State Public Civil Services Rules. Participants will be apprised of the ethical conundrums in judging and the significance of judicial conduct on and off the bench. The distinct challenges of judicial ethics in the digital age with special reference to social media and digital security will form an integral part of the discourse.

- Judicial Conduct on and off the Bench: Propriety, Competence & Integrity
- Ethical Conundrums in Judging
- Role of Judicial Ethics in Court Administration: Aspiration & Implementation
- National & International Standards of Judicial Ethics:
 - + Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct
 - + Nolan Principles of Public Administration
 - + UN Convention against Corruption
 - + State Public Civil Services Rules
- Judicial Ethics in Digital Age: Social Media & Digital Security

NATIONAL SEMINARS ON COMMERCIAL LAWS

Participants to be Nominated

District Judiciary

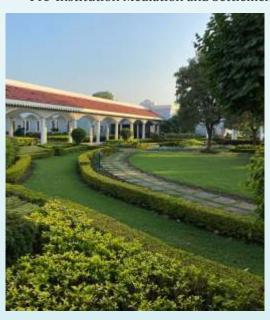
Programme Number & Date

P-1387 : 10/02/2024 to 11/02/2024 P-1406 : 04/05/2024 to 05/05/2024

Objectives:

The seminar aims to address the benefits and challenges under the Commercial Courts Act, 2015. The seminar would facilitate discussion on jurisdiction in respect of arbitration matters, enforcement of arbitral award and interpretation of construction & infrastructure contracts. The seminar will also involve discussions on pre-institution mediation and settlement along with the scope of jurisdiction of commercial courts and will strive to evolve strategies for speedy disposal of cases.

- Commercial Courts Act: Genesis, Benefits and Challenges
- Jurisdiction in respect of Arbitration Matters
- Enforcement of Arbitral Award
- Interpretation of Construction and Infrastructure Contracts
- Pre-Institution Mediation and Settlement





NATIONAL SEMINAR ON POCSO ACT, 2012

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

District Judiciary

P-1372: 18/11/2023 to 19/11/2023

Objectives:

Judges presiding over POCSO courts seem to face constraints in executing several provisions of the Act. The seminar is designed to facilitate discussions on issues related to recording & appreciation of evidence, presumption & burden of proof under the POCSO Act, evaluating child witness competencies, and rehabilitation and compensation for Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) victims. The seminar also aims to provide a platform for the POCSO judges to share experiences, insights and suggestions with resource persons on issues concerning adjudication under the POCSO Act, 2012.

The objective of the seminar is to acquaint participants with contemporary perspectives on sexual offences, victim protection, child-friendly court procedures, best interests of the child and the role of the POCSO courts.

- Evaluating Child Witness Competencies
- Re-managing the Courtroom for CSA Victims
- Appreciation of Evidence in CSA Cases
- Mandatory Reporting
- Shifting of Burden of Proof under Sections 29 & 30 of POCSO Act, 2012
- Evaluating Statement Recorded by Magistrates u/s 164 Cr.PC., 1973



NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES FOR DISTRICT FOR DISTRICT JUDICIARY

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

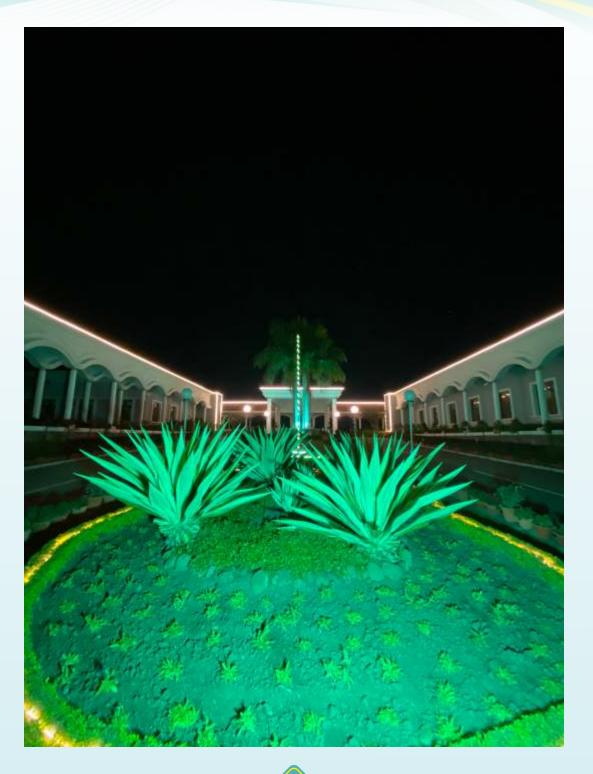
District Judiciary

P-1400: 13/04/2024 to 14/04/2024

Objectives:

The purpose of interpretation of statutes is not to limit the meaning of a statute or keep it within the parameters that a court may deem reasonable but rather to assist judges in comprehending the legislative intent. Interpretation of statute is undertaken by the judiciary in order to ensure certainty, clarity, consistency and brevity with respect to a particular statute or statutory provision. The Conference will be an aid to judges in comprehending the general principles of interpretation and various canons of construction for reliably interpreting statutes while dealing with the problem of ambiguity. The Conference would also seek to elucidate upon the doctrine of 'contextualism' as a modern approach to statutory interpretation which lends coherence to interpretative enterprise. The discussion would focus upon an array of issues such as role and approach of judges in interpretation of statutes and the discretion exercised therein while also dealing with the limits to be observed by the judiciary in encroaching upon the legislative field.

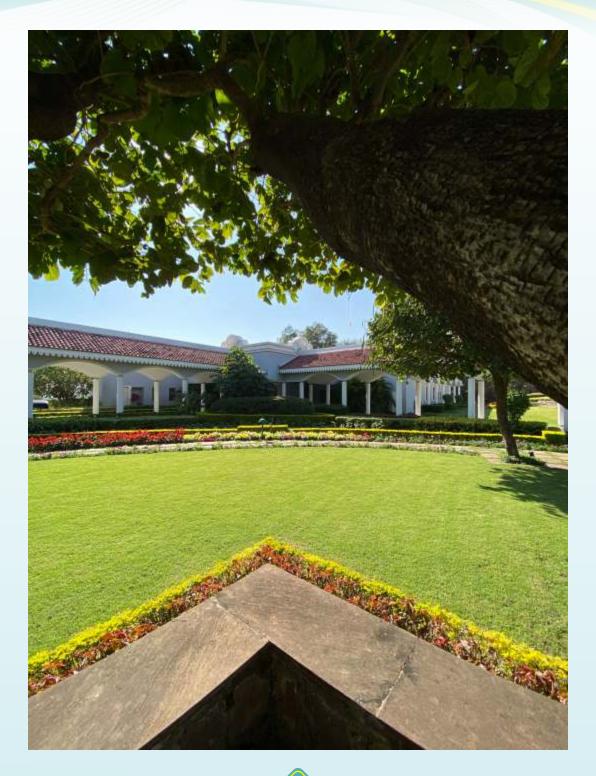
- Need for Interpretation
- Principle of Utility: Parts of Statute
- Law and Public Opinion and Law and Morality
- Commencement, Repeal, Revival of Statutes, Prospective and Retrospective Operation of Statute
- Definitions within the Statute and Internal and External Aids



CATEGORY IV

02

PROGRAMMES FOR STATE JUDICIAL ACADEMIES



TRAINING OF TRAINERS FOR HIGH COURT JUSTICES

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

High Court Justices

P-1403: 27/04/2024 to 28/04/2024

Objectives:

This ToT for the High Court Justices aims to focus on judicial education discourse pan India. It aims to facilitate an interactive session with the Judge's In-charge of the State Judicial Academy (SJA's) on the functions, training, and continuing education of judicial officers of their respective States. The programme focuses on the pedagogy of developing standard curricula, and exploring new training modules for adult learning. The objective of the programme is to ponder over the nuances and impediments to judicial education and to appreciate the contours of the learning needs of the judicial officers. The programme will provide an opportunity to identify and discuss best practices and share knowledge, skills, and experience for enhancing judicial education at SJA's. The similarities and differences at the level of organization, design, and dissemination would form part of the deliberations. The participant justices would be asked to present their ideas on structural innovations, syllabus improvisation, and impact evaluation. The programme will also discuss the proposed themes of the annual calendar of the SJA's.

