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Quranic Message from the Hon'ble Director General



With the approval of the Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court and Chairperson of the Board of Management, PJA, the Director General of PJA has introduced a transformative vision for administration of justice rooted in Islamic principles and Quranic verses. Each day, training sessions for the Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and General Training Programs (GTP) commence with the recitation of verses from Holy Quran, followed by the Hon'ble Director General's session on Quranic Message, highlighting the importance of justice in society, family, and the judicial system, based on relevant Quranic verses and Hadith.

The Holy Qur'an, as a comprehensive guide to life, offers clear directives on the concept of Justice (Adal) & Qist its application in all aspects of life. The Hon'ble Director General PJA has actively highlighted these Qur'anic teachings, emphasizing the key objectives and scope of verses related to the administration of justice. The participants of the Training

Program on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and General Training Programs (GTP) have shown keen interest in these sessions. Participants consistently express their appreciation for the insights gained and the meaningful impact of these teachings on their understanding of justice, in both their professional and personal lives. The integration of Islamic perspectives into the training has been widely recognized as a valuable and remarkable addition to the curriculum of the Academy.





ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

(July to September, 2024)

Four Days Training Programme on Gender Based Violence (GBV) for Additional District & Sessions Judges



On the instructions of National Judicial Policy Making Committee (NJPMC) and with the approval of the Hon'ble Chief Justice, Lahore High Court/Chairperson, Board of Management, PJA, the Punjab Judicial Academy organized four-day training program on **“Specialized Gender Based Violence (GBV)”** for all the Additional District & Sessions Judges of Punjab. The objectives of the training program are as follows:

- Improve the understanding of GBV laws and legal frameworks.
- Develop advanced legal analysis skills for GBV cases.
- Promote ethical decision-making in GBV cases.
- Improve appraisal of evidence in GBV cases.
- Improve the quality of decision in the GBV cases
- To identify problems and difficulties faced in the trial of GBV cases
- Encourage collaboration with stakeholders in GBV prevention.

The ten batches of the GBV training program were conducted in the previous quarters, while the following seven batches were conducted during this quarter:-

Sr. No.	Batch No.	Duration		Participants AD&SJs
		From	To	
1.	14	01.07.2024	04.07.2024	27
2.	15	08.07.2024	11.07.2024	28
3.	16	22.07.2024	25.07.2024	27
4.	17	29.07.2024	01.08.2024	24
5.	18	05.08.2024	08.08.2024	23
6.	19	19.08.2024	22.08.2024	35
7.	20	27.08.2024	30.08.2024	29
Total Participants				193

Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem, Director General, Punjab Judicial Academy, inaugurated each batch of the GBV training program and welcomed the participants. In the inaugural address, his lordship highlighted the key features of the training program and emphasized on its importance in line with the instructions given by the National Judicial Policy Making Committee. Moreover, Mr. Mansoor Ahmed Khan, Director Program/Academic, Ms. Bushra Zaman, Director, (Research & Publications), Mr. Muhammad Iram Ayaz, Director Training (Distance Learning) and faculty of the Academy also participated in the inaugural ceremonies. Mr. Mansoor Ahmed Khan, Director Program/Academics PJA briefed the participants about the sequence of sessions & evaluation criteria.



Mr. Iram Ayaz (Director Training – Distance Learning) PJA, Ms. Bushra Zaman (Director Research & Publications) PJA and Mr. Mahmood Azam, AD&SJ/Senior Instructor PJA

This four-day training program on “Specialized Gender Based Violence (GBV)” for Additional District & Sessions Judges was designed keeping in view the latest laws evolved on the subject and it covered the following main topics on GBV: -

- Domestic Violence and Sexual Harassment
- Collection of Evidence of Rape Cases from Crime Scene
- Forensic Science in Aid of GBV Cases
- An Overview of GBV Cases
- The Prevention and Control of Human Trafficking in Persons Act, 2018
- Collection of Evidence in GBV Cases & Common Errors in Investigation-Checkup Points for investigating officers
- The Anti Rape (Investigation & Trial) Act, 2021-Criminal Laws Amendment Act, 2021
- Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 1984 (Stripping of Women’s Clothes, 354-A) of Criminal Law (Third Amendment) and Offences Against Women
- An Overview of Protections Against Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2010
- Trial of GBV Cases, Recording of Evidence and Reasons of Conviction Thereof
- Criminal Law Amendment (Offences in the name and Pretext of Honour) Act. 2016 & Criminal Law (Second Amendment) Act, 2011 (Offences of Acid Throwing)
- Principles of Medico Legal in GBV Cases and its Requirements in view of Anti-Rape Act, Crises Cell & Medico Legal Rules, 2022.
- The Punjab Witness Protection Act, 2018 and its Implication during Trial-Use of Modern Devices / Video Link in GBV Related Cases for Recording of Victim’s Statement
- Procedure for Scrutiny of Challan of GBV Cases by Prosecutors and Check Points in View of Punjab Criminal Prosecution Act, 2006
- Zainab Alert Recovery and Response Act, 2020 and its Implication in Trial of GBV Cases
- An Overview of the Punjab Protection of Women Against Violence Act, 2016 and Protection of Women (Criminal Laws Amendment) Act, 2006

Punjab Judicial Academy has invited the Hon'ble Judges of Superior Courts and prominent resource persons having expertise in Gender Based Violence cases. The following resource persons have been invited for sharing their knowledge with trainees on GBV laws: -

