



## **TAMIL NADU STATE JUDICIAL ACADEMY**

### **Special Training Programme for Sheristadars and other Registry Officials of Commercial Courts**

**27.08.2022**

#### **Programme Report**

The Special Training Programme for Sheristadars and other Registry Officials of Commercial Courts was held on 27.08.2022 at Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, Chennai for the districts of Chennai, Cuddalore, Kancheepuram, Karaikal, Krishnagiri, Nagapattinam, Puducherry, Thanjavur, Tiruvallur, Tiruvannamalai, Tiruvarur, Vellore and Villupuram. For the Welcome Address and the Inaugural Address by Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. Sundar, the Regional Centers of Madurai and Coimbatore were connected through Cisco-Webex platform.

The Welcome address was delivered by Mr. D. Lingeswaran, Director of the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy. The Director in his welcome address touched on the point that, the participants should know to identify a commercial case and to number it.





The Inaugural Address was given by Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. SUNDAR, Judge, High Court of Madras / Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA. His Lordship inaugurated the Special Training Programme with a famous quote of Aristotle, "Well begun is half

done". His Lordship said that Commercial Court Act is a procedural Act and told the participants that one must be careful while dealing with Arbitration Act and Intellectual Property Rights and implement it in proper manner. His Lordship emphasized Section 6 of the Act which speaks of the Jurisdiction of Commercial Court and Section 7 which speaks of the Jurisdiction of Commercial Division of High Court.

The first operative session was on the topic "Role & Responsibilities of Sheristadars & Other Registry Officials of Commercial Courts" by Mr. L. S. Sathiyamurthy, Judge, Commercial Court, Chennai. The resource person began with the business transaction of Commercial



Court. He stated that the business transaction should be in detail and the claim of the plaintiff should also be specific. Further he spoke about Section 12 A which states the pre-institution mediation which is now compulsory.

He spoke about commercial disputes and specified values. He explained the amendment to the First schedule. Further he spoke about Order XIII Rule 1,

Order VII Rule 14 and Order VIII Rule 1A of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 which shall not apply to suits or applications before the Commercial Divisions of High Court or Commercial Courts. He explained about the case management hearing and the powers of Court in case management hearing. He also cited various case laws for the benefit of the participants. He also told the dire consequences of not filing the statement of truth.





After a short tea break, the next session was on the topic "Responsiveness towards Duties of Sheristadars & Other Registry Officials of Commercial Courts" dealt by Ms. A. Deepa, Judge, Commercial Court (District Judge), Salem. She explained the commercial dispute and specified

value. She further explained the time limit to file written statement and also Intellectual Property Rights. She explained the short cause title and long cause title. She explained the territorial jurisdiction of Sub Court and District Court under the Act. She also referred various case laws for the benefit of the participants.



In the post lunch session, both the resource persons Mr. L.S. Sathiyamurthy, Judge, Commercial Court, Chennai and Ms. A. Deepa, Judge, Commercial Court (District Judge), Salem explained how to follow Correct Procedures, Policies and Standards – Identification of Deficiencies and Deviations. They said that in commercial court written argument is compulsory and notice to be produced within 7-15 days. To ascertain that the participants have understood the day's

training, the participants were given an activity where a model case was showcased and the participants had to identify whether it was a Commercial Dispute or not and which Court (Sub-Court or District) the case would fall under. The resource persons also clarified the doubts raised by participants.



The programme concluded with the proposal of Vote of Thanks by Mr. R. A. S. Anandaraj, Deputy Director, TNSJA, Chennai. He thanked all the resource persons and the participants for making this programme a grand success.

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