- Framework for Judicial Education and Training
- Discussions and Development of Draft Training Modules, for SJA's
- 80:20 Policy of NJAC
- Management of State Judicial Academies (SJAs)
- Impact Assessment & Annual Audit of Training Programmes
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Infrastructure & Human Resource Development of SJA
- Recruitment of Faculty

TRAINING OF TRAINERS FOR STATE JUDICIAL ACADEMIES

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

Directors/Faculty Members of SJAs

P-1408: 18/05/2024 to 19/05/2024

Objectives:

This ToT aims to develop the training and teaching skills of faculties of SJAs. It aims to prepare judicial officers and faculty members who are posted at the SJAs on new techniques that are being developed for the dissemination of learning and best practices to the judges. The objective of the programme is to develop a standard framework for judicial training by structuring modern teaching principles and pedagogies with assistance drawn from the wide experience of domain experts. The programme aims to explore new training modules for maximizing learning processes. The training will facilitate discussions and sharing of information on principles of adult education and the organization of course content. There would also be deliberations on designing a curriculum for continuous training and review of judicial education. The sessions would facilitate the exchange of knowledge and dissemination of best practices available for enhancing the quality of judicial education.

- Training Needs Assessment
- Principles of Adult Education to Meet the Complex Demands of Judging
- Crafting Educational Objectives to Facilitate Selection & Organization of Course Content & Identifying Constraints Influencing the Design of Training
- Designing Curriculum for Continuous Training on Specialized Subjects
- Impact Assessment: Review of Judicial Training

CATEGORY V

08

REGIONAL CONFERENCES





REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Participants to be Nominated

Judges & Judicial Officers

Objectives:

The conference aims to provide a forum for exchange of knowledge, experiences and dissemination of best practices among participant justices and judicial officers under the respective High Court's

Programme Number & Date

P-1363: 30/09/2023 to 01/10/2023 P-1366: 21/10/2023 to 22/10/2023 P-1373: 25/11/2023 to 26/11/2023 P-1379: 13/01/2024 to 14/01/2024 P-1390: 24/02/2024 to 25/02/2024 P-1395: 16/03/2024 to 17/03/2024 P-1402: 20/04/2024 to 21/04/2024

P-1407: 11/05/2024 to 12/05/2024

jurisdiction. The conference is designed to promote a dialogue between participant judges amongst judicial hierarchies on themes including constitutional morality and contemporary constitutional trends, elements of judicial behaviour and judgment writing tools. The conference intends to focus on effective judicial governance through contemporary technological advancements including artificial intelligence, blockchain as well as information and communication technology in courts vis-à-vis e-courts project. The sessions will be delivered through andragogic practices including interactive and participative sessions.

- Constitutional Morality and Contemporary Constitutional Trends
- Elements of Judicial Behaviour
- Judgment Writing Tools
- Overview of E-Courts Project
- Emerging and Future Technology for Effective Judicial Governance







CATEGORY VI

16

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR OVERSEAS/FOREIGN JUDGES





TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR MALDIVES JUDGES AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS

Participants to be Nominated

Maldives Judicial Officers

Programme Number & Date

SE-09: 30/10/2023 to 02/11/2023 SE-16: 04/03/2024 to 07/03/2024

Objectives:

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Judicial Service Commission of the Maldives, the NJA would be organising training and capacity-building programs for Maldivian Judicial Officers in India. NJA aims to focus on judicial skills, constitutional, civil, criminal, and human rights laws in this four-day program to be held separately for two batches of Maldivian judicial officers. The program will also discuss judicial behavior- ethics, neutrality, professionalism, judging skills, and judgment writing. The milestone of the Indian Judiciary in the area of court & case management, the use of ICT in the administration of justice, and individual liberties will also be highlighted. Sessions on judicial productivity both qualitatively and quantitatively through the use of ADR, technology, and procedural innovations would also be shared and discussed.

- Overview and Architecture of Indian Constitutional Arrangement
- Indian Judiciary: Organizational Structure, Jurisdiction, and Approaches
- 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
- Judge the Master of the Court: Court Management & Case Management
- ICT and E-Judiciary: Indian Perspective
- Principle of Evidence: Appreciation in Civil and Criminal Cases
- Forensic Evidence in Civil and Criminal Trials; DNA profiling
- Electronic Evidence: New Horizons, Collection, Preservation, and Appreciation
- Laws of Interpretation

TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR BANGLADESH JUDGES AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS

Participants to be Nominated

Bangladesh Judicial Officers

Objectives:

Pursuant to the MOU between NJA and the Supreme Court of Bangladesh for the training of about 2000 officers from 2017 to 2023, NJA is organizing 7 training

