

National Judicial Academy

P-1279: National Seminar for Principal District and Sessions Judges on ICT Reforms for Effective Administration of Courts

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No. of Participants : 40

No. of forms received : 25

I. OVERALL				
PROPOSITION	To a great extent	To some extent	Not at all	Remarks
a. The objective of the Program was clear to me	92.00	8.00	-	4. To use of technology. 7. Very clear. 13. Such programme should be arranged frequently. 14. Excellent object. 19. Understood the objective of the trainings.
b. The subject matter of the program is useful and relevant to my work	88.00	12.00	-	4. Each & every session is relevant & very much useful to easy the court. 7. Very useful and relevant. 13. Highly relevant and fulfils the need of the hour. 14. Subject matter for procedure aspect in very good. 19. Subject matter chosen are very much useful and relevant.
c. Overall, I got benefited from attending this program	88.00	12.00	-	4. Yes Excellent. 7. Largely benefitted. 13. I was benefited and share the same with my colleagues. 14. It has made me well equipped. 19. Highly benefited.
d. I will use the new learning, skills, ideas and knowledge in my work	80.00	20.00	-	7. All round working abilities in court will get a boost. 13. I will use. 14. Provided us something new learning to improve the skill, find out new ideas to implement and improve efficiency in intellectual digital technology. 19. Positively shall use the knowledge in my day to day judicial work. 24. Wonderful technique that I will use.
e. Adequate time and opportunity was provided to participants to share experiences	88.00	12.00	-	4. Sufficient time & opportunity gives for participants. 7. Interactions were resounding. 13. Yes. 14. We have benefited with moderate time & opportunity. It is an excellent online seminar.
II. KNOWLEDGE				
PROPOSITION	To a great extent	To some extent	Not at all	Remarks

The program provided knowledge (or provided links / references to knowledge) which is:				
a. Useful to my work	80.00	20.00	-	7. Immensely useful. 13. Useful. 14. Benefited by this “need of the days fulfilling programme” during computerized era. 19. Very much useful.
b. Comprehensive (relevant case laws, national laws, leading text / articles / comments by jurists)	64.00	36.00	-	7. Comments of resource persons were beneficial. 13. Comprehensive. 14. Benefited by this “need of the days fulfilling programme” during computerized era. 19. Highly comprehensive.
c. Up to date	88.00	12.00	-	7. Practical in nature. 14. Benefited by this “need of the days fulfilling programme” during computerized era. 19. Very much up to date.
d. Related to Constitutional Vision of Justice	66.67	33.33	-	13. Constitutional vision can be upheld form taking help of the technology. 14. Benefited by this “need of the days fulfilling programme” during computerized era. 19. Highly related to the constitutional vision of justice.
e. Related to International Legal Norms	72.00	28.00	-	2. After hearing Dr. Dory Reiling and Mr. Francesco Contini, I came to know that knowledge provided I related international norms. 7. Two foreign resource persons have shared their vast experience & almost benefits of participants. 14. Benefited by this “need of the days fulfilling programme” during computerized era. 19. Very much related to international legal norms.
III. STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAM				
PROPOSITION	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Remarks
a. The structure and sequence of the program was logical	92.00	8.00	-	7. Perfectly designed. 13. Sequence was food and interesting. 14. We the judicial officers have to adhere to the changing spear, maintaining the in built fundamental qualities intact, i.e. “Law” & “Justice” orientation schemes with human intelligence and values. 19. Structure and sequence of the programme in very much logical and I am highly benefited.
b. The program was an adequate combination of the following methodologies viz.				
(i) Case studies were relevant	60.00	40.00	-	2. Relevant but laborious and not on practical side.

				4. Technology. 13. Yes, It was relevant. 14. We the judicial officers have to adhere to the changing spear, maintaining the in built fundamental qualities intact, i.e. "Law" & "Justice" orientation schemes with human intelligence and values. 19. Very much relevant.
(ii) Interactive sessions were fruitful	96.00	4.00	-	4. Yes given every opportunity to all participants. 7. Very much beneficial. 13. Sessions were fruitful. 14. We the judicial officers have to adhere to the changing spear, maintaining the in built fundamental qualities intact, i.e. "Law" & "Justice" orientation schemes with human intelligence and values. 19. Interactive session are very much relevant and fruitful.
(iii) Audio Visual Aids were beneficial	80.00	20.00	-	13. Beneficial. 14. We the judicial officers have to adhere to the changing spear, maintaining the in built fundamental qualities intact, i.e. "Law" & "Justice" orientation schemes with human intelligence and values. 19. As a whole the programme in very much benefited to us.

