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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 the functional 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**

TNSJA strongly believes 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 training are:-**

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

### **TRAINING**

At TNSJA, Induction Programme, Refresher Courses and Special/Advanced Training programmes, 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 Law, Medical Jurisprudence, Criminology, ADR, IPR, Cyber Law, Juvenile Justice Law, Adoption Law, and other substantive and procedural law.

### **LEARNING BY PARTICIPATION AND INTERACTION**

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

## **PUBLICATIONS, WEB BASED SUPPORT, AND E-JOURNAL**

The website of TNSJA is regularly updated. It contains all relevant information regarding the constitution of TNSJA, the details of schedules of the programmes conducted, articles of legal interest, speeches given during training programmes by eminent judges and other distinguished guests, and the Annual Calendar. TNSJA also publishes every month, for the benefit of the judicial officers of the State of Tamilnadu and the Union Territory of Puducherry, an e-Journal covering important judgments of the Supreme Court and the Madras High Court, which is hosted on its website.

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\* HQ: TNSJA Headquarters, Chennai; RCC: TNSJA Regional Centre, Coimbatore; and RCM: TNSJA Regional Centre, Madurai

**PART-I****ABSTRACT OF PROGRAMMES HELD DURING THE YEAR 2016-2017**  
**(in chronological order)**

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Programme Description</b>	<b>Place/Venue</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>No. of Participants</b>
1.	Conference of Principal District Judges and Chief Judicial Magistrates	HQ*	05.06.2016	100
2.	Refresher Course-I for District Judges (Batch-I)	HQ	18.06.2016 19.06.2016	54
3.	Refresher Course-I for Senior Civil Judges (Batch-I)	RCC*	18.06.2016 19.06.2016	46
4.	Refresher Course-I for Civil Judges (Batch-I)	RCM*	18.06.2016 19.06.2016	59
5.	Refresher Course-I for Senior Civil Judges (Batch-I)	HQ	25.06.2016 26.06.2016	71
6.	Refresher Course-I for Civil Judges (Batch-I) at Regional Centre, Coimbatore	RCC	25.06.2016 26.06.2016	50
7.	Refresher Course-I for District Judges (Batch-I)	RCM	25.06.2016 26.06.2016	60
8.	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the cadre of SO/CO/AE, at the Principal Seat of Madras High Cour	Chennai	25.06.2016	100
9.	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the cadre of SO/CO/AE at the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court	Madurai	25.06.2016	39
10.	Ministerial Staff Training Programme for Junior Assistant/Copyist/Typist/Reader/Examiner/Record Clerk	District Headquarters	25.06.2016	4390
11.	Refresher Course-I for Civil Judges (Batch-I)	HQ	16.07.2016 17.07.2016	75
12.	Refresher Course-I for District Judges	RCC	16.07.2016 17.07.2016	44
13.	Refresher Course-I for Senior Civil Judges	RCM	16.07.2016 17.07.2016	72
14.	Symposium on Children in Conflict with Law and Child Victims for the Principal Magistrates of the Juvenile Justice Boards and the Presiding Officers of the Mahila Courts	HQ	30.07.2016 31.07.2016	65
15.	Training Programme on Investigation Skills for Police Officers from the Districts of Coimbatore, Erode, Tiruppur, The Nilgiris, Salam, and Namakkal	RCC	10.09.2016	150

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Programme Description</b>	<b>Place/Venue</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>No. of Participants</b>
16.	Visit of Trainee Civil Judges (Junior Division)/ Judicial Magistrates First Class (Deputed by Maharashtra Judicial Academy)	HQ	18.09.2016 to 22.09.2016	39
17.	Workshop on Children in Conflict with Law and Child Victims for the Principal Magistrates and the Panel Lawyers of the Juvenile Justice Boards	RCM	01.10.2016	68
18.	Workshop on Children in Conflict with Law and Child Victims for the Principal Magistrates and the Panel Lawyers of the Juvenile Justice Boards	RCC	15.10.2016	59
19.	Mediation Awareness Programme for the Judicial officers of the Districts of Chennai, Tiruvallur and Kancheepuram,	HQ	15.10.2016	100
20.	Workshop on Children in Conflict with Law and Child Victims for the Principal Magistrates and the Panel Lawyers of the Juvenile Justice Boards	HQ	23.10.2016	63
21.	Interactive Session for District Judges with the Registrar General, High Court of Madras and the Director, TNSJA	HQ	19.11.2016	4
22.	Round Table Discussion with Stakeholders on Bonded Labour Victim's Access to Justice	HQ	19.11.2016	30
23.	Intensive Training Programme for Directly Recruited District Judges of 2014 Batch	HQ	20.11.2016	26
24.	Intensive Training Programme for District Judges	HQ	21.11.2016 to 23.11.2016	4
25.	Training Programme on Criminal Investigation for Police Officers from Madurai and Tirunelveli Cities and the Districts of Dindigul, Kanniyakumari, Madurai, Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai, Theni, Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli, and Virudhunagar	RCM	26.11.2016	174
26.	Ministerial Staff Training Programme for Assistant / Bench Clerks – Grade III / Record Keepers Grade III(a) / Computer Operators	District Headquarters	04.12.2016	1741
27.	Ministerial Staff Training Programme for Bench Clerks – Grade I II / Head Clerks / Copyist Superintendents / Translators – Category III(a) / Deputy Nazir,	District Headquarters	10.12.2016	1999
28.	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the cadre of Personal Assistants, at the Principal Seat of Madras High Court	Chennai	10.12.2016	119
29.	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the cadre of Personal Assistants at Madurai Bench of Madras High Court	Chennai	10.12.2016	36
30.	Refresher Course-I for Civil Judges (Batch-II)	HQ	10.12.2016 11.12.2016	59
31.	Refresher Course-I for Civil Judges (Batch-II)	RCC	10.12.2016 11.12.2016	67
32.	Refresher Course-I for Civil Judges (Batch-II)	RCM	10.12.2016 11.12.2016	56'



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33.	Special Training Programme on Motor Accident Claims District Judges and Senior Civil Judges Presiding over MACTs	RCC	17.12.2016	51
34.	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the cadre of Assistant Section Officers / Assistant (Batch-I)	Chennai	17.12.2016	130
35.	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the cadre of Assistant Section Officers / Assistants (Batch-I)	Madurai	17.12.2016	105
36.	Refresher Course-I for Civil Judges (Batch-III)	HQ	17.12.2016 18.12.2016	60
37.	Refresher Course-I for Civil Judges (Batch-III)	RCM	17.12.2016 18.12.2016	55
38.	National Conference on Women and Children,	Chennai	21.01.2017 22.01.2017	217
39.	Refresher Course-II for Civil Judges	HQ	28.01.2017 29.01.2017	73
40.	Refresher Course-II for Civil Judges	RCC	28.01.2017 29.01.2017	56
41.	Refresher Course-II for District Judges	RCM	28.01.2017 29.01.2017	61
42.	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the Cadre of SO/CO/AE	Chennai	28.01.2017	79
43.	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the Cadre of SO/CO/AE	Madurai	28.01.2017	19
44.	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the Cadre of ASO/Assistant (Batch-II)	Chennai	18.02.2017	100
45.	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the Cadre of ASO/Assistant (Batch-II)	Madurai	18.02.2017	104
46.	Refresher Course-II for Senior Civil Judges	HQ	18.02.2017 19.02.2017	114
47.	Refresher Course-II for District Judges	RCC	18.02.2017 19.02.2017	45
48.	Refresher Course-II for Civil Judges (Batch-I)	RCM	18.02.2017 19.02.2017	59
49.	South Zone Regional Conference for Enhancing the Excellence of Judicial Institution: Challenges and Opportunities	HQ	25.02.2017 26.02.2017	71
50.	Refresher Course for District Judges	HQ	11.03.2017 12.03.2017	80
51.	Refresher Course-II for Senior Civil Judges	RCC	11.03.2017 12.03.2017	48

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Programme Description</b>	<b>Place/Venue</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>No. of Participants</b>
52.	Refresher Course-II for Civil Judges (Batch-II)	RCM	11.03.2017 12.03.2017	55
53.	Intensive Training Programme on Criminal Law for District Judges	HQ	18.03.2017 19.03.2017	58
54.	Refresher Course-II for Civil Judges	RCC	18.03.2017 19.03.2017	62
55.	Refresher Course-II for Civil Judges (Batch-III)	RCM	18.03.2017 19.03.2017	56
56.	Refresher Course-II for Senior Civil Judges	RCM	25.03.2017 26.03.2017	70
57.	Orientation Programme on online sharing of documents pertaining to motor accident claims for all the Judicial Officers functioning in Chennai and Puducherry	HQ	09.04.2017	115
58.	Training Programme on Online sharing of documents pertaining to motor accident claims for all the Judicial Officer	Districts' Headquarters	April 2017	713
59.	Training Programme for Section Officers/Assistant Section Officers, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court	Madurai	22.04.2017	177
60.	State Consultation on Laws relating to Children: Issues and Challenges in Implementation	HQ	22.04.2017 23.04.2017	95

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## **PART-II**

### **NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN**

In the recent times, there have been reports that the women and children in the country get into the hands of the criminals and the crimes against them are on the increase. In this background, to deliberate upon the issues concerned with women and children and to create sensitivity amongst the judicial officers all over the country, the Conference on Women and Children was organised in Chennai on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2017.

In the conference, Hon'ble Judges of the High Courts and the District Judges from across the country, members of NGOs, academicians, students and police officials, numbering 217 participated.

#### **INAGURAL SESSION**

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. Jaichandren**, Judge, High court of Madras/President, Board of Governors, TNSJA, while delivering welcome address, said that Chennai is the cultural capital of the country and that the growth and development of the country, can be measured on the status and position of women in the society. In spite of many laws having been enacted, the issues centre around its implementation, His Lordship said, expressing hope that the conference will set the tone and tenor for the way forward.

Delivering special address, **Mr. R. Muthukumarasamy**, Advocate General, High Court of Madras, enumerated the legislations enacted by the parliament and state legislature and whenever required, amendments to the existing laws, are also incorporated taking into account the needs, which arise from time to time.

Offering presidential address, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul**, Chief Justice, High Court of Madras/Patron-in-Chief, TNSJA, emphasised that equal treatment of women should start from everyone's home and that men should realise that women in their homes deserve due respect and have rights

and their own space in living. Trends are changing and education helps the women to be aware of the things, which are happening around them in the society, His Lordship said. Calling upon the men judges to be more sensitive to the problems and issues being faced by women, in a way to make judiciary more sensitive, His Lordship said that the Judicial Academies and the Legal Services Authorities should get linked to work together, wherever necessary, to safeguard the rights and privileges of the women in the country.

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Madan B. Lokur** Judge, Supreme Court of India, presenting inaugural address, pointed out that as early as 1950, rights of women had been recognised and yet, the progress is slow. There is no difficulty in making progress if we have the change of mindset towards women and children and we need to think a little differently, His Lordship said, pointing out that children suffered ignominy and they lack dignity and with the availability of technology, the problems of women and children could be solved, to a larger extent, if not in full measure.

Proposing vote of thanks, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajiv Shakti**, Judge, High Court of Madras/Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA, detailed the steps taken by TNSJA in organising the conference and said that the best of resource persons, who have expertise in their respective domains, were roped in to give better content so as to increase the level of reach to the delegates, not only for better understanding of the issues being faced by the women and children of the country, but also for finding solutions thereto.

