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MISSION

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

METHODOLOGY OF TRAINING

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

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

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

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

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

TRAINING

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

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

LEARNING BY PARTICIPATION AND INTERACTION

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

PUBLICATIONS, WEB BASED SUPPORT, AND E-JOURNAL

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

TRAINING PROGRAMMES

The broad outlines of the training programmes conducted in the year 2014-2015 are as below:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Programme	
I	Programmes for Judicial Officers	
	1)	Induction Training
	2)	Refresher Courses
	i)	District Judges
	ii)	Senior Civil Judges
	iii)	Civil Judges
II	Refresher Course for the Authorities under the Juvenile Justice Act	
III	Special Training Programmes	
IV	Exchange Programmes	
V	Training Programme for Public Prosecutors	
VI	Advocates Training Programmes	
VII	Training Programmes for Staff Members	
	1)	Staff Members of the High Court of Madras both at the Principal Seat and the Madurai Bench
	2)	Staff Members of the District Judiciary
VIII	Training Programmes on Ubuntu O.S. and CIS	
	1)	Judicial Officers
	2)	District System Administrators (DSAs)
IX	Decentralisation of Training Programmes	
X	International Conference	
XI	National Conference	
XII	Regional Conference	
XIII	State-level Conference	

LIST OF PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED IN 2014-2015

S. No.	Description of the Programme	Dates	No. of Participants
1.	Special Training Programme for District Judges	14.06.2014	100
2.	Refresher Course for Civil Judges (Batch-I)	14.06.2014 & 15.06.2014	55
3.	Refresher Course for Senior Civil Judges (Batch-I)	21.06.2014 & 22.06.2014	100
4.	Refresher Course for District Judges (Batch-I)	12.07.2014 & 13.07.2014	63
5.	Special Programme for Presiding Officers of Family Court Judges / Labour Court Judges/NDPS Court Judges and Senior Civil Judges	19.07.2014 & 20.07.2014	73

S. No.	Description of the Programme	Dates	No. of Participants
6.	Ministerial Staff Training Programme for Junior Assistants / Copyists / Typists / Readers / Examiners at District Headquarters	19.07.2014	3729
7.	One-day Training Programme for Sensitization and to Create Awareness on the Juvenile Justice System for Judicial officers and Additional Public Prosecutors	03.08.2014	33
8.	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the cadre of SO / CO / AE – Batch I at Madras High Court	09.08.2014	92
9.	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the cadre of SO / CO / AE – Batch I at Madurai Bench of Madras High Court	09.08.2014	25
10.	Refresher Course for Senior Civil Judges (Batch – II)	09.08.2014 & 10.08.2014	97
11.	Training Programme for Presiding Officers of Special Courts under PC Act / CBI Courts and Mahila Courts	23.08.2014 & 24.08.2014	79
12.	Redefining Legal Practice for Advocates - Generation Next (0 – 10 years practice) - District Level - Phase II - Tirunelveli Zone	23.08.2014 & 24.08.2014	352
13.	Redefining Legal Practice for Advocates - Generation Next (0 – 10 years practice) - District Level - Phase II - Thanjavur Zone	23.08.2014 & 24.08.2014	612
14.	Redefining Legal Practice for Advocates - Generation Next (0 – 10 years practice) - District Level - Phase II - Tiruchirappalli Zone	23.08.2014 & 24.08.2014	455
15.	Redefining Legal Practice for Advocates - Generation Next (0 – 10 years practice) - District Level - Phase II - Chidambaram Zone	23.08.2014 & 24.08.2014	512
16.	One-day Workshop on Bonded Labour Law for Civil Judges	07.09.2014	166
17.	Refresher Course for Civil Judges (Batch-II)	13.09.2014 & 14.09.2014	83
18.	Redefining Legal Practice for Advocates - Generation Next (0 – 10 years practice) - District Level - Phase II - Chennai Zone	13.09.2014 & 14.09.2014	743
19.	Redefining Legal Practice for Advocates - Generation Next (0 – 10 years practice) - District Level - Phase II - Coimbatore Zone	13.09.2014 & 14.09.2014	606
20.	Redefining Legal Practice for Advocates - Generation Next (0 – 10 years practice) - District Level - Phase II - Madurai Zone	13.09.2014 & 14.09.2014	431
21.	Ministerial Staff Training Programme for Assistants / Bench Clerks - Grade III / Record Keeper Grade III (a) at District Head Quarters	20.09.2014	1595
22.	Training Programme on Criminal Investigation and Trial Proceedings for Public Prosecutors	20.09.2014 & 21.09.2014	180
23.	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the cadre of SO / CO / AE – Batch II at Madras High Court	27.09.2014	213
24.	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the cadre of Assistant Section Officer - Batch I at Madras High Court	11.10.2014	134
25.	Southern Regional Round Table Conference on "Effective Implementation of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000"	11.10.2014 to 12.10.2014	135
26.	Meeting of Principal District Judges (Head of the District) to Review the Conduct of the Advocate Training Programme at District Headquarters	02.11.2014	33

S. No.	Description of the Programme	Dates	No. of Participants
27.	Refresher Course for Civil Judges (Batch - III)	08.11.2014 & 09.11.2014	100
28.	Exchange Programme – Deputation of Judicial Officers in the Cadre of Civil Judges to Maharashtra Judicial Academy and Indian Mediation Centre and Training Institute	10.11.2014 to 13.11.2014	31
29.	Training Programme for High Court Staff Members in the cadre of Assistant Section Officer - Batch II at Madras High Court	15.11.2014	136
30.	Refresher Course for Civil Judges (Batch - IV)	22.11.2014 & 23.11.2014	100
31.	Exchange Programme – Deputation of Judicial Officers in the Cadre of Civil Judges to Judicial Academy Jharkhand	18.11.2014 to 21.11.2014	31
32.	Exchange Programme – Deputation of Judicial Officers in the Cadre of Civil Judges to Chandigarh Judicial Academy	09.12.2014 to 12.12.2014	30
33.	Refresher Course for Civil Judges (Batch - V)	13.12.2014 to 14.12.2014	88
34.	Ministerial Staff Training Programme for Head Clerks – Category II / Central Nazir / Sheristadars / Chief Administrative Officer / Court Manager	13.12.2014	559
35.	International Conference on Emerging Trends in Intellectual Property Regime	19.12.2014 to 21.12.2014	150
36.	Meeting of Principal District Judges (Head of the District) to Review the Conduct of the Advocate Training Programme at District Headquarters	01.02.2015	33
37.	Staff Training Programme in the cadre of Personal Assistant at the Principal Seat at Madras	21.02.2015	116
38.	Staff Training Programme in the cadre of Personal Assistant at the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court	21.02.2015	37
39.	One Day Sensitization Training Programme on “Legal Guardianship and Rehabilitation Schemes and Benefits”	21.02.2015	40
40.	Advocates Training Programme (Phase III) at District Head Quarters for the Advocates having practice of below five years	21.02.2015	1309
41.	Advocates Training Programme (Phase III) at District Head Quarters for the Advocates having practice of above five years and upto 10 years	22.02.2015	729
42.	Ministerial Staff Training Programme for (Stenos & Typists) at District Headquarters	28.02.2015	877
43.	Training Programme to Judicial Officers on UBUNTU Operating System and Case Information Software Version 2.0 (for the States of Telungana & A.P, Bombay, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu) – Batch – I	28.02.2015 to 03.03.2015	34
44.	Training Programme to Judicial Officers on UBUNTU Operating System and Case Information Software Version 2.0 (for the States of Telungana & A.P, Bombay, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu) – Batch – II	04.03.2015 to 07.03.2015	37

