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MISSION

The mission of any continuing judicial education is to improve the quality of judicial performance by helping judges to acquire the tools for professional competence. The concept of competence illuminates the issue of what makes a good Judge. It includes mastery of theoretical knowledge, developing problem-solving capacity, conceptualising the judicial mission, maintaining an ethical practice and self enhancement. At an operational level, the goals and objectives of judicial education are to meet the education, training and development needs of Judicial Officers. These needs are defined through a variety of analysis techniques and then addressed through the provision of specific education services.

METHODOLOGY OF TRAINING

We, at the Academy, strongly believe that learning is a more effective tool when it is presented in the context which the trainees would be able to apply in their day-to-day work resulting in increasing the effectiveness of the institution.

It is said that a trainee is able to understand the subject being taught only when he has opportunities to get himself involved.

Therefore, in order to ensure that the training is more practical-oriented and fosters development of skills and knowledge of the trainees, lecturing is heavily supplemented by the introduction of small-group seminars and workshops which will build on the active participation of judges in techniques of active learning to develop professional skills and judgment which in turn build on their foundation of information and knowledge. It is also important to stress that this training approach is more practical rather than theoretical and active rather than passive.

The methods adopted by the Academy for teaching/training are–

- ✓ Application-oriented
- ✓ Problem-solving
- ✓ Case-based learning
- ✓ Panel Discussions
- ✓ Exercises and simulations
- ✓ High participation and interaction

TRAINING

At the Academy, Induction Programme, Refresher Courses and Advanced Training are conducted regularly.

The Training Programmes are mainly interactive in nature. Visits to Courts, Police Establishments, Prisons, Revenue Departments including Survey Department, Railway Protection Force and General Hospital are undertaken. The course curriculum gives importance to enhancing the Fundamental Principles of Law. It also includes Practice of Yoga, Stress and Time Management, Court Management, Case Load Management, Forensic Science, Judicial Ethics, Consumer Law, Environmental Laws, Gender Justice, Labour Laws, Medical Jurisprudence, Criminology, ADR, IPR, Cyber Laws, Juvenile Justice Law and Adoption Laws and other substantive and procedural laws.

LEARNING BY PARTICIPATION AND INTERACTION

The services offered by any programme of continuing judicial education is determined by need. As it is understood that learning is always better by way of participation and interaction, our preferred approach to inculcate training is by the same method. The programmes facilitate the participants to identify and prioritise the training services by being more participative and interactive.

PUBLICATIONS, WEB BASED SUPPORT, E-JOURNAL

The website of the Academy is being regularly updated. It contains all relevant information regarding the constitution of the Academy, the details and schedules of the programmes conducted, articles of legal interest, speeches given during training programmes by eminent Judges and other distinguished guests and also the Annual Calendar. A separate window has also been provided for Gallery, showcasing photographs of the Training Programmes. The Academy also publishes every month for circulation among the Judicial Officers of the State and the Union Territory, an E-Journal covering important judgments of the Supreme Court and the Madras High Court. This E-Journal is also updated in the website of the Academy.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES

The broad outlines of the training programmes conducted in the year 2013-2014 are as below:-

- 1) Refresher Courses
- 2) Induction Training Programmes
- 3) Special Training Programmes
- 4) Exchange Programme
- 5) Regional Conferences
- 6) Training Programme for Advocates
- 7) Training Programme for Staff Members