### **BUSINESS SESSIONS**

The business sessions encapsulated into five sessions on various topics. Session-I on Child Protection and Child Victims and this session was chaired by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Madan B. Lokur**, Judge, Supreme Court of India. His Lordship spoke about the children suffering malnutrition and the suffering being undergone by the street children. **Dr. Shantha Sinha**, Former Chairperson, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, said that it is the responsibility of the society to look after the children, who go into missing and that for the deplorable situations in which the children are placed, the

socio, economic and political structure plays a vital role and that the discourse on children should shift from welfare to rights and that every child need to be healed and made comfortable. **Prof. Ved Kumari**, Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, detailed about the vulnerable conditions in the courtrooms for the child witness. She batted for strong child protection measures, so that the children, who entered the courtrooms, will feel free to speak about the truth, which will ultimately lead to put in place a better adjudication process.

The second session on Women and Mental Health, was chaired by **Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Prabha Sridevan**, Former Judge, High Court of Madras, and Her Lordship explained about the conditions poverty, mental health, and homelessness, in which the women are placed. It was an all-women session. **Dr.Lakshmi Vijayakumar**, Founder, SNEHA Suicide Prevention Centre, Chennai, detailed certain disorders which impacted the womenfolk. She spoke about the suicide prevention measures which need to be put in place by Government agencies and also explained about the modes of survival. **Dr.A.Lakshmi Ravikanth**, Mental Health Professional, The Banyan, Chennai, touched upon the issue regarding the gender determination and sexual exploitation. She disclosed that 50% in India have mental disorders and detailed the reasons why women commit suicide in India and the reasons for dowry, divorce, etc. A Mental Health Service User and Peer Leader, **Ms. Amali Margaret**, gave first person account as to how she came to mental health institution and how she became a leader to make other women, who are affected with mental health, to stand on their own feet. She also called upon the judicial officers to sit with the psychiatrists or mental health professionals before passing reception orders and also spoke about the necessity of holding periodical mental health sensitisation programmes.

The topic of session three was on Cyber Crimes Against Women and Children, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice V. Ramasubramanian**, Judge, High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad, chairing the session, said that we are all currently living in the world which is not private. His Lordship referred to the important provisions of the Information Technology Act, Indian Penal Code, POCSO Act,

Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act. **Mr. Debasis Nayak**, Honorary Director, Asian School of Cyber Laws, Pune, delivered his address by touching upon cyber stalking, child grooming, child pornography, flaming/trolling, and trafficking in children. He said that nothing is private in this technology driven human life. He also spelt out innovative investigation methodologies into crimes concerning with children, in view of the fact that radicalisation of children is rampant now-a-days. **Ms. Vidya Reddy**, Founder Director, Tulir, Chennai, threw light on the intersections and linkages of child abuse, images, online safety, and said that pornography is passé as it always seeks rather than demands and that the impact of pornography on children is very great, as it causes distrust and trauma.

The fourth session, Law, Women, Media and Celluloid, was chaired by, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajit Prakash Shah**, Former Chief Justice, High Courts of Madras and Delhi, and Former Chairman, Law Commission of India. His Lordship made opening remarks and said about the women being portrayed in the society and in positions of authority and expressed concern about the tendency of man in pestering girls/women in a routine manner in celluloid. **Mr.N. Ram**, Journalist, spoke about the role of news and non-news and also the television licensing system. The distinction between regulation and self-regulation mechanisms also was enlightened by him. **Mr. R.K. Radhakrishnan**, Journalist, said that there was no regulation in electronic media. **Mrs.Suhasini Maniratnam**, and **Mrs. Lakshmi Ramakrishnan**, Film Personalities, gave an overview of the portrayal of women in celluloid, particularly the instances of stalking which is a universal problem.

The last session was on Rights of Women - Property and Labour Laws and **Hon'ble Mr. Justice K. Chandru**, Former Judge, High court of Madras, chairing the session, offered opening remarks by stating that air hostesses in London retire at the age of fifty eight years, while in India early, in their thirties, and this is an example how women in our country are treated, even in Government agencies. **Hon'ble Mrs. Justice B.V. Nagarathna**, Judge, High Court of Karnataka, **Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Roshan Shamim Dalvi**, Former

Judge, Bombay High Court, took the participants through the various legal provisions as envisaged in the properly and labour legislations, concerning with women, threadbare. **Prof. Kamala Sankaran**, Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu National Law School, Trichy, highlighted the fact that the women, who do only household work, did not get any remuneration, but they do the work always which the working women do it partly and therefore, when the cases of such women come before the court in cases of motor accident claims, these facts deserve due consideration by that tribunal, so as to award fair and just compensation.

Delivering Valedictory Address, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul**, Chief Justice, High Court of Madras/Patron-in-Chief, TNSJA, applauded the efforts taken by the organisers in making a programme of such big scale into a reality. His Lordship called upon the delegates of the conference regarding the take away from the deliberations of the conference and requested them to have introspection on what they come across during the discussion/deliberations in the conference and make every endeavour to apply then in their day-to-day work in right perspective and correct measure. His Lordship also pointed out that those who adjudicate matters concerning with women must get themselves sensitised of the problems and issues being faced by women in this technologically advanced and developed age. The judicial officers are also expected of delivering justice to such women and children, who come before them and deserve fair treatment, taking into consideration their future life, His Lordship urged.

**PART-III****SOUTH ZONE REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENHANCING  
THE EXCELLENCE OF JUDICIAL INSTITUTIONS  
CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

In collaboration with National Judicial Academy on the High Court of Madras, two-days South Zone Regional Conference on Enhancing the Excellence of Judicial Institutions: Challenges and Opportunities (P-1014), held on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, 12 High Court Judges, from and 49 judicial officers in the cadre of civil judge, (71), from southern states participated.

There were six sessions on the following issues:-

- 1) Importance of Ethics, Integrity and Discipline
- 2) Strengthening Internal Vigilance Mechanism as Response to Rising Judicial Indiscipline
- 3) Impact of Media on Public Perception regarding Vitality of Justice Delivery
- 4) Relationship between High Court and District Judiciary
- 5) Social Context Judging (SCJ) as Principle for Exercise of Discretion and Application of SCJ in given Case Studies
- 6) E-Justice: Re-engineering the Judicial Process through Effective Use of ICT

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Madan B. Lokur, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kurian Joseph, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Uday U. Lalit, Hon'ble Dr. Justice B.S. Chauhan, Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.K. Ganguly, Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.V.Reddi, Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.Nagamuthu, Hon'ble Dr. Justice S.Vimala, Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. Sundar, Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.M. Subramaniam, Hon'ble Dr. Justice Jayachandran, Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Prabha Sridevan, speak in the sessions.

On each of the above issues profound insights were made necessary of inculcating ethics those discipline among the thoughts adjudicating matters,



was stressed. The speakers expressed great concern on the growing indiscipline and batted for the necessity of strengthening the vigilance machinery by way of spreading it is base to district level vitality of issues regarding justice delivery, when the media takes up the sensitive issues in the society and its impact where discussed in detail.

For the better functioning of judicial system its relationship between High Court and district judiciary is very much essential, as spoken by the speakers it was also spelt that at times the judicial officers functioning in the district have apprehension in come out with the graveness for the reason they always fear thought they will be witnessed if they do so.

It is the need of our thought of those adjudicating matters particularly those of significance must be away of social context judging and other words sensitize need to be greater along them so that – of adjudication would always be better.

The use information and economy technology is required to be augmented while greater infrastructure facilities in the district level court must be taken up at high space so as to make the courts litigants-friendly, as the litigants effect of the judicial process will be the instant in which of stage decision of the cases.

In the conference the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Huluvadi G. Ramesh, Acting Chief Justice, High Court of Madras and several justices from the Madras High Court participated.

**PART-IV****PROGRAMMES FOR IN-SERVICE JUDICIAL OFFICERS****1. Conference of Principal District Judges and Chief Judicial Magistrates**

As a first programme of the year 2016-2017, a Conference of Principal District Judges and Chief Judicial Magistrates on General Administration was held on 05.06.2016, and in the Conference, besides the Principal District Judges and the Chief Judicial Magistrates functioning in the State of Tamilnadu and the Union Territory of Puducherry, the District Judges functioning in the city of Chennai, in all 100 judicial officers, participated.

**Hon'ble Mr.Justice Rajiv Shakdher**, Judge, High Court of Madras/Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA, delivering welcome address, urged the participant-judicial officers to utilize the opportunity by way of discussion on various aspects which they come across in their day-to-day work, both judicial and administrative.

**Hon'ble Mr.Justice M.Jaichandran**, Judge, High Court of Madras/President, Board of Governors, TNSJA, who could not be present in the Conference, sent a message, which was read out, calling upon the participants to dedicate themselves and to take pledge that they would always place service above self and to learn to listen to their conscience while rendering true justice. The judicial officers should not forget to remember that they are performing a sacred duty as dedicated servants of the society and they should remember that they will act as responsible ambassadors of the judiciary and that they would always act in a manner befitting their position and status, His Lordship said in the message.

Delivering keynote address, **Hon'ble Mr.Justice Huluvadi G.Ramesh**, Judge, High Court of Madras, spoke about the procedures and practices

required to be followed by the judicial officers in the trial proceedings, so that quality in adjudication process could be maintained. His Lordship also stressed the necessity of disposing of all types of cases, in particular the cases under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, expeditiously. There is also every need that the judicial officers must maintain health and mind proper and better so that they could concentrate well in their work.

**Hon'ble Mr.Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul**, Chief Justice, High Court of Madras/Patron-in-Chief, TNSJA, likened the post of Principal District Judge as the Chief Justice of the District, as he is the head of the district. His Lordship said that the performance of the Principal District Judges is assessed by the initiatives taken by them in reducing the pendency level throughout the district and that they are also expected of taking innovative and strategic steps so as to dispose of the cases, in particular the cases of more than five-years-old, in an expeditious manner. Punctuality in sitting during court hours, better distribution of work and monitoring the cases, should be the thrust areas where the Principal District Judges and the Chief Judicial Magistrates need to concentrate more, His Lordship said.

**Hon'ble Mr.Justice F.M.Ibrahim Kalifulla**, Judge, Supreme Court of India, released the Annual Calendar of TNSJA containing the particulars of the programmes proposed to be conducted during the year 2016-2017 at the Headquarters of TNSJA in Chennai, the Regional Centres of TNSJA at Coimbatore and Madurai, and the Districts Headquarters, and **Hon'ble Mr.Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul**, Chief Justice, High Court of Madras, received the first copy.

Presenting inaugural address, **Hon'ble Mr.Justice F.M.Ibrahim Kalifulla**, called upon the participant-judicial officers to develop new ideas so as to put in place a better system to work in. There are many issues required to be looked into by the head of the district unit, from time to time, which include the reasons for delay in disposal of cases, the steps for expeditious disposal of

cases, and decision making process, His Lordship emphasised. It was stressed by His Lordship that every judicial officer must imbibe honesty and integrity and that they must hone leadership skills for better and faster decision-making. The other areas the Principal District Judges and the Chief Judicial Magistrates must shoulder responsibility are conducting training programmes and legal aid camps and initiating mediation process for deserving cases and maintenance of building infrastructure, and only by way of shouldering more responsibilities and constant follow-up with the authorities concerned, smooth functioning of the district-level courts could be ensured, His Lordship said.

**Hon'ble Mr.Justice B.Rajendran**, Judge, High Court of Madras/ Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA, proposed vote of thanks and urged the participant-judicial officers to have more discussion on the issues which they encounter in their day-to-day work, during the Conference.