S. No.	Description of the Programme	Dates	No. of Participants
45.	Training Programme to Judicial Officers on UBUNTU Operating System and Case Information Software Version 2.0 (for the States of Telungana & A.P, Bombay, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu) – Batch – III	08.03.2015 to 11.03.2015	33
46.	Core Group of DSA Master Trainers for Training National CIS Master Trainers of all the High Courts	16.03.2015 to 19.03.2015	30
47.	Core Group of DSA Master Trainers for Training National CIS Master Trainers of all the High Courts	21.03.2015 to 25.03.2015	37
48.	Refresher Course on Effective Implementation of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 (Judicial Officers, Assistant Public Prosecutors, Inspectors of Juvenile Aid Police in Tamil Nadu & Puducherry)	22.03.2015	
49.	Core Group of DSA Master Trainers for Training National CIS Master Trainers of all the High Courts	27.03.2015 to 30.03.2015	28
50.	National Conference on Arbitration Law	28.03.2015 & 29.03.2015	149
51.	State-level Conference on Effective Implementation of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000	18.04.2015 & 19.04.2015	

I. PROGRAMMES FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS

There are about 1000 posts of judicial officers of all cadres functioning in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry and it is very much required that all of them have to be inculcated with training from time to time. Besides training programmes to in-service judicial officers, TNSJA is involved in organising induction training programmes for judicial officers in the cadres of District Judge and Civil Judge, whenever they are recruited to the judicial service.

1) Induction Training

TNSJA has put in place an induction training module for the newly recruited District Judges and Civil Judges. The resource persons rank from the Hon'ble Supreme Court and High Court Judges to the High Court Advocates and the reputed professionals of inter-disciplinary subjects.

Exclusive sessions are also set apart for interaction and the officers are encouraged to not only interact on the topics assigned, but also draw knowledge on the diverse issues of legal and social importance.

The participant-officers are also taken to field visits to witness autopsy at the Government General Hospital and to the institutions/organisations, such as Legal Services Authority, Central Prison, Institute of

Mental Health, Spastics Society of Tamil Nadu, State Crime Records Bureau, and Railway Protection Force. They are also sent to the Tamil Nadu Forensic Sciences Laboratory for one week to acquire first-hand knowledge of the activities being undertaken by the forensic science experts. They are also imparted hands-on training on computers to discharge their judicial and administrative duties in a better manner. Besides the classroom training and the field visits, the trainee District Judges are required to undergo training as Civil Judge (Junior Division) and Civil Judge (Senior Division) each for a period of not less than six months.

The trainee judicial officers are also given books of important legal subjects for their reference.

2) Refresher Courses

TNSJA has conducted refresher courses for the judicial officers of all three cadres, viz. District Judge, Senior Civil Judge and Civil Judge. For administrative convenience, judicial officers of each cadre were divided into as many batches as required and for each batch of officers, the programme was held for two days.

The training programmes are not only participative, but also interactive in nature. Civil and Criminal Laws and issues relating to other various substantive laws are all discussed in detail. The course curriculum has given importance to enhancing the knowledge on fundamental principles of law.

i) District Judges

For District Judges, the refresher course was held on 12.07.2014 and 13.07.2014. The course curriculum included Appreciation of Evidence in Session Cases, Appreciation of Evidence in Civil Cases at the Appellate Stage, Appreciation of Evidence of Forensic Medicine in Criminal Trials and Emerging Trends in Cyber Crimes. Besides the above-said topics, towards developing the personality of the judicial officers, a session on De-stress and Celebrate Living was also included. The District Judges were greatly benefitted from the above-mentioned sessions.

ii) Senior Civil Judges

Grouping the Senior Civil Judges into two batches, the refresher courses were held on 21.06.2014 & 22.06.2014 and 09.08.2014 & 10.08.2014. The session on Appreciation of Evidence in Sessions Cases was taken by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Nagamuthu, Judge, High Court of Madras. The other topics, which were covered during the refresher courses were Appreciation of Evidence in Civil Cases at the Appellate

Stage, Role of Forensic Medicine in Evidence in Medico-Legal Cases, Lifestyle and Health Management, Use of Digital Evidence in Trials and Enforcement of Human Rights vis-a-vis Role of Courts.

The judicial officers got to know new and unusual aspects during the refresher courses. They also expressed their appreciation for having learnt the things which were hitherto unknown to them.

iii) Civil Judges

For about 425 judicial officers in the cadre of Civil Judge, who were grouped under five batches, the refresher courses were held on 14.06.2014 & 15.06.2014, 13.09.2014 & 14.09.2014, 08.11.2014 & 09.11.2014, 22.11.2014 & 23.11.2014 and 13.12.2014 & 14.12.2014. They had been inculcated with basic principles of law, both civil and criminal, and they were enlightened with Recent Trends in Criminal Procedure Law. The other topics, which were covered during the refresher courses, were An overview of the Hindu Succession Act with reference to Partition Suits, Civil Courts - Jurisdiction and Exclusion (Section 9 of C.P.C), Recording and Impact of Confessions/Statements under Section 164 Cr.P.C., Inquest under Section 176 (1-A) Cr.P.C. and Appreciation of Evidence Relating Thereto, Law of Precedents, Role of Forensic Medicine in Evidence in Medico-Legal Cases, Cyber Crimes and Digital Evidence and Lifestyle and Stress Management.

There was a large amount of information emerging from the resource persons who were roped in and it was very much beneficial to the knowledge and understanding of the judicial officers.

II. REFRESHER COURSE FOR THE AUTHORITIES UNDER THE JUVENIL JUSTICE ACT

In the Refresher Course on Effective Implementation of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, held on 22.03.2015, the Principal Magistrates of Juvenile Justice Boards, Assistant Public Prosecutors functioning in the Juvenile Justice Board, Inspectors of Juvenile Aid Police Units, of the State of Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Puducherry, totaling 168 persons, participated.