Programme Number & Date

SE-03: 07/08/2023 to 11/08/2023 SE-04: 04/09/2023 to 08/09/2023 SE-07: 09/10/2023 to 13/10/2023 SE-10: 06/11/2023 to 10/11/2023 SE-14: 22/01/2024 to 26/01/2024 SE-15: 12/02/2024 to 16/02/2024 SE-17: 06/05/2024 to 10/05/2024

programmes for Bangladesh Judges and Judicial Officers in 2023-2024. The programme will provide an insight into the architecture of Indian constitutional arrangement, highlighting the constitutional vision of justice with its goals, roles, and vision of courts. The critical elements of judicial behavior *viz*. ethics, neutrality, and professionalism *sine qua non* to a judge's demeanor would be analysed. Sessions to hone judging skills, including effective listening, assimilating, drafting, and delivering quality judgments will also form part of the discussion.

- Overview of the Indian Constitutional Arrangement
- Judiciary in a Constitutional Democracy
- Constitutional Vision of Justice
- Elements of Judicial Behaviour: Ethics, Neutrality, and Professionalism
- Judging Skills: Art, Craft and Science of Drafting Judgments
- Ratio of a Precedent
- Principles of Evidence: Appreciation in Civil and Criminal Cases
- Electronic Evidence: New Horizons, Collection, Preservation and Appreciation
- Forensic Evidence in Civil and Criminal Trials
- Criminal Justice Administration and Human Rights
- Judge as the Master of the Court: Court & Case Management
- Re-engineering Judicial Processes through ICT
- Judiciary and Media: Need for Balance
- Landmark Judgments: Celebrating Decadal Masterpieces

TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR MYANMAR JUDGES AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS

Participants to be Nominated

Myanmar Judicial Officers

Programme Number & Date

SE-05: 18/09/2023 to 21/09/2023 SE-11: 04/12/2023 to 07/12/2023

Objectives:

A Memorandum of Understanding has been entered between the National Judicial Academy (NJA), India, and the Office of the Union Chief Justice (OUCJ), under the Supreme Court of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for organizing training and capacity building programs for Myanmar judges and judicial officers. For the year 2023-2024, it is proposed that two batches, each consisting of 40 judges and judicial officers nominated by Myanmar, will participate in a four days training program to be held at National Judicial Academy, Bhopal. The program will include sessions on judicial skills and behaviour, constitutional law, criminal justice administration, human rights laws, environmental law, principles of appreciation of evidence and correlative jurisprudence. The program also aims to acquaint participants with skills of judging and judgment writing. The programs will also facilitate discussions on court and case management and the use of ICT in the administration of justice.

- Constitutional Vision of Justice
- Elements of Judicial Behaviour: Ethics, Neutrality, and Professionalism
- Developing Efficient Judicial System: Court and Case Management
- Protection of Environment and Wildlife: The Judicial Approach
- Judiciary and Media: Need for Balance
- Elements of Fair, Impartial and Competent Investigation
- Principles of Evidence: Appreciation in Civil and Criminal Cases
- Electronic Evidence: New Horizons, Collection, Preservation, and Appreciation
- Forensic Evidence in Civil and Criminal Trials
- Transition to a Gender Just Society: Jurisprudential Developments
- Alternative Dispute Resolution

PROGRAMMES IN COLLABORATION WITH CEEU INSTITUTE / FEDERAL JUDICIAL CENTER (FJC) AT THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL ACADEMY (NJA)

Participants to be Nominated

Representatives from US, Bangladesh, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka along with other relevant experts will be invited

Programme Number & Date

SE-01: 02/09/2023 to 03/09/2023

INTERNATIONAL COUNTER TERRORISM (CT) SUMMIT-I

Objectives:

National Judicial Academy in collaboration with the Federal Judicial Centre, Washington D.C., CEELI Institute, Prague and the Bolch Judicial Institute, Duke University, Durham is organising the International Counterterrorism Summit -I at National Judicial Academy Bhopal as a judicial education initiative on counterterrorism. The Summit is proposed to be a forum for the representatives from India, Bangladesh, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka and the United States to engage in discussion on the issue of counterterrorism and judicial education and explore avenues for regional collaboration. The Summit aims to provide a forum for sharing of national experiences in dealing with terrorism cases and explore emerging legal issues. The discussions in the Summit will seek to identify effective adjudication practices and suggest strategies which can be adopted to tackle the legal and procedural challenges that arise in the adjudication of terrorism cases. The participants will interact with jurists and substantive experts in counterterrorism. The Summit will provide a forum for knowledge sharing and exchange, and will facilitate dialogue and international cooperation between the participant nations

