



# LISTEN TO US!

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**EVENT REPORT ON TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR CHILD WELFARE  
POLICE OFFICERS (CWPOS) ON CHILD RELATED LEGISLATION**

**AUGUST 2022**



**TAMIL NADU STATE JUDICIAL ACADEMY**  
**And**  
**INTEGRATED TRAINING CENTRE FOR SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT**  
**(Department of Social Defence, Government of Tamil Nadu)**  
**In association with**  
**UNICEF**  
**Report on Training programme for Child Welfare Police Officers**  
**(CWPOs) on Child related Legislation conducted on**  
**02<sup>nd</sup>, 03<sup>rd</sup> and 04<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 at TNSJA Regional Centre, Madurai**



## **Objective of the Training Programme**

A child in conflict with law is wrongly seen and treated as a criminal, and a child survivor of abuse or a child in need of care and protection is not handled with due sensitivity, thus triggering their trauma.

In this light, the manner of interaction between police and children needs to be accorded special attention. Children by nature are impressionable and vulnerable. Beyond knowledge and skill, it is the attitude, which determines the effectiveness of police officers when interacting with children. This attitude must begin from a place of empathy.

The Police Officers, be it Child Welfare Police Officers (CWPOs) or members of Special Juvenile Police Units (SJPU) play a critical role in securing welfare and protection for children, and have the power and potential to make a difference in the children's lives.

Keeping the above objective in mind, the training for CWPOs is scheduled in all the three centres of the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy. The first leg of the Training Programme was successively conducted on 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2022 at Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, Headquarters Chennai.

## Event Report

The Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy and Department of Social Defence, Government of Tamil Nadu in association with UNICEF organized a training programme on Child related Legislation for Child Welfare Police Officers (CWPOs) from the districts of Ariyalur, Karur, Pudukottai, Thanjavur, Thiruchirapalli, Perambalur, Tiruvarur, Madurai City, Tirunelveli, Tenkasi and Thoothukudi on 02<sup>nd</sup>, 03<sup>rd</sup> and 04<sup>th</sup> of August 2022. The training programme commenced at 09.30 am with the invocation song “தமிழ்த் தாய் வாழ்த்து”.



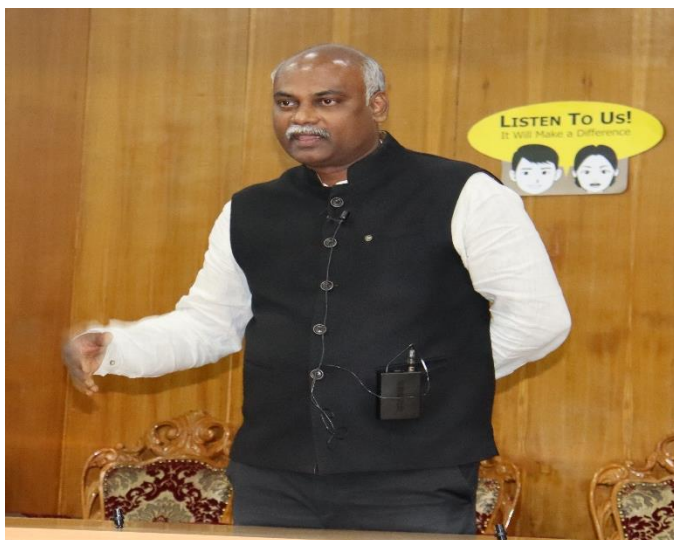
On 02<sup>nd</sup> August, 2022, the scope and object of the training programme was enunciated by the Director of the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, Mr. D. Lingeswaran.



The first operative session was handled by Mr. E.V. Chandru @ E. Chandrasekaran, Advocate, High Court of Madras, who spoke on the topic “Belligerence to Benevolence: The Right Attitude Brings Light”. He began the session by explaining the significance of Articles 14 and 15 of Constitution of India for child rights. He discussed the dimensions of child rights as incorporated in several statutes. He discussed the Right to Education in Article 21A of the Constitution which mandates all children be given Free and Compulsory Education until the age of fourteen years.

He discussed the legislation pertaining to prohibition of child labour and explained that children should not be engaged in any kind of work which is hazardous in nature. He further elaborated on the duties and functions of the Police Officers who handle children with relevant provisions of Law and guidelines issued by the government.

Mr. S. Arumugasamy, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic), Madurai City took a session titled "Our Attitude makes a Big Difference in the Lives of Little Children". He emphasised that the police department has the responsibility of providing care and protection to the child in conflict with law. He told the participants that the attitude of the CWPOs plays a major role in shaping the lives of children. He also spoke about the possible impact of not having the correct attitude while dealing with children.