List of Programmes Conducted during 2013 - 2014

S.No.	Scheduled Programmes	Period	No. of Participants
1.	Training Programme for Master Trainers from Tamil Nadu and other States on UBUNTU OS	13.06.2013 to 16.06.2013	<u>29</u>
2.	Special Programme for all District Judges and Chief Judicial Magistrates on Effective District Administration and Court Management	15.06.2013 & 16.06.2013	<u>178</u>
3.	Training Programme for SO / CO / AE of High Court – Batch I at Principal Bench and Madurai Bench simultaneously	29.06.2013	
4.	Training for Trainers of Ministerial Staff	30.06.2013	
5.	Regional Training Programme on "Budget Preparation" for the Staff of the Subordinate Courts at Madurai	12.07.2013	
6.	Regional Training Programme on "Budget Preparation" for the Staff of the Subordinate Courts at Coimbatore	19.07.2013	
7.	Regional Training Programme on "Budget Preparation" for the Staff of the Subordinate Courts at Chennai	26.07.2013	
8.	Refresher Course for Civil Judges - Batch I	17.08.2013 & 18.08.2013	<u>60</u>
9.	Refresher Course for Civil Judges - Batch II	31.08.2013 & 01.09.2013	<u>60</u>
10.	Induction Training Programme for Civil Judges - 2012 Batch	10.09.2013 to 09.11.2013	<u>12</u>
11.	Refresher Course for District Judges	14.09.2013 & 15.09.2013	<u>60</u>
12.	Special Training Programme for Judges of Family Courts	14.09.2013 & 15.09.2013	<u>07</u>

S.No.	Scheduled Programmes	Period	No. of Participants
13.	Training Programmes on Mediation for Senior Civil Judges (Batch – I)	14.09.2013 & 15.09.2013	40
14.	Exchange Programme – Deputation of Judicial Officers in the Cadre of Civil Judges to Delhi	18.09.2013 to 21.09.2013	20
15.	Training programme for Civil Judges	21.09.2013 & 22.09.2013	100
16.	Exchange Programme – Deputation of Judicial Officers in the Cadre of Civil Judges to Karnataka	25.09.2013 to 28.09.2013	20
17.	Exchange Programme – Deputation of Judicial Officers in the Cadre of Civil Judges to Kerala	23.10.2013 to 26.10.2013	20
18.	Special Training Programme on Child Psychology / Child Welfare for Presiding Officers of the Designated Courts under POCSO Act, Presiding Officers of Family Courts in Tamil Nadu & Puducherry, Presiding Officers of Juvenile Justice Boards in Tamil Nadu & Puducherry, Presiding Officers of Additional Mahila Courts (Magisterial Level) and The Newly Recruited Civil Judges (2012 Batch III)	26.10.2013 to 27.10.2013	81
19.	Special Programme (on Refugees) In Association with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for The Secretaries of the District Legal Services Authority of Tamil Nadu & Puducherry & Civil Judges (Batch – IV)	26.10.2013 to 27.10.2013	106
20.	Special Programme for The Presiding Officer of Industrial Tribunal, Chennai & Presiding Officers of Labour Courts in Tamil Nadu & Puducherry	26.10.2013 to 27.10.2013	11
21.	Exchange Programme – Deputation of Judicial Officers in the Cadre of Civil Judges to AndhraPrades	06.11.2013 to 09.11.2013	20

S.No.	Scheduled Programmes	Period	No. of Participants
22.	One Day Special Programme on Conclusion of the Induction Training Programme Newly Recruited Civil Judges – 2012 Batch	09.11.2013	157
23.	Southern Regional Conference on POCSO Act, 2012	16.11.2013 to 17.11.2013	133
24.	Refresher Programme for Senior Civil Judges	30.11.2013	106
25.	Training Programme on Mediation for Presiding Officers of Family Courts of Tamil Nadu and Puduchery	30.11.2013 & 01.12.2013	46
26.	One Day Special Programme for District Judges	07.12.2013	105
27.	Inauguration of Redefining Legal Practice for Advocates - Generation Next (0 - 10 Years Practice) at District Level	15.12.2013	
28.	South Zone Regional Judicial Conference on "Role of Courts in Upholding Rule of Law"	31.01.2014 to 02.02.2014	121
29.	One Day Programme on Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012	04.01.2014	63
30.	Continuing Legal Education and Professional Development Programme for District Court Lawyers (0 – 10 years practice) - Vellore Zone	04.01.2014 & 05.01.2014	140
31.	Continuing Legal Education and Professional Development Programme for District Court Lawyers (0 – 10 years practice) - Salem Zone	04.01.2014 & 05.01.2014	168