Speaking on Judicial Ethics and Non-judicial Aspects, **Hon'ble Mr.Justice Rajiv Shakdher**, detailed the ethical standards and norms to be followed by every judicial officer, which are attainable, and said that maintaining high degree of morality is an important component. Bringing to the knowledge of the participants about the Bangalore Principles, His Lordship said that they have crystallized the values of judicial ethics. His Lordship gave insights into the non-judicial aspects which bear impact on the judicial work.

**Hon'ble Mr.Justice B.Rajendran**, taking the session on Inspection of Courts detailed the practices, procedures and techniques which are required to be adopted by the inspecting officers and that inspection should be in such a manner that it inspires the judicial officers to improve their work. His Lordship explained the importance of maintaining registers and records and making entries therein then and there. The Principal District Judges and the Chief Judicial Magistrates are required to keep the judicial officers, whose courts are inspected, abreast of the ways and the legal provisions by which the

interlocutory applications, including those for the appointment of advocate commissioner, could be disposed of by them, without any delay.

A session on the Role of District Judiciary on Implementation of Resolutions adopted in the Chief Justices' Conference, 2016, and Case Management, was taken by **Hon'ble Mr.Justice T.S.Sivagnanam**, Judge, High Court of Madras/ Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA. District judiciary playing a pivotal role for the success of justice delivery system, should lay focus on the areas of infrastructure, staff management, monitoring performance of courts, tackling pendency, monitoring cases of under-trial prisoners, legal aid, effective implementation of e-courts project, juvenile justice system, caseload management and assimilation of data and reporting, His Lordship said. It was pointed out by His Lordship that courts must give priority in disposal of cases pending for more than five years and should work out different modalities for reducing pendency and that for ensuring uniformity, simplicity and accuracy in the matter of collection of statistics, the data should be entered in the prescribed forms.

**Hon'ble Mr.Justice P.N.Prakash**, Judge, High Court of Madras/ Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA, speaking on the subject on Issues and Challenges in Sessions Cases, expressed concern over the manner in which charges are framed in sessions cases, and prevailed upon the participants to concentrate on charge framing and invoke Section 227 Cr.P.C dealing with discharge. His Lordship said that it gives strong signal to the accused to comply with the conditions scrupulously, if there is a mention at the end-portion of the bail order about the cancellation of bail, in case he violates any of the conditions, and that in every case of alteration of charge, recalling the witnesses is not necessary and overall, if the legal provisions as envisaged in Cr.P.C are followed in letter and spirit, there is every possibility in expeditious disposal of cases.

## **2. Refresher Courses**

### **a) District Judges**

The Refresher Courses for District Judges were held in the Headquarters and the Regional Centres and the particulars are given in the following table:-

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		11.03.2017 and 12.03.2017	80
2.	Regional Centre, Coimbatore	16.07.2016 and 17.07.2016	41
		18.02.2017 and 19.02.2017	45
3.	Regional Centre, Madurai	25.06.2016 and 26.06.2016	54
		28.01.2017 and 29.01.2017	61

### **SUBJECTS AND RESOURCE PERSONS**

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajiv Shakhder,** Judge, High Court of Madras/Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA, emphasised the importance and significance of the Refresher Course and said that such programmes open up the mind of the judicial officers to certain areas which they are unfamiliar with.

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.N.Prakash,** Judge, High Court of Madras/ Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA, spoke about the Criminal Law – Substantive and Procedural vis-à-vis Sessions Cases, laying emphasis on the importance of invoking Section 229A IPC which deals with the steps to be taken by the court in the event the accused, who is released on bail, fails to appear in court during subsequent dates of hearing.

**Mr.A.Ramesh,** Senior Advocate, dealt with the Significance of Sections 24, 25, 26 and 27 of the Evidence Act in Criminal Proceedings. While

**Mr.M.S.Krishnan**, Advocate, took a session on Jurisdiction of Civil Courts and Exclusion of Jurisdiction in the light of Section 9 of the Code of Civil Procedure, **Mr.Arun C. Mohan**, Advocate, elaborately dealt with the Recent Trends in Intellectual Property Law.

**Mr.K.Sukumaran**, Advocate, dealt with the subjects on Significance of Section 24, 25, 26 and 27 of the Evidence Act in Criminal Proceedings and the Procedure relating to Proceedings in Sessions Cases. A session on Rights of Female Coparceners under Section 6 of the Hindu Succession Act was taken by **Mr.P.R.Ramakrishnan**, Senior Advocate, and **Mr.Srinivasa Ragavan**, Advocate, at Coimbatore and Madurai respectively. **Ms.S.Sridevi**, Management Training Consultant/Social Entrepreneur, gave a speech on the topic Health and Stress Management.

**Hon'ble Ms. Justice K. Suguna**, Former Judge, High Court of Madras, dealt with the topic, Disciplinary Proceedings, and deftly explained the situations where Rules 17(a) Rules 17(b) ought to be invoked. The resource person also explained the importance of framing precise and succinct charges, and the procedures to be followed in case of minor offences.

The session on Appreciation of Precedents in Decision-making Process, was handled by **Mr. S. Raghunathan**, Advocate, who explained the importance of precedents in bringing about clarity and certainty in litigation, and dealt with Sections 437, 437(a), 438 and 88 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. The manner of proving contradiction based on statements given under Section 161 Cr.P.C. was also explained by him.

The session on Points to be considered by the Courts before Setting Aside Arbitral Awards, was dealt with by **Mr. P.R. Ramakrishnan**, Advocate, Coimbatore. He highlighted the recent judgments related to the topic, and explained the scope for the courts to set aside an award under section 34. He also took the participants through the amendments introduced in the Arbitration and Conciliation Act.

The topic on Bottlenecks in the early disposal of cases – Response of the Judiciary so far – Remedial measures for the future was taken up. The

participants were divided into 6 groups. For group discussion, and the representatives of each group made presentation of their views.

The topic on Procedure relating to Trial proceedings in Sessions Cases and Charge Framing was handled by **Mr. K. Sukumaran**, Advocate, Kumbakonam, who elaborately discussed Sections 225 to 237 Cr.P.C., and Section 61 to 65 of the Evidence Act, with the recent relevant case laws.

**Dr. Shilpa Shah**, took a session on Health and Stress Management, and she lucidly explained the importance of living healthy by following appropriate food habits and simple exercises to relieve stress.

**Mr. Shangar Murali**, Advocate, High Court of Madras, dealt with the sessions on Law of Injunction and Specific Performance and also on the Procedure relating to Issue of Commission under Order 26 Rule 9 C.P.C. and Attachment before Judgment under Order 38 Rule 5 C.P.C. While elaborating the various aspects, relating to the aforesaid topics, he referred to the judgments of the higher courts of the country and the latest position of law and urged the participants to exercise adequate caution while dealing with interlocutory applications and that commission need be issued and attachment before judgment ordered, only when the facts of the case warrant.

**Hon'ble Ms. Justice K. Suguna**, Former Judge, High Court of Madras, spoke about the procedure contemplated under the Tamil Nadu Civil Servants (Disciplinary and Appeal) Rules, for conducting departmental enquiries, and dealt with, in detail, the different procedures, that have to be followed, under Rules 17(a) and 17(b).

**Mr. N.L. Rajah**, Senior Advocate, Chennai, dealt with the Rights of the Farmers under various laws including the Debt Relief Act and the TN Prohibition of Charging Exorbitant Interest Act, 2003, TN Money Lenders Act, 1957, and the Usurious Loans Act. He laid emphasis in creating awareness about the rights of the farmers through District and Taluk Level Legal Services Authorities and called upon the judicial officers to play a proactive role in safeguarding the interests of the farmers.



The participating Judges were divided into groups comprising five members each and they had Group Discussion on Bottlenecks in the early disposal of cases - Response of the District Judiciary so far - remedial measures for the future. After having an elaborate group discussion, a representative from each group made presentation on the subject. The participants came out with practical and innovative solutions to overcome the bottlenecks in the early disposal of cases.

**Mr. K. Sukumaran**, Advocate, Kumbakonam, elaborated the significance of Sections 24, 25, 26 and 27 of Evidence Act in Criminal Proceedings with various decided cases.

**Dr. S. Prabakar**, Professor and Controller, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, spoke about the Judicial Leadership with particular reference to the responsibilities both on the judicial and administrative sides and as to how the qualities of leader can be enhanced.

***b) Senior Civil Judges***

The Refresher Courses for Senior Civil Judges were held in the Headquarters and the Regional Centres and the following table gives the particulars:-

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Date(s) of training</b>	<b>No. of Participants</b>
1.	Headquarters, Chennai	25.06.2016 and 26.06.2016	71
		18.02.2017 and 19.02.2017	114
2.	Regional Centre, Coimbatore	18.06.2016 and 19.06.2016	42
		11.03.2017 and 12.03.2017	48
3.	Regional Centre, Madurai	23.04.2016	82
		16.07.2016 and 17.07.2016	67
		25.03.2017 and 26.03.2017	70

## ***SUBJECTS AND RESOURCE PERSONS***

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.N.Prakash**, Judge, High Court of Madras/Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA, analysed threadbare the legal provisions under Section, 24, 25, 26 and 27 of the Evidence Act. His Lordship took a session on Issues and Challenges in Sessions Trial, and spoke on the importance and the relevance of Section 154 of the Evidence Act and Section 309 Cr.P.C., so as to make the participants better-equipped to meet the challenges cropping up in their day-to-day work.

**Mr.N.Anand Venkatesh**, Advocate, took a session on the issues relating to Order 41 CPC dealing with appeals and decrees, and also on the Procedure relating to Proceedings in Sessions Cases. **Mr.P.Valliappan**, Advocate, dealt with the Law of Wills, while **Mr.R.Selvakumar**, Advocate, spoke about the Rights of Possession and the Elements of Possession. **Mrs.Ananthi Karthic**, Counselling Psychologist, took a session on Joy of Living by Reducing Stress.

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice T.S.Sivagnanam**, Judge, High Court of Madras/Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA, chairing a programme highlighted the importance of continuous learning and the benefits the judicial officers by updating their knowledge will gain.

**Mr.K.Sukumaran**, Advocate, speaking on the Procedure relating to Trial Proceedings in Sessions Cases, discussed all the relevant provisions under the Code of Criminal Procedure. He also took a session on Appreciation of Evidence in Criminal Cases with reference to Relevancy of Facts and Burden of Proof. While **Mr.P.R.Ramakrishnan**, Advocate, took the participants through the various enactments relating to Christian Marriage Act, Indian Divorce Act, Special Marriage Act, and Hindu Marriage Act, **Mr.V.Sivakumar**, Advocate, handled the session on Procedure relating to Proceedings in Civil Appeal Cases. The session on Health and Stress Management was taken by **Mr.Devakottai R.Ramanathan**, Human Resources Development Trainer.

While **Mr.S.Srinivasa Raghavan**, Advocate, speaking on Negligence and Quantum of Compensation in Motor Accident Claim Cases, lucidly explained

the distinction between contributory negligence and composite negligence, **Mr.G.Prabhu Rajadurai**, Advocate, gave greater insights into the issues relating to Law of Liability of Insurer in Motor Accident Claim Cases.

**Mr.K.Balasundaram**, Advocate, addressed the participants on the topic Procedure relating to Proceedings in Civil Appeal Cases and **Mr.M.Vallinayagam**, Senior Advocate, delivered a lecture on Law of Marriage and Succession. **Mrs.N.Chitra**, Counselling Psychologist, conducted an interactive session regarding Health and Stress Management.

