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Inaugural session of the Workshop on Gender Sensitization chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Siddharth Mridul, Chief Justice, Manipur High Court (then Judge, High Court of Delhi) & Hon'ble Ms. Justice Rekha Palli held on 14th October, 2023.

WORKSHOP ON GENDER SENSITISATION

A Workshop on Gender Sensitisation was held in collaboration with National Commission for Women, for Judicial Officers, Public Prosecutors, Support Persons attached with Vulnerable Witness Deposition Centres, DLSA Secretaries and lawyers of the Rape Crises Intervention Centres on 14th October, 2023 for building an inclusive justice delivery system. The sessions *inter alia* focussed on identifying bias, shattering stereotypes, intersectionality, impact of discrimination leading to reduced access to justice, search for the 'perfect victim' and gender inclusive language. It concluded with an educative theatrical performance by Sukhmanch Theatre Group led by Ms. Shilpi Marvah.



Left: Hon'ble Ms. Rekha Palli addressing the participants during the Workshop on Gender Sensitisation.

ART meets LAW: AN IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE



Glimpse of the Photo Exhibition organised on 14th October, 2023 exhibiting the work of photographer, Saumya Khandelwal in the Auditorium.

In the Workshop on Gender Sensitisation, an exhibition of photographs by prominent photo journalists enlisted below was organised on the concept of gender identity and gender based violence. Through these photographs, the participants saw the different dimensions of gender, its fluidity, the dark side of gender bias and disparities, discussed through the medium of visual journalism. The aim was to engage all the participants and to create an understanding of the implications of gender bias.



Theatrical performance by Sukhmanch Theatre team on "Impact of Sexual Abuse on Victims" organised on 14th October, 2023 in the Auditorium.

- Ms. Smita Sharma "Not My Shame"
- Ms. Richa Bhavanam "Mahila Yakshogana: Where Women become Heroes"
- Ms. Cheena Kapoor "Forgotten Daughters"
- Ms. Nishat Fatima "The Galaxy of Hidden Possibilities"
- Ms. Uzma Mohsin "Fellowship of the Ring"
- Ms. Saumya Khandelwal "Child Brides of Shravasti"

OVERVIEW

A total of 36 training programmes were conducted by the Delhi Judicial Academy during October to December 2023. Of the total programmes, some were exclusively for judicial officers while others were held for other stakeholders of the justice delivery system.

Trainings on Accessibility and Sensitising Stakeholders on the Rights of Persons with Disability were held in every District Court Complex throughout the quarter for the Chairperson and Members of The Accessibility Committee, Lawyers, Court Staff and Nodal Officer (Accessibility).

REFRESHER COURSE FOR DISTRICT JUDGES (COMMERCIAL COURT) ON IPR



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Navin Chawla and Mr. Rajshekhar Rao addressing the participants in the Refresher Course on IPR organised on 7th October, 2023.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjeev Narula and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Amit Bansal addressing the participants in the post lunch session in the Refresher Course on IPR organised on 7th October, 2023.

An intensive one day training was held for all District Judges (Commercial Court) on Intellectual Property Rights on 7th October, 2023. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Navin Chawla, Judge High Court of Delhi and Mr. Rajshekhar Rao, senior advocate were the speakers in the first session. The prefatory session focused on issues pertaining to IPR vis-à-vis Human Rights as well as issues relating to jurisdiction and transnational disputes. In the following sessions, the resource persons discussed various kinds of interim measures and permissible reliefs which can be granted by the respective courts besides the issue of computation of damages. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjeev Narula, and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Amit Bansal, Judges High Court of Delhi addressed the participants in the post-lunch session. Deliberations considered various modes of violation including cybersquatting, linking, framing, tagging caching etc. Concept of liability of intermediaries were also delved into. The day ended with a discussion on adjudicating disputes pertaining to Intellectual Property Rights in Cyber Space.

TRAINING OF 83 NEWLY INDUCTED JUDICIAL OFFICERS OF MAHARASHTRA JUDICIAL ACADEMY

Eighty three newly recruited judicial officers of Maharashtra Judicial Service visited the Delhi Judicial Academy from 4th to 09th October, 2023. As a part of their training, they were *inter alia* made to understand the nuances of remand and bail and to observe court proceedings in the Delhi District Courts. The officers visited the Courts of Metropolitan Magistrates in Tis Hazari and Saket Courts. They also took a tour of the Mediation Centres and Family Courts housed in the said Court Complexes. They were also taken to the Vulnerable Witness Deposition Complex at Saket and Tis Hazari Courts. They also visited various heritage sites of historical and cultural importance in the capital.



