



**EFFECTIVE TOOLS,  
TECHNIQUES AND  
BEST PRACTICE FOR  
IMPARTING  
JUDICIAL  
EDUCATION AND  
JUDICIAL CAPACITY  
BUILDING**

# CORE VALUES



Enhancing  
public trust



Access to Court



Adherence to Court  
values



Expeditionusness ,  
efficiency and  
efficacy

# TOOLS

- Cooperative or collaborative learning method
- Evaluation of judicial education needs
- Experiential learning
- Open minded approach in facilitating judicial education.
- Capacity building through reflective supervision
- De-siloisation
- Adoption of andragogy approach
- Moving towards heutagogy, self determined learning
- Qualitative enhancement of faculty





Incentivizing judicial education

Mandatory capacity building for all

Going beyond performance evaluation through judgments

Hub-spoke approach with judicial academy as hub and district level monitoring for identification of capacity building needs

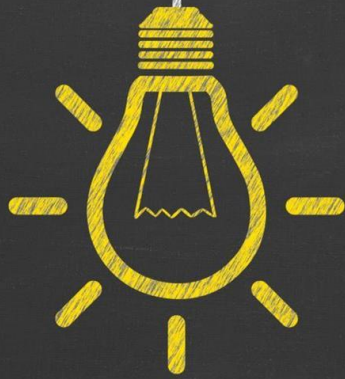
Judicial mentoring at all levels

# Continuing judicial education programme

redefining  
Seniority cum  
merit







# INCENTIVISING JUDICIAL EDUCATION

## Outcomes

- Focused and need based participation
- Competency enhancement
- Flexible learning process
- Measurable learning outcomes



# CLASSIFICATION OF PROGRAMMES



- Judicial Education programmes to be classified into
  - Mandatory and Optional programmes based on learning needs assessment
  - One-time, Long term learning objectives and short term learning objectives
  - Credit based, eLearning/distance learning/virtual reality learning/ metaverse learning programmes for flexibility
- Differential Credits to be assigned to each type of programme
- Separate credit points to be allocated to one time programmes, short term programmes, long term programmes, mandatory programmes and optional programmes.





# METHODOLOGY OF INCENTIVISATION

- All Judicial education programmes to be Credit based programmes.
- Certificates & Diplomas to be offered by State Judicial Academies to judicial officers and other stakeholders.
- Judicial Officers to have flexibility in attending programme.
- Minimum credit in each category of programme required for consideration for promotion from cadre to cadre and important postings.





### Programme Classification

- Based on relevance
  - Mandatory
  - Optional
- Based on learning objectives
  - **One-time learning**
    - Once in the term of holding a particular jurisdiction
  - Long term learning
    - Once in a cadre
  - Short term learning
    - Once in every year

### Regulated participant autonomy

- Choice of participant when to attend
- Optional programmes to be attended through elearning/ metaverse learning/distance programmes

### Differential credits

- Credit of programmes to depend on learning objectives
- Differential credit for short term, long term and one time programme