INAUGURAL SESSION

In the Welcome Address, Hon'ble Ms. Justice R. Mala, Judge, High Court of Madras, explained the scope and object of the programme and the effects taken by the High Court of Madras in sensitising the

officials involved in the Juvenile Justice as contemplated under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, time and again.

Mr.Arun Dobhal, Officer-in-Charge, UNICEF Office for Tamil Nadu and Kerala, in his Special Address, said that UNICEF was always ready and willing to render support to the High Court of Madras, for the conduct of training programmes and refresher courses for the officials. He also said that UNICEF is playing a pivotal role in the matter of children in need of care and protection and rehabilitation of children.

While inaugurating the refresher course, Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.Manikumar, Judge, High Court of Madras, citing the constitutional provisions, which impose on the State the primary responsibility of ensuring that all the needs of children are met and that their basic rights are fully protected, and urged that much greater attention is required to be paid to not only the children in conflict with law, but also those in need of care and protection, by adopting a child friendly approach, for the best interests of the children.

Mr.N.Sathishkumar, Director, TNSJA, proposed vote of thanks and said that the Judicial Academy was very glad to organize the refresher course in coordination with the High Court of Madras.

SESSION I: BEST PRACTICES IN ADJUDICATION PROCESS VIS-À-VIS JUVENILES **IN CONFLICT WITH LAW**

On investigation, Mr.Maheshkumar Aggarwal, IPS, IGP, CBCID, Chennai, spoke about the need to strengthen the investigating methods and mechanism being adopted in the process. With the aid of statistics he drove his point home that Tamil Nadu Police is handling cases where Juveniles are involved, in an exemplary manner. Mr. B.Sriramulu, Senior Advocate, High Court of Madras, explained about the manner in which the prosecution has to be conducted by the Public Prosecutors before the Juvenile Justice Boards. He called upon the participants to adopt child-friendly approach in prosecution.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice G.M.Akbar Ali, Former Judge, High Court of Madras, said that the adjudication process being adopted by the Principal Magistrates, must be child-friendly and that they must understand the situations in which the children are placed and that they are required to take decisions to the best interest of the children.

SESSION II: REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN

A documentary film depicting the conditions, in which children are placed in the society, was shown to the participants for better sensitization of the problems being faced by the children.

Dr. Lakshmi Sankaran, Family Counselor, Chennai, spoke on children drug abuse. She explained the situations in which the children became addicted to drugs and that thus, by the influence of drugs, they indulge in criminal activities. The influence of drugs over the psychological aspects were highlighted by the resource persons.

SESSION III: CHILD PSYCHOLOGY WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH LAW.

Dr. Jamuna Rajeswaran, Additional Professor, Department of Clinical Psychology, NIMHANS, Bangalore, put forth the psychological aspects of the children particularly those in conflict with law, and threw much light on the brain science.

Followed by the business session, group discussion by the participant-officers was held and a few of them spoke on the way forward.

In the Valedictory Address, Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.Manikumar, Judge, High Court of Madras, expressed hope that the training programme was useful to the Judicial Officers that they learnt new things in the matter of Juvenile Justice System. His Lordship prevailed upon the participants to put into practice as much of what they had come across as possible.

III. SPECIAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES

The special training programmes were held on 14.06.2014 for District Judges, and 19.07.2014 & 20.07.2014 and 23.08.2014 & 24.08.2014 for District Judges and Senior Civil Judges.

On 14.06.2014, the judicial officers in the cadre of District Judge, having participated were benefited from the various sessions which were taken during the special training programme. The title of the special training programme was "Relationship Between Constitutional Concepts and Criminal Jurisprudential Perspective".

During the one-day programme, Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.Jaichandren Judge, High Court of Madras/President, Board of Governors, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, offered welcome address and

Hon'ble Mr.Justice Satish K.Agnihotri, Acting Chief Justice, High Court of Madras / Patron-in-Chief, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, delivered special address.

Hon'ble Mr.Justice Dipak Misra, Judge, Supreme Court of India, spoke on the topic on Relationship between Constitutional Concepts and Criminal Jurisprudential Perspective. In the afternoon, Hon'ble Mr. Justice G.M.Akbar Ali, Judge, High Court of Madras, took a session on Effective District Administration followed by an interaction session.

During the special training programme on 19.07.2014 and 20.07.2014 for the target group of District Judges, who are presiding over the Family Courts, Labour Courts and NDPS Courts, the challenges they face in the day to day work and the discharge of functions by them were dealt with in a session. Towards personality development of the judicial officers, a session on Creativity, Stress & Time Management and Negotiation & Communication Skills was included. The sessions on Problems and Issues in Family Court and Conflict Management with Specific Reference to Labour Courts were also taken by the experts of the respective fields. Some of the participant-judicial officers were also asked to make presentation of their experience and expectations as Presiding Officers of their respective courts. For this special training programme, the Senior Civil Judges, who were selected for promotion to the cadre of District Judge were also nominated.

On 23.08.2014 and 24.08.2014, the District Judges and the Senior Civil Judges, who are presiding over the Special Courts under the PC Act, CBI Courts and Mahila Courts, as the case may be, were the target group and to get the benefits of the programme, the newly promoted District Judges were also nominated. The challenges being faced and the discharge of functions by the judicial officers were elaborately dealt with by Hon'ble Mr.Justice K.N.BASHA, Chairperson, Intellectual Property Appellate Board, Chennai, during the training programme. The topic on Salient Features of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 was covered in a session and an expert from the Central Bureau of Investigation was roped in to get the participants enlightened with Special Investigation Procedure by CBI with Reference to CBI Manual and Cr.P.C. A session on Cases of Frauds with Special Reference to Bank Frauds was also taken. Similar to other training programmes, the participants were given tips and tidbits to maintain good health and lead a better lifestyle by a Naturopathy expert.

On 03.08.2014, TNSJA, in association with the State Child Protection Society, Department of Social Defence, Government of Tamil Nadu, conducted a Sensitisation Programme on the Juvenile Justice System for the Judicial Officers, who are the Principal Magistrates of the Juvenile Justice Boards and the Assistant Public Prosecutors. During the one-day programme, sessions on various topics, including those

of Issues and Challenges Encountered by the Children in the Background of Child Rights and their Psychological Needs, Salient Features of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and Child Psychology were taken by expert-speakers and an overview of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 was given for the better understanding of the participant-officers.