IV SESSIONS WISE VETTING

Parameters

Session	Discussions in individual sessions were effectively organized		The Session theme was adequately addressed by the Resource Persons	
	Effective and Useful	Satisfactory	Effective and Useful	Satisfactory
1	92.00	8.00	100.00	-
2	92.00	8.00	90.91	9.09
3	92.00	8.00	95.45	4.55
4	92.00	8.00	100.00	-

V. PROGRAM MATERIALS

PROPOSITION	To a great extent	To some extent	Not at all	Remarks
a. The Program material is useful and relevant	88.00	12.00	-	2. Material is laborious. If possible, it is necessary to reduce to the extent of practical use. 7. Well provide good inputs to improve working in courts. 13. The material was informative and useful. 14. Made us well equipped & skill building ideas to be developed in the relevant field in judicial system.

				19. Very much useful and relevant.
b. The content was updated. It reflected recent case laws/ current thinking/ research/ policy in the discussed area	84.00	16.00	-	7. Discussions were practically oriented with part happenings. 13. It reflected current thinking. 14. Made us well equipped & skill building ideas to be developed in the relevant field in judicial system. 19. Upgrades contents.
c. The content was organized and easy to follow	76.00	24.00	-	7. Very easy to follow. 13. It was easy to follow. 14. Made us well equipped & skill building ideas to be developed in the relevant field in judicial system. 19. Very much organized and easy to follow. 24. Presented in a clear & engaging way.