S.No.	Scheduled Programmes	Period	No. of Participants
32.	<u>Continuing Legal Education and Professional Development Programme for District Court Lawyers (0 – 10 years practice) - Tirunelveli Zone</u>	04.01.2014 & 05.01.2014	253
33.	<u>One Day Special Training Programme for District Judges, Senior Civil Judges and Civil Judges</u>	25.01.2014	<u>150</u>
34.	<u>Continuing Legal Education and Professional Development Programme for District Court Lawyers (0 – 10 years practice) - Cuddalore Zone</u>	25.01.2014 & 26.01.2014	328
35.	<u>Continuing Legal Education and Professional Development Programme for District Court Lawyers (0 – 10 years practice) - Tanjavur Zone</u>	25.01.2014 & 26.01.2014	312
36.	<u>Continuing Legal Education and Professional Development Programme for District Court Lawyers (0 – 10 years practice) - Trichy Zone</u>	25.01.2014 & 26.01.2014	336
37.	<u>Continuing Legal Education and Professional Development Programme for District Court Lawyers (0 – 10 years practice) - Coimbatore Zone</u>	25.01.2014 & 26.01.2014	330
38.	<u>Continuing Legal Education and Professional Development Programme for District Court Lawyers (0 – 10 years practice) - Madurai Zone</u>	25.01.2014 & 26.01.2014	234
39.	<u>Regional Judicial Conference on "Role of Courts in Upholding Rule of Law"</u>	31.01.2014 to 02.02.2014	<u>121</u>
40.	<u>Continuing Legal Education and Professional Development Programme for District Court Lawyers (0 – 10 years practice) - Chennai Zone</u>	08.02.2014 & 09.02.2014	519
41.	<u>One Day Judicial Colloquium on "Anti-Human Trafficking" (Under the aegis of Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi)</u>	15.02.2014	<u>139</u>

S.No.	Scheduled Programmes	Period	No. of Participants
42	<u>One Day Workshop on "Child Rights and Child Labour Issues"</u>	22.02.2014	<u>75</u>
43	<u>One Day Special Training Programme for District Judges</u>	01.03.2014	<u>98</u>
44	<u>One Day Special Training Programme for Civil Judges</u>	05.04.2014	<u>153</u>

REFRESHER COURSES

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THE STATE SHALL SECURE THAT THE OPERATION OF THE LEGAL SYSTEM PROMOTES JUSTICE...” states Article 39 A of the Constitution of India.

Keeping the avowed principle in mind, the Academy conducted Refresher Courses for the Judicial Officers at all three levels viz., District Judges, Senior Civil Judges and Civil Judges, in the State and the Union Territory.

For Administrative convenience, every cadre of Judicial Officers were divided into various batches and for every batch of officers, the programme was held for two days.

The training programmes were not only participative but also interactive in nature. Wide range of issues of both Civil and Criminal Laws and the issues relating to other various enactments were also discussed in detail. The course curriculum gives importance to enhancing the Fundamental Principles of Law. It also includes Practice of Yoga, Stress and Time Management, Court Management, Case Load Management, forensic Science, Judicial Ethics, Consumer Law, Environmental Laws, Gender Justice, Labour Laws, Medical Jurisprudence, Criminology, ADR, IPR, Cyber Laws, Juvenile Justice Law and Adoption Law, and other substantive and procedural laws.

INDUCTION TRAINING PROGRAMMES

INDUCTION TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR NEWLY RECRUITED CIVIL JUDGES

Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, under the able guidance of the Hon'ble Patron-in-Chief and the President and Members of the Board of Governors, had formulated an Induction Training Programme for the newly recruited Civil Judges.

The officers, numbering 12, belonging to 2012 Batch, were imparted training from 10.09.2013 to 09.11.2013, similar to the one which was given to the 165 officers of the same batch, in the year 2012 – 2013.

The Resource Persons included Hon'ble Supreme Court and High Court Judges, former Judges of the Supreme Court and the High Court, Advocates and reputed professionals in various fields. Separate sessions were allotted for interactions and the trainee officers were encouraged to interact not only on the topics assigned but also to draw knowledge from the immense experience of the Resource Persons.