The next session was an interactive session titled "Be Bright, Bring Light" by Mr. D. Lingeswaran, Director, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy. In order to understand how police officers, perceive their role towards children, the participants were posed the question "Who are you for a child? Whether a Parent, a Teacher or a

Police officer?". Further, a picture containing various images of children was displayed and the participants were asked which of the children shown in the picture

they think can be reformed and rehabilitated. The Director also displayed video clippings of police officers interacting with children and asked the participants what kind of police officer they would like to be. During the interactive session, the participants also shared their experiences and the difficulties that they faced in rescuing children. The participants asked doubts which were duly clarified by the Director.

In the post lunch session, the topic "Know how to handle sensitive situations (Emotional Intelligence)", handled by Dr. M. Selvi, Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Madurai. She explained the biological, psychological and sociological factors that affects children and the adults who deal with children. She discussed the various child friendly mechanisms that can be adopted by the participants. She also discussed the importance of active listening and mentioned the Dos and Don'ts of effective communication.



In the next session Mr. K. Samidurai, Advocate, Madurai, spoke on the topic "Despair to Delight: Developing Skills for Rehabilitation of Children". He explained in detail the provisions which provide for rehabilitation and the concept of Victimology. He further reiterated that, the Police officers' motive should not only be that of punishing children in conflict with law, but to help them reform and become a good citizen of the future. He then discussed elaborately

the rehabilitation mechanisms available to children, including financial assistance for child survivors.

On the 03<sup>rd</sup> of August 2022, the session commenced with welcome address by Mrs. S. Valarmathi, I.A.S., Director, Department of Social Defence /Secretary, State Child Protection Society, Tamilnadu. She firstly welcomed the dignitaries Mrs. P. Geetha Jeevan, Hon'ble Minister of



Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department, Government of Tamilnadu, Hon'ble Mr. Justice G.R. Swaminathan Judge, High Court of Madras/Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA and Mr. G. Kumaresan Social Policy Specialist, UNICEF Office for Tamil Nadu & Kerala. She welcomed the august participants and spoke about the importance of conducting training programme.



Mr. D. Lingeswaran, Director, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy elucidated on the scope and object of the training programme. He spoke about the outcome of this training which would help the Child Welfare Police Officers to cultivate the right attitude and emotional intelligence.



Mrs. P. Geetha Jeevan, Hon'ble Minister of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department, Government of Tamilnadu delivered the special address. The minister spoke about the importance of the training and why it was essential for the CWPOs. The minister then spoke

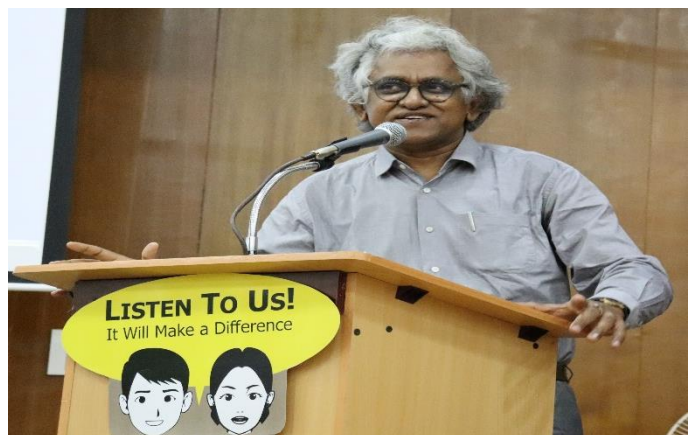
about various welfare measures and schemes incorporated by the government for the benefit of children.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice G.R. Swaminathan Judge, High Court of Madras/Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA delivered the inaugural address. His Lordship reiterated the need for developing special skills to deal with children. His Lordship also mentioned that the participants

have to implement their learning from the training programme in their work.

Mr. G. Kumaresan Social Policy Specialist, UNICEF Office for Tamil Nadu & Kerala proposed the vote of thanks and also told the participants that the initiative was to upskill their skills and adopt child friendly strategies while dealing with children.





As a token of gratitude, the dignitaries were presented with books.



On 04<sup>th</sup> of August 2022, the session commenced with welcome address by Mr. G. Kumaresan Social Policy Specialist, UNICEF Office for Tamil Nadu & Kerala. He welcomed the participants and spoke about the importance of conducting training programme.





Mr. Asra Garg, I.P.S., Inspector General of Police (South Zone), Tamilnadu spoke about the increase in crimes against women and children and the crimes committed by children. He spoke about the importance of attitude of a police officer and explained that all the Child Welfare Police Officers should have

the right attitude in order to shape the lives of children. He also emphasised that a police officer should be a role model to the children and treat them with utmost care.



