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

**September 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**  
**29<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at TNSJA 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 Ranipet, Villupuram, Tiruvallur, Puducherry and Avadi City on 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2022. The training programme commenced at 09.30 am with the invocation song “தமிழ்த் தாய் வாழ்த்து”



Mr. D. Lingeswaran, Director of the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy welcomed His Lordship, Hon'ble Mr. Justice C.V. Karthikeyan, Judge, High Court of Madras/ Member, Board of Governors, TNSJA, the resource persons and the participants to the one-day training programme. He threw light on the scope and object of the training programme. He emphasised on the importance of dealing with children with sensitivity. He spoke about the expected outcome of this training which would help the Child Welfare Police Officers to cultivate the right attitude and emotional intelligence.



His Lordship, Hon'ble Mr. Justice C. V. Karthikeyan, Judge High Court of Madras/ Member Board of Governors, TNSJA, delivered the inaugural address. His Lordship emphasised that while dealing with children one has to be strict as well as give due care and protection. His Lordship then, enunciated the role of Special Juvenile Police Unit and Child Welfare Police Officers. His Lordship also highlighted on the need to efficiently deal with the increasing pendency of those cases involving children.





The first operative session was handled by Ms. M. Parvathisrinivasan, Advocate, High Court of Madras, who spoke on the topic "Belligerence to Benevolence: The Right Attitude Brings Light". Ms. Parvathi began her session by reminding that, every child in conflict with law is a child in need of care and protection. During

the session she explained the significance of Section 3 under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015. She further, elaborated on the duties and functions of the Police Officers who handle children. She also elaborately dealt with relevant provisions of Law and guidelines issued by the government from time to time. According to her, education and vocational training are important factors that aids in reintegrating the child back to the society. Various real life instances and cases were shared with the participants by the resource persons.

Ms. V. Jayashri, IPS, shared her personal experience in dealing with children. She told the participants their duties as a Child Welfare Police Officers (CWPO's) and reiterated that they have to treat the children as if they were their own. She spoke about the importance of attitude for a police officer and explained that all the Child Welfare Police Officers (CWPO's)



should have the right attitude in order to shape the lives of children. She also called upon few officers to share their experiences.

The next session was on the topic "Know how to handle sensitive situations (Emotional Intelligence)", handled by Dr. V. Venkatesh Mathan Kumar, Professor, Madras Medical College. He explained the biological, sociological and psychological factors affecting children and adults dealing with



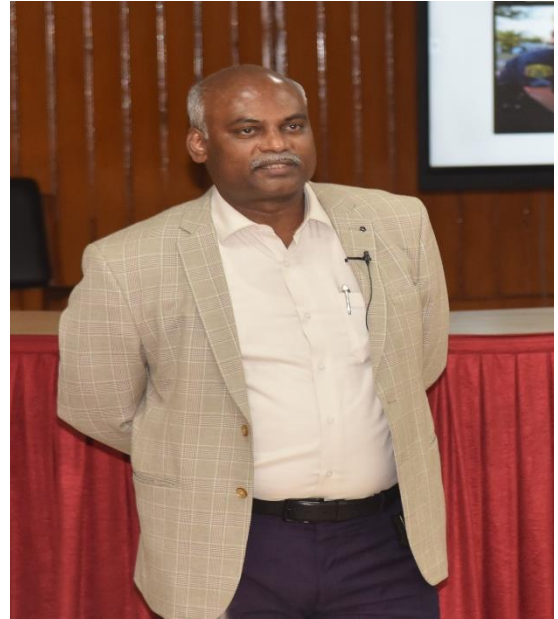
children. He explained the difference between Intelligence Quotient [IQ] and Emotional Quotient [EQ]. He discussed the sources and signs of EQ. He also discussed the importance of active listening and mentioned the Dos and Don'ts of effective communication.



In the post lunch session, Ms. A. Arulmozhi, Advocate, High Court of Madras, spoke on the topic "Despair to Delight: Developing Skills for Rehabilitation of Children". She explained that, the way Police Officers approach children makes all the difference. She 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 for the future. She discussed the rehabilitation mechanisms available to children, including financial assistance for child survivors.

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.

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## PROGRAMME SCHEDULE



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on Child related Legislation*

09.30 a.m. – 09.35 a.m.	<b>Invocation Welcome Address</b>
09.35 a.m. – 09.45 a.m.	<b>Scope and Object of the Programme</b>
09.45 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.	<b>Belligerence to Benevolence: The Right Attitude Brings Light</b>
11.15 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	<b>Tea Break</b>
11.30 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.	<b>Our Attitude makes a Big Difference in the Lives of Little Children</b>
12.15 p.m. – 01.15 p.m.	<b>Know how to Handle Sensitive Situations (Emotional Intelligence)</b>
01.15 p.m. – 02.15 p.m.	<b>Lunch Break</b>
02.15 p.m. – 03.45 p.m.	<b>Despair to Delight: Developing Skills for Rehabilitation of Children</b>
03.45 p.m. – 04.00 p.m.	<b>Tea Break</b>
04.00 p.m. – 05.00 p.m.	<b>Be Bright, Bring Light – An interactive session</b>
05.00 p.m.	<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!**

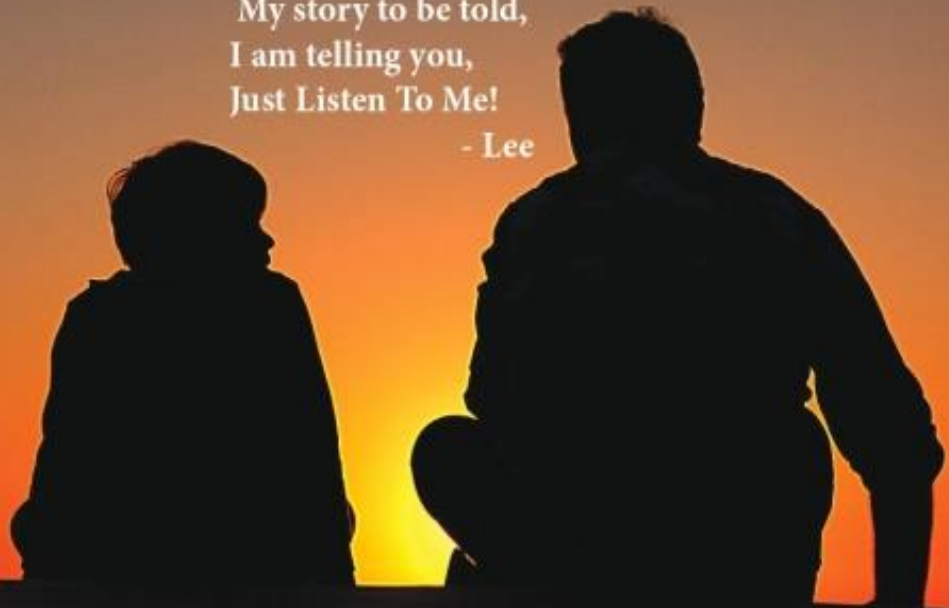
**Nobody Loved!  
Nobody Cared!  
I wanted to be touched!**

**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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