1. Mr. Justice (R) Mahmood Maqbool Bajwa
2. Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem
3. Mr. Fakhar Hayat, D&SJ (Rtd.)
4. Syed Nasir Ali Shah, D&SJ (Rtd.)
5. Mr. Abid Hussain Qureshi, D&SJ (Rtd.)
6. Mr. Habibullah Amir, D&SJ (Rtd.)
7. Ch. Munir Ahmad, D&SJ (Rtd.)
8. Mr. Zawar Ahemd Sheikh, D&SJ (Rtd.)
9. Mr. Suhaib Ahmed Rumi, D&SJ (Rtd.)
10. Mian Ghulam Hussain, D&SJ (Rtd.)
11. Mr. Salahuddin, D&SJ (Rtd.)
12. Dr. Arif Rasheed Malik, former Head of Forensic Science Department, KEMU
13. Dr. Saima Amin Khawaja, Legal Consultant in GBV cases
14. Mr. Fahad Malik, Legal Consultant in GBV cases.
15. Dr. Ali Mohsin Qazalbash, visiting faculty member
16. Mr. Noshab Ali Khan, Attorney at Law.
17. Ms. Angbeen Atif Mirza, Assistant Professor SAHSOL, LUMS
18. Ms. Shazia Sarwer, SP (PSP) Punjab Police.
19. Ms. Muneeza Manzoor Butt, District Women Protection Officer, Multan
20. Representative from the Punjab Forensic Science Agency, Lahore

In interactive sessions, the learned visiting faculty shared experiences and expertise with the participants to enhance their competence and to equip them with advanced skills in legal analysis, judgment writing and ethical decision-making in GBV cases. During these interactive training sessions, the participants discussed the problems faced while dealing with cases relating to GBV, highlighted the resiling of witnesses, delayed reporting of FIR, and lack of investigation skills. Participants highly appreciated the objectives of the GBV training program.



Hon'ble Director General, PJA

Resource Persons



Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Mahmood Maqbool Bajwa



Ms. Saima Amin Khawaja, Legal Consultant



Mr. Zawar Ahmad Sheikh, D&SJ (R)



Ch. Ghulam Hussain, D&SJ (R)



Representative of Punjab Forensic Science Agency



Ch. Munir Hussain, D&SJ (R)



Mr. Habibullah Amir, D&SJ (R)



Mr. Abid Hussain Qureshi, D&SJ (R)

Resource Persons



Mr. Hammad Saeed, Legal Consultant



Dr. Arif Rasheed Malik



Mr. Salahuddin, D&SJ (R)



Dr. Ambreen Salahuddin, Asst. Professor, Punjab University



Mr. Noshab A. Khan, Advocate



Mr. Javed Rasheed Mehboobi, D&SJ (R)



Mr. Abid Hussain Qureshi, D&SJ (R)



Mr. Fahad Malik, Advocate

Resource Persons



Mr. Sohaib Ahmad Rumi, D&SJ (R)



Ch. Muhammad Aslam, D&SJ (R)



Mr. Fakhar Hayat, D&SJ (R)



Representative of Punjab Forensic Science Agency



Prof. Dr. Nasreen Ahsandullah, HoD, Sheikh Zayed Hospital



Dr. Ali Mohsin Qazilbash, Legal Expert



Ms. Lubna Ali, D&SJ (R)



Mr. Khalid Naveed Dar, D&SJ (R)

Training Activities



Trainee Judges of GBV Training Program



Mr. Abdul Sattar, D&SJ(R)/Former Director General PJA

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Group Photo of GBV Training Participants (Batch – 14)

Training Activities



Group Photo of GBV Training Participants (Batch – 15)



Group Photo of GBV Training Participants (Batch – 16)



Group Photo of GBV Training Participants (Batch – 17)

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Group Photo of GBV Training Participants (Batch – 18)



Group Photo of GBV Training Participants (Batch – 19)



Group Photo of GBV Training Participants (Batch – 20)

General Training Programme 2023-2024 for Additional District & Sessions Judges and Civil Judges-cum- Magistrates



The Punjab Judicial Academy is committed to enhance the capacity and professional competence of judicial officers and court personnel through various training programs. The General Training Program (GTP) for Judicial Officers, launched to refresh legal knowledge and strengthen judicial ethics, has been redesigned for 2023-2024. This new 6-day program focuses on addressing decision-making challenges in judicial proceedings and improving judgment-writing skills, thus fostering self-learning and research capabilities. By enhancing these skills, the GTP aims to support effective decision-making and ensure the fair and efficient administration of justice in the district judiciary. Under the kind supervision of Hon'ble Chief Justice, Lahore High Court/Chairperson, Board of Management, Punjab Judicial Academy, PJA, the General Training Program was specifically designed for Additional District & Sessions Judges (AD&SJs) and Civil Judges of

Punjab. This GTP focuses on the judgment writing skills of AD&SJs and Civil Judges to enhance the knowledge and confidence of judicial officers for delivering justice to every segment of legal system.

During the current quarter (July-September 2024), four batches of the General Training Program (GTP) were conducted including one batch of Additional District & Sessions Judges and three batches of Civil Judges. One hundred and three (**103**) participants received training in these sessions. The details of the batches are provided below:

Sr. No.	Participants	Conducted		Number of Participants
		From	To	
1.	AD&SJs (Batch 07)	16.09.2024	21.09.2024	26
2.	Civil Judges (Batch 14)	09.09.2024	14.09.2024	26
3.	Civil Judges (Batch 15)	23.09.2024	28.09.2024	26
4.	Civil Judges (Batch 16)	30.09.2024	05.10.2024	25
Total Participants				103

GTP for Additional District & Sessions Judges

The GTP program was specifically designed to meet the in-service training requirements of Judicial Officers and to enhance their skills and refresh their knowledge with latest laws and precedents. In the current quarter, one batch completed the training, consisting of 26 Additional District & Sessions Judges (Batch-07).