In co-ordination with the International Justice Mission, TNSJA organised a one-day Workshop on Bonded Labour on 7.9.2014. 166 Judicial officers in the cadre of Civil Judge of 2012 batch, who were nominated, attended the programme. The participant-judicial officers were sensitised on the contemporary scenario of bonded labour system prevailing in the country. They were given an overview of Bonded Labour Issues and Human Trafficking vis-a-vis Children. A session on Successful Rehabilitation of the Bonded Labourers was also taken. The salient features of the relevant enactments were explained to the participants.

In association with the Spastics Society of Tamil Nadu (SPASTN), the Judicial Academy conducted a one-day training programme on Legal Guardianship and Rehabilitation Schemes and Benefits, on 21st February 2015, for the Judicial Officers in the cadre of Senior Civil Judges and Civil Judges, numbering 40.

During the training programme, the participants were given an overview of the activities being undertaken by the Spastic Society and they were inculcated on the importance of getting sensitised on the situations in which the children affected by autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation, and multiple disability, are placed. The session on Disability Prevalence in India and Tamil Nadu and Various Types of Disability and its Impact, was also held during the programme.

IV. EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

In pursuance of the proposal of the National Judicial Academy, TNSJA had drawn a framework on sharing best practices being adopted in various states of the country. Towards this end, 92 judicial officers in the cadre of Civil Judge from Tamil Nadu and Puducherry were deputed in three batches to three different states. The object of the programme is that the visiting judicial officers get exposure on the legal procedure and practice adopted by and share their experiences with the judicial officers of those states.

In order to achieve this objective, 31 judicial officers each were sent to Maharashtra for the period from 10.11.2014 to 13.11.2014, and Jharkhand from 18.11.2014 to 21.11.2014 and 30 judicial officers to Chandigarh from 09.12.2014 to 12.12.2014.

V. TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR PUBLIC PROSECUTORS

With an object to enhance the professional competence of the Public Prosecutors, a training programme was held on 20.09.2014 and 21.09.2014 for about 200 Public Prosecutors, who are representing the State of Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory of Puducherry in the Assistant Sessions Courts and the Sessions Courts.

The programme was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr.Justice M.Jaichandren, Judge, High Court of Madras/President, Board of Governors, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, and His Lordship spoke on the Scope and Object of the training programme. Participating in the programme, Mr.A.L.Somayaji, Advocate General, High Court of Madras offered keynote address and Mr.S.Shunmugavelayutham, Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras delivered special address.

Hon'ble Mr.Justice T.Sundanthiram, Member, State Law Commission, took a session on Primary and Secondary Evidence. The session on Trial of Sessions Cases with an interaction session was taken by Hon'ble Mr.Justice S.Nagamuthu, Judge, High Court of Madras. The other subjects, which were dealt with during the two-day training programme were Investigation of Cognizable Offences – Practice and Procedure, Marshalling Proper Evidence in Court, and Components of Final Report. The participant-prosecutors expressed their gratitude, as they had learnt many new things and felt that it will go a long way in helping them to discharge their day-to-day functions in an exemplary manner.

VI ADVOCATES TRAINING PROGRAMMES

“Seed Training and Development of the Bar in Critical Areas”, for the budding advocates is one among the many programmes contemplated by the National Judicial Academy in co-ordination with the State Judicial Academies to ensure that the Justice Delivery System works effectively. In this regard, guidelines were issued by the Government of India for utilisation of grant-in-aid to improve the Justice Delivery System as recommended by the Thirteenth Finance Commission.

Under the able and valuable guidance of the Patron-in-Chief, the President and the Members of the Board of Governors, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy drew a plan and devised a mechanism to revitalise the members of the Bar with a standing of up to 10 years.

During Phase-I of the programme, for administrative and logistic convenience, the entire State and the Union Territory together were divided into seven zones and the programmes were conducted in two

spells, i.e. on 23.08.2014 and 24.08.2014 at Chidambaram, Thanjavur, Tiruchirapalli, and Tirunelveli, and on 13.09.2014 and 14.09.2014 at Chennai, Madurai and Coimbatore.

The participant-advocates found the programme more useful to their professional growth and the number of advocates who participated in the programmes in all the seven centres were about 2050.

In order to give impetus towards further decentralization of the training programmes, during Phase II, the Advocates Training Programmes were held at all the District Headquarters, numbering 33. Further, the advocates with practice of up to 10 years were divided into two groups for better results of the programme, as those with practice upto 5 years and those above 5 years and upto 10 years, and for the advocates of the first category, the training programme was held on 21.02.2005 and for those of the second category, it was held on 22.02.2015. The total number of participants of both the programmes is 2038.

Considering the needs of the young lawyers, the following subjects were covered in the programmes:-

- 1) Civil Laws – Procedural and Substantive
- 2) Criminal Laws – Procedural and Substantive
- 3) Fundamental Principles of Law of Evidence
- 4) Application of Difference Laws in a Suit for Specific Performance
- 5) Problems and issues relating to Motor Accident Claims Cases –
 - (a) Law relating to negligence and liability, and
 - (b) Determination of Compensation
- 6) Section 138 Negotiable Instruments Act – An Overview
- 7) Forensic and Electronic Evidence
- 8) Language Skills
- 9) Yoga/Meditation

VII. TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR STAFF MEMBERS

In the recent years, litigations are piling up in courts, irrespective of their levels whether at the High Court or the Subordinate Courts.

The nature of work of the staff members requires a high degree of dedication and to enable them to do their work with effectiveness, they are required to be fine-tuned, as they play a crucial role in the

administration of justice. To improve the efficiency of the staff members in discharge of their duties towards hassle-free functioning of Courts, they are being trained.

Keeping this in perspective, TNSJA had drawn up a detailed plan for giving effective training to the staff members of the State Judiciary, so that they can keep themselves abreast of their nature of work and also in order to make them well-equipped with the rules, procedures and practices.

TNSJA has taken responsibility of organising training programmes and in this direction, it has taken every endeavour for inculcating better training to the staff members.

1) Staff of the High Court of Madras

The staff members in the cadre of Personal Assistant, Section Officer, Court Officer, Appeal Examiner, and Assistant Section Officer, serving both at the Principal Seat at Chennai and the Madurai Bench were provided with training in four phases, i.e. on 09.08.2014, 27.9.2014, 11.10.2014, 15.11.2014 and 21.02.2015, and totally about 760 court officials have been covered.

2) Staff of the District Judiciary

Thousands of staff members of various cadres are working in the District Judiciary in the entire State of Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory of Puducherry.

For the sake of administrative and logistic convenience, the training programmes for the staff members were held at the District Courts buildings of every District Headquarters.

The Chief Administrative Officers, Court Managers, Sheristadars, Central Nazirs, Head Clerks, Steno Typists, Assistants, Bench Clerks, Junior Assistants, Copyists, Typists, Readers, Examiners and Record Keepers, numbering about 9300, were the target groups for the training programmes held on 19.07.2014, 20.09.2014, 13.12.2014 and 28.02.2015.