At the Academy, the officers were also taken to field visits to witness autopsy at the Government General Hospital, Legal Services Authority, Central Prison, Institute of Mental Health, Spastics Society of Tamil Nadu, State Crime Records Bureau and Railway Protection Force Office. The Officers also visited the Tamil Nadu Forensic Sciences Laboratory for a week to acquire first hand knowledge. They were also imparted hands on training for 12 hours on computers to better discharge their judicial duties.

The following books were distributed to all the newly recruited Civil Judges under the aegis of 13 Finance Commission Grant.

- Krishnamurthi's - A Hand Book of Criminal Law – 19th Edition
- The Code of Civil Procedure – S.Pattabiraman
- The Constitution of India (Bare Act) – 2012
- The Specific Relief Act, 1963 (Bare Act) – 2013
- The Limitation Act, 1963 (Bare Act) – 2013
- The Transfer of Property Act, 1882 (Bare Act) – 2013
- The Indian Contract Act, 1872 (Bare Act) – 2013
- Ex-parte Decree and Duty of the Court penned by Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.Y.Eqbal, Chief Justice, Madras High Court
- Interlocutory Applications – Duty of the Courts penned by Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.Y.Eqbal, Chief Justice, Madras High Court
- Duty of Executing Courts in Speedy Disposal of Section 47 C.P.C. Objections and Execution Proceedings penned by Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.Y.Eqbal, Chief Justice, Madras High Court
- Adjournments – Duty, Responsibility & Accountability of Courts / Lawyers penned by Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.Y.Eqbal, Chief Justice, Madras High Court
- A Manual of Instruction for the Guidance of Magistrates in Tamil Nadu, 1993
- Study Materials Prepared by Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy

INDUCTION TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR NEWLY RECRUITED DISTRICT JUDGES

The Tamil Nadu State Judicial Service (Cadre and Recruitment) Rules, 2007, as issued by G.O.Ms. No. 79, dated 19-01-2007, by Home (Cts.IA) Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, provide for training of directly recruited District Judges. Rule 6 of the said rules contemplates training as below :-

Every person appointed to the category of District Judges (Entry Level) by direct recruitment, shall undergo :-

- i. Training as Civil Judge (Junior Division) for a period of not less than 6 months
- ii. Training as Civil Judge (Senior Division) for a period of not less than 6 months; and
- iii. Training in Forensic Science for a period of not less than two months.

The Academy conducted Induction Training on Fundamental Principles of Law and Training in Forensic Science and Forensic Medicine for **23 newly recruited District** Judges. This Training included both theory classes as well as practical classes by way of field trips to Central Prison, Institute of Mental Health, Narcotics Control Bureau, Central Bureau of Investigation, Railway Protection Force, State Crime Records Bureau and to the Spastics Society. The officers had undergone training from **09.01.2014 to 30.04.2014.**

The following books were distributed to all the newly recruited District Judges under the aegis of 13 Finance Commission Grant :-

1. The Indian Penal Code by Ratanlal & Dhirajlal
2. The Code of Criminal Procedure by Ratanlal & Dhirajlal
3. The Law of Evidence by Ratanlal & Dhirajlal
4. Hindu Law by Mulla
5. Indian Contract and Specific Relief Act – 2 Vols. By Pollock & Mulla
6. Civil Rules of Practice and Circular Orders by Shukla
7. Tamil Nadu Criminal Rules of Practice by Shukla
8. Law Lexicon by Wharton
9. Constitution of India by Eastern Book Co.
10. Thirukkural (2 Volumes)
11. English to Tamil Legal Dictionary
12. Tamil to English Legal Dictionary
13. My Experiments with Truth by Mahatma Gandhi
14. Criminal Investigation and Trial (2 Volumes)
15. Judging Statues
16. Universal's Constitution of India (Dix Mini Pocket) with 2 Black Bags.