**Mr. N. Anand Venkatesh**, Advocate, High Court of Madras, took a session on Declaratory Relief and pointed out the important aspects, which need be taken into consideration while dealing with such suits. The various types of reliefs for declaration were well-explained by the resource person. He touched upon the legal provisions under Sections 31, 34, and 35 of the Specific Relief Act, Articles 56 to 59 of the Limitation Act and Sections 7, 25, and 40 of the Court Fees Act.

An Overview of Hindu Succession Act was given by **Mr.T.Murugamanickam**, Senior Advocate, High Court of Madras, who, in his lecture, brought to the notice of the participants, the latest position of law on the share of female members in the properties. Relevant provisions of the Hindu Succession Act, including Sections 6 and 8, were analysed threadbare by the resource person.

**Mr. S. Arunkumar**, Advocate, High Court of Madras, who spoke on Recent Trends in Motor Accident Claim Cases, highlighted the manner in which the claims are required to be assessed on the nature and type of accident. He also brought forth the difference between the composite negligence and contributory negligence. The significance of Section 163A, and the difference between Sections 163A and 166 of the Motor Vehicles Act, were explained by him.

**Ms. R.Ramya**, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Practitioner. Look a session on Healthy Lifestyle.

The interpretation of the legal provisions relating to fact, fact in issue, relevancy of facts, burden of proof, admission, presumption, digital signature, estoppel, etc., were explained by **Mr. S.Jayachandran**, Advocate, Thanjavur. He also urged the participants to apply the provisions of law under the Evidence Act, while appreciating the evidence in right perspective, to arrive at a reasoned and just finding. He also dealt with the Procedure relating to Framing of Charges and Appreciation of Evidence in Sessions Cases. On the framing of charges, he illustrated the situations and the circumstances, when the alteration of charges and joinder of charges arise. The significance of Sections 145, 154, 161 and 162 Cr.P.C. was spelt out by the resource person.

**Mr.P.R.Ramakrishnan**, Advocate, Coimbatore, dealt with the topic, Admissibility, Evidentiary Value and Appreciation of Oral and Documentary evidence, discussing all the relevant provisions under Sections 59 to 73, 90 to 92, 101 to 110, and Section 115 of the Indian Evidence Act, threadbare.

An overview of the Law relating to Public Trust and Private Trust was handled by Mr. **N.Sridhar**, Advocate, Coimbatore, explaining the difference between a private trust and a public trust. Section 92 C.P.C., which deals with public trust, and the Indian Trusts Act, 1882, which deals with private trust. He detailed the step-by-step procedures to be followed while dealing with suits filed under Section 92 C.P.C.

Significance of Sections 25, 26, 27 and 30 of the Evidence Act in Criminal Proceedings, was the topic of the session, which was handled by **Mr.K.Sukumaran**, Advocate, Kumbakonam, who discussed all the relevant provisions and its related case laws, regarding arrest and custody, confession and admission.

**Dr. Shilpa Shah**, took a session on Health and Stress Management, and she lucidly explained the importance of living healthy by following appropriate food habits and simple exercises to relieve stress.

**Mr. S. Srinivasa Raghavan**, Advocate, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, handled the topic on policy wordings and tariffs under Indian Motor Tariff: A study on payment of income tax on interest accrued out of compensation awarded to dependents by MACTs. The Resource Person extensively dealt with the Section 194 (A), 28A, 145 and other relevant provisions of the Income Tax Act, and lucidly explained the procedure for deduction of TDS.

**Mr. T. Srinivasa Raghavan**, Advocate, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, in the session on Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act vis-à-vis Section 92 CPC, spoke about the origin of the Endowments Act and also the difference between devathanam and charities and also the formation of HR and CE Board. He dealt in detail with Section 5 of HR & CE Act along with Section 92 CPC with illustrations. He also took another session on Liability u/s 163A Motor Vehicles Act, explaining how to fix liability u/s 163A Motor Vehicles Act comparing to Section 166 of the Motor Vehicles Act.

**Mr. A. Raghunathan**, Senior Advocate, High Court of Madras, explained the evidentiary value and the effects of publication in newspaper and various procedures, as envisaged under criminal law.

**Dr. S.T. Venkateswaran**, Chennai, gave several tips to avoid stress and to stay healthy, in the session on Stress and Health Management.

***c) Civil Judges***

The Refresher Courses for Civil Judges were held in the Headquarters and the Regional Centres of TNSJA and the particulars are as follows:-

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1.	Headquarters, Chennai	16.07.2016 and 17.07.2016	54
		10.12.2016 and 11.12.2016	59
		17.12.2016 and 18.12.2016	60
		28.01.2017 and 29.01.2017	73
2.	Regional Centre, Coimbatore	25.06.2016 and 26.06.2016	46
		10.12.2016 and 11.12.2016	62
		28.01.2017 and 29.01.2017	56
		18.03.2017 and 19.03.2017	62
3.	Regional Centre, Madurai	18.06.2016 and 19.06.2016	56
		10.12.2016 and 11.12.2016	54
		17.12.2016 and 18.12.2016	52
		18.02.2017 and 19.02.2017	59
		11.03.2017 and 12.03.2017	55
		18.03.2017 and 19.03.2017	56

## ***SUBJECTS AND RESOURCE PERSONS***

**Hon'ble Mr.Justice M.Jaichandren**, Judge, High Court of Madras/ President, Board of Governor, TNSJA, said that law keeps changing and therefore, it need to be applied depending on the facts and circumstances of the given case and that honesty and integrity of the judicial officers should always be at the top of chart both inside and outside the courts.

**Hon'ble Mr.Justice B.Rajendran**, Judge, High Court of Madras/ Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA, exhorted the participant-judicial officers to get themselves involved in updating themselves on the march of law. **Hon'ble Mr.Justice T.S.Sivagnanam**, Judge, High Court of Madras/Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA, addressing the participants, emphasised the need to put into practice what the judicial officers learn by way of discussion, interaction and audio-visual methods, in correct measure and right perspective, to the maximum extent possible, and dwelt on ICEE (Impartial, Competency, Efficiency, Effectiveness), the requisite qualities for an effective judicial system.

**Hon'ble Dr. Justice S. Vimala**, Judge, High Court of Madras, urged the participant-officers to read extensively even other than law books, like Economics and Tamil literature about Kannagi and Manuneechi Cholan, and urged them to understand the development of law in the day-to-day context and also took a session on Power of Courts including Inherent Powers under Section 151 C.P.C.

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.N.Prakash**, Judge, High Court of Madras/ Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA, analysed threadbare each and every aspect of the legal provisions under Sections 24, 25, 26, and 27 of the Evidence Act.

Group Discussion among the participant-judicial officers on the Bottlenecks in the Early Disposal of Cases was held and the presentation by the representatives of the groups was moderated by **Hon'ble Dr. Justice G.Jayachandran**, and **Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.Sathish Kumar**, Judges, High Court of Madras/Members, Board of Governors, TNSJA.

**Mr.N.Anand Venkatesh**, Advocate, dealt with the sessions on Inherent Powers of Civil Courts under Section 151 C.P.C, Issue of Commission, Attachment Before Judgment, Confession in Criminal Proceedings, and Framing, Alteration, and Joinder of Charges. **Mr.Shangar Murali**, Advocate, took the sessions on Procedure relating to Trial Proceedings in Civil Cases, Law of Injunction, Issue of Commission and Attachment Before Judgment and Procedure relating to Execution Proceedings.

**Mr. Shangar Murali**, Advocate, High Court of Madras, dealt with the sessions on Law of Injunction and Specific Performance and also on the Procedure relating to Issue of Commission under Order 26 Rule 9 C.P.C. and Attachment before Judgment under Order 38 Rule 5 C.P.C. While elaborating the various aspects, relating to the aforesaid topics, he referred to the judgments of the higher courts of the country and the latest position of law and urged the participants to exercise adequate caution while dealing with interlocutory applications and that commission need be issued and attachment before judgment ordered, only when the facts of the case warrant.

The session on T.N. Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Act – An Overview, was taken by **Mr.P.B. Ramanujam**, Advocate, High Court of Madras, He said that law of tenancy, having undergone drastic changes, is developing, in view of the propositions of law, as enunciated by the higher courts, from time to time, and also of the change in the pattern of society and expansion of commercial activities in the country. The issues relating to eviction of tenant and fixation of fair rent, were elaborately dealt with by the resource person. He also explained the legal definition of the terms ‘tenant’, ‘landlord’, ‘building’, ‘fair rent’, etc.

**Mr.RM.Karthik Lakshmanan**, Counselling Psychologist, gave many tips and tidbits during the session on Healthy Living. **Ms.R.Ramya**, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Practitioner, spoke on the issues relating to health and gave information as to how to lead a healthy lifestyle. **Mrs.N.Chitra**, Counselling Psychologist, conducted an interactive session regarding Health and Stress Management.



**Mr.P.B.Balaji**, Advocate, dealt with the subject on T.N.Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Act – An Overview. On the session on Confession and Recording of Evidence, **Mr.S.Raghunathan**, Advocate, by giving problems to the participants, made them think about law in order to finding solutions.

**Mr.N.Sridhar**, Advocate, elaborately dealt with the topics on Jurisdiction of Civil Courts with reference to Section 9 CPC and Territorial Jurisdiction with reference to Sections 15 to 21 CPC, while **Mr.M.Sanjaiyan**, Advocate, handled the sessions on Recording of Confession of Accused and Statement of Witnesses under Section 164 Cr.P.C, Framing and Alteration of Charges, Inquiry under Section 176(1-A) Cr.P.C., and Procedure relating to Framing of Charges with specific reference to Sections 34 and 149 IPC.

**Mr.V.Lakshmanan**, Advocate, took a session on Execution proceedings – A Cog or Clog in the Wheels of Timely Dispensation of Justice. The Session on Communication and Negotiation skills was taken by **Prof.K. Rathnasabapathi**, Former Associate Professor and Head, Department of English, PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore.

**Thiru. N.Ananthapadmanabhan**, Advocate, took the session on Framing of Charges, Recording of Confession of Accused and Statement of Witnesses under Section 164 Cr.P.C., and Inquiry under Section 176(1-A) Cr.P.C. **Mr.Jayaprakash Narayanan**, Advocate, handled the session on Procedure relating to Trial Proceedings in Civil Cases – Execution Proceedings.

While **Mr.G.Prabhu Rajadurai**, Advocate, explained the intricacies of the issues relating to Attachment Before Judgment under Order 38 Rule 5 C.P.C and Issue of Commission under Order 26 Rule 9 C.P.C., **Mr.M.Karunanithi**, Advocate, dealt with in detail the nuances of Recording of Confession of Accused and the Statement of Witness under Section 164 Cr.P.C and Inquiry under Section 176 (1-A) Cr.P.C.

**Mr.M.Vallinayagam**, Senior Advocate, spoke on the subjects, Attachment before Judgment under Order 38 Rule 5 C.P.C and Issue of Commission under Order 26 Rule 9 C.P.C. **Mr.S.Meenakshisundaram**,

Advocate, took the participants through the relevant provisions relating to Civil Arrest and Attachment in Execution Proceedings.

**Mr. Shangar Murali**, Advocate, High Court of Madras, dealt with the sessions on Law of Injunction and Specific Performance and also on the Procedure relating to Issue of Commission under Order 26 Rule 9 C.P.C. and Attachment before Judgment under Order 38 Rule 5 C.P.C. While elaborating the various aspects, relating to the aforesaid topics, he referred to the judgments of the higher courts of the country and the latest position of law and urged the participants to exercise adequate caution while dealing with interlocutory applications and that commission need be issued and attachment before judgment ordered, only when the facts of the case warrant.