VIII. TRAINING PROGRAMMES ON UBUNTU O.S. AND CIS

1) Judicial Officers

In pursuance of the proposal of the Hon'ble e-Committee of the Supreme Court of India and the request of the Hon'ble High court of Madras, a training programme on Ubuntu Operating System and Case Information Software Version 2.0, for the Judicial Officers, who are the master trainers, was held at the

Judicial Academy in three batches, so as to further streamline and augment the change management exercise for the Judicial Officers and Courts across the country.

The particulars of the training programme held in three batches, are as follows:-

State to which the Judicial officers belong	No. of Participants
Batch I (28.02.15 to 03.03.15)	
Telangana and Andhra Pradesh	13
Bombay	-
Karnataka	7
Kerala	7
Tamil Nadu	7
Total	34
Batch II (04.03.15 to 07.03.15)	
Telangana and Andhra Pradesh	11
Bombay	-
Karnataka	7
Kerala	3
Tamil Nadu	13
Total	34
Batch III (08.03.15 to 11.03.15)	
Telangana and Andhra Pradesh	4
Bombay	15
Karnataka	8
Kerala	-
Tamil Nadu	8
Total	35
Grand Total	103

2) District System Administrators (DSAs)

Further, in pursuance of the proposal of the Hon'ble e-Committee of the Supreme Court of India and the request of the Hon'ble High court of Madras, a refresher-cum-advanced training programme (Training of Trainers or ToT programme) on Version 2.0 for the existing District System Administrators (DSAs), numbering 95, was conducted at the Judicial Academy, in three batches, so as to further streamlining and improvising case management by the District Courts across the country.

State to which the DSAs belong	No. of Participants
Batch I (16.03.2015 to 19.03.2015)	
Telangana and Andhra Pradesh	10
Kerala	8
Tamil Nadu	12
Total	30
Batch II (21.03.2015 to 25.03.2015)	
Telangana and Andhra Pradesh	13
Karnataka	8
Kerala	4
Tamil Nadu	12
Total	37
Batch III (27.03.2015 to 30.03.2015)	
Telangana and Andhra Pradesh	10
Karnataka	12
Tamil Nadu	6
Total	28
Grand Total	95

IX. DECENTRALISATION OF TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Corresponding to the increase in litigations being filed in District-level Courts, there is an increase in the number of judicial officers and staff members. Further, in order to cut expenditure on 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 the District 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. In pursuance of this decision, every District Headquarters was allotted funds to the tune of Rs.4.37 lakhs, aggregating Rs.1.44 Crores, for providing Information Technology

infrastructure facility, so that with the aid of technology, the training programmes for the target group of judicial officers, advocates and staff members, could be conducted at every District Headquarters, whenever required, without any administrative hassles. The particulars of computers and other gadgets and consumables which are being provided for every District Headquarters are as follows:-

S.No.	Description	Nos.
1	Computer (Desktop)	4
2	UPS	4
3	Laser Jet Printer	2
4	Toner for Laser Printer	4
5	Photo Copier	1
6	Toner for Photo Copier	4
7	Projector with Screen and Presenter Plus	1

Decentralisation of training programmes to the District Headquarters is a step towards adopting a new mode of training, so that the stakeholders of the justice dispensation system would keep themselves abreast of the developments of law, procedure and practice as quickly as possible.

X. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The flagship programme of the year, 2014-2015, conceived by the Hon'ble Governing Body of TNSJA, is the **International Conference** on Emerging Trends in Intellectual Property Regime. Under the able guidance and the directions of the Hon'ble Governing Body, efforts were taken to see that every aspect of the programme was taken care of meticulously, towards the success of the programme. As decided by the Hon'ble Governing Body of TNSJA, delegates from all parts of the country and foreign countries were invited to participate in the conference.

Encapsulated into seven sessions, three each on day 1 and day 2, and the remaining one on day 3, a three-day conference was contemplated. Resource persons from the United State of America, the United Kingdom, and Germany, and from several parts of India were roped in. Every session was chaired by a Supreme Court Judge or a High Court Judge.

The venue of the conference was Le Royal Meridien Hotel, Guindy, Chennai, and it was held between 19.12.2014 and 21.12.2014. In the conference, one Hon'ble High Court Judge and two District Judges as nominated by each of the High Courts of the country, the Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Madras, and about 65 District Judges from the State of Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory of Puducherry, participated.

INAUGURAL FUNCTION

In the august presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dipak Misra, Hon'ble Mr. Justice F.M. Ibrahim Kalifulla, and Hon'ble Mr. Justice C.Nagappan, Judges, Supreme Court of India, the inaugural function of the three-day conference was held.

Presenting the inaugural address, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dipak Misra**, highlighted the trends in Intellectual Property Laws, which are emerging from time to time. His Lordship, while pointing out that all over the world, the trends so emerging are new and unusual, called upon those, who are involved in the subject, to always keep abreast of the latest developments in intellectual property rights.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice F.M.Ibrahim Kalifulla, offering a special address, emphasised the importance of being aware of the subject, Intellectual Properties Rights, and that the legal knowledge of those involved in the matter of administration of Justice, could be enhanced only when they know the march of law on the specific subjects.

In His Lordship's special address, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice C.Nagappan**, outlined the various legislations with their salient features and spoke that the timing of holding the event was more appropriate, as the law relating to Intellectual Property Rights is nowadays developing fast as never before.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Chief Justice, High Court of Madras, and the Patron-in-chief, TNSJA, while delivering the presidential address, stated that the conference gave an opportunity to the members of the legal fraternity from all over the world to come together. The wider ambit of Intellectual Property, as including Copyrights, Patents, Trademarks, Industrial Designs, and Geographical Indications, was explained by His Lordship.

Delivering the keynote address, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Satish K.Agnihotri**, Judge, High Court of Madras, spoke on the need of understanding and enhancing the knowledge of the law concerning with Intellectual Property Rights in the present-day scenario. His Lordship also urged the participants to utilise the opportunity to gain more knowledge.

Welcoming the dignitaries and the participants, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.Jaichandren**, Judge, High Court of Madras, and the President, Board of Governors, TNSJA, spoke, in detail, the distinctive features of the conference, His Lordship also enumerated the steps having been taken and the plans formulated, by TNSJA, right from the stage of its conceptualization, towards successful conduct of the programme.

Proposing vote of thanks, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.M.Sundresh**, Judge, High Court of Madras, and Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA, exhorted the participants of the conference to uphold the constitutional values to render justice and to learn as much as possible from the various sessions of the conference and put them into practice as best as possible.

Mr.A.L.Somayaji, Advocate General, High Court of Madras, delivering a special address, elaborated the history of the Intellectual Property Regime and its underlying philosophy.