The training session of the General Training Program for Additional District & Sessions Judges commenced from 16.09.24 to 21.09.24. It was a six days training program designed on various topics to improve the judgment writing skills and appreciation of evidence in decision-making. It covered the main topics outlined as under:

- Use of precedents in judgment writing, how to find ratio decidendi and obitor dicta.
- Judgement Writing (Sequence & Structure) Civil Case-Appraisal of Evidence thereof.
- Judgement Writing (Sequence & Structure) in Murder Trial Case-Appraisal of Evidence thereof.

- Arguments by Counsel for the Parties.
- Practical Assignment of Judgement Writing-Murder Trial Cases.
- Practical Assignment of Judgement Writing-Civil Cases.

The training session began with an inaugural ceremony, presided over by Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem, Director General PJA/Former Judge of the Lahore High Court, Lahore. The ceremony commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran. The Hon'ble Director General welcomed the participants and highlighted the key features of the training program, which has been designed to enhance the quality of appreciation of evidence and judgment writing skills in civil and criminal



cases. The PJA Faculty including Directors and Senior Instructors attended the inaugural ceremony. After the inaugural ceremony, the Hon'ble Director General PJA conducted a session on “Quranic Message”, highlighted the importance & standards for administration of justice in the light of verses of the Holy Quran and Sunnah of Holy Prophet (Peace & Blessings of ALLAH be upon him).

The Punjab Judicial Academy invited Hon'ble Judges and prominent legal experts to share their knowledge and experiences with the participants so as to improve their judgment-writing skills. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Faqir Muhammad Khokher, Former Judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan has imparted valuable insight on the topic, ‘Use of precedents in Judgment Writing-how to find ratio decidendi and obiter dicta’. Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem, the Director General PJA, Mr. Hafeez Ullah Khan, Advisor to Director General, and Ms. Bushra Zaman

Director (Research and Publication) PJA, shared their knowledge and experience on the objects of training, appraisal of evidence and judgement writing with reference to the relevant law and the precedents laid down by superior courts of the country. These training sessions remained interactive, encouraging participants to involve in discussion on each subject of the training sessions. These training sessions were followed by the practical assignments of judgement writing in criminal and civil cases. The booklets of criminal and civil cases were handed over to the trainee judges.



Ms. Bushra Zaman (Director Research & Publications) PJA interacting with trainee Judges

For assistance of the trainee judges, Mr. Mehmood Azam, Mrs. Ayesha Khalid and Mr. Muhammad Khalid Khan, the Senior Instructors/Additional District & Sessions Judges assumed the role of counsel for the parties and advanced their arguments pertaining to the facts of the case, evidence produced by the parties, relevant statutory law and precedents related thereto. Thereafter, the trainee judges delivered judgments which were examined and evaluated by the Directors of the PJA. Later on, mentoring was extended to trainee judges for further improvement in the appraisal of evidence and judgment-writing skills.



The concluding ceremony of the GTP for Additional District & Sessions Judges was also presided over by Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem, Director General, PJA. The ceremony started with recitation of verses of Holy Quran. Thereafter, Mr. Muhammad Ejaz Raza, Additional District & Sessions Judge/Representative of the Trainee Batch (07), shared his views and feedback on behalf of batch-mates and appreciated the new module of training including sessions on Quranic Message, Role of the Senior Instructors as counsel for parties, and self-learning process based on research.

The Hon'ble Director General addressed the participants of Batch (07) of Additional District & Session Judges, expressing confidence that the training had provided valuable insights that would enhance their skills in writing quality judgments for both civil and criminal cases, boosting thereby public trust in the administration of justice. His lordship assured them that their capabilities had further been strengthened by the training sessions on appreciation of evidence and self-learning practical assignments of judgment writing. The concluding ceremony was also attended by Mr. Muhammad Hafeez Ullah Khan, Advisor/Director IT; Ms. Bushra Zaman, Director (Research & Publications); Mr. Mansoor Ahmad Khan, Director (Academic/Program); Mr. Muhammad Iram Ayyaz, Director of Training (Distance Learning), as well as Ms. Ayesha Khalid, Mr. Mahmood Azam, and Mr. Muhammad Khalid Khan, Senior Instructors at the PJA. The ceremony concluded with the distribution of certificates by Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem to the trainee judges followed by group photo.

Training Activities



Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Faqir Muhammad Khokhar



Ms. Bushra Zaman, Director Research & Publications, PJA

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Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem, Director General, PJA



Muhammad Hafeez Ullah Khan, Advisor PJA/ D&SJ (R)

Training Activities



Group Photo of GTP Participant Additional District & Sessions Judges (Batch – 07)

GTP for Civil Judges-cum-Magistrates

Six-day General Training Program for Civil Judges-cum-Magistrates was designed to develop the self-learning and research based abilities of judicial officers in judgment writing both in civil and criminal cases. This training program has been designed for capacity building in appraisal of evidence and strengthening decision-making power of judicial officers.

During this quarter, three batches of Civil Judges attended the GTP starting from 09.09.2024 to 14.09.2024; 23.09.2024 to 28.09.2024 and 30.09.24 to 05.10.2024. The General Training Program to improve the judgment writing skills was designed on the following topics:-

- (i) Use of precedents in judgment writing, how to find ratio decidendi and obitor dicta.
- (ii) Judgement Writing -Civil Case-Appraisal of Evidence thereof.
- (iii) Judgement Writing-Criminal Cases- Appraisal of Evidence thereof.
- (iv) Arguments by Counsel for the Parties.
- (v) Practical Assignment of Judgement Writing- Criminal Case.
- (vi) Practical Assignment of Judgement Writing-Civil Case.