On the 04<sup>th</sup> of August in the evening, post tea break, His Lordship, Hon'ble Mr. Justice P. N. Prakash, Judge High Court of Madras graced the training session with his presence and also interacted with the participants. His

Lordship also reiterated the duties of the CWPOs.



After the technical sessions for each day was completed, there was a question-and-answer session moderated by the Director, TNSJA.



The programme for each day concluded with the participants submitting their individual feedback on the programme and receiving certificate of participation from the Director, TNSJA.



Mr. S. Muthu Maharajan, the Deputy Director, Regional Centre, Madurai proposed the vote of thanks on all the three days. He thanked all the participants and resource persons for making the training programme a grand success.

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## PROGRAMME SCHEDULE



### TAMIL NADU STATE JUDICIAL ACADEMY

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### *Training Programme for Child Welfare Police Officers (CWPOs) on Child related Legislation*

S. No.	Place	Proposed Dates
1.	TNSJA Headquarters, Chennai	12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> July, 2022
2.	Regional Centre, Madurai	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> August, 2022
3.	Regional Centre, Coimbatore	23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2022

**\* The remaining 6 programmes will be conducted between September and December, 2022.**

*Training Programme for Child Welfare Police Officers (CWPOs) on Child related Legislation*

*At INSJA*

09.30 a.m. – 09.50 a.m.	<b>Invocation</b> <b>Welcome Address</b>
09.50 a.m. – 10.20 a.m.	<b>Scope and Object of the Programme</b>
10.20 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	<b>Belligerence to Benevolence: The Right Attitude Brings Light</b>
11.30 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.	<b>Tea Break</b>
11.45 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.	<b>Our Attitude makes a Big Difference in the Lives of Little Children</b>
12.15 p.m. – 01.00 p.m.	<b>Be Bright, Bring Light – An interactive session</b>
01.00 p.m. – 02.00 p.m.	<b>Lunch Break</b>
02.00 p.m. – 03.00 p.m.	<b>Know how to Handle Sensitive Situations (Emotional Intelligence)</b>
03.00 p.m. – 04.00 p.m.	<b>Despair to Delight: Developing Skills for Rehabilitation of Children</b>
04.00 p.m. – 04.15 p.m.	<b>Tea Break</b>
04.15 p.m. – 05.00 p.m.	<b>Render Justice to Children: An Interactive Session</b>
	<b>Vote of Thanks</b>
<b>National Anthem</b>	

**JUST LISTEN TO ME!**

**Nobody Listened!  
Nobody Cared!  
I ran away from home!**

**Nobody Gave!  
Nobody Cared!  
I stole a loaf of bread!**

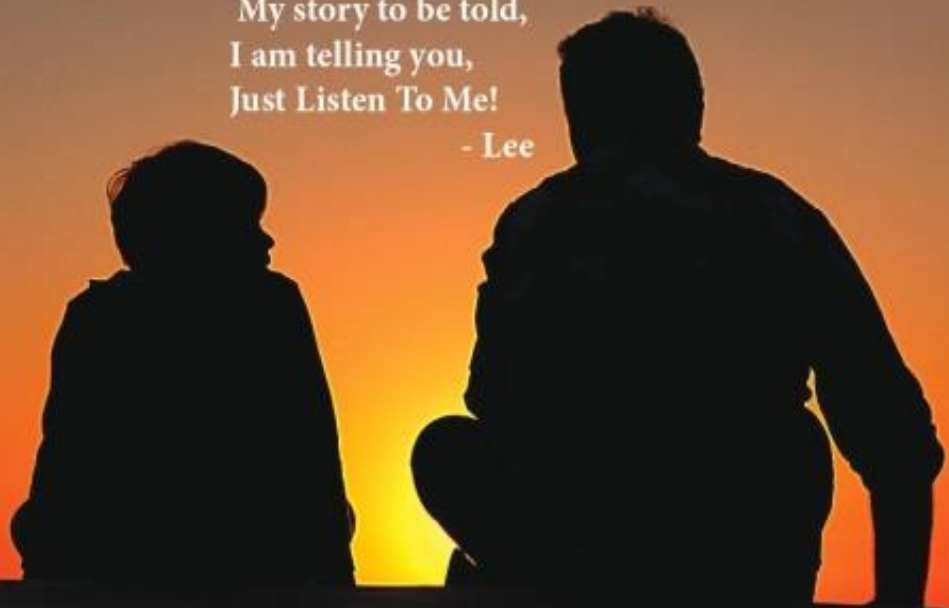
**Nobody Loved!  
Nobody Cared!  
I wanted to be touched!**

**Nobody watched!  
Nobody Cared!  
I drowned in weed!**

**Nobody helped!  
Nobody Cared!  
I had this monster killed!**

**Now, you want  
My story to be told,  
I am telling you,  
Just Listen To Me!**

**- Lee**



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