



TAMIL NADU STATE JUDICIAL ACADEMY

The Workshop on Recording and Appreciation of Evidence & Judgment Writing for the Civil Judges of 2015 Batch

Event Report

The two day Workshop on Recording and Appreciation of Evidence & Judgment Writing for the Civil Judges of 2015 Batch was conducted at Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, Regional Centre Coimbatore on 2nd and 3rd of July 2022.

The Workshop on Recording and Appreciation of Evidence & Judgment Writing was significantly divided into four fundamental strata of learning, after assessing the judgments received by TNSJA from the Judicial Officers before the commencement of the workshop. The fundamental emphasis was supplied on the following four strata,

1. Framing of Charges (Practical Training – Activity),
2. Framing of Issues (Practical Training – Activity),
3. Do's and Don'ts on Recording of Evidence (Practical Training – Mock Court),
4. Appreciation of Evidence (Activity based learning) and
5. Judgment Writing.

Each fundamental strata of the two-day Workshop on Recording and Appreciation of Evidence & Judgment Writing comprised of; 1. Interactive

session with the Director and Resource Person, 2. Practical sessions, and 3. Evaluation session by the Director and his team comprising of Deputy Directors.

Day 1 (02/07/2022)



The first session of the workshop was framing of charges. The Hon'ble Director of the Academy firstly, set the tone for the day by asking questions about framing of charges and issues. Then there was a practical activity where, 5 model cases were displayed for which the participants had to frame charges. The model questions were handpicked by the director and his team comprising of the Deputy Directors from few of the judgments submitted by the participants. After displaying each question, the participants were to frame charges and there was a discussion on the charges framed. Wherever the participants found difficulties, the Director gave his suggestions. The participants asked few questions on framing of charges which were duly answered.

After a small tea break, the next session was on framing of issues by resource person, Mr. R. Shanmugha Sundaram, Principal District Judge, Karur. The resource person clearly and in detail explained the art of framing of issues. He then displayed few complaints



and their written statements on which the issues were to be framed by the participants.



There was a discussion on the issues framed by the participants. Wherever the participants found difficulties, the resource person along the Director gave their suggestions. The participants asked few questions related to framing of issues which were duly answered.

The post lunch session, a mock court set-up was constructed and the judicial officers adorned the Bench as an actual Court and Director along with his team role played prosecutor, defence counsel, witnesses etc. When they identified a mistake, the mistakes were corrected then and there. Each judicial officer was given a chance to play the role of the presiding officer of the Mock Court.



The main objective of conducting the Mock Court was to improve the quality in recording of evidence, handling of court and deciding the admissibility of the evidence tendered.



At the end of the day the judicial officers were given an exercise to write a judgment with the depositions recorded by them and shared to them through e-platforms from the recording of evidence activity. These submissions were collected separately and evaluated for understanding the learning curve of conducting a workshop.

Day 2 (03/07/2022) On

the second day of the two day workshop, the first session was on 'Appreciation of Evidence', where participating judicial officers were showcased with the critical issues found after reviewing the judgments submitted by them. The



Director and his team reviewed the judgments of the judicial officers and identified the critical problems and slipups which was modulated into multiple choice questions and placed before the judicial officers for discussion. The Discussion was moderated by the Director and his team.



The practical questions were of multiple choices which answered by the participating judicial officers. The platform

used to collect answers was Google forms. The situations in those questions were extracted from some of the issues dealt by the Magistrates and Munsifs in their day-to-day work. Prior to displaying the right answer, few judicial officers were chosen from amongst the participants to select an answer which they think is right and give reasons for the same.



In the post lunch the Director and his team comprising of Deputy Directors, told them about the critical errors apparent in the judgments submitted by them for evaluation. Comments and suggestions were given to the participants based on the evaluation of the activity submitted by them. The Director and his team also discussed many of errors which were common among the participants and guided them to rectify the same.

Some of the participants gave their individual feedback and their take away message from the training programme.





The two day work shop concluded with Mr. S. P. Rishi Roshan, Deputy Director TNSJA, Regional Centre, Coimbatore proposing the Vote of Thanks. He thanked the resource persons, participants, and staff for making the programme a grand success.