Hon'ble Director General, PJA and Directors during Inaugural Ceremony

The Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem, Director General, PJA presided over the inaugural ceremonies of the three batches of Civil

Judges-Cum-Magistrates. These inaugural ceremonies commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran. The Hon'ble Director General welcomed the participants and highlighted the key features of the training program. Thereafter, Mr. Mansoor Ahmad Khan, Director Program/Academics provided an overview of the Code of Conduct to be adhered to in the six-day General Training Program and offered an orientation on the training module. He also briefed the participants on the sequence of the sessions. Thereafter, a session of fifteen minutes on Quranic Message was conducted by the Hon'ble Director General PJA, who sensitized the participants about the importance & standards of administration of justice in the light of the verses of Holy Quran and Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (Peace & Blessings of ALLAH be upon him).



Hon'ble Director General, PJA addressing the GTP participant Civil Judges

The Punjab Judicial Academy invited Hon'ble Judges of Superior Courts and eminent experts in legal field to share their knowledge and experiences with the participants to improve their judgment-writing skills. Moreover, Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem, Director General PJA, and the Directors of the Academy also conducted different training sessions on appraisal of evidence, sequence and structure for writing a judgment. In these interactive sessions, the trainees fully participated and discussed core issues involved in the appraisal of evidence.

Following the theoretical sessions, practical assignments of criminal and civil cases were given to the civil judges for judgment writing. To assist the trainee judges, Mr. Mehmood Azam, Mrs. Ayesha Khalid, and Mr. Khalid Khan, Senior Instructors PJA/Additional District & Sessions Judges, acted as counsel for the parties, presented arguments based on the case facts, evidence, relevant statutory laws and precedents. Later on, the trainee judges delivered judgments in these cases, which were then reviewed and evaluated by the Directors of the Punjab Judicial Academy. After evaluation of the judgments, the trainee Judges were mentored to improve their skills in appreciation of evidence and judgment-writing.

On the conclusion of six-day training program, concluding ceremonies were held under the supervision of Hon'ble Director General PJA, Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem. Representative of each batch shared feedback about



the training program and appreciated the vision and objects of GTP. They also extended gratitude to the PJA Faculty for their devoted input in the training sessions. Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem, Director General PJA, elaborated that the training program was meticulously designed to cover various aspects of judgment writing, including the appraisal of evidence, application of relevant laws, and adherence to judicial precedents. The comprehensive nature of the training ensured that participants were well-equipped to handle complex legal issues and deliver judgments that are not only legally sound but also just and fair. His lordship expressed confidence that all participants had gained valuable insights from the training. The concluding ceremonies were also attended by the Faculty/Directors and Senior Instructors of the Academy.

In the end of each concluding ceremony, Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem, Director General PJA, distributed certificates amongst the trainee judges for successful completion of GTP followed by group photo of each batch with the Hon'ble Director General and the faculty members of the PJA.

Training Activities



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Hon'ble Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem, Director General PJA



Muhammad Hafeez Ullah Khan, Advisor /Director Admin & Director IT

Training Activities



Ms. Bushra Zaman, Director Research & Publications PJA



Mr. Iram Ayaz, Director Training (Distance Learning)

Training Activities



Mr. Mansoor Ahmad Khan, Director Academic & Program



Mr. Mahmood Azam, Senior Instructor PJA



Mr. Muhammad Khalid Khan, Senior Instructor PJA

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Group Photo of GTP Participant Civil Judges (Batch – 14)

Training Activities



Group Photo of GTP Participant Civil Judges (Batch – 15)



Group Photo of GTP Participant Civil Judges (Batch – 16)

Literary Sessions for the Trainee Judges

Punjab Judicial Academy has started on campus literary session for the trainee judges to provide them an insight of English, Urdu and Punjabi literature. The primary object of these literary session is to cultivate critical thinking, enhance language comprehension, and foster an appreciation for various cultures, historical periods, and human experiences. It also focuses to develop effective communication skills and emotional intelligence in the participants. PJA, by holding on campus literary session, also aims to inculcate and promote ethical values and standards of trainee judges.

On 29.09.2024, the Punjab Judicial Academy invited a PhD professor Dr. Shahida Dilawer Shah. She has been teaching at FC College since 2005. Dr. Shahida is an expert in literature, having a number of publications on her credit. Some of which are given as under:-

- Mutthi main Aag (Short Stories)
- Sonay ki charya kaanch ka moqadar (Short Stories)
- Tirkay gharay da paani (Short Stories)
- Chaandni gawaah he (Poetry)
- Waqat ki hathaili par (Poetry)
- Waseela (Poetry)
- Main te Ishaq (Poetry)
- Ik Gawaachi Shaam (poetry)
- Baa Waqaar Aazaadi (Columns)
- Reet Pareet (Columns)
- Bolandiyon ka mosaafir (Research & criticism)
- Punjabi adb de roop (Research & criticism)
- Munir Niazi fun shakhsyat

Professor Dr. Shahida Dilawer Shah has shared her knowledge and experience with the participants and provided them an overview of history of literature and its effect on human life. Participants remained engaged in the literary session and asked different questions about literary work. The participants appreciated the Academy for holding such informative session.