17. *Exparte Decree and Duty of the Court* penned by Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.Y.Eqbal, Judge, Supreme Court of India (Former Chief Justice, Madras High Court)
18. *Interlocutory Applications – Duty of the Courts* penned by Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.Y.Eqbal, Judge, Supreme Court of India (Former Chief Justice, Madras High Court)
19. *Duty of Executing Courts in Speedy Disposal of Section 47 C.P.C. Objections and Execution Proceedings* penned by Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.Y.Eqbal, Judge, Supreme Court of India (Former Chief Justice, Madras High Court)
20. *Adjournments – Duty, Responsibility & Accountability of Courts / Lawyers* penned by Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.Y.Eqbal, Judge, Supreme Court of India (Former Chief Justice, Madras High Court)
21. *Appeal from Appealable Orders (Myths & Realities)* penned by Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.Y.Eqbal, Judge, Supreme Court of India (Former Chief Justice, Madras High Court)

22. Speeches delivered by Hon'ble Justice P.Sathasivam, Chief Justice of India at Judicial Academy
23. Important Legal Provisions at a Glance (English & Tamil)
24. Courts - Staff - Registers - Legal Procedures : A Guide for Judicial Ministerial Staff (Chennai City)
25. Courts - Staff - Registers - Legal Procedures : A Guide for District Judiciary
26. Effective District Administration
27. Law Day and the Evolution of our Constitution – Hon'ble Mr. Justice F.M. Ibrahim Kalifulla, Judge, Supreme Court of India
28. An Endeavour: Mandatory Application of Mediation by Civil Courts in Pending Litigation - – Hon'ble Mr. Justice F.M. Ibrahim Kalifulla, Judge, Supreme Court of India
29. Study Materials compiled by Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy on Southern Regional Conference on Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012

SPECIAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES

SPECIAL PROGRAMME ON EFFECTIVE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND COURT MANAGEMENT

Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.Sathasivam, Judge, Supreme Court of India, delivered address on "Effective District Administration and Court Management" to all District Judges and Chief Judicial Magistrates on 15th and 16th June, 2013 and released the following books compiled by the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy :-

- 1) Effective District Administration,
- 2) Courts – Staff – Registers – Legal Procedures: A Guide for Judicial Ministerial Staff (Chennai City),
- 3) Courts – Staff – Registers – Legal Procedures: A Guide for District Judiciary, and
- 4) Important Legal Provisions at a Glance (English & Tamil)

Copies of both the Hand Book and the study materials were distributed to every staff member of the rank of Junior Assistant and above, of the Chennai Courts and other District Courts.

SPECIAL PROGRAMME ON TRAINING FOR TRAINERS

In pursuance of the release of the books at the training programme on “Effective District Administration and Court Management” to all the District Judges and the Chief Judicial Magistrates on 15th and 16th June, 2013, the Academy proposed to conduct separate training sessions for the court staff of the District Judiciary. To conduct the training more effectively, a **Training for Trainers** was conducted on 30.06.2013 at the Judicial Academy for a core group of Senior Civil Judges and District Court Staff, nominated by the respective Principal District Judges from each District. These Senior Civil Judges and Staff were given training so as to make them able to impart specialised training to all the court staff at the respective Districts as per the schedule of the Judicial Academy.

SPECIAL PROGRAMME ON CHILD PSYCHOLOGY/ CHILD WELFARE

Special Training Programme on Child Psychology/Child Welfare for Presiding Officers of the Designated Courts under POCSO Act, Presiding Officers of Family Courts, Presiding Officers of Juvenile Justice Boards, Presiding Officers of Additional Mahila Courts (Magisterial Level), and the Newly Recruited Civil Judges (2012 Batch - III), was conducted for two days, viz. 26.10.2013 and 27.10.2013. In the programme the participant–Judicial Officers were enlightened on the interpretation of various important provisions of the enactment.

Further, on 04.01.2014 one day programme was organised for the Judicial Officers functioning in the above-said courts and the Public Prosecutors, Police Officials, Medical Professionals, Forensic Officers and other Government Officials, and in the programme, various aspects of the Act, including “**Presumption**”, Investigation of offences, and medical examination of victim-children were widely discussed.

SPECIAL PROGRAMME ON REFUGEES

The Secretaries of the District Legal Services Authority of the State of Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory of Puducherry, who are in the cadre of Senior Civil Judges, and Civil Judges, were the participants in this programme which was organised in association with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) on 26th and 27th October 2013. The Officers were sensitized on the plight of Refugees and the legal problems being faced by them. The procedural law and the domestic legislation and state practice in India with respect to refugee protection were highlighted.