### Credit weighed promotion

- Credits to be factored in promotional avenues by including in service rules

# STEPS IN INCENTIVIZATION OF JUDICIAL EDUCATION





# MANDATORY CAPACITY BUILDING

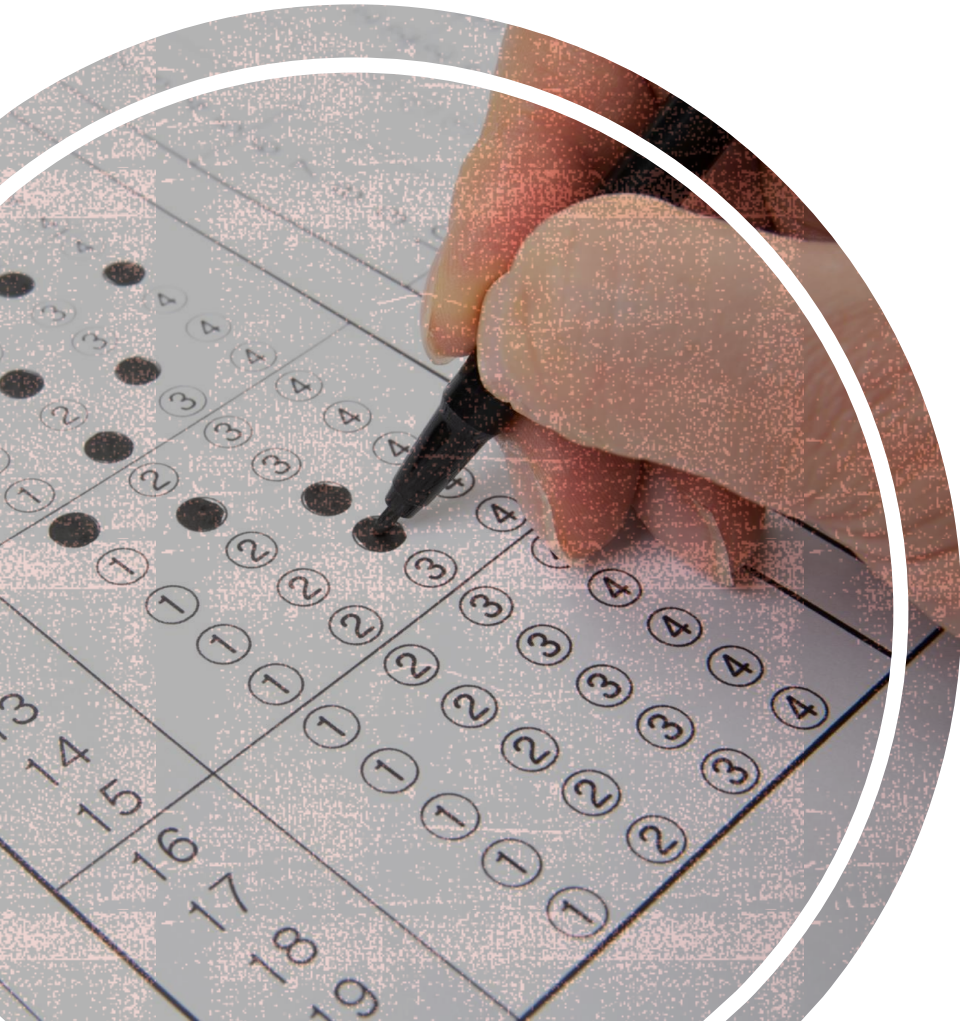
- Every person require periodic re-equipment of knowledge, skills and attitude
- Capacity building exercises to be done for judicial officers and non-judicial officers in the district judiciary.
- Revitalization of judiciary and enhancing public confidence require such periodic exercises
- Non judicial officers to be trained to deal with public with service mentality, with mindfulness.
- State judicial academies to be hub for mandatory capacity building exercises.



- Self assessment of needs
- Identification by state judicial academies based on recommendation of controlling authorities
- Hub-spoke approach for identification of capacity building needs.
- SJA-Hub & District judges-spoke

## **Identification of capacity building needs**





# EVALUATION OF JUDICIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMES



# PROCESS & METHODOLOGY

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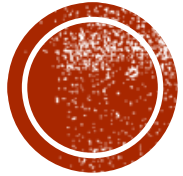
Outcome of all programmes to be measurable

Evaluation to be done based on:

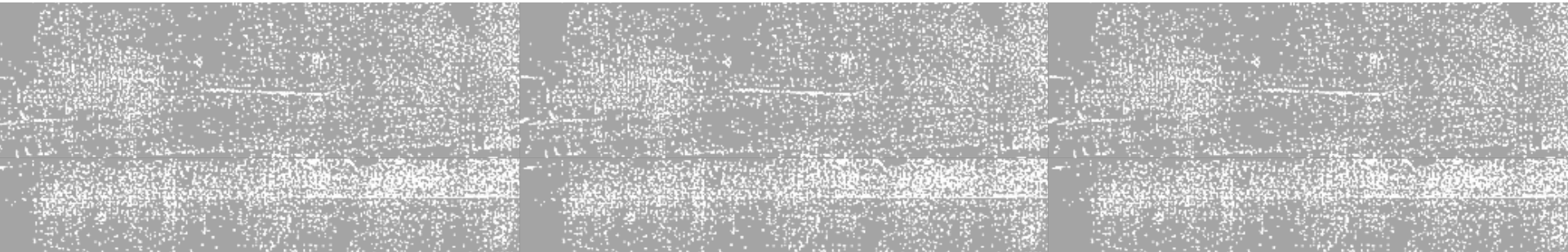
- Short term assessment
  - Through short online quizzes conducted immediately after the programme – along with feedback
- Medium term assessment and
  - Through a learning outcome self evaluation by the participant after one month of attending the programme.
- Long term assessment
  - Through evaluation of learning assimilation by immediate reporting authorities, based on identifiable parameters, such as quality of orders.







# Going beyond performance evaluation



# Agenda FOR REORIENTATION

Inclusion of modern concepts into curriculum

## Curriculum reform



## Training to Capacity building

Conceptual evolution monologic lectures to experiential learning, recognizing the role of academy as knowledge and skill facilitator

Participants would get the autonomy in choice of programmes subject practical realities

## Participant autonomy



## From Pedagogy to andragogy

Paradigm shift from child education methods to adult education methods

SJA's should evolve as judicial education and research leaders by conducting Short/medium term certificate/diploma/degree courses

## Stand alone courses



## Technology leader

Academy as an early technology infuser and technology incubator, which will pre-soak the participants including Civil Judge (junior division) trainees about advances in technology and the software awaiting deployment.



## Research hub

SJA's as research hubs on judicial process and judicial education on its own and in collaboration with other SJA's, legal and non legal academic institutions in India and abroad



# Training to capacity building

- Judicial learning experience to move beyond rote learning and adapt innovative training methods.
- Shift of focus for imparting knowledge to participative learning
- Recognising the intrinsic worth of each officer, the judicial education programmes should focus on modulating the capacity of each individual to suit the institutional needs.
- Role of state judicial academies to move from passive training to active capacity building exercises



# CURRICULUM REFORMS

## ▪ **Modular syllabus design**

- Comprehensive content
- Pre-defined focus and outcome
- Focus on Experiential learning
- Modular short term and long term goal based programmes for all judicial officers
- Elearning and remote learning facilities in substantive law programmes

## Immersive learning techniques

- Improvement of Content and methodology
- Comprehensive approach
  - Substantive law
  - Procedural law
  - Case and court management
  - Practical tips
  - Modern andragogical tools





# ANDRAGOGY TO PEDAGOGY

(From tutorial and lectures to immersive learning techniques)

- Flipped classrooms (interaction based on pre-recorded video lectures)
- Simulation exercises
- Problem solving approach
- Case dissection
- Visual method
- Technology enabled learning-Metaverse learning/virtual reality learning/elearning programmes
- Gurukul approach



# FLIPPED CLASSROOM METHOD

- Pre-recorded videos on substantive law topics to be played to participants or made available online sufficiently early
- Participants to listen to videos and prepare
  - A brief note
  - Genuine doubts/clarifications required on watching the videos
- Faculty will address the genuine doubts/clarifications & if necessary faculty whose lectures are used shall be invited.



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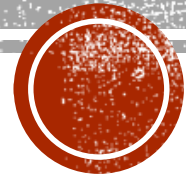
## Advantages

- Most effective method to reach more participants within short time.
- Quality of programme is assured.
- Flexible
- Updating knowledge is possible
- Reduced costs

## Disadvantages

- Quality of faculty and availability may affect quality
- Introvert participants may miss the opportunity to clarify their doubts.