Training of 83 Newly Inducted Judicial Officers of Maharashtra Judicial Academy at Delhi Judicial Academy on 4th to 9th October, 2023

FORTIFYING CHILD RIGHTS AND STRENGTHENING THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

A workshop on implementation of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 for Principal Magistrates, JJB and another on enhancement of skills for other functionaries of the Juvenile Justice System were held on 06th October, 2023. The workshops centered on coordination, enhancement of knowledge and development of rights perspectives of Chairperson and members of the Child Welfare Committees (CWCs), Officers of the Special Juvenile Police Unit, Member Social Workers and Principal Magistrates



Stakeholders of the Juvenile Justice System attended two Workshops on Implementation of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and skill enhancement held on 6th October, 2023.

of Juvenile Justice Boards (JJBs), District Child Protection Units and Childrens' Courts. The issue of preliminary assessment of the CCL in cases of heinous offences and the procedure to be followed therein was discussed. Functions of the Children's Court, Juvenile Justice Board, District Child Protection Unit and Special Juvenile Protection Unit under The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 were deliberated upon. Issues concerning Test Identification Parade, legal aid, medical examination including directions in *Sr. Sephy v. Central Board of Investigation*, 2023 SCC OnLine Del 717 were stressed upon. Core provisions of the Juvenile Justice law, specifically concerning grant of bail and appreciation of evidence, were focused on. The last session, which was a convergence session, facilitated dialogue and meaningful interaction between participants of both training programmes on the right stage of intervention, methods of communication, kinds of intervention whether therapeutic or social as well as rehabilitation in cases of drug abuse.

WORKSHOP ON PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL EXCELLENCE

An optional training programme focusing on the overall development of the personality of a judicial officer was held in the Auditorium and the Club House of the Delhi Judicial Academy on 20th October, 2023. The training programme aimed at taking care of the physical and mental toll that work takes on an officer compounded due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The programme primarily focused on learning how to take care of one's mental and physical health post the pandemic. Sessions were held by renowned psychiatrists and doctors from the field of medicine. A workshop was also held on functional yoga and on movement through physical training. Another session focused on achieving professional excellence by regulating emotional intelligence and achieving a work life equilibrium.



Workshop on Professional and Personal Excellence for Judicial Officers organised on 20th October, 2023.

SENSITISATION PROGRAMME ON VARIOUS COMPLIANCES UNDER THE MENTAL HEALTHCARE ACT, 2017

An Orientation Course on Mental Health was held on 18th November, 2023 for judicial officers, police officials as well as Civil Society Groups, Residents' Welfare Association and lawyers. The programme comprised sessions breaking down the concept of mental health and mental illness whilst alongside shattering stereotypes that have been built up around mental illness. The training also focused on comprehending "capacity", both mental and legal, as envisaged under the UNCRPD. The finer nuances of Mental Healthcare Act, 2017, including the rights of persons with mental illness as enshrined in the Act along with the responsibilities of the stakeholders, were discussed. Case studies under the Act were also discussed. The law on fitness to stand trial and the defence of insanity were deliberated upon.



Mr. Arjun Kapoor, Programme Manager and Research Fellow, Centre for Mental Health Law and Policy, Pune addressing participants in the Sensitisation Programme on Mental Healthcare on 18th November, 2023

REFRESHER PROGRAMME FOR MEDIATORS OF SUPREME COURT

In collaboration with and under the aegis of the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC), Supreme Court of India, a Refresher Programme for mediators of MCPC in the Supreme Court was conducted at the Delhi Judicial Academy from 25th November, 2023 to 27th November, 2023. Sessions employed several interactive techniques such as group discussions, role plays and presentations by participants. As many as 75 mediators in three batches of 25 each participated in the said programme. Similar programmes for five days were held from 05th December, 2023 to 10th December, 2023. Six batches of 25 mediators each attended the programmes in the said five days.



Participants of the Refresher Programme on Mediation held on 27th November, 2023.



Senior mediation trainers of MCPC imparting training to the participants on 25th November, 2023.



Participants of the Refresher Programme on Mediation held on 5th December, 2023.