- Educating Judges: India United States CT Initiative
- National Context and Experience: Adjudicating Terrorism Cases
- Applying the Lessons of the Hague Memorandum
- Terrorism Investigations: What Judges Need to Know
- Confidential Information/National Security Evidence
- Digital Evidence in Transnational Crimes

- Evidentiary Issues in a Transnational Context: Cyber-Enabled Terrorism
- Developing Practical Publications for Judge: The South Asia Regional Toolkit and CT Benchbook Initiative
- Artificial Intelligence: How Investigators Use AI to Counter Terrorism and How Terrorists Hijack Emerging Technologies
- Terrorism, Civil Liberties, and Judicial Independence
- Educating Judges: Knowledge, Skills, and Values
- Regional Cooperation and Learning





CYBERCRIME WORKSHOP I (PILOT)

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

Nomination as per CEELI Schedule

SE-06: 07/10/2023 to 08/10/2023

Objectives:

The NJA is organising a pilot workshop on the theme adjudicating cybercrime cases during Phase III of the multi stage project in collaboration with the CEELI Institute, Prague and the Federal Judicial Center, Washington D.C. This is in continuation of the three Training of Trainer (ToT) series programmes held at Berkeley, California (29 Nov - 3 Dec 2022), NJA Bhopal (21-22 Jan 2023) and CEELI Institute, Prague (5-9 June 2023). The eight judges who participated in the ToT series created a judicial cybercrime curriculum based on international good practices and Indian law. This new curriculum will be incorporated in this pilot workshop that is scheduled at the NJA in the academic calendar 2023-24. The eight Judges would now function as master trainers themselves and disseminate their experience and knowledge to a larger cross section of Indian judges dealing with cases involving Cybercrime and allied areas during this workshop. The purpose of the workshop is to sensitize judges to contemporaneous best practices for efficiently handling cybercrime cases.

- Overview of Cyber Crime
- Transnational Jurisdictional Issues over Cyber Crime
- Forensic Analysis
- Admissibility of Electronic Evidence
- Trial Management
- Cyber Enabled Human Trafficking
- Emerging Issues in Cybercrime
- Cyber Security: Strategies for the Courts

HUMAN TRAFFICKING WORKSHOP 4TH TOT

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

Nomination as per CEELI Schedule

SE-08: 14/10/2023 to 15/10/2023

Objectives:

The working group of selected participants will create a unique curriculum for judges on adjudication of human trafficking cases based on Indian law and international good practices. Formulated after continued discussion, feedback and exchanges with experts and educators for improving each individual session and curriculum on substantive human trafficking issues, this ToT will provide a platform to the working group to present their refined module to their peers. The workshop will be the culmination of the series of ToT workshops and a pilot workshop based upon this curriculum will be organized in the latter part of the year.

Subjects to be discussed during the sessions: [Individual Presentation & Feedback]

- Outline of the Judicial Initiative on Human Trafficking
- Overview of Human Trafficking
- Case Management
- Victim Centric Courts
- Evidentiary Challenges in Human Trafficking Cases
- Domestic Laws on Human Trafficking
- Human Trafficking: Transnational Legal Issues
- Cyber enabled Human Trafficking





HUMAN TRAFFICKING WORKSHOP I (PILOT)

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

Nomination as per CEELI Schedule

SE-12: 16/12/2023 to 17/12/2023

Objectives:

This pilot workshop will be the outcome of the ToT series on Human Trafficking. Subsequent to all the discussions and feedback received by each member of the working group the final curriculum will be presented by them in this pilot workshop.

- Outline of the Judicial Initiative on Human Trafficking
- Overview of Human Trafficking
- Case Management
- Victim Centric Courts
- Evidentiary Challenges in Human Trafficking Cases
- Domestic Laws on Human Trafficking
- Human Trafficking: Transnational Legal Issues
- Cyber enabled Human Trafficking



COUNTER TERRORISM WORKSHOP 3

Participants to be Nominated

Programme Number & Date

Nomination as per CEELI Schedule

SE-13: 16/12/2023 to 17/12/2023

Objective:

National Judicial Academy in collaboration with the Federal Judicial Center, Washington D.C. and the CEELI Institute, Prague is organising a workshop with the objective of disseminating good practices in the adjudication of terrorism cases. This workshop is the culmination of the Counterterrorism Project commenced in February 2022 which involved the capacity building of judges as master trainers, and the creation of a judicial counterterrorism curriculum. In this project, eight judges as master trainers were provided an insight into the nuanced issues involved in the adjudication of terrorism cases and best practices in this regard. The master trainers were guided by relevant domain experts in the development and creation of a curriculum on adjudication of terrorism cases and the modalities for dissemination of the same. The project involved the engagement of the master trainers in the development and refinement of the curriculum, and implementation of such curriculum through adult education strategies through a series of workshops. The outcome of this project would be the creation of relevant domain expertise in judges in the adjudication of terrorism cases.