SPECIAL PROGRAMME ON LABOUR

On 26th and 27th October 2013, a special training programme for the Presiding Officers of Industrial Tribunal and Labour Courts in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, was organised, where the Resource Persons emphasized the importance of Mediation in Labour Courts and also highlighted the aspect of conflict management with special reference to labour courts. An overview of Labour Laws was also presented during the training programme.

SPECIAL PROGRAMME ON MEDIATION

For effective implementation of Mediation Techniques a training programme was organised with a target group of Presiding Officers of Family Courts and Senior Civil Judges on 30th November and 01st December 2013.

The sessions on Negotiation Principles and approaches to conflict, various modes of communication, listening skills, drafting of agreements and termination of mediation were included in the programme. Some of the case studies on family mediations were also discussed in detail.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES ON UBUNTU OPERATING SYSTEM

In continuation of similar training programmes conducted in the months of February and March, 2013, select group of Judicial Officers from the States of Tamil Nadu (15), Karnataka (8) and Andhra Pradesh (5), were imparted advanced training programme on Ubuntu Operating System covering the entire features of the system, from 13th to 16th June 2013, in order to train them as Master Trainers and they were trained on the following aspects :-

- ✓ Hands-on Training on Laptops/Linux Ubuntu Systems.
- ✓ CIS Software and generation of various reports.
- ✓ How to make best use of e-mail account - indianjudiciary.gov.in.

It was the endeavour of the E-Committee of the Supreme Court of India that this select group of Master Trainers would in turn train the other Judicial Officers in their respective States/Districts for smooth and hassle-free working of the court proceedings.

JUDICIAL COLLOQUIUM ON ANTI HUMAN TRAFFICKING

One day Judicial Colloquium on “Anti-Human Trafficking” under the Aegis of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India was held on 15th February 2014 for the Judicial Officers at the all the three levels, viz., District Judge, Senior Civil Judge and Civil Judge.

In the programme the resource persons who were associated with the investigation of cases, rehabilitation of victims, etc., took the sessions. The participants were sensitised on trafficking of women and children for trade, slavery and labour. Important provisions of Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2000, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and Criminal Law Amendment Act, 2013 vis-a-vis Anti-Human Trafficking were highlighted.

REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME ON BUDGET PREPARATION

As per the guidelines of the Hon'ble Governing Body of the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, Chennai a programme on **Budget Preparation** was conducted at Regional Level at **Madurai, Coimbatore and Chennai** on **12.07.2013, 19.07.2013 and 26.07.2013** respectively for the Court Manager, the staff in-charge of the Budget preparation and District Court Head Clerk of every District where the Chief Accounts Officer, Chennai and his team, took classes on the subject.

EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

EXCHANGE PROGRAMME – DEPUTATION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS FROM TAMIL NADU TO OTHER STATES

In accordance with the proposal of the National Judicial Academy, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy had drawn a framework on sharing best practices being adopted in other states. As per the proposal, the Judicial Officers from one state would be deputed to another state to get exposure on the legal procedure and practice adopted by, and share experiences, with the Judicial Officers of that state.

With a view to achieve this objective, Judicial Officers in the cadre of Civil Judges (2012 Batch) were sent to New Delhi, Karnataka, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh :-

S.No	Place of Visit	Tour Period	No. of Officers
1.	New Delhi	18 th to 21 st Sep' 2013	20
2.	Karnataka	25 th to 28 th Sep' 2013	20
3.	Kerala	23 th to 26 th Oct' 2013	20
4.	Andhra Pradesh	06 th to 09 th Nov' 2013	20

REGIONAL CONFERENCE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON POCSO ACT

Under the aegis of Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India, and in coordination with National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development, a Regional Conference on Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act) with the participants from the southern states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory of Puducherry, was conducted on 16.11.2013 and 17.11.2013.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.Sathasivam, Chief Justice of India, graced the occasion by presenting inaugural address. The two-day programme covered the entire gamut of the enactment, including investigation by the police officers, the role of the Public Prosecutors, and the importance of Medico-Forensic Evidence.

