



**TAMIL NADU STATE JUDICIAL ACADEMY  
HEAD QUARTERS, CHENNAI**

**Report on Professional Development Programme for  
District Judges and Senior Civil Judges  
16.07.2022 (Saturday)**

The Professional Development Programme for District Judges and Senior Civil Judges was organised by the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, Head Quarters, Chennai on 16/07/2022 on the topics;

- a) Expeditious Disposal of Commercial Disputes: An Overview of the Commercial Courts Act, 2015.
- b) Role of Forensic Evidence in Criminal Trials.



The Programme began with the welcome address by the Director of the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, Mr. D. Lingeswaran. The Director firstly welcomed His Lordship, Hon'ble Mr.

Justice Senthilkumar Ramamoorthy, Judge, High Court of Madras and the then the participants. He also gave a small brief of the topics that were to be discussed in the Professional Development Programme.

His Lordship, Hon'ble Mr. Justice. Senthil Kumar Ramamoorthy, Judge, High court of Madras, discussed the relevance of the Commercial Courts Act and explained the salient features of the Act. His Lordship then spoke about the amendments made to Civil Procedure Code with regard to the Act and the practical consequences thereof.



His Lordship touched upon the important provisions as envisaged under the Act by briefly explaining the ingredients of Sections 26, 35, 35A and Orders 5, 6, 9 of the Civil Procedure Code,

which were amended as a result of enacting the Commercial Courts Act, 2015. His Lordship elaborately explained all the relevant and latest case laws on the subject.

In the post lunch session, the topic “Forensic Evidence” was handled by Mr. D. Bhaskar, Deputy Director (Rtd.), Forensic Sciences Department, Chennai. He explained lucidly the DNA profiling, method of DNA Analysis, newer methods



for collecting blood samples such as the FTA card (blood card), maintenance of chain of custody, and the need to involve private forensic examiners. With respect to comparison of handwriting and signature, it was discussed that it is not easy to forge a signature, unless there is observation and practice. The various aspects of

a signature like, slope, slant, individual characteristics etc., were also discussed. Further, the challenges in receiving contemporaneous writing, the ineffectiveness of examining the photocopy of handwriting was also discussed by the resource person. The resource person also shared few of his personal experiences in the courtrooms.

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