- Fair Trial Rights in Terrorism Cases
- Anti-Terror Legislations: Evolution and Judicial Interpretation of the Substantive Provisions
- Framing of Charges in Terrorism Cases
- National Security & Management of Confidential Information
- Decoding the Binary of Digital Evidence
- Appreciation of Evidence in Terrorism Cases
- Case Management
- Providing Security to Stakeholders
- Transnational Issues in Terrorism Cases

PROGRAMMES IN COLLABORATION WITH CEEII INSTITUTE / FEDERAL JUDICIAL CENTER (FJC) AT THE STATE JUDICIAL ACADEMY (SJA)

CEELI Institute / Federal Judicial Center (FJC) / National Judicial Academy (NJA)								
1	SE-02	Counter Terrorism (CT) Workshop 2 (July 8-9, 2023) at JTRI, Lucknow (U.P.)						
2	SE-18	Cybercrime Workshop 2 (December 9-10, 2023) at Karnataka Judicial Academy, Bangalore						
3	SE-19	Cybercrime Workshop 3 (February 3-4, 2024) at Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, Chennai						
4	SE-20	Human Trafficking Workshop 2 (February 10-11, 2024) at Telangana State Judicial Academy, Secunderabad						
Phase III								
5	SE-21	Training of Trainers (ToT) 1, Group 1 (January 24-26, 2024) at Gujarat State Judicial Academy, Ahmedabad						
6	SE-22	Training of Trainers (ToT) 1, Group 2 (January 30 - February 1, 2024) at Rajasthan State Judicial Academy, Jodhpur						
7	SE-23	Training of Trainers (ToT) 2, Group 1 (March 20-22, 2024) at Kerala Judicial Academy, Kochi						
8	SE-24	Training of Trainers (ToT) 2, Group 2 (March 26-28, 2024) at Chandigarh Judicial Academy, Chandigarh						
9	SE-25	Training of Trainers (ToT) 3, Group 1 (May 1-3, 2024) at Jammu & Kashmir State Judicial Academy, Srinagar						
10	SE-26	Training of Trainers (ToT) 3, Group 2 (May 7-9, 2024) at Himachal Pradesh Judicial Academy, Shimla						
11	SE-	Faculty Development Training (June 11-13, 2024)						

SPECIAL EVENTS (SUBJECT TO APPROVAL)

(Final Dates / Venue of the following programmes will be declared later)

1	Conference of Supreme Court Justices on Review of Challenges in Judicial Governance (High Courts and District Judiciary)
2	Training of 20 Cambodian officers on Good Governance and Implementation of Civil Judgment Decisions
3	Training of 20 Cambodian officers on Good Governance and Implementation of Criminal Justice System.
4	Collaborative Programmes with Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) and similar Institutions.
5	Training Program for Foreign Judicial Officers on Request of ITEC
6	Training Program for Foreign Judicial Officers on Request of KENYA
7	Training Program for Foreign Judicial Officers on Request of UK
8	Training Program for Foreign Judicial Officers on Request of MOZAMBIQUE
9	Collaboration with BOLCH Judicial Institute at Duke University School of Law
10-11	Training Programme for Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Officers - 2 Nos.
12	Gender Sensitization Workshop in collaboration with National Commission for Women (NCW)
13	IPR Awareness Programme in collaboration with Cell for IPR Promotion and Management (CIPAM)
14	Training Programme for Presiding Officers / Chairman of Industrial Court / Industrial Tribunal
15	Training Programme for the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA)
16	Training Programme for the Debts Recovery Tribunals (DRTs)
17	Training Programme for the Customs Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT)
18	National Seminar for Members of Central Administrative Tribunals (CAT)
19	Trainings for any other Tribunal, Regulatory or Adjudicatory Bodies
20	Collaborative Programmes with NIMHANS and similar Institutions.























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