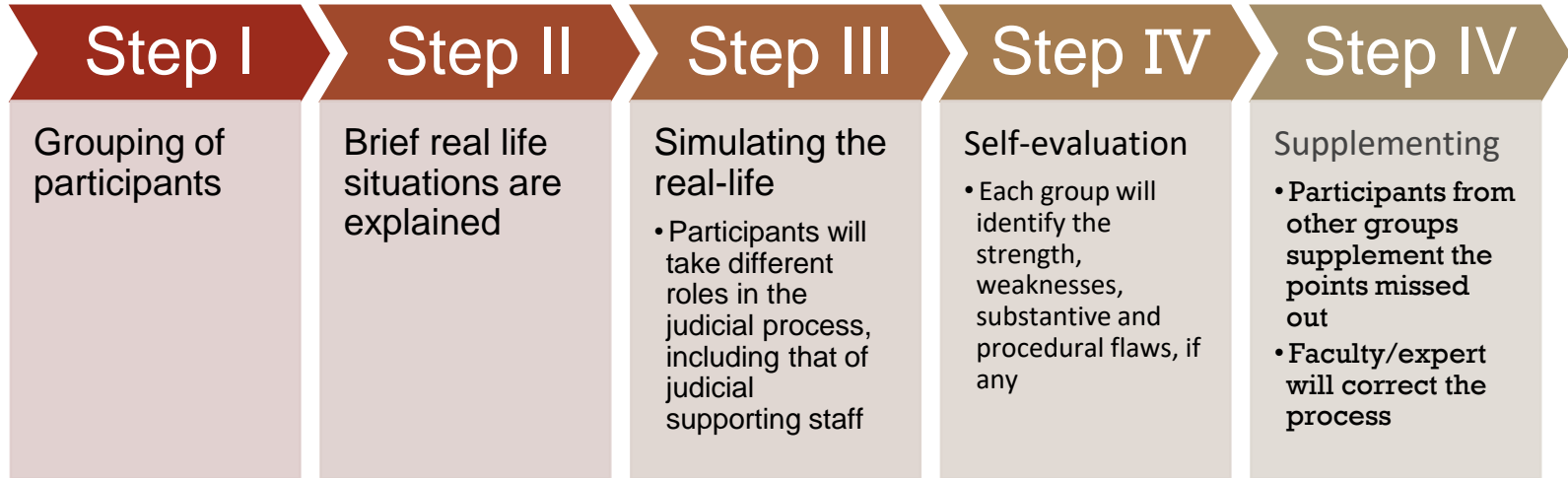
# SIMULATION EXERCISES





# METHODOLOGY OF SIMULATION

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# REQUIREMENTS

- Cooperative participants interested in the learning process
- Experienced faculty with practical experience of real life situations.
- Infrastructural facilities for simulation of real court experience including
- Virtual ambience-metaverse-Rooms with courtroom feeling
  - Case Management software



• Step 1



Problem must contain complex legal issues with intricate factual situations.

• Step 2



Problem should be distributed in advance to do it as homework.

• Step 3



Discussion focused on the problem and its practical solutions.

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- Enhancing analytical skills
- Problem solving approach

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## CASE DISSECTION

TRIAL JUDGMENT OF CASE  
WRITING JUDGMENTS IN APPEAL  
IN BOTH WAY  
TRAINEE MUST BE ASKED TO  
DISSECT JUDGMENTS FACTUALLY  
AND ON LEGAL GROUND



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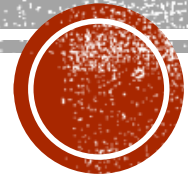
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# TECHNOLOGY ENABLED LEARNING PROGRAMMES





# METAVEVERSE LEARNING

- Virtual reality to be employed learning process
- Gamification of scenarios to build perspectives
- Virtually simulated court experience





# ELEARNING PROGRAMMES

- Outcome based eLearning programmes to be introduced
- Participants can enroll and complete eLearning programmes at their convenience
- Assessment of learning – through end-of-module and end-of-learning tests.
- Credit to be assigned on completion and not scores obtained in the completion of tests.
- Ceiling on maximum earnable credit for technology enabled programmes.