PROCEEDINGS OF DAY 1 – 19.12.2014

1. Session-1 : AN OVERVIEW OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTIES

Chairing the session, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice F.M.Ibrahim Kalifulla**, by way of opening remarks, enlightened the participants on the different concepts and kinds of Intellectual Property Rights. His Lordship spoke on the evaluation of such rights and the historical background and the development of different laws coming within the ambit of Intellectual Property and also referred to various landmark judgments.

Mr.C.Aryama Sundaram, Senior Advocate, New Delhi, gave a broadview of the national perspective on the subject. He, referring to various cases, as decided by the Supreme Court and various High Courts, made it a point that in the present scenario, the law on Intellectual Property Rights is adding new dimensions, which, in turn, make those active involved in the subject, to learn more and more, so as to enrich their knowledge.

Speaking on the international perspective, **Dr.S.Rama Rao**, Former Director, WIPO, took the participants through the various trends happening all over the world and explained the role being played by the WIPO, in safeguarding the interests of the general public vis-a-vis inventions and innovations. He also called upon the delegates of the conference to keep themselves abreast of the latest developments on the subject, so as to make them survive the competition in the profession.

2. Session-2 : EMERGING TRENDS IN TRADEMARKS

As opening remarks, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pradeep Nandrajog**, Judge, High Court of Delhi, briefed the participants on the distinctive aspects of the trademarks legislation. His Lordship also stressed

on the importance of having the knowledge on trademarks enhanced to a great extent, in the light of the trends as emerging from time to time.

Ms. Prathiba M. Singh, Senior Advocate, New Delhi, explaining the Indian position, spoke about the transition and the pace of the trademarks in India with the global trends. She explained, in unequivocal terms, with the aid of various decided cases, the difference between infringements and Passing off Action and also the Generic and Descriptive Trademarks. She also elaborated the aspects of Sound and Colour Registrations and the Trends in Trademark Filings and Registrations.

On the global perspective, **Mr. Timothy J. Lyden**, Attorney, U.S.A., termed the trademarks in the United States, as a use-based system. He brought to the knowledge of the participants the trademark practice as being adopted in the United States vis-à-vis the Madrid Protocol. He also detailed the filings, which are based on Home Country Registrations.

3. Session-3 : EMERGING TRENDS IN GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Hrishikesh Roy, Judge, High Court of Gauhati, made opening remarks, by stating that the produces of the North-Eastern parts of the country, themselves are Geographical Indications, like Assam Tea. His Lordship was emphatic on the need and importance of protection of the geographical indications, as they are very unique and the produces are called by the names, prefixing, in most cases, with the place of produce.

Explaining the misconceptions or wrong descriptions, **Mr. Rajendra kumar**, Senior Advocate, New Delhi, elaborated the concepts of Geographical Indications, on the national perspective. He also enlightened the participants on the TRIPS mandate and the strategic use of Geographical Indications and also the prevailing position in India on the protection of such Indications.

The International perspective on the subject was spoken to, by **Mr. Gert Wuirtenberger**, Attorney, Germany, making insights into the salient features of the trends prevailing in the international arena. He, while narrating the benefits for consumers and societies and also the benefits arising out of GI protection, stated the important features of the various international conventions.

PROCEEDINGS OF DAY 2 – 20.12.2014

1. Session-4 : THE INTERNET AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Chairing the session, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice V. RAMASUBRAMANIAN**, Judge, High Court of Madras, and Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA, spoke about the online jurisdictional issues, and spelt out the impact of the influence the internet makes on every one's living. His Lordship, while highlighting the advantages of being connected to the outside world through Internet, cautioned that there are many perils to watch out for in leading the digital life.

Mr. Chander M. Lall, Advocate, New Delhi, dealt with the statistics regarding Internet users in India and also the issues relating to the evidence. On the national perspective, the other issues, like Passing off – Reputation, Passing Off – Confusion, Passing Off – Internet Sales, and Domain Names, were well explained with the aid of case laws, so as to be beneficial to the knowledge of the participants.

Speaking on the international perspective, **Mr. Ameet Datta**, Advocate, New Delhi, elaborated online piracy. He mooted a question to the participants – “Is today's Internet both the best of times and the worst of times?”, and he also detailed the manner in which the courts are assessing the claims relating to online piracy. He detailed the issue of online jurisdiction as prevailing in various countries in the world.

2. Session-5 : PROTECTION BEYOND STATUTES

In the opening remarks, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ravi R. Tripathi**, Judge, High Court of Gujarat, explained the scope of the subject “Protection Beyond Statutes”. His Lordship brought forward the instances in which the rights of the persons, which are not available to them within the ambit of law, need to be protected.

Mr. Richard Chapman, Attorney, London, stated the history of data protection and the description of “Personal Data”. He also explained the key points of draft data protection regulation and draft cyber directive. The recent developments in data protection law were also dealt with by him in an elaborated manner.

Mr. Pravin Anand, Advocate, New Delhi, concentrated his talk on Slander of Goods: Trade Secrets v. Patents, and addressed the participants on the Reasonable Man Test and the Generic

Disparagement. The distinctions between Trade Secrets v. Patents were well brought out by him, with the aid of cases as decided by the higher courts of the country.

3. Session-6 : EMERGING TRENDS IN COPYRIGHT AND DESIGN LAWS

Chairing the session, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajiv Shakti**, Judge, High Court of Delhi, made opening remarks that copyright and design laws are adding newer dimensions towards its development. His Lordship expressed hope that the participants of the conference will be greatly benefited by way of coming to know the recent trends on the subject.

The national perspective on the subject was spoken to, by **Mr. Himanshu Kane**, Advocate, Mumbai. He threw light on the "Hot News" Doctrine. Some other important concepts, like Cluster of Rights, Negative Rights, and Independent Creation, were described by him, towards better understanding of the participants. He referred to the provisions of law with regard to the benefits for the disabled, and the Term of Copyright in Photographs, Assignments, Ringtones & Caller Tunes, Emerging Trends in Cinema, are the other issues he covered.

His Honour Michael Fysh, QC SC, London, speaking on the International Perspective, brought to the knowledge of the participants some of the working concepts. He spoke on the protection of some "works", like literary and artistic works, photographic works, cinematographic works and literary works.

PROCEEDINGS OF DAY 3 – 21.12.2014

Session-7 : EMERGING TRENDS IN PATENT LAW

This session was of a panel discussion and the topic was "Does patent law find a proper balance between encouraging research and public interest?"

Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Ruma Pal, from Judge, Supreme Court of India, as the chairperson of the session, made opening remarks that it is a dire necessity for the country that the patent law finds the proper balance because the inventions and the innovations are meant for the benefit of the users of such inventions/innovations.