Session Activities



Dr. Shahida Dilawer Shah



A glimpse of the Literary Session

Session Activities



Hon'ble Director General, PJA addressing the participants of Literary Session

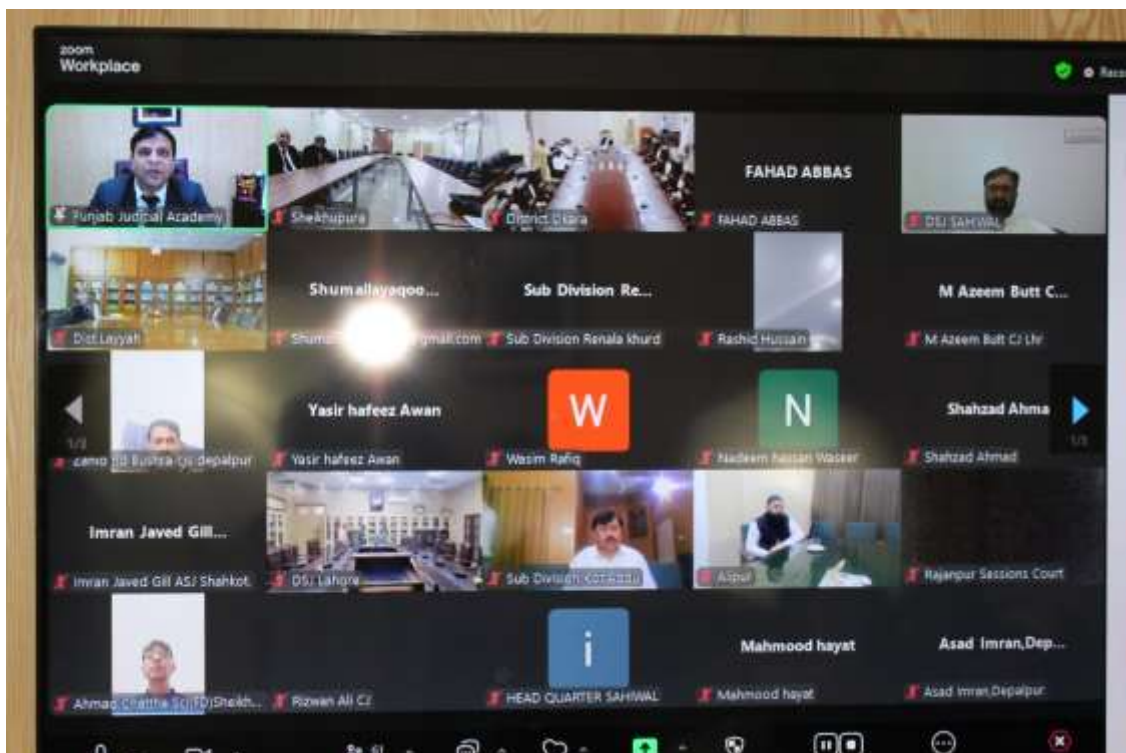


Dr. Shahida Dilawer Shah with the participant Judges

Online Training Programs via Webinars

The Punjab Judicial Academy is committed to provide high-quality training opportunities to judicial officers and court staff across the province of Punjab. By hosting online training programs via webinars, the Academy seeks to enhance the knowledge and skills of judges, ultimately improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the justice system. These webinars offer a platform for participants to exchange knowledge and experiences, fostering a culture of continuous learning and growth within the judiciary. The interactive nature of the sessions encourages fruitful discussions and the sharing of best practices.

With the approval of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court, Lahore/Chairperson, Board of Management, Punjab Judicial Academy, the Academy has designed Online Division-Wise Distance Learning Training program for Judges of the District Courts starting from 5th of April 2024 to 25th of April 2025.



Online Division Wise Distance Learning Training Sessions for Judges of the District Court on General Topics.

During this quarter starting from 1st of July to 30th of September, 2024, Punjab Judicial Academy has conducted a series of webinars on different topics to improve the capabilities of judges of district judiciary Punjab. Mr. Muhammad Iram Ayaz, Director Training (Distance Learning) PJA, provided an overview of the program and emphasized that the objective of the training sessions was to further enhance the judicial and professional skills of the judges.



Mr. Iram Ayaz (Director Training – Distance Learning) with Mr. Khalid Naveed Dar, D&SJ (R)

Following online webinar sessions were conducted during this quarter (July to September):-

- Mr. Asif Abbas Kathia, Revenue Officer (Retired) conducted webinar session on 05.07.2024, for all the Judges of Faisalabad, Multan and Sargodha Divisions respectively on the topic **“Understanding Land Revenue Laws - Exclusion of Jurisdiction of Civil Court”**.
- Mr. Justice Muhammad Akram Qureshi former Judge of Lahore High Court, Lahore conducted three webinar sessions on different on 12.07.2024, 19.07.2024 and 26.07.2024, for all the Judges of Bahawalpur, Gujranwala, Rawalpindi, D.G. Khan, Lahore, Sahiwal, Faisalabad, Multan and Sargodha Divisions on the topic **“Consecutive & Concurrent Sentencing”**.

