



HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS
&
TAMIL NADU STATE JUDICIAL ACADEMY
75th Anniversary of India's Freedom
State-level Elocution Competition

EVENT REPORT



The State-level Elocution Competition – Preliminary Round was conducted on 14.08.2022 on the topic Constitutional Courts – The Protector of Rights. The 34 winners selected from the District-level Elocution Competition conducted at the District Study Circles across Tamil Nadu participated in the State-level Elocution Competition – Preliminary Round. The Competition was judged by a panel of district Judges from 09.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. to select six best participants to the final round on 14.08.2022.



The programme commenced with Mr. D. Lingeswaran, Director, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, setting the tone for the day.

The Director welcomed the Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Madras, Hon'ble President and Hon'ble Members, of the Board of Governors, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy and all the participants present quoting the famous verses from Rabindranath Tagore's Gitanjali on the eve of the 75th year of India's Independence. The Director in the welcome address emphasized the importance of the competition which serves as a knowledge building exercise thereby promoting advocates to engage with the constitution at a deeper level.







The Special Address was delivered by Hon'ble Dr. Justice Anita Sumanth Judge, High Court of Madras / Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA. Her Lordship reflected on the idea of choosing law as a

profession which makes each lawyer a crusader of personal rights, fundamental rights and constitutional rights. Lordship appealed to every young lawyer to be an active litigator for in depth experience. Lordship emphasized that, the role of information technology has opened the world as a stage for lawyers and now limitations are no longer limitations fetters are no longer fetters. World is every lawyer's stage. Her Lordship quoted Albert Einstein, *"the strength of the constitution lies entirely in the determination of each citizen to defend it. Only if every single citizen feels duty bound to do his share in this defence our constitutional rights secure."* Her Lordship concluded by noting that, we dawn different roles, however as citizens we must remember Dr. Ambedkar *"The Constitution is not merely a lawyer's*



document it is a vehicle of life its spirit is always the spirit of nature it is a dynamic yet living document.”

The Keynote Address was delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. Sundar Judge, High Court of Madras / Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA emphasizing on the importance of articulation, importance of debate and title and central message of the competition, understanding the Constitution of India and how Constitutional Courts are the protector of Rights. His Lordship highlighted that, justice is not defined in any of the



Constitutions of the World.

Lordship carefully traced the reason and showcased that before the audience.

According to Lordship, the reason appears to be the definition of the word definition itself. Definition meant settled limits of

meaning Lordship added. His Lordship reflected that, a Constitutional perimeter cannot be drawn for Justice according to the drafters of the Constitutions unlike justice defined and described by political thinkers. Lastly his lordship emphasized that, language is medium of communication however in the legal system it is a tool. One conjunction or disjunction would make a world of difference or lead to bi-polar conclusions. Therefore how one put forth a point is very important.



Hon'ble Dr. Justice Anita Sumanth Judge, High Court of Madras / Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA announced the names of the six participants who won the State-level Elocution Competition – Preliminary Round held at TNSJA in the morning.

The Final Round of the State-level Elocution Competition commenced in the presence of the Hon'ble President and Members of Board of Governors, TNSJA. The six selected participants competed with each other before a panel of High Court Judges. The panel of Hon'ble High Court Judges selected the winner, 1st runner up and the 2nd runner up from the six participants.





The Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Madras, Hon'ble President and Hon'ble Members, of the Board of Governors, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy announced the winners of the State Level Elocution Competition.

Ms. L. Sruthi (Ms. No. 3648/2017), Advocate, The Nilgiris District won the competition pushing Ms. R. Manimegalai (Ms. No. 2790/2015), Advocate, Sivagangai District to be 1st Runner up in the competition and Mr. V.B. Gowwtham Thelak (Ms. No. 3822/2021), Advocate, Dharmapuri District came to be the 2nd Runner up in the Competition.





The Presidential Address was rendered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice T. Raja Judge, High Court of Madras / President, Board of Governors, TNSJA. His Lordship showcased how knowing the

Constitution of India is important to each and every citizen of India. His Lordship enunciated a detailed history that lead to our independence and the importance of our Country being super power amongst other countries.

On the 75th year of India's Independence, His Lordship highlighted that the importance of celebrating the independence of India has to be remembered by all of us. His Lordship emphasized that, independence hasn't come just like that. His Lordship gave instances from world history and emphasized that freedom comes with a price. Our freedom also came with a price lordship noted. His Lordship stressed the importance of having a Constitution for India highlighting motion put forth by BN Roy the India's Constitutional expert. India was a large country and hence having a constitution was important for India. His Lordship drove the point that in the absence of a Constitution for India, India would have gradually fragmented. The Constitution being in place keeps the territory of India intact and embodies the unity of the nation. When the architects of the

Constitution where asked to draft the Constitution, the architects preferred to borrow the best parts from different Constitutions of the World, Lordship recollected. His Lordship underscored that, our Constitution compared to all other Constitutions of the world including those from which we have borrowed is working more cognitively unlike its principal sources. His Lordship appealed to the audience to visit the Constitution whenever time permits as it can strengthen every individual's way of life and that would be the best dedication that each one would be making to our ancestors who worked hard to draft the Indian Constitution.

The Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Madras, Hon'ble President and Hon'ble Members, of the Board of Governors, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy distributed the prizes for the 34 candidates representing different districts of Tamil Nadu and distributed medals in appreciation of their participation in the State-level Elocution Competition.







The Programme was graced by the august presence of Hon'ble Dr. Justice G. Jayachandran, Judge, High Court of Madras / Member, Board of Governors, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.

Sathish Kumar, Judge, High Court of Madras, Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.D. Audikesavalu Judge, High Court of Madras / Member, Board of Governors, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kabali Kumaresh Babu, Judge, High Court of Madras.

The programme concluded with, Mr. R.A.S. Anandaraj, Deputy Director, TNSJA Headquarters, Chennai, giving the vote of thanks by thanking all the Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Madras, Hon'ble President and Hon'ble



Members, of the Board of Governors, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy and the participants for making this Competition a grant success.



On 15.08.2022 at the 75th Independence Day celebrations of the High Court of Judicature, Madras the first three winners of the final round of the State-level Elocution Competition – Final Round, Ms. L. Sruthi (Ms. No.

3648/2017), Advocate, The Nilgiris District received 1st prize Ms. R. Manimegalai (Ms. No. 2790/2015), Advocate, Sivagangai District received 2nd prize Mr. V.B. Gowwtham Thelak (Ms. No. 3822/2021), Advocate, Dharmapuri



District received 3rd prize from the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari, Chief Justice, High Court of Madras / Patron-in-Chief, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari, Chief Justice, High Court of Madras / Patron-in-Chief, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy hoisted the flag at Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy in the presence of The Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Madras, Hon'ble President and Hon'ble Members, of the Board of Governors, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy.

On 15th August 2022 the winners of the State-level Elocution Competition were also hosted by Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy for High Tea with

the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari, Chief Justice, High Court of Madras / Patron-in-Chief, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy with all the Judges of the High Court of Madras and Governing body of TNSJA.