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**Mr. Anand Venkatesh**, Advocate, High Court of Madras, dealt with the Procedure relating to Arrest and Remand; Statement and Confession; Cognizance of Offence; Framing of Charges; and Trial of Warrant Case. He said that the passing of the order of remand should not be a routine affair and that whenever requisitions are received from the investigation officers, it shall be the duty of the Judicial/Metropolitan Magistrate to satisfy himself whether the remand of the accused is really necessary in a given case. Similarly, he explained the different procedure in recording the statements of witnesses and the confession of accused under Section 164 Cr.P.C. Framing of charge is the main area where the magistrates are expected of paying their personal attention, as the very foundation of trial rests on the charge(s).

**Ms.R.Ramya**, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Practitioner, took a session on Healthy Lifestyle.

**Mr. K.R. Sankaran**, Advocate, Coimbatore, dealt with the topics on Arrest and Remand Procedure, and Law of Bail and Bond, and deftly explained the procedures relating to issuance of warrants and summons and the conditions to be satisfied before granting of bail to the accused. He also discussed the relevant provisions, the case laws and the principles, relating to Prisoners Transfer Warrant (P.T. Warrant).

The session on Law of Injunction and Attachment before Judgment, was dealt with by **Mr. P. Krishnakumar**, Advocate, Coimbatore, taking the participants through the relevant provisions of C.P.C. and the case laws governing the field. Orders 38 and 39 C.P.C. and the supplemental proceedings contemplated under Section 94 C.P.C. were elaborately discussed. **Mr.Shangar Murali**, Advocate, Chennai, also took the same session.

The session on Tamil Nadu Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Act with specific reference to Sections 4 and 10, was handled by **Mr. V. Sivakumar**, Advocate, Coimbatore. He elaborately discussed the important provisions of the statute Tamilnadu Building (Lease and Rent Control), and explained the manner in which fair rent has to be fixed for a premises. He also threw light on the various grounds on which eviction of a tenant could be sought and the requisites that have to be satisfied before eviction could be sought by the landlord.

**Mrs. Brinda Jayaraman**, Family Therapist, Co-Founder, Chennai Counselors' Foundation, took a session on Health and Stress Management. She lucidly explained the reasons for stress and the psychological effects it had on the functioning of the various organs of the body. The various techniques to de-stress were explained by her, and simple exercises to de-stress was also taught to the participants.

**Mr. A. Arumugam**, Advocate, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, detailed the provisions of Sections 4 and 10 of the Rent Control Act, by highlighting how fair rent has to be fixed and the duties of the Rent Controller

while doing so, and explained the various conditions under which eviction can be ordered under Section 10 of the Act. He also spoke about the jurisdiction of civil courts under Section 9 C.P.C. and the difference between courts and tribunals, and took another session on Hindu Succession Act: Salient Features after amendment in 2005.

The session on Enhancing Skills in Legal English, was taken by **Dr.G.Dharmaraja**, Associate Professor in English. He gave three problems to the participants and had a discussion as to interpretation of statutes in respect of each problem, and briefly touched upon the art of judgment writing.

The session on Appreciation of Evidence with special focus on Confession and Burden of Proof, was dealt with by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Nagamuthu**, Judge, High Court of Madras/President, Board of Governors, TNSJA, and **Mr.S.Jayakumar**, Special Public Prosecutor (CBI), Madurai Bench of Madras High Court. The practical aspects regarding admissibility of confession with reference to Section, 24, 25, 26 and 27 Cr.P.C., were discussed.

**Mr. Issac Mohanlal**, Senior Advocate, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court and **Dr. G. Dharmaraja**, Associate Professor in English, took a session on Enhancing Skills in Legal English and Interpretation of Statutes. The various nuances of the legal English and the significance of Interpretation of Statutes were explained by them. The session Art of Judgment Writing was also taken by them.

**Mr. R. Gandhi**, Advocate, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, highlighted the powers and duties of the judicial magistrates regarding arrest and remand of the accused and explained the conditions laid down in Arnesh Kumar's case to be followed by the police and the judicial magistrates, while arresting and remanding an accused, as the case may be. He also explained how to calculate the 15 days' period while granting police custody with reference to various decided cases, and dealt with the concept of statutory bail under Section 167(2) Cr.P.C.

**Mr. G.R. Swaminathan**, Advocate, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, dealt with An Overview of Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994. His Lordship explained the object of the said Act, touching upon the constitutional vision, and described the various provisions of the Act with reference to the decisions of the higher courts of the country, His Lordship also took a session on Law of Injunction and Specific Performance, and explained its nuances elaborately, by referring to various case laws. The concept of “*John Doe Suit*”, “*Ashok Kumar Suit*” and “*Mareva Injunction*”, were also touched upon.

### **3. Interactive Session and Intensive Programme**

#### **a) Interactive Session**

A special interactive session for the four judicial officers in the cadre of District Judge, with the Registrar General, High Court of Madras, and the Director, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, was held on 19.11.2016, at TNSJA Headquarters, Chennai. During the session, the judicial officers were enlightened on the aspects to be looked into while appreciating the evidence, and the difference between common intention and common object was also explained to the judicial officers. The judgments delivered by the four judicial officers were also assessed and the aspects relating to narration of facts, analysis of evidence, and reasons for findings, were discussed, by the Registrar General and the Director, with the judicial officers.

#### **b) Intensive Training Programme for Directly Recruited District Judges of 2014 Batch**

In the Intensive Training Programme held on 20.11.2016 the judicial officers in the cadre of District Judge numbering 26, participated.

Speaking about the Scope and Object of the Programme, **Hon’ble Mr. Justice M. Jaichandren**, Judge, High Court of Madras/President, Board of Governor, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, said that knowing law is one thing and thinking about the law is another thing and that the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy stressed much on the latter, because it is believed that

only by making the judicial officers having about law available found solutions to the issued which they come across the day-to-day work. Another endeavor of the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy is to be the judicial officers functioning in the State of Tamilnadu and the Union Territory of Puducherry always on the tract, in that by making them keep abreast of the March of Law and the subjects which deal with day in and day out.

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.Nagamuthu**, Judge, High Court of Madras, took a session on Fundamental Principles of Criminal Law and Charge framing in Sessions Cases and emphasised that charge framing as the area where the judicial officers sitting in criminal proceedings need to be improved, much for the reason that entire trial of criminal case bases on the charge(s) framed against the accused.

Giving problems of charge framing His Lordship stressed the need to go through the ingredients of the provisions of law foremost and framing charges in accordance there with. Besides, fundamental principles of criminal law, both procedural and substantive were explained threadbare by His Lordship.

His Lordship also pointed out that every judicial officer must know the procedural relating to trial and more particularly the admissibility of evidence and proof and relevancy of facts. As the distinction between Sections 34 and 149 IPC and when and where these provisions is come into play and also when and alternate charges need to be framed, were also dealt with by His Lordship. What are the ingredients of common objects and common intension were elaborately dealt with and the manner eliciting contradiction, distinction between surmises, assumption and presumption were elaborately dealt with by His Lordship.

In the afternoon session **Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.N.Prakash**, Judge, High Court of Madras, took the participants drove important provisions of IPC and Cr.P.C and spoke about the manner in which the trial need to be conducted and the evidences to be associated. His Lordship also spoke about the various provisions of Evidence Act by which the evidentiary value could be found. The

issues relating to contradiction and corroboration and as to how the contradiction could be proved were also well-explained by His Lordship. The issues relating to burden of proof with reference to the legal relevant provisions of the Evidence Act were elaborately dealt with by His Lordship.

The documentary film of Court Film was screened depicting the state of affairs of the judicial system and the persons who are associated therewith, the important use of Section 498 IPC and the real story of the victims was screened to the participants.

### **c) Intensive Training Programme for District Judges**

A special intensive training programme for the four judicial officers in the cadre District Judge was organised between 21.11.2016 to 23.11.2016, at TNSJA Headquarters, Chennai, where **Mr. S. Ragnathan**, Advocate, High Court of Madras, discussed about the contradiction and corroboration aspects, in depth. The resource person also spoke about the importance of Section 157 of the Evidence Act, demeanour of the witness, charge framing, Section 319 Cr.P.C., confession, hearsay evidence, and others, elaborately. The judicial officers were also given exercises to understand the problems, which they face in their day-to-day work, and the possible solutions were also discussed.

### **d) Intensive Training Programme on Criminal Law for District Judges**

The judicial officers, in the cadre of District Judge, numbering 58, participated in this programme held at TNSJA Headquarters, Chennai.

The session on Charge Framing, which was chaired by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice V. Bharathidasan**, Judge, High Court of Madras, was taken by **Mr. I. Subramanian**, Senior Advocate, High court of Madras, who, referring to the important judgments of the higher courts of the country, said that the sessions judges must pay their full attention by going through the records of the case while framing charge against the accused.

The session on Distinction between Culpable Homicide and Murder, also chaired by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice V. Bharathidasan**, Judge, High Court of Madras, was taken by **Mr. T.S. Subramanian**, Former Public Prosecutor, Villupuram, who highlighted the important aspects as to how to bring the offence into one of culpable homicide or murder.

Another session on charge framing was chaired by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.V.Muralidaran**, Judge, High Court of Madras, and it was dealt with by **Mr. N.R.Elango**, Senior Advocate, High Court of Madras, who, in his lecture, referred to the important decisions of the Madras High Court and the Supreme Court and explained the ingredients of relevant provisions relating to charge framing.

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. Sathish Kumar**, Judge, High Court of Madras/Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA, called upon the judicial officers to get to know the basic legal principles, so that by way of common sense and prudence, they can well interpret the legal provisions in its perspective.

**Hon'ble Dr. Justice Anita Sumanth**, Judge, High court of Madras, gave a special address on charge framing. **Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Nagamuthu**, Judge, High Court of Madras/President, Board of Governors, TNSJA, pointed out the need for improvement of knowledge in judging criminal matters and laid emphasis on the importance of Section 226 Cr.P.C., which contemplates that the prosecutor shall open his case by describing the charge brought against the accused by what evidence he proposes to prove the guilt of the accused. His Lordship gave problems as to how the charges should be framed, particularly with reference to Sections 34 and 149 IPC. His Lordship pointed out the distinction between the provision under Section 34 IPC and that under Section 149 IPC and also the difference between common intention and similar intention. The practice and procedure relating to child witness was elaborately dealt with by His Lordship, with illustration and experimental exercise.



#### **4. Orientation Programme on CCTNS and Online Sharing of Documents Pertaining to Motor Accident Claims for the Judicial Officers**

An Orientation Programme on Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) and online sharing Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (MACT), was held on 09.04.2017, for the judicial officers functioning in Chennai and Puducherry.

On the Scope and Object of the Programme, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.N.Prakash, Hon'ble Dr. Justice G. Jayachandran, Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.Sathish Kumar, Judges, High Court of Madras/Members, Board of Governors, TNSJA**, dealt with steps being taken by TNSJA in conducting similar programmes at every District Headquarters in Tamil Nadu. It is an initiative taken by the District General Police, Tamil Nadu Police, in pursuance of the direction of the High Court of Madras.

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.Sathish Kumar**, Judge, High Court of Madras/Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA, call upon the judicial officers to get know the basic legal principles so that by way of common sense and prudence they can well interpret the legal provisions in its perspective.