VIII. GENERAL SUGGESTIONS

1. Three most important learning achievements of this Programme	<p>1. New domain of IT was discovered which was unseen so far.</p> <p>2. 1. During his lecture, Justice R.C. Chavan told that if the entire case data is digitalised, it is easy to send the digitalised case record to another court and to avoid the delay. At least in district level, pleadings, documents and evidence are digitalized, whenever appeal intimations are received, immediately, the digitalized data could be sent to appellate courts to meet urgency and appellate courts need not wait for trial court record.</p> <p>2. During course of his lecture, Justice Talwant Singh told that by reason of digitalization of records and the data, Principal District Judge can easily identify the old cases and can monitor the progress weekly basis. I instructed the staff of e courts to furnish the data of top 10 oldest matters pending in each court and he furnished the data. I will follow this procedure. It is very useful to monitor the progress in old matters; 3. During course of his lecture, Justice R.C. Chavan advised principal District Judges to take hard cases and dispose them instead of sending them to other additional district courts. It is a good suggestion. If the Principal District Judges follow the same instead of sending hard cases to other Additional District Courts in the unit it would convey positive signs towards the District judge and he can confidently instruct others to do work.</p> <p>3. Nil.</p> <p>4. There is lot more to learn on technology.</p> <p>5. 1. I came to know about the technological development in the field of judging; 2. I came to know about the application of technology to daily activities; 3. I came to know about the developments in other countries/states and learnt how these can be applied in my court to expedite the justice delivery system.</p> <p>6. Learnt new ideas as to how ICJS is going to help us in future in conducting trials. Learnt new ideas about e-filing and paperless courts. Learnt about work on artificial intelligence being done in developed countries as well as in India, in the legal field.</p> <p>7. Every aspect of programme was important, so cannot, choose any specific good knowledge was provided.</p> <p>8. Safeguarding institutional integrity from cyber-attacks; Paperless court and hybrid hearings; Artificial intelligence, online dispute resolution and virtual courts.</p>
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	<p>9. 1. How to go about for achieving paper less court; 2. I came to know about effective implementation of court globally; 3. What are pros and cons of artificial intelligence?</p> <p>10. Cyber-crime.</p> <p>11. From the programme I have been encouraged to encourage the judicial officers working under me to be proactive for paperless court work and to motivate them to maintain the decorum and follow the core principle of criminal as well as civil law in the hybrid hearing.</p> <p>12. There should be discussion on manpower planning for ICT programme implementation.</p> <p>13. 1. The knowledge about artificial intelligence; 2. The information about application of technology in judicial work in Europe and other countries; 3. The information about the dangers of over dependence on technology in the justice delivery system.</p> <p>14. 1. Enlightened different facets of intellectual developments through ICT; 2. Technic to improve skills for timely dispensation of justice, adhering to human values & human intelligence, and digitization in the procedural aspects; 3. A better communication/platform to share thoughts and discussion to resolve the needful, for effective administration of courts through ICT reforms.</p> <p>15. 1. Use of ICT in court functioning; 2. Paperless court; 3. Artificial intelligence in the administration of justice.</p> <p>16. 1. In court functioning we should reduce the use of paper and for that e-filing should be encouraged; 2. Data protection should be safeguarded sincerely and for that purpose assistance of existing junior system analyst and system assistants should be utilized more and more; 3. Artificial intelligence is the need of time and is also stepping in the door of judiciary and we should be prepared for that, because machine cannot develops understanding rather human.</p> <p>17. How to be safe, How to use the technology and start use of technology at least in our court of district.</p> <p>18. None.</p> <p>19. None.</p> <p>20. 1. New features of the justice App, the e-filing and CIS; 2. Best practices adopted regarding the cases from the stage of e-filing, till hearing of the case in court, in European countries; 3. Some aspects of the artificial intelligence which can help judiciary in fast tracking the cases.</p> <p>21. Effective use of mobile, court management and AI and it's use in judiciary.</p> <p>22. The need for sensitization of the stakeholders to understand that ICT reforms is much required in the judicial system; The concept of AI in Justice Dispensation; The importance of data protection not only in the court system but also in our personal lives.</p> <p>23. 1. Broaden our outlook and perspective regarding functioning of Courts. 2. Paperless Court & hybrid hearing will ensure transparency as well as bring accountability & efficiency in functioning of Courts.</p> <p>24. Clearly regarding visual hearings. Innovative adjustments for Indian judiciary adoption of work from home technologies.</p> <p>25. 1. This is high time to accomplish with digitalization of most of the judicial process; 2. We have to go step by step firstly encourage as advocate to file their cases through, e-filing and secondly use VC for recording of evidence in certain cases.</p>
<p>2. Which part of the Programme did</p>	<p>1. All the four sessions were useful.</p>