- Mr. Khalid Naveed Dar, D&SJ (Retired) conducted three webinar sessions on 02.08.2024, 09.08.2024 and 16.08.2024, for all the Judges of D.G. Khan, Lahore, Sahiwal, Faisalabad, Multan and Sargodha Divisions respectively on the topic, **“Marshalling of Facts and Evaluation of Evidence in Murder Cases”**.
- Mr. Sohaib Ahmad Rumi, D&SJ (R) conducted three webinar sessions on 23.08.2024, 30.08.2024 and 06.09.2024, for all the Judges of Bahawalpur, Gujranwala, Rawalpindi, D.G. Khan, Lahore, Sahiwal, Faisalabad, Multan and Sargodha Divisions respectively on the topic, **“Cases relating to Gender Based Violence”**.
- Ch. Munir Ahmad, D&SJ(R) conducted two webinar sessions on 13.09.2024 & 27.09.2024 for all the Judges of Bahawalpur, Gujranwala, Rawalpindi, Faisalabad, Multan, Sargodha Divisions respectively on the topic, **“Burden of Proof in Criminal and Civil Cases – Shifting thereof”**.
- On 20.09.2024, Mr. Abid Hussain Qureshi, D&SJ (R), conducted webinar session for the Judges from D.G. Khan, Lahore and Sahiwal Divisions respectively on the topic **“Burden of Proof in Criminal and Civil Cases – Shifting thereof”**.



Learned resource persons shared their experience and knowledge with the judges on the aforementioned topics. At the end of each webinar session, the resource persons addressed various questions put by the participants. These webinar sessions remained interactive.

Webinar Activities



Recitation of Holy Quran before starting Webinar Session



Webinar Activities



Mr. Khalid Naveed Dar, D&SJ (R)



Mr. Sohaib Ahmad Rumi, D&SJ (R)

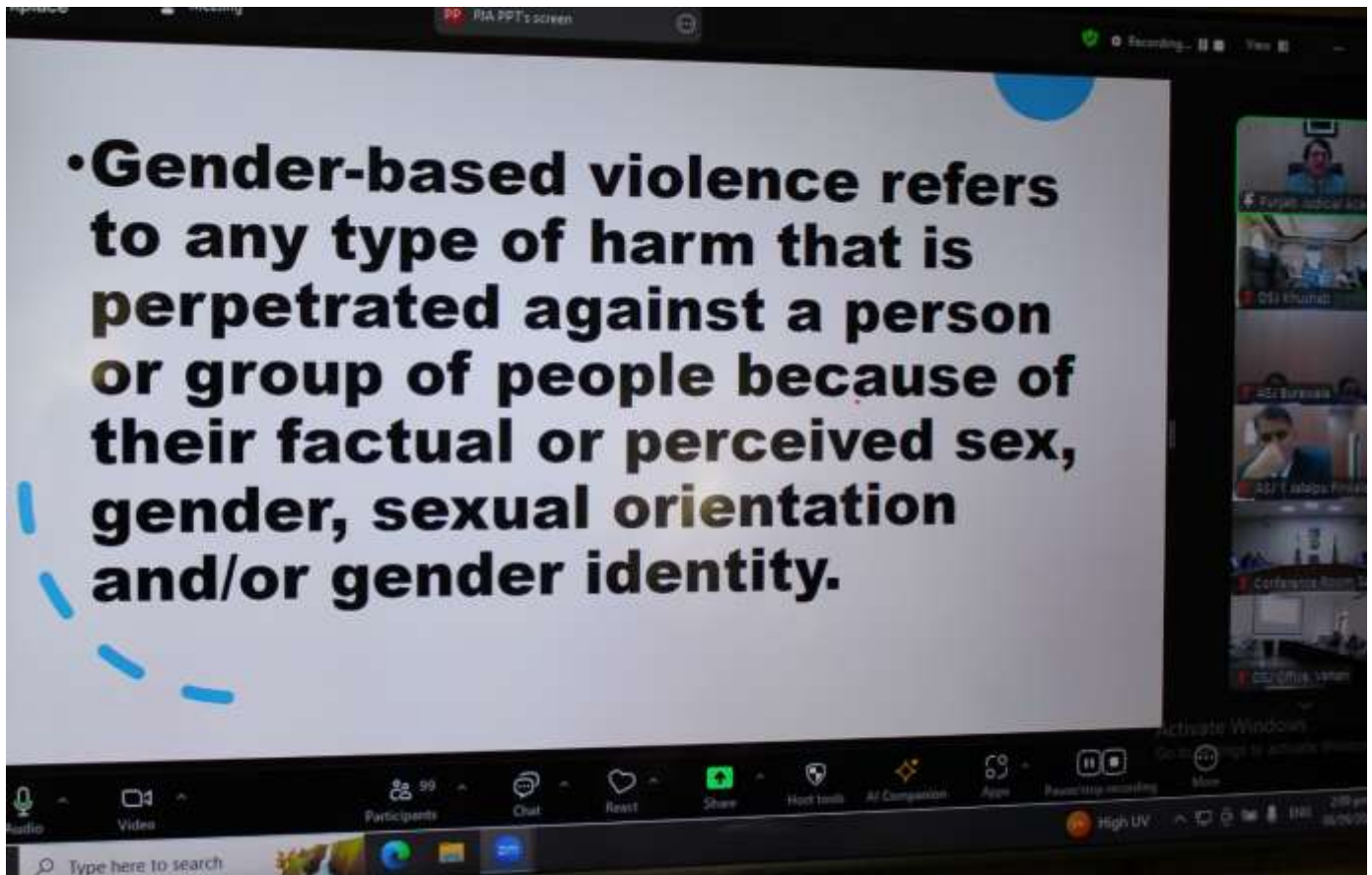


Mr. Abid Hussain Qureshi, D&SJ (R)



Ch. Munir Ahmad, D&SJ (R)

Webinar Activities



Mr. Akram Qureshi, Senior Advocate



Mr. Asif Abbas Kathia, Former Revenue Officer

Internship Program of PJA

The Punjab Judicial Academy has recently introduced a comprehensive Internship Policy aimed at providing law graduates and students with valuable hands-on experience in the legal field. This internship program offers aspiring law students a unique opportunity to gain practical insights into the workings of the Academy, helping them to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and real-world legal applications. Interns will have the chance to work in various departments within the Academy, deepening their understanding of legal procedures, research, and the broader judicial system. The program is designed to cultivate a sense of professionalism, ethical conduct, and responsibility thus fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making skills.