PROGRAMME CATERING TO POLICE PERSONNEL

A one day Conference to sensitise investigating officers in handling investigation of cases pertaining to Human Trafficking and sexual offences against women and children was conducted for additional Police Officials and Support Persons in Delhi Judicial Academy on 21st November, 2023. The programme commenced by giving the participants a nuanced understanding as to what constitutes violence and how it adversely affects women and children more than anyone else. There was a focused discussion on what constitutes Human Trafficking. The session included a discussion on the menace of trafficking in the digital age. It was also felt important to underscore the victim's well-being and the psychological impact human trafficking entails. A clinical psychologist discussed different forms of impact that have been seen in victims, with the participants. The second day focused primarily on the legal matrix covering human trafficking as well as discussing the procedural issues faced by the police personnel while investigating and navigating the criminal justice system. The role of the police in rehabilitation of victims was discussed and emphasised in the last session.



Sensitisation Programme for Police Officers handling Investigation of cases pertaining to Women and Children held on 21st November, 2023.

REFRESHER COURSE FOR THE INDIAN FOREST OFFICERS



Participants of the Refresher Course held on 14th December, 2023 being addressed by resource persons

nuances of compounding under the aforementioned Act were discussed. In the post-lunch session, technology employed in court management was discussed. Focus was laid on how cases are registered, hybrid proceedings are conducted and daily docket is maintained.

A Refresher Course was organised on 14th December, 2023 for Deputy Conservator of Forest (DCFs), Forester, Forest Guards, Lead Project Associates and Range Forest Officers. The first session focused on procedure for exercising powers granted under The Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994. The powers of investigators under the Act, including the power to issue search warrant, arrest, power to seize, forfeit and release property under the aforesaid Act were discussed. Powers of the court to compel attendance of witness and production of documents were also deliberated upon. In the following session, the procedure to record evidence and the

CORE COMPETENCE PROGRAMMES & CONFERENCE FOR CAPACITY BUILDING OF STAKEHOLDERS

for Additional Sessions Judges (General), Additional Sessions Judges (Electricity) and Capacity Building for Public Prosecutors attached to such Courts

Two simultaneous programmes were conducted for ASJs and ASJs (Electricity) as well as for Public Prosecutors posted in the said Courts on 21st October, 2023. The sessions focused on issues of substantive and procedural law in implementation of the IPC and Special Acts. Discussions were also held on access to justice which included responding to a vulnerable witness/person battling addiction and the resultant challenges concerning mental health of such persons and their capacity to stand trial. Further, mandatory directions relating to remand, bail and legal



Hon'ble Ms. Justice Asha Menon interacting with the police officer exhibiting arm in the Arms exhibition for the participants organised on 21st October, 2023.

aid laid down in various judgments were discussed and assimilated. Training imparted focused on building a nuanced understanding of the legal framework pertaining to plea bargaining, compounding, sentencing and grant of compensation. In addition, both the programmes focused on recording and appreciation of evidence. An exhibition showcasing arms and ammunitions was also organised for the participants.

for Additional District Judges



Core Competence Conference for Additional District Judges on 4th November, 2023.

The conference for ADJs was held on 04th November 2023. The first session focussed on understanding the approach towards responding to vulnerable witnesses and interplay and interface between Child and Family laws. Further, discussions were held on how to exercise discretion and to ensure speedy disposal of interlocutory applications. The remaining two sessions centered around guardianship petitions pertaining to persons with disabilities and kinds of electronic evidence and appreciation thereof.

for Metropolitan Magistrates (Mahila Court) and Public Prosecutors

Core Competence Conference for Knowledge, Skill and Perspective development for Presiding Officers (Mahila Court) was organized on 25th November, 2023. A simultaneous training program was held for Public Prosecutors attached to such courts as well. Both the trainings focused on a discussion on constitutional right to life of a girl child vis-à-vis PC & PNDT Act, 1994 and access to justice for all, deliberations on implementation of section 406 and section 498A, IPC and cross-border marriages and challenges that entail them. Key challenges were discussed and considered regarding the applicability and enforcement of the provisions of and various orders passed under The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act. Interplay between Civil Laws and various provisions of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act was also focused on. The training concluded with the session on understanding of crime against women in cyberspace.

for CMMs/ACMMs/MMs and Public Prosecutors attached to such courts

Two programmes were conducted for one third strength of CMMs, ACMMs and Magistrates as well as Public Prosecutors on 2nd December, 2023. At the outset, the principles of remand and bail, the right to personal liberty and its interface with the constitutional vision were deliberated upon. Access to justice and responding to a vulnerable witness was also discussed. Further, the sessions looked at issues faced by the Magistrates at all stages of trial. Handling of miscellaneous applications as well as safeguards to be kept in mind while recording statements under section 164 Cr.P.C. were also deliberated upon. For the Public Prosecutors, sessions also covered considerations to be kept in mind while perusing a police report as well as the art of examining a witness. Directions passed in *Siddharth v. State of U.P.* CrI. Appeal No. 838/2021 and *Satender Kumar Antil v. Central Bureau of Investigation SLP* (CrI.) No. 5191/2021, were also discussed with the participants.