<p>you find most useful and why</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. First session is more useful as this session covers the ground level requirements. 3. None. 4. Dr. Dory Reiling, shared excellent experiences well & wide. 5. Every. 6. Session 1: Integration of ICT in Indian Judiciary: An Overview and Paperless Courts and Hybrid Hearings: Challenges and Solutions. 7. All sessions were immensely useful, because of practical approach, concerning ground relation, in which participants discharge their duties. 8. Paperless court and hybrid hearings; As it is a necessity of the coming future. 9. Session 4: Expansion of ICT enablement- Artificial Intelligence, Online Dispute Resolution and Virtual Courts – to me was very useful and interesting because artificial intelligence, online dispute resolution & virtual court is the future of Indian judiciary. 10. Virtual courts. 11. Session 3: Safeguarding Institutional Integrity from Cyber Attacks: Diagnosis, Prognosis & Panacea – As in the said session I learnt how to safeguard the integrity/confidentiality of the court proceedings as now a days there is every chance of cyberattack at any time. 12. All is future of ICT hence it was interesting and useful. 13. The presentation by the international scholars because we hardly had much ideas about the functioning in the foreign countries. 14. Session 3: Safeguarding Institutional Integrity from Cyber Attacks: Diagnosis, Prognosis & Panacea and Session 4: Expansion of ICT enablement- Artificial Intelligence, Online Dispute Resolution and Virtual Courts – the sessions little bit. Because, most of the aspects enlightened about user & human intellect while deciding the matter/case judiciously. 15. All. 16. Expansion of ICT enablement – artificial intelligence, online dispute resolution and virtual courts. 17. All parts were useful because of relevant and important topics. 18. Digitalization of judiciary. 19. None. 20. Entire. 21. Compatibility of AI in delivering of judgement. 22. The need for data storage and protection, as it would be a very vital aspect to be taken care of once the system fully switches on to digital or paperless courts and procedures. 23. The programme on Paperless Court and Hybrid Hearings, Challenges and Solutions was most useful as it can be implemented in day to day court work for quick disposal of cases. 24. Paperless courts & hybrid hearings because it is most important for the current situation due to COVID-19. 25. Session 1: Integration of ICT in Indian Judiciary: An Overview and Paperless Courts and Hybrid Hearings: Challenges and Solutions- was most useful because of directly concerned with court/judicial process.
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<p>3. Does the programme need further modulations or change</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. None. 2. It is better to introduce the subjects which are practically useful in ground level and not the topics on general discussions. At present, it is very easy to get data by using internet. Discussion on application and use of data is necessary. 3. None. 4. Comparative study of country wide about use the technology. 5. No. 6. Yes, the technical team manning the server and CIS at district level can also be included as participants. 7. Not right now. 8. The programme is sufficient. 9. I hope in future in place of online mode, offline mode will be more effective. 10. No. 11. I think in phase wise the judicial officers across the country should be provided with this training by the seminars organized by NJA. 12. ICT workshop frequency should be increased. 13. The programme can be organized by giving access to larger number of participants through video conference. 14. To some extent. 15. No. 16. It should be more practical and language should be more easy to understand this type of technical learning. 17. Physical programme shall be more effective and beneficial. 18. In the case of programme in which technology aspects more time will be benefited to understand. 19. Programme in effectively modeled Physical programmer is more useful then visual. 20. No. 21. Yes. 22. Brainstorming type of group discussion with practical problems may be included. 23. Practical training regarding Artificial intelligence will enhance productivity. 24. For me, it was just perfect a very informative & valuable workshop. 25. None.
<p>4. Kindly make any suggestions you may have on how NJA may serve you better and make its programmes more effective</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. None. 2. It is better to introduce the subjects which are practically useful in ground level and not the topics on general discussions. At present, it is very easy to get data by using internet. Discussion on application and use of data is necessary. It is necessary to reduce the study material. As the study material is laborious, generally not able to go through the material unless he/she is an academician or having a problem on hand on a particular aspect. 3. None. 4. All programme are effective & very much useful.

5. 1. The programme code was changed at the last moment and it was difficult to join;
2. The audio video broke repeatedly during the sessions breaking the flow of the programme. It should be improved.
6. Some resource person can be included from NIC for better understanding the technical aspects of ICT peculiar to Indian Courts.
7. No specific suggestion to be made.
8. The NJA should undertake more training sessions for the benefit of judicial officers.
9. No suggestion.
10. NJA has always its unique way of imparting knowledge in administration of justice.
11. The topics chosen for discussion in seminar was very needful and by that way through the resource persons I have been enlightened very much about the integration of ICT in administration & judicial proceedings. The undated softcopy materials in this regard may be provided to all the judicial officers of the country from NJA.
12. There should be training technical persons of district court either at NJA or under guidance of NJA.
13. With situation getting normal, programmes on physical mode may be arranged at NJA like before since such programmes can provide better platform for exchange of ideas and sharing of experiences in a more beneficial way.
14. Need of providing link & platform for discussion on the subject matter to achieve the objective of ICT reforms.
15. More of such training programmes may be organized in state level also.
16. This type of programme should be repeatedly organized every now and then.
17. Physical training should be started as early as possible with proper covid protocols.
18. If participants are provided with materials which can update their knowledge in the area where trainings impacted, it will be a boon do them.
19. Physical programme be organized and it would very much beneficial to the participant.
20. The programmes conducted are effective.
21. More practical training for participants.
22. For more effective analysis, objective queries in the form of Q&A on the relevant topics may be circulated to the participants beforehand, so that the content of the programme may be discussed keeping in view the ground responses from the participants.
23. This type of Online training programme may be arranged frequently for learning and discussion of the new topics. It is requested to kindly share the recording copy of the programme to every participant who have joined in the training sessions for further reference.
24. Provide basic infrastructure facilities like internet connection to small subordinate courts. Then only these workshops will be fruitful.
25. None.