NJA REGIONAL JUDICIAL CONFERENCE

The NJA Regional Judicial Conference, South Zone on “Role of Courts in Upholding Rule of Law” was held at the Academy between 31st January to 2nd February 2014. Judicial Officers from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala, and Tamil Nadu participated during the three-day conference. The Conference was inaugurated by Hon’ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Kumar Agrawal, Chief Justice, High Court, Madras, and His Lordship delivered inaugural address. The valedictory address was presented by Hon’ble Mr. Justice R. Sudhakar, Judge, High Court, Madras. The Director of NJA, Dr. Balram K Gupta, and its faculty members, coordinated the programme.

The following list gives the number of Judicial Officers from each state who participated in the programme :-

Sl.No.	State	No. of Participants
1	Andhra Pradesh	16
2	Karnataka	21
3	Kerala	21
4	Tamil Nadu	63

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR ADVOCATES

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“Seed Training and Development of the Bar in critical areas”, for the fledgling advocates is one among the many programmes conceived by the National Judicial Academy (NJA) in co-ordination with the State Judicial Academies (SJAs) to ensure that the Justice Delivery System is made effective. In this regard, guidelines were issued by the Government of India for utilisation of grant-in-aid to improve the Justice Delivery System as recommended by the Thirteenth Finance Commission (FC-XIII).

The Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy (TNSJA), had been organising training programmes for serving judicial officers and staff members of the Judiciary until then. Deriving a stimulus from the guidelines of the FC-XIII and the framework of the NJA, and under the able and valuable guidance of the Patron-in-Chief, President and Members of the Board of Governors, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy drew the plan and devised the mechanism to revitalise the members of the Bar with a standing of up to 10 years.

In the gracious presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice P. Sathasivam, the Chief Justice of India, inaugural function of the launch of the programme, “Redefining Legal Practice for Advocates-Generation Next (0-10 years practice) at District Level”, first-of-its-kind in the country, was held on 15.12.2013.

The entire State and the Union Territory together were divided into **nine zones** for administrative and logistic convenience and the programmes were conducted in **three phases**. Taking note of the needs of the young lawyers, the subjects to be covered in the programmes were finalized and they are as follows:-

- Civil Laws – Procedural and Substantive
- Criminal Laws – Procedural and Substantive
- Fundamental Principles of Law of Evidence
- Forensic and Electronic Evidence
- Language Skills
- Yoga / Meditation

Every participant-advocate was given the following study materials :-

- Important Provisions of Civil Laws
- Important Provisions of Criminal Laws
- Important Provisions of Indian Evidence Act

The programmes were found to be extremely useful to the participant-advocates, whose number was more than 2600.

As per the decision of the Board of Governors of TNSJA, a Newsletter (Issue No. 5) compiling the events right from its conceptualisation till the completion of the programmes and also review the programme and decide the future course of action, was brought out.

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR STAFF MEMBERS

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR HIGH COURT STAFF

For Section Officers, Court Officers and Appeal Examiners of the High Court, a training programme was held on 29th June, 2013 at the Principal Bench and the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court. In the programme, the speakers, who included the retired officers of the High Court, elaborately explained the practice and procedure to be adopted by the various categories of staff members, so as to make the court work more smooth and effective.

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR MINISTERIAL STAFF OF SUBORDINATE COURTS

The ministerial staff members from the level of Chief Administrative Officer to the level of Junior Assistant, were imparted training on maintenance of registers, basic legal procedures and important legal provisions, by the Senior Civil Judges who were earlier trained by the Academy.

The programmes were held at the respective District Headquarters from 10th to 12th July 2013.

The staff members working in the District Judiciary were issued with the following materials:-

- 1) Courts – Staff – Registers – Legal Procedure: A Guide for Judicial Ministerial Staff (Chennai Only).
- 2) Important Legal Provisions at a Glance.
- 3) Effective District Administration.

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Thank You