**Mrs. Seema Agarwal**, Additional Director General of Police, State Crime Records Bureau, Tamilnadu Police, gave introduction and enumerated the efforts having been taken by Tamil Nadu Police, in putting in place a system, where the documents relating to motor accident cases could be had online.

**Mrs. B. Sridevi**, Deputy Superintendent of Police, gave an overview online facility for sharing of documents of road accident cases with MCOP courts, presentation on Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and System (CCTNS) Citizen's Portal, CCTNS Officer's Portal was done by **Mr. T.Panneer Selvam**, Inspector of Police, State Crime Records Bureau, Tamilnadu Police. After the lecture session a interactive session was held.

Subsequently, in April, 2017, in every District Headquarters, similar programme was held, in co-ordination with the respective District Crime Record Bureaus, to make the judicial officers aware of the facility in place, for downloading documents relating to motor accident cases.

## **PART-V**

### **SPECIAL PROGRAMMES**

#### **1. Symposium on Children in Conflict with Law and Child Victims**

The Symposium on Children in Conflict with Law and Child Victims for the Principal Magistrates of the Juvenile Justice Boards and the Presiding Officers of the Mahila Courts was held on 30.07.2016 and 31.07.2016 at the Headquarters of the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, at Chennai, and in the symposium, 65 judicial officers participated.

#### **INAUGURAL SESSION**

The Symposium commenced with the welcome address by **Mr.P.Rajan**, UNICEF, Consultant – Conflict with Law.

In his special address, **Mr.Job Zachariah**, Chief, UNICEF office for Tamilnadu and Kerala, said that the background of the child, alcoholism and drug abuse, and pornography, form a deadly combination, where children get trapped in committing offences and also becoming victims. This is one of the areas UNICEF makes attempts, from time to time, in co-ordination with other agencies in the field, to address such problems and also make deliberations among the people dealing with such cases, towards finding solutions, he said.

**Hon'ble Mr.Justice Rajiv Shakdher**, Judge, High Court of Madras/ Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA, while delivering special address, called upon the participants to keep in mind always the best interests of the children during adjudication of matters, by way of interaction with the children. His Lordship said that harsh punishment is not good for the children's growth and that the presiding officers must be compassionate to understand their problems. The children who come into conflict with law and the child victims must be treated by the presiding officers as their own children and then only, they can adjudicate the matters in a manner which will uphold the best interests of the children, His Lordship urged.

While delivering keynote address, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.Manikumar**, Judge, High Court of Madras, spoke about the important legal provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act and the POCSO Act. His Lordship emphasised that there is every necessity that the judicial officers, dealing with children, approach each and every issue in an empathetic manner and become adept, and that they must learn the psychological and psychiatric aspects of the children. His Lordship also said that the Juvenile Justice Act and the POCSO Act were conceived from the mind of parents and stressed that before putting the legal provisions into effect, the presiding officers must know the object of the enactments.

Giving statistics as to how many children getting trapped in conflict with law and falling victims, in the recent years, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.Jaichandran**, Judge, High Court of Madras/President, Board of Governors, TNSJA, said that the children, who comprise 450 millions of the population of India, are the asset of the nation because they are going to be the decision-makers in every filed all over the country, in future. His Lordship also said that the breakdown of the joint family system, economic independence at younger age, and exposure to pornography, are the causes of the children getting into conflict with law and falling victims. The whole concept of peneology needs to undergo rethinking vis-à-vis juvenile convicts, His Lordship emphasised.

**Mr.N.Sathishkumar**, Director, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, while proposing vote of thanks said that TNSJA is always ready and willing to associate with other agencies, like the UNICEF, to organise programmes for healthy deliberations on the issues relating to children.

## **BUSINESS SESSIONS**

### **SESSION-I : CONCERNS AND CHALLENGES RELATING TO PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL OFFENCES ACT, 2012**

**Hon'ble Dr. Justice S.Vimala**, Judge, High Court of Madras, speaking on the important provisions of the POCSO Act, like presumption under Section 29, gender neutral, and compensation, called upon the presiding officers to get themselves updated on the march of law on the subject and to treat the victims

in the cases before them, who are children, in a congenial atmosphere and make the process of adjudication friendly to them. Her Lordship also spoke on the approach vis-à-vis risk assessment, to be adopted by the courts dealing with POCSO cases.

**Mr.V.Sithannan**, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Retd.), took the participants through the significant aspects of the POCSO Act and shared the experience, he had in dealing with the cases, where children were involved either as the persons in conflict with law or as victims. He explained the challenges which the police encounter during the stage of investigation and the difficulties in collecting materials respecting such crimes. In view of this, he requested the judicial officers to analyse the evidence in such a manner that it deters the perpetrators of such crimes from committing the acts any further.

**SESSION-II : SALIENT FEATURES OF JUVENILE JUSTICE (CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN) ACT, 2015**

**Dr.S.Elumalai**, Assistant Professor, Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University, brought forth to the benefit of the participant-judicial officers the legal provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act. He also explained the major distinctions between the earlier Act and the new Act with the aid of the judicial decisions of the higher courts of the country, and said that the children must be dealt with by the Juvenile Justice Boards keeping in mind their welfare and future living.

**SESSION-III : COMPONENTS OF PRELIMINARY ASESMENT AS CONTEMPLATED UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE (CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN) ACT, 2015**

Preliminary Assessment by the Juvenile Justice Board is the new provision incorporated in the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, and while speaking on the subject, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.Nagamuthu**, Judge, High Court of Madras, urged the Principal Magistrates to exercise much care and caution before passing an order as to whether the child is to be tried before the Juvenile Justice Board or there is any need for trial of the child as an adult

before the Children's Court, under Section 18(3) of the Act and that they should always bear in mind that it is not an enquiry as is conducted in a routine manner and this is the one where the future of the child is very much involved.

**Dr.Venkatesh Madhan Kumar**, Associate Professor, Institute of Mental Health, Chennai, took the participants through the psychiatric aspects of the children, who come into conflict with law. He also dealt with the attitudinal, behavioural, and psychological aspects of the children in this respect, and said that all these things undergo transformation as the children become older. He also brought forth the major components of such assessment for arriving at a just and right finding.

***SESSION-IV : DEALING WITH CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH LAW AND CHILD VICTIMS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM***

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice G.M.Akbar Ali**, Former Judge, High Court of Madras/Co-opted Member, Juvenile Justice Committee, High Court of Madras, shared the particulars of the cases, which His Lordship dealt with, and said that only by strengthening the criminal justice system vis-à-vis children in conflict with law and child victims, the children's welfare could be protected and safeguarded in a better manner. There is also every requirement that the presiding officers of the courts must create an atmosphere in which the children feel free in speaking out their concerns, His Lordship stressed.

**Dr.Rajakumari P.Reddy**, Assistant Professor, Department of Clinical Psychology, NIMHANS, Bangalore, spoke elaborately about the school-related factors of children and the cognitive functions in juvenile delinquency. She pointed out that interview with children will have impact on rapport building and confidentiality and that it will also be useful for diagnosis. Child psychopathology and forensic interviewing will lead to avoid false allegations and identity abuse in children. She also spoke about the psychiatric conditions and the internalising and externalising disorders of the children.

The session on Medico-Legal Aspects of POCSO – Striking a Balance was taken by **Dr.R.Selvakumar**, Police Surgeon and Professor, Department of

Forensic Medicine, Government Kilpauk Medical College and Hospital, Chennai, who detailed the important aspects of medical importance, as envisaged under the POCSO Act and their forensic dimensions. He brought to the knowledge of the participants the distinction between the sexual offences and the unnatural offences.

Delivering valedictory address, **Hon'ble Ms. Justice R.Mala**, Judge, High Court of Madras/Member, Juvenile Justice Committee, High Court of Madras, prevailed upon the presiding officers of the courts, who deal with children, to treat the children appearing before them as their own children, so that they can understand their needs, particularly those of care and protection, empathetically. Her Lordship also emphasised the importance of putting into practice the legal provisions in letter and spirit, always keeping in mind the best interests of children.

## **2. Training Programme on Criminal Investigation for Police Officers**

As part of the larger mandate to impart, in furtherance of the cause of justice, training to the personnel from all other wings of the justice delivery system, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, conducted a One-day Training Programme on Investigation for police officers from the western and southern parts of Tamilnadu, on 10.09.2016 and 26.11.2016 respectively.

In Coimbatore, about 150 police officers and in Madurai, about 175 police officers participated. At the programme in Coimbatore, **Dr.A.Amalraj**, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Coimbatore City, spoke on the Scope and Object of the Programme and the Keynote address was given by **Mr. A.Pari**, IPS, Inspector General of Police, West Zone, while at the programme in Madurai, **Dr.S.Murugan**, IPS, Inspector General of Police, South Zone, spoke on the Scope and Object of the Programme, and the Special address was delivered by **Mr. Shailesh Kumar Yadav**, Commissioner of Police, Madurai.

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. Jaichandren**, Judge, High Court of Madras/President, Board of Governors, TNSJA, offering inaugural address, emphasised the importance of thorough and scientific investigation by the police officers,

in criminal cases. His Lordship expressed his concern that about 80% of the cases end in acquittal, only because of the lapses in investigation, and called upon the investigating officers to attend the courts during trial, which is very much required, especially when there is no concrete witness protection programme in place in the country.

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Nagamuthu**, Judge, High Court of Madras, addressing the officers on the subject, Procedural Lapses in Investigation of Criminal Cases, highlighted the importance of section 162 Cr.PC and its relevance. His Lordship took the participants through the various aspects of investigation, commencing from receiving information about the crime to laying the final report. The concept of issuing P.T. Warrant and that of formal arrest were also explained elaborately. The issues relating to forensic analysis of the crime scene and recovering evidence, like chance finger prints from the crime scene, citing the experts as witnesses, were also dealt with. His Lordship referred to the facts of some of the cases and pointing out the common lapses found in the investigation, exhorted the participants to apply the right practice and procedure for better investigation.

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.N. Prakash**, Judge, High Court of Madras/ Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA, handling the session on Effective Prosecution of Criminal Cases, pointed out the importance of invoking Section 229A IPC. The issues relating to parading the accused before the media and its adverse impact on investigation, and in this context, the relevant provisions of the Identification of Prisoners Act, were explained. Fundamental and basic flaws committed by the investigating officers were highlighted and the ways to avoid them elaborated, by His Lordship. The decision of the Supreme Court in Lalitha Kumari's case, wherein guidelines were given for registering FIR, was also discussed. His Lordship also discussed the significance of digital evidence and its use in unraveling crimes and the precautions to be exercised in collecting such evidence and its presentation before the court.

In Madurai, a documentary film titled, Martyrs of Marriage, depicting the conditions in which the victims of the cases, which are filed by misuse of Section 498A IPC, are placed, was screened to the participants.

### **3. Round Table Discussion with Stakeholders on Bonded Labour Victim's Access to Justice**

With the Welcome Address by **Mr.G.Chandrasekaran**, Director, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, the Round Table Discussion on Bonded Labour Victim's Access to Justice, organised in association with the International Justice Mission, held on 19.11.2016, commenced, and the judicial officers dealing with bonded labour cases, police officials, government officials, academicians, and the victims, participated in the programme.