His honour MICHAEL FYSH QC SC, explained his position as that of European ex-scientist(chemistry), who supports the patent system. He stated that the system is justified both privately

and publically on the basis of reward and incentive for inventive ingenuity. He also suggested that abuse of monopoly is checked by adequate and efficacious compulsory licencing provisions.

Participating in the debate, the Academician, **Mr.Feroz Ali**, took the participants through the various social aspects involved in maintaining the balance between encouraging research and public interest.

Scouting for industry, **Mr.Kaushik Banerjee** of Cadila HealthCare Limited, explained the economic benefits of Intellectual Property and also the flexibilities under TRIPS. He also detailed the case study on small molecule drugs. He made a suggestion, inter alia, that innovative collaborative research models between foreign and Indian companies to develop better and more effective solutions, should be fostered.

The representative of the N.G.Os., **Mr.Anand Grover**, elaborated the role being played by the N.G.Os. in the country in making the life saving drugs affordable to the persons affected with serious illnesses. He suggested that in the name of encouraging research, public interest should not be compromised.

Following the speech by the panelists, discussion among them was held.

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In every session, after the chairperson and the speakers presented their speech, an exclusive open house discussion was held and the participants got their queries and doubts, clarified and cleared. During the open house discussion, the response of the participants was enthusiastic as well as overwhelming. After such discussion, concluding remarks were made by the respective chairpersons of the sessions and with this, every session came to a close.

VALEDICTORY FUNCTION – 21.12.2014

Presenting the valedictory address, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul**, Chief Justice, High Court of Madras, expressed His Lordship's pleasure over the manner and the way, the conference was organized and conducted by TNSJA. His Lordship also spoke on the benefits, which the participants would have derived from the various sessions of the conference, and called upon them to put into practice what they learn, in right perspective and correct measure, towards enhancing the quality in adjudication process.

Offering the special address, **Hon'ble Justice M.Jaichandren**, Judge, High Court of Madras, recapitulated the proceedings of the three-day conference, and commended the efforts, which were taken towards a grand success of the conference. While exuding confidence that the conference would have given the participants greater insights into the various aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, His Lordship expressed happiness and greater satisfaction over the way the conference turned out to be.

Proposing the vote of thanks, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice T.S.Sivagnanam**, Judge, High Court of Madras, thanked one and all for organizing the programme in a grand manner. His Lordship also urged the participants to carry home the learnings, they had, and also the memories, they cherished, during the three-day conference.

HERITAGE TOUR, VISIT TO PLACES OF INTEREST, AND CULTURAL PROGRAMME

On Day 1, 19.12.2014, at the end of the day, the participants were taken to the heritage tour of the High Court of Madras and they, who included some of the Hon'ble High Court Judges and the District Judges, were taken through the corridors of the High Court of Madras buildings and its rich heritage was explained to them.

On the evening of Day 2, a cultural programme was held at the venue for more than an hour. During the cultural programme, a collage of the timeless art(dance) forms of the various parts of the country, like Bharatanatyam, Bhangra and Kathakali, were performed by the exponents and it was well received by the audience.

On Day 3, after the conference came to a close, the participants were taken to Cholamandal Artists' Village, DakshinaChitra, Crocodile Park and Mahabalipuram, on a tour and they were explained the rich cultural heritage which the City of Chennai boasts of.

XI. NATIONAL CONFERENCE

In view of the exponential growth in commercial ventures, the Law of Arbitration has been developing as never before and such development has added new dimensions to the various facets of the Arbitration Law, both nationally and internationally. Keeping this in perspective, the Hon'ble Governing Body of the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, decided to organize a National Conference on Arbitration Law.

The Conference was held for two days, i.e. on 28th and 29th of March, 2015, in Chennai, and **Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.K. Sikri, Judge, Supreme Court of India**, inaugurated the Conference and **Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.V. Ramana, Judge, Supreme Court of India**, graced the occasion by delivering the special address and **Hon'ble Mr. Justice F.M. Ibrahim Kallifullah, Judge, Supreme Court of India**, chaired a session.

Besides, Hon'ble High Court Judges, District Judges, and advocates, numbering about 200, from all over the country, participated in the Conference.

Inaugurating the Conference, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.K. Sikri**, called upon those, who are involved in the Arbitration proceedings, to change their mindset in order to carry out the objective of the legislation. His Lordship said that a study revealed that India is yet to make progress at the satisfactory level, in the matter of enforcement of Arbitration Law and expressed concern over the manner in which Arbitration proceedings are conducted.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.V. Ramana, presenting the special address, referred to the real-time situation, where the management of a market yard in Visakhapatnam is functioning in the matter of resolving disputes among its members, in that whenever disputes arise between two or more members of the yard, they put their heads together at the end of the day and see that the dispute is resolved to the satisfaction of all. His Lordship listed out the steps to be taken by everyone associated with the task for the success of Arbitration and stated that India needed a strong system to settle disputes and issues between the parties.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Chief Justice, High Court of Madras, and Patron-in-chief, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, presiding over the Conference, addressed the gathering and prevailed upon the delegates to concentrate more on settling the disputes, which come before them, through the mode of Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanism. Recalling the functioning of panchayat system for finding solutions to the issues among the members of the community, His Lordship expressed hope that the Arbitration proceedings must be conducted in a manner in which both the parties must agree to settle the dispute as expeditiously as possible.

Delivering the keynote address **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Satish K. Agnihotri, Judge, High Court of Madras**, highlighted the role of the arbitrators and also his duties and responsibilities to pass an award in an expeditious manner. His Lordship exhorted the delegates to keep themselves abreast of the latest

developments in law, so that they would be able to overcome the challenges being encountered by them in their day-to-day work.

Welcoming the dignitaries and delegates, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.Jaichandran, Judge, High Court of Madras, and President, Board of Governors, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy**, explained the distinctive features of the Conference and also the steps, which had been taken by TNSJA, for organizing the conference. His Lordship urged the delegates of the Conference to learn as much as possible, during the programme.

Proposing vote of thanks, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice T.S.Sivagnanam, Judge, High Court of Madras, and Member, Board of Governors, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy**, stressed the need and importance of learning the various features of the Law of Arbitration and expressed hope that there will be good deliberations during the various sessions of the Conference.

After the inaugural function, Sessions, three on day 1 and two on day 2, on various subjects and issues of Arbitration Law, were held and Hon'ble Supreme Court Judges, Hon'ble High Court Judges, Senior Advocates, Academicians, and Arbitrators, spoke during the business sessions.

On 29.03.2015, a valedictory function was held.

