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

**October 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2022**  
**at TNSJA Regional Centre, Madurai**

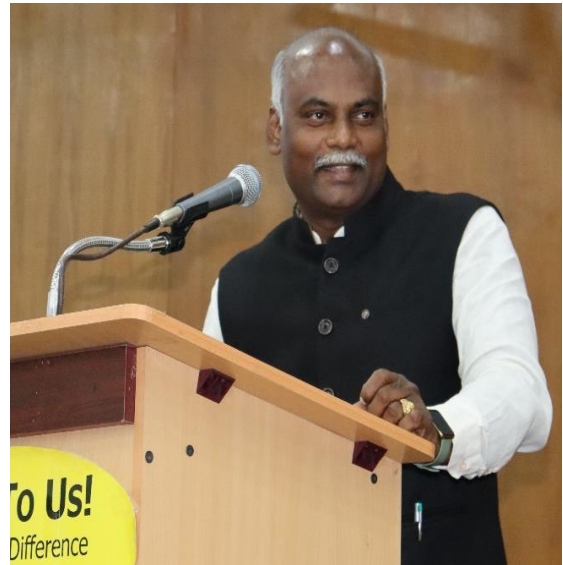
## **EVENT REPORT**

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) for the districts of Dindigul, Kanniyakumari, Mayiladuthurai, Nagapattinam, Sivagangai, Theni, Ramanathapuram and Virudhunagar on 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2022. The training programme on all the three days commenced at 09.30 am with the invocation song “தமிழ்த் தாய் வாழ்த்து”.



Mr. S. Muthu Maharajan, Deputy Director, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, Regional Centre, Madurai welcomed the resource persons and the participants to the one-day training programme. During the welcome address, the Deputy Director reiterated the importance of having the right attitude while handling children.

Mr. D. Lingeswaran, Director of the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy threw light on the scope and object of the training programme. He emphasised on the importance of handling children with due care and sensitivity. He then spoke about the possible outcome of this training which would help the Child Welfare Police Officers to cultivate the right attitude and emotional intelligence.





The first operative session on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 was handled by Mr. S. Sivakumar, Advocate, Madurai, who spoke on the topic "Belligerence to Benevolence: The Right Attitude Brings Light". He began the first session by elaborating the duties and functions of the Police Officers who handle children with relevant provisions of Law and guidelines issued by the government.

He then spoke about education and vocational training as important factors that aids in reintegrating the child.

On 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022, the topic "Belligerence to Benevolence: The Right Attitude Brings Light" was handled by Mr. K. Samidurai, Advocate, Madurai. He started his discussion on the topic by briefing about the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015. He then spoke about Constitutional Safeguards relating to child rights. Further, he elucidated other laws such as Prevention of Child Marriage Act, POCSO Act, Right to Education Act, etc. He also elaborated on the duties and functions of the Police Officers who handle children with relevant provisions of Law and guidelines issued by the government.

After tea break, 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 on the topic "Know how to handle sensitive situations (Emotional Intelligence)", handled by Dr. M. Selvi, Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Madurai on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2022. 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.

On 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022, the topic "Know how to handle sensitive situations (Emotional Intelligence)", handled by Ms. Saadhvi Nirmal, Psychologist, Madurai. She elaborated on various physical, social and psychological aspects that varies from children/adolescent to that of adults. She too reiterated that children must be



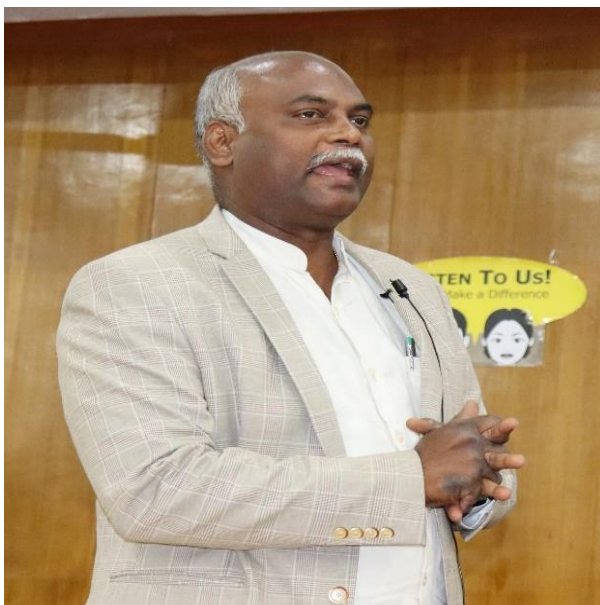
handled with utmost care and sensitivity and spoke about the parenting methods. She discussed the various child friendly mechanisms that can be adopted by the participants. She also discussed the importance of active listening and mentioned the Dos and Don'ts of effective communication.



In the post lunch 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.

The Last session on all three days 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.



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 this training programme a grand success.

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## PROGRAMME SCHEDULE



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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!**

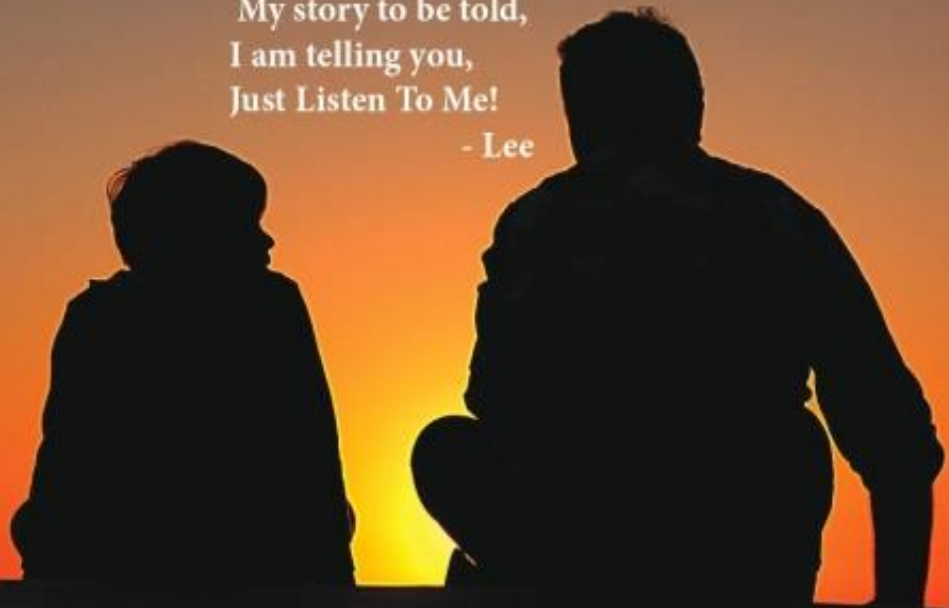
**Nobody Loved!  
Nobody Cared!  
I wanted to be touched!**

**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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