**Hon'ble Mr.Justice M.Jaichandren**, Judge, High Court of Madras/ President, Board of Governors, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, inaugurating the discussion, spoke about the prevalent situations in the country, specifically in the State of Tamil Nadu, where the innocent and the gullible people, by way of taking advance to meet their day-to-day needs of livelihood, fall victims to the bonded labour system. Getting entangled in the ordeal of bonded labour, the victims are not able to come out of the clutches of the perpetrators of such crimes and they ultimately have to be released with the help of the agencies, who are associated with such activities, His Lordship said. It was also emphasised by His Lordship that only with the concerted efforts of all the stakeholders functioning in the system, challenges being faced in this regard can be overcome and solutions to the issues could be found.

**Dr.Vijo Vincent**, Research Associate, International Justice Mission, presented the data analyses done extensively by the International Justice Mission, giving the statistics of the social strata of the victims getting into bonded labour and the types of abuse experienced by the victims, like verbal, physical and sexual.

**Ms.Merlin Freeda**, Director of Operations, International Justice Mission, spoke that the judiciary is an arm of social revolution. She, giving the quotes of Justice P.N.Pagavathy and Justice V.R.Krishna Iyer, elaborately dealt with the



few cases, where the judiciary in the country took active part in ameliorating the concerns of the bonded labour.

**Mr.Vidyasagar Ramamurthy**, Former Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF Office for Tamil Nadu and Kerala, explained the challenges being faced by the victims of bonded labour in accessing justice and the trauma being undergone by such victims when they record evidence before the court, particularly at the time of cross-examination by the defence counsel. While saying so, he sought the help of the courts to come to the rescue of victims, as best as possible, within the framework of law. He also elaborately dealt with the support services being rendered to the victims by the agencies associated with such work.

Two of the bonded labour survivors gave the first person account of their experiences of having got into the bonded labour system, the ordeal they underwent, and how they were released from the custody of the perpetrators of the crimes, and also the difficulties they had when they recorded evidence before the court.

**Mr.T.Kuralamuthan**, Director, Research and Partnerships, International Justice Mission, proposed vote of thanks and expressed hope that the International Justice Mission will continue to associate itself with the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy for conducting programmes on the subject in future.

The discussion was found to be very much useful by the participants and by way of discussion and exchange of views by every stakeholder-group, many issues were discussed and to some issues, solutions were also found.

#### **4. Workshop on Children in Conflict with Law and Child Victims**

The Workshop on Children in Conflict with Law and Child Victims for the Principal Magistrates and the Panel Lawyers of the Juvenile Justice Boards, organised by the High Court of Madras and the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy (TNSJA), in association with the UNICEF, was held at the Headquarters and the Regional Centres of TNSJA, as per the particulars given below:-

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Date of programme</b>	<b>Number of Participants</b>		
			<b>Principal Magistrates</b>	<b>Panel Lawyers</b>	<b>Total</b>
1.	Headquarters, Chennai	23.10.2016	11	52	63
2.	Regional Centre, Coimbatore	15.10.2016	10	45	55
3.	Regional Centre, Madurai	01.10.2016	11	57	68
<b>Total</b>			<b>32</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>186</b>

**Hon'ble Mr.Justice M.Jaichandren**, Judge, High Court of Madras/President, Board of Governors, TNSJA, highlighted the efforts being taken by TNSJA in sensitising the stakeholders of the Juvenile Justice System on the problems being faced by the children and on the steps, which need to be taken, in upholding the interests of children. Urging the participants to actively participate in the proceedings, which come before them, His Lordship emphasised that while dealing with the cases of juvenile law, they should be more careful and cautious because the very future of the children, who are considered to be the asset of the nation, is involved.

Delivering the address on Functions of Juvenile Justice Board, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Nagamuthu**, Judge, High Court of Madras, detailed about the functions of the Juvenile Justice Board and the role of the Advocates to strengthen the Juvenile Justice System. His Lordship also dealt with the niceties and the nuances of the legal provisions specified under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, and gave greater insights into the issues relating to age determination. Emphasis was laid by His

Lordship on the duties and responsibilities of the Juvenile Justice Board and the procedures to be followed during the preliminary assessment into heinous offences under Section 15 of the Act.

On the Functions of Juvenile Justice Board and Role of Lawyers in Strengthening Juvenile Justice System, **Hon'ble Dr. Justice S.Vimala**, Judge, High Court of Madras, dealt with the issues relating to presumption and determination of age, in the light of Section 94 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, and the functions and responsibilities of the Juvenile Justice Board. Her Lordship highlighted the general principles to be followed in administration of the Act. Her Lordship also touched upon the constitutional rights of children and explained the situations where the necessity of engaging interpreter or translator occasions. The powers of the Children's Court is one another subject, which was dealt with by Her Lordship. Drawing distinction between committal and transfer of case, it was pointed out by Her Lordship that after preliminary assessment under Section 15 of the Act, if it is found that the child need to be tried as an adult, the case is transferred, not committed, to the Children's Court. Her Lordship made the session interactive, thereby making the participants to understand the nuances and the niceties of the recently enacted law, and drove the point home that in whatever the stakeholders of the Juvenile Justice System do, the best interests of the children need to be borne in mind.

Addressing the participants, **Hon'ble Mr.Justice P.N.Prakash**, Judge, High Court of Madras/Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA, spoke about the evolution of juvenile law, by taking them through the various legislations including the Prisons Act, 1894. His Lordship expressed concern over the non-availability of enough expert jurists on juvenile law and called upon the participant-advocates to keep themselves abreast of the developments of law, particularly that of juvenile law, so that they can well put forth their case before the Board, by taking into account the welfare of the children involved in the cases.

**Dr.S.Elumalai**, Assistant Professor, Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University, explained the major distinctions between the earlier Act and the

new Act with the aid of the judicial decisions of the higher courts of the country. In view of the juvenile delinquency having been on the increase in the recent times, it is very much expected of the Principal Magistrates and the advocates to get themselves updated on the march of law on the subject, he said.

On the Way Forward, **Mr.P.Rajan**, UNICEF Consultant - Conflict with Law, detailed the steps being taken by the UNICEF in conducting the programmes, in association with the High Court of Madras and the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, towards putting in place a better Juvenile Justice System. Giving statistics on the children having come into conflict with law and falling victims, he said that the need of the hour is that all the stakeholders of the system come and work together so that the interests of the children are safeguarded, and thus, making them to be the better citizens of the country.

#### **5. State Consultation on Laws Relating to Children: Issues and Challenges in Implementation**

The State Consultation on Laws relating to Children: Issues and Challenges in Implementation was organised in association with the UNICEF and the programme was held at TNSJA Headquarters in Chennai, on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, 2017. The Principal District Judges, the Presiding Officers of Family and Mahila Courts, and the Principal Magistrates of Juvenile Justice Boards, functioning in the State of Tamilnadu and the Union Territory of Puducherry, numbering 95, participated, as delegates, in the programme.

The programme consisted of six working sessions – four on day one and the remaining on day two – on various topics with sub-topics for each speaker, besides the inaugural and the valedictory sessions. The resource persons from across the country gave speech in and every session was chaired by a High Court Judge.

## **INAUGURAL SESSION**

While delivering welcome address, **Hon'ble Mr.Justice S.Nagamuthu**, Judge, High Court of Madras/President, Board of Governors, TNSJA, explained the efforts having been taken to rope in the best of the resource persons, so as to give better content to the delegates. **Mr.Javier Aguilar**, Chief of Child Protection, UNICEF India, called upon the stakeholders dealing with children's issues, to travel an extra mile to find solutions to the problems being faced by the children. Presenting the theme of the conference, **Mr.Job Zachariah**, Chief, UNICEF Office for Tamilnadu and Kerala, enumerated the steps being taken by the UNICEF, in order to rehabilitate the children wherever required and said that concerted efforts are the need of the hour to make the judicial processes child-friendly. Delivering special address, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Hluvadi G.Ramesh**, Judge, High Court of Madras, touched upon the changing needs of the children in changing times and explained the need to protect children who fall victims and get into conflict with law, by understanding the situations in which they are placed in the society. **Hon'ble Ms.Justice Indira Banerjee**, Chief Justice, High Court of Madras, while expressing deep concern over the instances of female infanticide happening in the country, highlighted the international and national perspectives on children, and called upon the judicial officers dealing with children to be sensitive of the issues concerning children.

## **WORKING SESSIONS**

### **Session-I: Children in Conflict with Law**

That in the recent times, there have been instances of children getting into delinquency, which draw national attention, and the new legislation, viz. The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, having come into effect from 15.01.2016, dealing with such children, among other things, has introduced new, and change in, procedure in certain matters, is the scope of the session. **Hon'ble Mr.Justice S.Manikumar**, Judge, High Court of Madras, chairing the session, offered opening remarks, while **Ms.Sandhya Raju**, Director, Human Rights Law Network, Kochi, presented an overview of

the enactment, and **Mrs. Girija Kumarababu**, Honorary General Secretary, Indian Council for Child Welfare, spoke about the Reality of Children's Experience and Measures for Effective Enforcement.

### **Session-II: Children, Family and Social Media**

The impact of social media is all-pervasive and in particular, on children, in the present age, and with limited capacity of children for self-regulation and susceptibility to peer pressure, and their impulsive nature, the role of the family assumes greater importance. Keeping this in the background, this session was conceived. Chairing the session, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dama Seshadri Naidu**, Judge, High Court of Kerala, gave an outline of the session. The panelists, **Mr. V. Balu**, Advocate, High Court of Madras, spoke about the Impact of Digital Content in Social Media and Online Safety, and **Ms. Abisha Issac**, Advocate, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, dealt with Reality Check.

### **Session-III: Child Victims: Problems and Perspectives**

The backdrop of the session is that as new and new trends – legal, social, and economic – have been emerging in our country from time to time, the incidents of children falling prey as victims show an ascending curve, and as a consequence, the problems and perspectives vis-à-vis child victims become manifold. **Hon'ble Mrs. Justice J. Nisha Banu**, Judge, High Court of Madras, chaired the session and offered opening remarks. **Ms. Enakshi Ganguly Thukral**, Child Right Activist, HAQ, New Delhi, presented the highlights of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, while **Prof. P.M. Nair**, Chair Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, spoke about the Immoral Trafficking in Children, and **Ms. Reena**, Bodhini, Kochi, dealt with Vulnerability to Child Sexual Abuse.

#### **Session-IV: Cyber Crimes and Children**

While technological innovation happening every now and then is advantageous to the society at large, the accessibility of children to cyberspace results, sometimes, in dangerous consequences, which, in turn, throws many challenges to the investigation agencies confronting cyber crimes. Keeping this aspect in perspective, this session was conceptualised. **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajiv Shakti**, Judge, High Court of Madras, as chairperson of the session, offering opening remarks, gave an outline of the issues. **Mr. Krishna Sastry Pendyala**, Director, Digital Forensics, PwC, India, dealt with Cyber Crimes against Children, while **Ms. Vidya Reddy**, Founder-Director, Tulir, spoke about the aspects relating to Children as Victims and Perpetrators of Cyber Crimes, and **Dr. M. Ravi, IPS**, presented the issues and challenges in Investigation of Cyber Crimes.

#### **Session-V: Children and Intrinsic Health Issues**

The framework of the session is that childhood, being the time of tremendous change in behavioural aspects, brings with it the inherent health issues, mental and physical, and dealing with such children in the adjudication processes, requires understanding of their peculiar characteristics vis-à-vis their health, and demands greater care and support. Keeping this aspect in perspective, this session was incorporated. Chairing the session, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. Kirubakaran**, Judge, High Court of Madras, gave opening remarks, while the panelists, **Prof. Manju Mehta**, Department of Psychiatry, AIIMS, New Delhi, **Mrs. L.V. Jayashree**, Director, The Spastics Society of Tamilnadu, and **Dr. Amita Dhanda**, Professor of Law, NALSAR, Hyderabad, spoke about the Psychiatric and Neurological Characteristics of Children, Conduct and Behaviour of Children with Mental Retardation, and Children with Disabilities, respectively.