The internship is open to law graduates and students in their 4th or 5th year of law degree programs, making it accessible to individuals who have already developed a foundational knowledge of legal concepts. One of the key aspects of the program is its duration, which spans **12 weeks** (three months), ensuring that interns receive a thorough and immersive experience. The Academy has divided the internship openings into two distinct periods in a year to accommodate academic schedules of the internees. The **summer session** runs from **July to September**, with application submissions open from **May 1st to May 31st** each year. The **winter session** takes place from **October to December**, with applications accepted from **August 1st to August 31st** each year. These clearly defined periods allow potential interns to plan and apply in advance, ensuring that they can align the internship with their academic commitments.

Interns will have the option to a specific department according to their area of interest. The departments include are Academic, Research and Publication, Distance Learning, IT, and the Library. This tailored

approach allows interns to focus on areas that align with their career aspirations, ensuring a more meaningful and impactful learning experience. Interns will work during two daily time slots, either from **10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** or **2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, depending on their availability and department needs.

The program is built on a set of well-defined objectives, including providing practical legal experience, exposing interns to the operations of the judicial Academy, and enhancing their understanding of legal procedures. Additionally, the internship promotes networking opportunities, enabling participants to build professional relationships that may benefit them in their future careers. By the end of the program, interns will not only have gained essential legal skills but also a deeper appreciation for ethical conduct and continuous learning in the legal profession.

The Punjab Judicial Academy's newly introduced Internship Program has seen strong interest, with **29 applications** received for the first term. Following a thorough review and interview process, **five participants** were selected to begin the program in **October 2024**. These candidates were chosen based on their academic qualifications, interviews, and alignment with the program's goals. The selected interns are:

1. **Moiz Nasir** (Academic & Research)
2. **Khaula Ahmad Cheema** (Research & Publication)
3. **Khadija Ghulam Farooq** (Research & Publication)
4. **Mahnoor Fatima** (Research & Publication)
5. **Tayyaba Shamas** (Research & Publication)

During the **12-week** internship, participants will gain hands-on experience in their chosen departments, working closely with mentors and contributing to ongoing judicial training and research projects. This program provides them with practical legal knowledge, critical thinking development, and professional growth.



EVENTS

(July to September, 2024)

Appointment of Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem as Director General, PJA



After resignation of Mr. Abdul Sattar, former Director General PJA due to personal reasons, the Hon'ble Chief Justice, Lahore High Court/Chairperson, Board of Management, Punjab Judicial Academy, has been pleased to appoint Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem, former Judge Lahore High Court, as the new Director General of the Punjab Judicial Academy who assumed the charge of the office of Director General PJA, on Monday, July 15, 2024.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem has had an exemplary career in law, spanning both practice and academia. After a successful legal practice spanning 17 years, he was appointed as Additional District & Sessions Judge in 1999, serving in various districts, including Bahawalnagar, Lahore, and Multan. In 2007, he was promoted to District & Sessions Judge and presided over districts like Muzaffargarh, Mianwali, and Gujranwala. He also held prominent positions, such as Judge of the Anti-Terrorism Court, DG Khan, in 2009. He holds diplomas

in multiple languages, including Arabic, German, and Farsi. In addition to the judicial duties, Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem served in administrative roles, including Registrar of Lahore High Court (2012-2014) and Member of the Inspection Team.

Appointed as a Judge of the Lahore High Court in 2015, his lordship delivered several landmark judgments and contributed significantly to legal reforms and judicial education. He also represented Pakistan in various international judicial conferences and training programs in Ireland, Scotland, United Kingdom, Turkey, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia.

With his lordship appointment as Director General, Punjab Judicial Academy, Hon'ble Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed brings his vast experience and knowledge to enhance the training and development of judicial officers in Punjab. His leadership shall significantly contribute to the Academy's mission of elevating judicial education across the province.



Appointment of Advisor, Punjab Judicial Academy.



On August 5, 2024, Mr. Muhammad Hafeez Ullah Khan was appointed as an Advisor in the Punjab Judicial Academy. He is a distinguished policy and law practitioner with over 44 years of experience in judiciary, public services, media, and literature. His career is marked by significant contributions and achievements, including the prestigious Tamgha-e-Imtiaz award. His expertise spans on legal education, civil rights, criminal trials, and intellectual property rights, making him a respected figure in multiple fields.

Throughout his career, Hafeez Khan has held numerous key positions. He served as Chairman and Senior Member of the Punjab Service Tribunal, Additional Secretary in the Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department, and Director of the Federal Judicial Academy. His judicial roles across Punjab and Islamabad have significantly contributed to legal education and judicial reforms. His leadership in IT initiatives at the Lahore High Court led to the achievement of “Zero Pendency” of old cases in Punjab and enhanced the efficiency of district courts. He also holds the charge of Director IT at the Academy. On September 27, 2024, he was given additional responsibility as the Director of Administration at the Punjab Judicial Academy.

Hafeez Khan's educational background includes an LL.M from Superior University, Lahore (2013), an LL.B and M.A. in History from B.Z. University, Multan, and a B.Sc. from Islamia University, Bahawalpur. His academic achievements have laid a strong foundation for his extensive career in law and public service.

