

REPORT ON
NATIONAL ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR NEWLY APPOINTED
CIVIL JUDGES
(JUNIOR DIVISION) P-841
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The 07 days National Orientation Programme for Newly Appointed Civil Judges (Jr. Division), second one in the series of 06 programmes, was held at National Judicial Academy from Friday 12th September to Thursday 18th September 2014. Around fifty six Judges from across the country participated in this programme.

While the higher judiciary is the face of the national judicial system in international circles, district judiciary is face of justice and the judiciary for the common man of this country. It is the judges at the lowest tier in the judicial hierarchy who are the backbone of the judicial system and have to bear the burden of major bulk of litigation.

This programme was aimed at capacity-building of judicial officers at the lowest rung of judiciary - civil judges (junior division). Catching them young, a programme for junior division judges provides an opportunity to young judicial officers to share experiences and views with judges from across the country in the beginning of their careers. This programme aimed to facilitate better appreciation of the role and responsibilities of judicial officers as members of independent judiciary in a constitutional democracy.

The programme was structured on the following themes & topics :

- 1. State of Justice Delivery System in India: Reflection by Judges**
- 2. Identifying Features of a Model Judicial System**
- 3. Nature of Criminal Justice System in India**
- 4. Role of Magistrates in Pre-Trial Stage**
- 5. Fundamentals of Fair Trial**
- 6. Dealing with Guilty and Compensation to Victims**
- 7. Civil Litigation: Dealing with Procedural Issues**
- 8. Civil Litigation: Interlocutory Orders**
- 9. Civil Litigation: Execution of Orders/Decrees**
- 10.ADR as a Tool for Timely Justice**

- 11.Role of Judges in Ensuring Gender Justice at Grassroots level:
Civil Remedies for Protecting Economic Rights of Women**
- 12.Role of Judges in Ensuring Gender Justice at Grassroots level:
Crimes against women: Response of Judiciary**
- 13.Understanding Disability**
- 14.Law & Disability**
- 15.Understanding *Ratio- Decedendi***
- 16.Simulation Exercise**
- 17.Judicial Reasoning**
- 18.Determining Juvenility**
- 19.Understanding Witness within Justice System**
- 20.Judge as a Leader of the Court**

On the topic on being a Judge in a Constitutional Democracy was well explained by the Director of NJA. Thereafter, the topic relating to State of Justice Delivery System in India: Reflection by Judges was discussed and deliberated through interactive discussions.

The programme was addressed by 15 eminent and prominent law luminaries from across the country as resource persons including internal faculty members of NJA.