## **Session-VI: Child Labour**

That the perils of child labour have enormous consequences, and importantly, such practice deprives children of their childhood and opportunities to education, causing harm to their development, is the concept of the session. Opening remarks were made by the chairperson of the session, **Hon'ble Mr.Justice Joymalya Bagchi**, Judge, Calcutta High Court, while **Ms.Sarah Angeline James**, Legal Officer, International Justice Mission, highlighted the aspects relating to Menace of Bonded Child Labour, and **Ms.Michelle Mendonca**, Advocate, Mumbai, gave insights into Reality of Children's Experiences.

### **General**

At the end of every session, an exclusive open house discussion was held and the delegates had their doubts and queries cleared and clarified.

### **VALEDICTORY SESSION**

Delivering welcome address, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajiv Shakhder**, Judge, High Court of Madras/Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA, enumerated the steps having been taken and the plans formulated by TNSJA, for the successful conduct of the programme, while **Hon'ble Mr.Justice S.Nagamuthu**, Judge, High Court of Madras/President, Board of Governors, TNSJA, offered felicitations to the Chief Guest, **Hon'ble Mr.Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul**, Judge, Supreme Court of India, and said that during the tenure of the Chief Guest at the High Court of Madras as Chief Justice, the Madras High Court and the Subordinate Courts in Tamilnadu and Puducherry witnessed introduction of several good measures for the better functioning of the courts. **Hon'ble Mr.Justice Huluhadi G. Ramesh**, Judge, High Court of Madras, gave special address and urged the delegates of the programme to apply what they came across in the programme, in the matters which come before them for adjudication, wherever required. **Hon'ble Ms.Justice Indira Banerjee**, Chief Justice, High Court of Madras/Patron-in-Chief, TNSJA, while delivering special address, spoke about the highlights of the programme and



called upon the delegates to create child-friendly atmosphere at the places of their work, so that better adjudication process could be set in motion.

Delivering valedictory address, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul**, Judge, Supreme Court of India, expressed His Lordship's pleasure over the manner in which the programme was conceived and organised and while touching upon a few incidents of children getting into conflict with law and falling victims, taken place in the recent times, His Lordship stressed the importance of the presiding officers dealing with children, to be aware of the legal provisions and propositions, and sensitive of the psychological characteristics of such children, which would enable them to deal with the issues concerning children better and proper. His Lordship also urged the judicial officers to apply what they learn during the programme, in their day-to-day work, which, in turn, will help enhance the quality in the process of adjudication.

Extending vote of thanks, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice T.S. Sivagnanam**, Judge, High Court of Madras/Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA, while expressing happiness over the way the programme turned out, emphasised that the presiding officers, who deal with children's issues, must exercise due care and caution, for the reason that in this respect, the very future of the children is involved.

### **6. Special Training Programme on Motor Accident Claims for District Judges and Senior Civil Judges**

In furtherance of its objective to give continuous in-service training to all the judicial officers, the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy conducted a One-day Special Training Programme on Motor Accident Claims for the District Judges and the Senior Civil Judges, on 17.12.2016, at its Regional Centre at Coimbatore, where 48 judicial officers participated.

The programme commenced with the address by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice T.S. Sivagnanam**, Judge, High Court of Madras/Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA, on the scope and object of the programme. His Lordship laid stress on the current developments in law with particular reference to the directions of

the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Jaiparakash's case dated 15.05.2016, and also highlighted the directions given by the High Court of Madras to the Director General of Police with reference to filing of Detailed Accident Report (DAR) by the investigating officer.

**Mr.S.Arunkumar**, Advocate, dealt with the subject on Law relating to Liability of Insurer, explaining all the basic concepts involved in the law of insurance relating to motor vehicles and the limits of the liability of the insurer, and the difference between the claim under Section 163-A and that under Section 166 of the Motor Vehicles Act. He also spoke on the topic, Negligence and Quantum of Compensation, enumerating all the important case law on the subject.

**Dr.C.Elango**, Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Coimbatore Medical College Hospital, handled the session on Accidents, Injuries, Trauma, Pain and Suffering, discussing elaborately the aspects relating to assessment of disability.

## **7. Mediation Awareness Programme**

Tamil Nadu Mediation and Conciliation Centre, High Court of Madras, in association with the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, organised a Mediation Awareness Programme, on 15.10.2016, at TNSJA Headquarters, Chennai, in which judicial officers functioning in the districts of Chennai, Tiruvallur, and Kancheepuram, participated. In the programme, **Hon'ble Mr.Justice T.S. Thakur**, Chief Justice of India, delivered a special address on mediation. **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Huluvadi G. Ramesh**, Judge, High Court of Madras/Chairman, Tamil Nadu Mediation and Conciliation Centre, and **Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. Jaichandren**, Judge, High Court of Madras/President, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, also spoke.

## **PART-VI**

### ***VISIT OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS FROM MAHARASHTRA***

Sharing best practices being adopted in various states of the country is the method, by which, the judicial officers of a state visiting the other state, learn the practices and procedures followed in the visiting state. Giving its contribution towards this process, TNSJA received 39 judicial officers in the cadre of Civil Judge (Junior Division) from the State of Maharashtra for training for five days from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2016.

The judicial officers were given training in TNSJA, for three days, where **Hon'ble Mr.Justice M.Jaichandren, Hon'ble Mr.Justice S.Nagamuthu** and **Hon'ble Mr.Justice P.N.Prakash**, Judges, High Court of Madras, addressed. **Mr. N.Anand Venkatesh, Mr. N. Senthil Kumar, Mr. R. Subramanian**, Advocates, High Court of Madras, spoke on the various law subjects.

On day 4, they visited the places of interest in Chennai and Puducherry, and on the last day, they visited the High Court of Madras and the City Civil Court, Chennai, and observed the proceedings in the courts.

**PART-VII****TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR THE STAFF MEMBERS****1. Staff Members of the High Court of Madras**

It is equally important that the skills of the staff members need to be improved on account of the increase in their workload in the recent years. Therefore, TNSJA takes every endeavour to include in its annual calendar, programmes for the staff members of the High Court of Madras and the modules of such programmes are devised in such a manner that it achieves proficiency, swiftness, and professionalism in their functions.

The table below gives the particulars of the training programmes conducted by TNSJA for the staff members of the High Court of Madras:-

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Description of the Programme</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Date of Programme</b>	<b>No. of participants</b>
1	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the cadre of SO/CO/ AE	Principal Seat at Chennai	25.06.2016	100
2	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the cadre of SO/CO/ AE	Madurai Bench at Madurai	25.06.2016	39
3	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the cadre of Personal Assistants	Principal Seat at Chennai	10.12.2016	119
4	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the cadre of Personal Assistants	Madurai Bench at Madurai	10.12.2016	36
5	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the cadre of Assistant Section Officers /Assistants (Batch-I)	Principal Seat at Chennai	17.12.2016	130
6	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the cadre of Assistant Section Officers /Assistants (Batch-I)	Madurai Bench at Madurai	17.12.2016	105

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Description of the Programme</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Date of Programme</b>	<b>No. of participants</b>
7	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the Cadre of SO/CO/AE in the Principal Seat at Madras	Principal Seat at Chennai	28.01.2017	79
8	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the Cadre of SO/CO/AE at Madurai Bench of Madras High Court	Madurai Bench at Madurai	28.01.2017	19
9	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the Cadre of ASO/Assistant (Batch-II) in the Principal Seat at Madras	Principal Seat at Chennai	18.02.2017	100
10	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the Cadre of ASO/Assistant (Batch-II) at Madurai Bench of Madras High Court	Madurai Bench at Madurai	18.02.2017	104

## **2. Staff Members of the District Judiciary**

The staff members working in the district-level courts in Tamilnadu and Puducherry, take strenuous efforts, in view of the manifold increase in the number of cases, year after year, to see that a better practice, which is litigant-friendly, is put in place in the courts. TNSJA, in order to make the staff members of the district judiciary well-equipped with the rules, practices and procedures, in handling the issues, both of administrative and judiciary, includes in its annual calendar, the cadre-specific programmes for better reach. The particulars of the programmes, which have been conducted by TNSJA, at the Districts Headquarters, are given in the following table:-

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Description of the Programme</b>	<b>Date of Programme</b>	<b>No. of participants</b>
1	Ministerial Staff Training Programme for Junior Assistant/ Copyist/Typist/Reader/ Examiner /Record Clerk	25.06.2016	4390
2	Ministerial Staff Training Programme for Assistants/ Bench Clerks – Grade III/Record Keepers Grade III (a)/Computer Operators	04.12.2016	1741
3	Ministerial Staff Training Programme for Bench Clerks – Grade I II/Head Clerks/ Copyist Superintendents / Translators – Category III(a)/Deputy Nazir	10.12.2016	1999

## **PART-VIII**

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

#### **1. Study Material to the Judicial Officers**

In pursuance of the resolution of the Hon'ble Governing Body of the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, a book on Citations on Civil Cases, in two volumes, was given to each of the Civil Judges of 2015 Batch, as study material, with an object of making the judicial officers update their knowledge on the areas of work they are involved in.

#### **2. Inauguration of the Construction of Twelve Additional Guest Rooms**

Construction of additional guest rooms for the judicial officers, who participate in the programmes organised at the Headquarters of TNSJA, Chennai, was the long-felt need and in pursuance of the Government orders issued, construction work of the twelve additional guest rooms over the second floor of the existing Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy building, was inaugurated by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul**, Chief Justice, High Court of Madras/Patron-in-Chief, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, on 09.01.2017, where Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Madras were present.

The trees on the premises of the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, Chennai, were not spared by the cyclone *Vardha*, as more than ten trees were uprooted in the natural calamity. As a gesture to environmental protection, on the sidelines of the occasion of the inauguration of construction of additional guest rooms, saplings, numbering about 25, were planted on the TNSJA premises.

**(3) Decentralisation of Training Programmes**

Corresponding to the increase in litigations being filed in the district-level Courts, there is an increase in the number of judicial officers and staff members. Further, in order to cut expenditure in organising the training programmes for the judicial officers, young advocates, and the staff members, it was decided by the Hon'ble Governing Body of TNSJA to decentralise the training programmes to its Regional Centres at Coimbatore and Madurai, and to the Districts Headquarters. The above decision was taken, considering the scenario in future that the stakeholders of the justice delivery system require to be inculcated training on the legal and social trends emerging from time to time, as often as required.

**(4) Online Facilities to Judicial Officers**

The judicial officers functioning in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, were provided with online judgment access facility, as licensed by CDJ Law Journal and Law Weekly.

**PART-IX****ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

TNSJA, always takes endeavours to rope in the best of resource persons, who are the experts not only in law, but also in other disciplines, like health and lifestyle, managerial and leadership skills, etc., all with an object to give the best inputs to the participants, so as to get better output from them. It is noteworthy that the resource persons, who take sessions at the Headquarters and at the Regional Centres of TNSJA, bring into focus the different dimensions of the trends - legal, social, economic, and technological – emerging from time to time.

By way of acknowledging the contribution made by the resource persons towards strengthening the justice dispensation system, TNSJA places on record its gratitude to all the resource persons, who, in spite of their other professional commitments, made it to take sessions for the benefit of the judicial officers and other stakeholders functioning in the district judiciary.