# VISUAL METHOD



# METHODOLOGY OF VISUAL METHOD

**Step I** – A real case which has been finally disposed after all levels of appeal will be identified

**Step II**- All case records during trial stage and appellate stage will be obtained

**Step III**- Identification of participants- ideally all stakeholders in the process should be roped in

**Step IV**- Participants are required to identify irregularities, flaws and how to rectify these flaws

**Step V**-A visual simulation of the case is shown to the participants

**Step VI**- Real life players will discuss the challenges they faced while handling the real case

**Step VII**- The participants will discuss, segment by segment, the irregularities, lacunae, opportunities for improvement and standard operating procedure, if any

**Step VIII**- Subject experts will opine on the views of participants and suggest corrective measures

**Step IX**- Compilation and dissemination of the findings, especially the rectification of identified flaws and lacunae.



Visual Workshop conducted at Kerala Judicial Academy

**JOINT VISUAL WORKSHOP  
FOR  
JUDGES, PROSECUTORS,  
DEFENCE COUNSEL AND  
INVESTIGATORS**



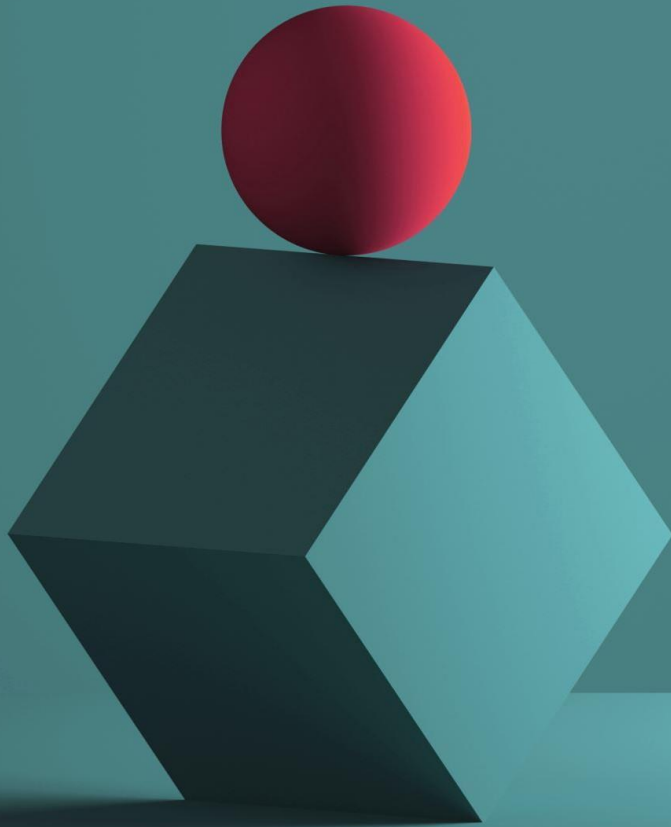




# GURUKAL METHOD

- SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR PERSPECTIVE MODULATION
- 7-15 DAY'S PROGRAMME
- STRONG EMPHASIS ON CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT, MORAL VALUES, NEUTRAL VALUES , ETHICS AND DISCIPLINE
- TOPICS OTHER THAN LAW , SUCH AS ECONOMICS, POLITICS , PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION, TECHNOLOGY ETC
- SESSION SHOULD START EARLY MORNING WITH YOGA PRACTICES AND SHOULD CONTAIN ANGER MANAGEMENT, LEARNING SKILLS ON EMPATHY, COMMUNICATION SKILLS, ENHANCING EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE,
- AFTERNOON 2 TO 4 REST  
4 TO 6 SPORT AFTER 7 TO 9 OR CULTURAL ENGAGEMENTS





