## TAMIL NADU STATE JUDICIAL ACADEMY REGIONAL CENTRE COIMBATORE

ICT and Computerization Sensitization and Awareness Programme (ICT-3) for Judicial Officers and Staff

## EVENT REPORT 21.11.2021 (Through online)

The programme commenced with Mr. S.P. Rishiroshan, Deputy Director, TNSJA Regional Centre, Coimbatore, welcoming, the Nodal Officer, Mr. P. Srikumar, IV Additional District Judge, Coimbatore, resource persons, Mr. K. Arunachalam, Presiding Officer, Additional Labour Court, Coimbatore, Mr. S. Santhanakrishnasamy, II Additional Sub Judge, Coimbatoreand finally the participants for the programme.

Mr. S.P. Rishiroshan, Deputy Director, TNSJA Regional Centre, Coimbatore, talked about, importance of uploading data accurately and timely for administration of justice and quick disposal of cases. The object and scope of the programme was also pictured before the programme commenced.

Mr. K. Arunachalam, Presiding Officer, Additional Labour Court, Coimbatore, gave a brief intro about the basics of the e-courts project, gave an elaborate discussion of uploading of orders reducing data replication.

Mr. P. Srikumar, IV Additional District Judge, Coimbatore, talked about, accuracy of data and rendering citizen centric services with accurate data entry. There was an elaborate discussion about case information system software, national judicial data grid, role of data entry process, need for accuracy of data, usage of data health card, how digitization and accurately keep a track of delay, how uploading of orders can provide an all-pervasive access. There was also a live demo provided for the benefit of the participants.

After a short tea break session, Mr. S. Santhanakrishnasamy, II Additional Sub Judge, Coimbatore, talked about, software modules and norms incidental to the integration of CIS Software. This module presented assessment of judicial officers, unit heads, high court section, norms and its functioning from login dashboard till work done statement report.

Mr. A. Saravanakumar, Registrar (IT-cum-Statistics) joined the programme and talked about the e-courts project that includes themes and areas of the programme that encompassed, scanning, digitization and digital Preservation of case records, data accuracy, delay reasons and uploading of Orders / judgments/deposition in CIS and NJDG, Software Modules (Norms), Mobile Applications for Judicial Functions, Utilizing VC facilities for Court Hearings, Digital Registers under CIS 3.0, Digital Signatures.

Mr. C.B. Vedagiri, XIX Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, joined the programme and discussed about, digital preservation of records. The paradigm shift from physical storage to digital storage started in 2017. The digital preservation has large impact on the documents in the future. Respective Amendments have been made to the Indian Evidence Act, 1872. The need to open the access of such digital information to the differentially abled is the moot point today. Various best practices and devices for easy digitalization and maintenance of records were discussed.

Mr. K. Arunachalam and Mr. P. Srikumar, together talked about, video conference facilities in court facilities and its related laws that are put in place. The discussion emphasized the rules framed by the Madras High Court, VC Rules, July 2020 (R.O.C. No. 29030Al202O/Comp9). The discussion also emphasized that usage of various applications like, cisco webx, zoom, vidyo connect, team etc. Furthermore, the programme discussed about digital registers and transformation of manual form of registers to the digital format also.

As the session progressed, there was discussion about, mobile applications and how to use digital signatures effectively. An elaborate discussion regarding the eCourts Services Mobile App, JustIS Justice Information System, NSTEP National Service and Tracking of Electronic Processes, and GIMS Government Instant Messaging System, was made. Further, the importance of digital signatures in judiciary was discussed with emphasize to pre-requisites and procedures.

The session concluded with aninteractive discussion where the participant queries were clarified. The virtual programme was attended by 272 participants through CISCO Webex Platform and more than five thousand views through its YouTube online streaming link from differentparts of Tamil Nadu and proved to be very interactive and participative. (Link for the Programme)

The programme was concluded by Mr. V.L. Santhosh, Assistant Director, TNSJA Regional Centre, Coimbatore, delivering the Vote of Thanks, by thanking the entire resource persons and the participants for their strong cooperative effort in making this online webinar a grant success.