Core Competence Conference for Magistrates and Capacity Building for Prosecutors attached to Magisterial Courts organised on 2nd December, 2023.

CONFERENCE OF POLICY MAKERS AND IMPLEMENTERS AT DISTRICT COURT LEVEL FOR STRENGTHENING DISTRICT COURTS AND CAPACITY BUILDING



Participants of Conference of Policy Makers and Implementers at District Court Level for strengthening District Courts and Capacity Building

The Delhi Judicial Academy facilitated a discussion among all the Principal District and Sessions Judges, Principal Judges (Family Courts), Principal Secretary (Law and Justice), Government of NCT of Delhi, Member Secretary, Delhi State Legal Services Authority and Judges-in-Charge Mediation Centres for strengthening the District Court administration. Several administrative issues and challenges faced by different districts, including formation of administrative committees,

conducting purchases and making duty rosters were flagged and discussed. Maintaining synergy *inter se* the Principal District and Sessions Judges, judicial officers, High Court, Bar and other stakeholders was dealt with. Improving public interface with the judicial system was also deliberated upon. The Citizen's Charter, making the Court system accessible and responsive and improving the grievance redressal mechanism, were some of the points discussed and best practices were shared.

CONTINUOUS TRAINING PROGRAMMES AT THE ACADEMY

INDUCTION TRAINING: Ninty Eight Delhi Judicial Service officers of the Batch of 2023 continued their induction training. The batch of officers underwent both practical training through court attachments and institutional training in this quarter. Before proceeding for winter vacation, the trainee officers attended a session on role of district judiciary vis-à-vis the constitutional vision of justice held on 21st December, 2023. Hon'ble Dr. Justice S. Murlidhar, Former Chief Justice, Orissa High Court addressed the trainees. A workshop on Feminist Judgment Writing was held on 22nd December, 2023. Hon'ble Ms. Justice Gita Mittal, Former Chief Justice, Jammu and Kashmir High Court addressed the trainees in the first session of the workshop.

FOUNDATION TRAINING: Foundation training of one officer concluded in this quarter. Another officer, directly recruited from the Bar to the Delhi Higher Judicial Service, also joined in this quarter and is presently undergoing the four months Foundation Course at the Delhi Judicial Academy.

ORIENTATION COURSE: Eighteen judicial officers of Delhi Higher Judicial Service on promotion joined the Academy for undergoing Orientation Course for one month. Post conclusion of training, the officers have been given postings.



Left: Group Induction Trainee Judges with Hon'ble Dr. Justice S. Muralidhar, Former Chief Justice, Orissa High Court



Right: Hon'ble Ms. Justice Gita Mittal, Former Chief Justice, Jammu and Kashmir High Court addressing the Induction Trainee judges in a Workshop on Feminist Judgment Writing

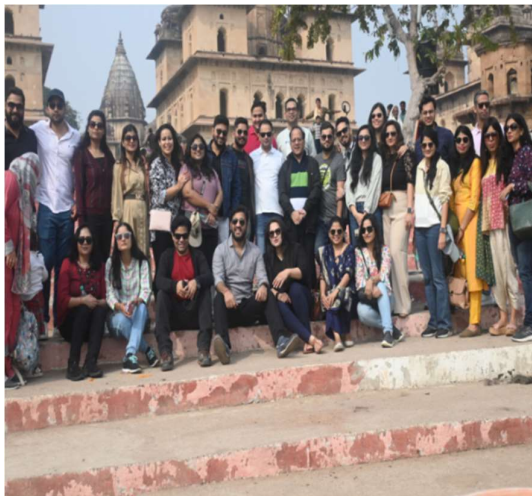
ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS AND STRESS MANAGEMENT RETREAT

Retreats each year are organised for the DHJS and DJS officers. In addition to exposing the officers to different indigenous techniques of environmental preservation, the intention of such retreats is to educate them on various public and private projects aimed at environmental upgradation and preservation. The retreats also serve the objective of stress and health management while assisting the officers in understanding local customs, people, cuisines and omnipresent elements.

With the above objectives, two retreats were organised in this quarter. A mixed group of DHJS and DJS officers went to Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, from 27th-29th October, 2022 and to Orchha, Madhya Pradesh from 25th to 27th November, 2023).



Judicial officers on retreat to Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, from 27th-29th October, 2022



Judicial officers on retreat to Orchha, Madhya Pradesh from 25th -27th November, 2023.