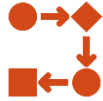
## **GURUKUL (CONTD)**

- **EXPERIMENTAL LEARNING**
- **REAL LIFE EXPERIENCES**
- **FOCUS ON INDIVIDUAL STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES**
- **ASSESSMENT OF INDIVIDUALS**
- **SINGLE FACULTY PROGRAMME**





mock trial



Trial and  
procedure ,



Issues arising  
from procedure

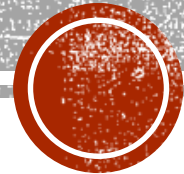


Issues related to  
evidence



Analysing a trial  
through visuals

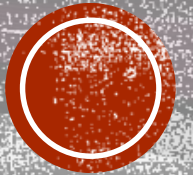
MOCK  
TRIAL





## Individual skills

- Enhancing skills
- Short orders
- Public speaking







# **PARTICIPANT AUTONOMY**

- **Controlled selection of programmes by each participant.**
  - **Primary choice with the participant whether to participate in each programme or not.**
  - **Every judicial officer to attend minimum capacity building programmes each year.**
  - **Non attendance of mandatory number will avoid from career progression considerations.**
  - **Continued learning programme credits for career Progression**





# **JUDICIAL ACADEMIES AS JUDICIAL TECH INCUBATION HUBS**

- IT Tools being developed by High Court IT and NIC or any other agency for judicial productivity can be tested and incubated in the SJA.

## **Advantages**

- Early judicial tech immersion
- Feedback regarding the tool and software for further tweaking and development







# CYBER FORENSIC LABS

All judicial  
academies to have  
fully equipped  
cyber forensic  
laboratories apart  
from other IT  
capacity  
development  
infrastructure





# ACADEMIC COLLABORATION

- Collaboration with other judicial education institutions inside and outside the country
  - Joint programmes and exchange programmes
  - Experience sharing
  - Resource sharing
  - Expertise sharing
- Collaboration with legal academia
  - Research collaboration- focused collaborative research on judicial education outcomes and judicial processes
  - Joint programmes
- Collaboration with non-legal academia
  - Academic and research focus on judicial technology and other non-legal subjects relevant to judicial process
  - Interdisciplinary cooperation





# JUDICIAL ACADEMIES AS RESEARCH HUBS

Interdisciplinary cooperation with academic and research institutions in areas of judicial work including but not limited to:

- Development of tools for judicial work and their deployment
- Optimum use of resources
- Creating a pool of resources helpful for judges
- Work management including caseload management
- Appropriate use of Judicial technology
- Court management techniques





# JUDICIAL MENTORING



- Certain amount of handholding is essential for development of judicial skills and healthy attitude at all levels of judicial life.
- Judicial Academies to grow beyond institutional support by ensuring institutional support for new entrants.
- Active monitoring of mentoring process by:
  - State Judicial Academy
  - District judge
  - Peer Group formed in each district



# Structure of institutional mentoring

- One year structured mentoring programme with four phases
  - Intense mentoring - day to day active interaction & intervention
  - Active mentoring - regular interaction & need based intervention
  - Passive mentoring - need based interaction
  - Transformation - Mentee to become self-reliant



# Qualitative enhancement of regular faculty

- Judicial education skills of the directors at all levels and regular faculty of the state judicial academies to be updated by
  - Faculty development programmes conducted by NJA
  - Faculty exchange programmes between state judicial academies and other judicial education institutions in India and abroad.
  - Short duration fellowship and vistorship programmes in judicial education institutions outside India



# Existing initiatives of Kerala Judicial Academy

- Judicial mentoring has been implemented since 2021 for Civil Judge (Junior Division).
  - Detailed manual for judicial mentoring available in KJA website
- Joint Visual Workshop on Criminal Justice System conducted on 22.03.2024 & 23.03.2024.
- Modular syllabus applying andragogic methodology being implemented with simulation exercises