His contributions have been recognized with multiple awards and honors, including several National Literary Awards from the Pakistan Academy of Letters, Civil Award Tamgha-e-Imtiaz, the PTV Award for Best Saraiki Play (2002), the Lifetime Achievement Literary Award by PNCA (2018) and PILLAC Award. These accolades reflect his dedication and impact in both the legal and literary fields.

In addition to his professional roles, Hafeez Khan has been an influential educator and media personality. He has lectured in law at Islamia University Bahawalpur and served as visiting faculty at various institutions. His experience in program production and broadcasting with Radio Pakistan further highlights his versatility and commitment to public service.



As a prolific writer, Hafeez Khan has authored numerous books on history, poetry, fiction (novel, drama and short stories) and critical appreciation in Urdu and Saraiki. His literary contributions have enriched the cultural and intellectual landscape of Pakistan.

Hafeez Khan has also actively participated in significant legal and literary conferences, including the South Asia Regional Conference on International Humanitarian Law and the International Soofi Conference. His foreign tours to countries like the USA, UK, China, Saudi Arabia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Turkey, Central Asian States and Gulf States for professional and study purposes have broadened his perspective and enhanced his contributions to the legal and literary fields.

Visit of Hon'ble Director General to PJA Kala Shah Kaku Campus



On July 16, 2024, Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem visited the PJA Kala Shah Kaku Campus after assumption of charge as the Director General, Punjab Judicial Academy. With a clear vision for the Academy's future, one of his first actions in office was to review the development of PJA Kala Shah Kaku (KSK) project. This visit was planned to assess the ongoing construction progress and ensure the timely completion of the facilities, which are vital for the Academy's operational readiness.



During the visit, Mr. Ahsan, Works Incharge Officer, provided a comprehensive update on the progress of various construction elements within the KSK Campus. He detailed the development status of the Academic Block, the Male & Female Hostels, Admin

Block-I, Officers and Officials Residences, the Guest House, and various recreational

facilities such as the Gymnasium, Squash Court, Swimming Pool, and the Masjid. These facilities are central to the Academy's goal of creating a comprehensive environment for judicial education and training. Hon'ble Director General raised concerns about the project timelines. Recognizing the importance of completing the most essential parts of the project quickly, his lordship directed the Additional Director to engage with the concerned authorities and request definitive timelines for the completion of the entire project.

After the briefing, Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem, accompanied by Mr. Mansoor Ahmed Khan (Director Program, PJA), Additional Director (Administration) and other staff members, visited the Academic Block, Hostels, Residences, Admin Block, Gymnasium, and the Facilitation Center. During the site tour, Hon'ble Director General directed to accelerate the work and all construction debris and waste lying around the site should be removed immediately.

Second and Third Visit to the PJA KSK Campus

The Hon'ble Director General made multiple visits to the KSK Campus along with Directors/Faculty of the Academy including a surprise visit on 30th July, 2024 and a subsequent visit on 12th August, 2024 to check the progress of the development work. These visits marked a significant step forward in the progress of Academy's KSK Campus. The Punjab Judicial Academy, KSK Campus, with its range of academic, residential, and recreational facilities, is poised to become a hub for judicial education and training in Punjab.



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Celebration of Independence Day 14th August, 2024



The Punjab Judicial Academy celebrated 77th Independence Day of Pakistan on August 14, 2024, with immense enthusiasm and patriotism. The Independence Day celebration at the Academy was organized as a tribute to the sacrifices made by the nation's founding father and the struggle for freedom. The event aimed to instill a sense of pride, unity, and love for the country among the participants, while also highlighting the significance of independence and the role it plays in the pursuit of justice and national development.

As part of the celebration, the Academy's building was adorned with festive lights, giving it a vibrant and patriotic look. The central event of the day was a Flag Hoisting Ceremony, which was attended by the Hon'ble Director General, Directors, Senior Instructors, Officers, Staff and their families.

The ceremony began with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by the National Anthem. The Hon'ble Director General, Justice (R) Sardar

Ahmed Naeem, had the honor of raising the National Flag. He was accompanied by Mr. Mansoor Ahmad Khan (Director Programs), Ms. Bushra Zaman (Director Research & Publications), Mr. Iram Ayaz (Director Training), along with Senior Instructors, officers and officials of the Academy. A documentary of historical struggle was also displayed on this occasion to remember the sacrifices and pains faced by the founding leaders and people in achieving the beloved country Pakistan



In his address during the ceremony, Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem highlighted the importance of Independence Day as a reminder of the sacrifices made by those who fought for the freedom and sovereignty of Pakistan. He spoke about the critical role the judicial system plays in safeguarding the rights of citizens and ensuring justice, echoing the values that the founding leaders of the country aspired to establish.

Following the flag hoisting, a cake-cutting ceremony was held as a joyful and symbolic gesture of celebration. The cake was cut by Hon'ble Director General PJA with children present at the event joining them for this special moment. The presence of children added a heartwarming touch to the event. The celebration concluded with prayers for the prosperity, peace, and continued progress of Pakistan.

Ceremony Snapshots



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PJA Official Social Channels



As per the vision and directions of the Hon’ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem, Director General, Punjab Judicial Academy, official YouTube channel of the Academy is actively operated/functional since Sept 2024.

YouTube channel for the Punjab Judicial Academy Lahore is an initiative that aligns with the current trends in digital education and public outreach. The channel “Punjab Judicial Academy Official” is utilized to disseminate knowledge, provide training, and enhance public understanding of the judicial system.

Further, an Instagram account/page is also functional for public engagement and enhancing the visibility of the Academy.



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