XII. REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The High court of Madras and the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, in coordination with the UNICEF, organised a Southern Regional Round Table Conference on Effective Implementation of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, on 11.10.2014 and 12.10.2014

The participants included the Principal Magistrates of the Juvenile Justice Boards from all the Southern States, viz. Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and Telangana. The Directors of the State Judicial Academies, the Member-Secretaries of the State Legal Services Authorities, the Secretaries to the State Governments, top-level Police Officers, CWC Members, NGO Representatives, and the UNICEF officials from all the southern states participated in the Conference.

One Hon'ble Judge each from the High Courts of Hyderabad, Karnataka and Kerala and some Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Madras also participated in the Conference.

Hon'ble Mr.Justice Madan B.Lokur, Judge, Supreme Court of India, graced the occasion and presented inaugural address. While Hon'ble Mr.Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Chief Justice, High Court of

Madras/Patron-in-Chief, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, offered presidential address, Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. Jaichandren, Judge, High Court of Madras/ President, Board of Governors, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, delivered special address. Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Manikumar, Judge, High Court of Madras, welcomed the gathering.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ramesh Ranganathan, Judge, High Court of Hyderabad, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Huluvadi G. Ramesh, Judge, High Court of Karnataka, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Antony Dominic, Judge, High Court of Kerala, and Hon'ble Mr. Justice G. M. Akbar Ali, Judge, High Court of Madras, made a presentation of the experience their Lordships had in the respective states the challenges they faced and the way forward they proposed.

A special address was given by Dr. Joachim Theis, Child Protection Chief, UNICEF, New Delhi. Perspective presentation was made by a member each of the Juvenile Justice Board, the Child Welfare Committee and the Civil Society, on the issues put forth by the other two stakeholders. Similarly, a State Government Representative, a Member-Secretary of the State Legal Services Authority and a member of Civil Society also gave insights into the relevant issues faced by them.

In conclusion, the way forward was formulated for the system to function in a better and efficacious manner.

XIII. STATE-LEVEL CONFERENCE

In the State-level Conference on Effective Implementation of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, held on 18th and 19th April, 2015, the Chairpersons and Members of Child Welfare Committees, District Child Protection Officers, Probation Officers, and Superintendents of Government Homes, After Care Homes, Government-aided and N.G.Os-managed Homes, and District Child Line, totaling 210 persons, participated.

INAUGURAL SESSION

In the Welcome Address, Hon'ble Ms. Justice R. Mala, Judge, High Court of Madras explained the scope and object of the programme and the effects taken by the High Court of Madras in sensitising the officials involved in the Juvenile Justice as contemplated under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, time and again.

Mr. R. Vidyasagar, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF Office for Tamil Nadu and Kerala, in his Keynote Address, said that UNICEF was always ready and willing to render support to the High Court of

Madras, for the conduct of training programmes and refresher courses for the officials. He also said that UNICEF is playing a pivotal role in the matter of children in need of care and protection and rehabilitation of children.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice T.S.Sivagnanam, Judge, High Court of Madras/Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA, said that the Judicial Academy was very glad to extend its help for conducting programmes for strengthening the Juvenile Justice System. His Lordship also noted that this was the third programme of the year 2014-2015 being conducted by the High Court of Madras in coordination with the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy. His Lordship touched upon many issues where children get themselves involved in the criminal activities and stressed on the necessity of providing them better care and protection.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.Manikumar, Judge, High Court of Madras, highlighted the salient features of the statute and said that by implementing the legal provisions, many things could be done towards care and protection of children. The necessity and coordination between the different agencies of Juvenile Justice System was urged by His Lordship.

Proposing vote of thanks, Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.Ravichandra Baabu, Judge, High Court of Madras, spoke that the High Court of Madras was conducting programmes for the functionaries of the Juvenile Justice System often, because of the fact that it is a national issue that children have to be taken care of and protected better and proper.

SESSION I: ROLE OF CWCs IN STRENGTHENING CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.Manikumar, Judge, High Court of Madras, made opening remarks on the role of welfare committees and the need to strengthen their role particularly in coordination with other agencies. Mr.P.M. Basheer Ahamed, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Government, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department, providing statistics on the activities being undertaken by the Government of Tamil Nadu, towards the welfare of the children and the steps being taken for the care and protection of children. Mrs. Andal Damodaran, President, ICCW, Tamil Nadu, explained the ramifications of the issues concerning with the children. She gave the details of the ways and means to solve the problems being faced by the children. She stressed the institutional support is very much necessary to undertake the activities towards care and protection of children.

SESSION II: CHILD PSYCHOLOGY

Dr. Sangeetha Madhu, Psychologist, touched upon the psychological issues of the children and spoke about the aspects as to how they react when they get involved in delinquency. She also suggested the ways as to how to approach and handle the children in these situations and circumstances.

SESSION III: ADOPTION

Hon'ble Ms. Justice R. Mala, Judge, High Court of Madras, made the opening remarks and spoke about the difference on adoption as contemplated between the Juvenile Justice Act and other statutes. His Lordship said that when the children are given on adoption, the procedure and practice as required are very much required to be followed.

The Speakers, Mr.V.M.Xavier Chrisso Nayagam, I.A.S. Commissioner of Social Welfare, Mrs. Chandra Thanikachalam, General Secretary, ICCW, and Mr.R.Chezhiyan, Director, TDH, Thiruvannamalai, spoke, from their respective points of view, about the necessity and strict enforcement of adoption, in their functional areas.

SESSION IV: REHABILITATION AND SOCIAL INTEGRATION

Chairing the session, Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.Ravichandra Baabu, Judge, High Court of Madras, said that there is every need to have the children rehabilitated and put them into social integration, so as to make them well-prepared to face the society and lead a lawful and peaceful life.

Mr.AN.Raj Saravana Khumar, Joint Director, Department of Social Defence, explained the issues in detail in the areas rehabilitation and social reintegration.

SESSION V: COORDINATION BETWEEN THE AGENCIES FOR CHILD CARE AND PROTECTION

Hon'ble Mr. Justice G.M.Akbar Ali, Former Judge, High Court of Madras, said that the need of the hour is coordination between the agencies for better care and protection of children, leading to strengthening the Juvenile Justice System. Just guarding the children from the evils of the society alone is not sufficient, but also they have to be well taken care of and protected, His Lordship said.

Mrs. Anuradha Vidyasankar, Head, Southern Regional Resource Centre, Childline India Foundation, gave her response to the queries and doubts raised by the participant-officers.

In the valedictory address, Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.Manikumar, Judge, High Court of Madras, called upon the participants to keep abreast of, the issues concerning with children in need of care and protection, and give them necessary help, support, assistance, etc., in a complete and effective manner, so as to fulfil the mandate of the Juvenile Justice Act. His Lordship also said that the tasks being taken by the various statutory agencies need to be integrated and coordinated.
