



## TAMIL NADU STATE JUDICIAL ACADEMY HEADQUARTERS, CHENNAI

**Symposium on Judicial District Administration: Problems and Perspectives  
for Principal District Judges and Chief Judicial Magistrates on 11.06.2022**

### Event Report

A Common Inaugural Session was held by Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, Headquarters, Chennai. The Regional Centers of TNSJA at Madurai and Coimbatore participated in the inaugural session through video conferencing. The Programme began with the invocation 'தமிழ்த்தாய் வாழ்த்து'.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice T. Raja, Judge, High Court of Madras and President, Board of Governors, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy delivered welcome address and vision statement. His Lordship emphasized the importance of reducing pendency of cases by conducting frequent programmes to develop the endurance and productivity of work. His Lordship also emphasized the

importance of the chair held by the PDJs and CJMs.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari, Chief Justice, High Court of Madras / Patron-in-Chief of the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy delivered inaugural address. In His Lordship's speech, the Honorable Chief Justice emphasized the importance of interactive training sessions. Further, His Lordship invited the attention to the disposal of cases and relationship between Bar and Bench.



The first session was Strengthening the District Judiciary through proper Administration chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice C.V. Karthikeyan, Judge, High Court of Madras. His Lordship spoke on Strengthening the District Judiciary through proper Administration and gave a bird's eye-view of the problems assessed. His Lordship reiterated about the problem of filling up gap in Promotion of GROUP

C staff to GROUP B. His Lordship also mentioned about the Fine amount mismatch with treasury register and maintenance of deposit register. Further, His Lordship emphasized on the Challenges with the District Administration and spoke about the control which a Principal District Judge can exercise.



The first speaker Mr. R. Shakthivel, Principal District Judge, Krishnagiri spoke on the topic Equal distribution of workload and resources. The speaker highlighted various duties, responsibility of the Principal District Judges and Chief Judicial Magistrates. He also said that

judges should inculcate learning culture and promote continuous training.

Dr. P. Murugan spoke about Bridging Bar & Bench relationship to maximize efficiency in the District Judiciary. He shared his experience highlighting cooperation between BAR and the BENCH. He also spoke about the challenges in execution of the warrant.



Mr. A. Abdul Kadar spoke on the topic ‘Building coordination among the District Judiciary, District Administration and Law Enforcement Authorities’. He spoke about the checks and balances between of district administration and district judiciary with special mention of Rule 269 (Criminal Rules of Practice). He said that though we have all



the powers the powers are sparingly used. As Principal District Judge we can take action or we can exercise the original power in case if it is necessary in a judicious manner. Further, he said that reluctance of exercise of power should not be



minimized and one should promote the idea of reciprocation and minimize overpowering.

Ms. M. K. Jamuna, Principal District Judge, Tiruvannamalai spoke about Optimal utilization of Legal Services Authorities. She advocated for effective use of ADR methods. She opined that, Permanent Lok Adalat aids in adjudicating the dispute relating to Public Interest Litigation. She spoke about Legal aid clinics, that are set up in every taluk across Tamilnadu to promote and create legal awareness. Further, she mentioned the victim compensation scheme provided under 357A of Cr. P.C Tamil Nadu Victim compensation scheme 2013 and Tamilnadu Victim Compensation Scheme for Woman Victim 2018. She also said that, compensation can be granted to the victim irrespective of the case status.



Then, the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Madras High Court, Hon'ble Mr. Justice. Munishwar Nath Bhandari said that, one should develop coordination and cooperation rather complaining about the lack of human resource and learn to effectively manage with the available resources to the best of their abilities for the betterment of the institution.

After the lunch break the topic on "Effective Administration of District Criminal Unit" was chaired by Hon'ble Dr. Justice G. Jayachandran, Judge, High Court of Madras/ Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA.



The topic "Appraisal of Calendars" was handled by Ms. C. Karthika, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Nagapattinam. She started with the submission of calendar by the Magistrates and survey of calendar of criminal case by CJM, which are very much essential in the Criminal Justice Administration. She said that, the Appraisal

of calendar ensures the quality of judgment and the level of efficiency of the officers as well as the staff. She reiterated that, the calendar clearly shows the delay in taking on the file on charge sheet, delay in furnishing of copies u/s 207 Cr.P.C, prompt hearing of cases. Further, she said that as per Rule 270 of Criminal Rules of Practice all Judicial Magistrate and Metropolitan Magistrate shall submit a calendar statement with a copy of judgment in every case and the delay in submission of calendar case shall be avoided.

The topic "Disposal of Property" was handled by Mr. M. Vadivel, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Namakkal. He explained the disposal of property under the sections 451 to 459. He explained the orders that can be passed in the court while handing over the property to the owner. Further he said that Sec. 452 has the power to dispose the property after appeal. He elaborately explained the procedures and circumstances under which the property can be disposed.



His Lordship, Hon'ble Dr. Justice G. Jayachandran also explained the ways to keep the property area clean and maintain the property in a proper manner. Some of the Participants asked doubts regarding disposal of property and it was answered by His Lordship.



The topic "Destruction of Case Records" was handled by Ms. D. Shanmuga Priya, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Kumbakonam. She said that the Judicial Officers should develop the habit of periodically visiting the record room and instructing for proper maintenance of record and periodical destruction of records. She explained that the Chapter 33 and Rule 264 of Criminal Rules of Practice deals with the destruction of Criminal Court Records. She suggested that there shall be an index for records in each and every case and each record shall be entered in such index. Further, she said that the Part C of Administrative Form 46 prescribes the period of retention of various parts of the



court records, the time of retention is from the date of final order of the court of first instance or in the event of appeal or revision, from the date of final order of the superior court. She also insisted that all the records of Children under the Juvenile Justice System should be erased except in the special circumstance.

The topic "Jail & Lock-up Visit" was handled by Mr. N. Kothandaraj, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore explained that the Judicial Officers must get the number of prisoners and other details while visiting prison. Further, he spoke about regular visits to prisons by the Magistrates to make sure that there are no illegal confinement and if found so, arrangement for release shall be made. He also insisted that the Magistrates shall make necessary medical arrangements if prisoners are suffering from any ailments.



The Role of Principal District Judges and Chief Judicial Magistrates in Mentoring Junior Judicial Officers was handled by Hon'ble Mr. Justice RMT. Teekaa Raman Judge, High Court of Madras. His Lordship emphasized on exercise the power and execute the job. His Lordship reiterated the importance of Annual Confidential Report and the facts to consider while writing Annual Confidential Report for Judicial Officers.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.D. Audikesavalu Judge, High Court of Madras/Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA, proposed the Vote of Thanks. His Lordship said that, the purpose of this programme is ensure that the Justice Delivery System is pure, clean and transparent and this effective meeting the needs of change to the situation with more technology.

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