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ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

General Training Program (2023-24) for Additional District & Sessions Judges and Civil Judges

The Punjab Judicial Academy (PJA) is providing both pre-service and in-service training to the judicial officers and court personnel to enhance their capacity and professional competency for the efficient dispensation of justice. One of the PJA's key training initiatives is the General Training Program (GTP) for judicial officers. The GTP was launched to refresh the legal knowledge of judges, equip them with the latest case law and enhance their competency, judicial ethics and fair administration of justice.

In **2023-2024**, the PJA has designed a new 6-Day GTP to cater the in-service training needs of judicial officers in the District Judiciary of Punjab. This GTP is a practical training program which promotes self-learning and self-assessment among the judicial officers. The GTP aims to address shortcomings in decision-making during judicial proceedings and specifically, focuses on enhancing the **judgment writing skills** of judges. This GTP will help to ensure fair administration of the judicial system.

The GTP also emphasizes on the development of research skills for better understanding of law and improvement of decision-making abilities of the judicial officers. Overall, the GTP is a comprehensive training program that aims to equip judicial officers with the skills and knowledge for fair administration of justice.

GTP 2023-24 for AD&SJs and Civil Judges-cum-Magistrates was launched on 13.02.2023 with 39 batches of 25 participants each and was postponed for 3 months from July to September, 2023 to accommodate Pre-Service Training Program for newly appointed 20 Additional District & Sessions Judges and 26 Civil Judges-cum-Magistrates.

GTP for Civil Judges-cum-Magistrates

Batch # 13 of GTP for Civil Judges-cum-Magistrates was conducted during this quarter from 03.07.2023 to 08.07.2023. This training program was designed to enhance the judgment writing skills of civil judges, ultimately boosting the confidence of litigants in the judicial system. It also focused on developing judicial officers' self-learning capacity through judgment writing.

This GTP covers the following **topics**: -

- (i) Judgment Writing (Sequence & Structure) – Civil & Criminal Cases
- (ii) Judgment Writing (Civil & Criminal) – Practical Assignment
- (iii) Guidelines for Writing Judgment – Civil & Criminal Cases
- (iv) Use of Precedents in Judgment Writing – How to find ratio decidendi and obitor dicta

Acting Director General, Mr. Ashtar Abbas chaired the Inaugural Ceremony of GTP Batch-13. He extended a warm welcome to the participants and emphasized on the key aspects of the training program. Mr. Tariq Iftikhar Ahmad, Director Trainings, Mr. Mansoor Ahmed Khan, Director Academics/Programme and Ms. Bushra Zaman, Director (R&P) were also present in the ceremony.



Participants (Batch-13) of the training attending opening ceremony

Respected Resource Persons



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



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



Ms. Bushra Zaman, Director (R&P) PJA



Mr. Abdul Sattar, D&SJ (Rtd.)



Syed Nasir Ali Shah, D&SJ (Rtd.)



Ch. Munir Ahmad, D&SJ (Rtd.)



Participants of the Training (Batch-13)



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Hon'ble judges of superior courts including Mr. Justice (R) Faqir Muhammad Khokher, Mr. Justice (R) Mehmood Maqbool Bajwa and District & Session Judges shared their knowledge with the participants to enhance their skills of judgment writing.

Batch-13 of GTP Concludes Successfully:

On successful completion of the GTP (Batch-13) of Civil Judges-cum-Magistrates, concluding ceremony was held on 8th July, 2023. While presiding over

the ceremony, the Acting Director General, Mr. Ashtar Abbas expressed his firm belief that the training would significantly elevate the participants' skills and knowledge. He emphasized the importance of learning and advised them to



Participants receiving certificates on completion of Training

serve with integrity and fairness. The event was attended by Mr. Tariq Iftikhar Ahmad, Director Trainings, Mr. Mansoor Ahmed Khan, Director Academics/Programme, and Ms. Bushra Zaman, Director (Research &



Group Photo of the Participants of GTP Batch-13 with Acting DG and PJA Faculty Members



Publication), A representative of the participants expressed gratitude to PJA for organizing the training program. Certificates were also distributed amongst the participants, followed by a group photo.

3 Months Pre-Service Training Program for Newly Appointed Additional District & Sessions Judges and Civil Judges cum-Magistrates

With the guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Justice Lahore High Court/ Chairperson, BoM of PJA, the Punjab Judicial Academy has organized a comprehensive **3 Months Pre-service Training Program** for newly recruited **20 Additional District & Sessions Judges** and **26 Civil Judges-Cum-Judicial Magistrates** from 10th of July, 2023 to 30th of September, 2023. The primary goal of this program was to provide newly appointed judges with the essential skills and knowledge required for fair administration of justice system. This structured initiative was designed to ensure that the newly entered judges be well-prepared to excel in the judicial system.

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING

The objectives of pre-service training are as follows:

1. To inculcate judicial skills, attitude, ethical and professional values.
2. To equip judges with techniques and procedures of trial and to enable them to resolve the difficulties that may arise during the trial.
3. To develop their capacity of logical inference for contributing in the judgment writing.
4. To develop administrative / managerial skills for supervising the court staff for complete command and control of the court proceedings.
5. To know the use of Information Technology (IT) in justice sector institutions.
6. To make them learn about maintaining balance between work life and personal life.
7. To explain the fundamental concept of law, procedure and precedents.
8. To impart practical knowledge of judicial system through court attachment and mock trial.
9. To equip them with latest concepts forensic and medical jurisprudence.

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The inaugural ceremony of three Months Pre-service Training was chaired by Mr. Irfan Ahmad Saeed, Registrar, Lahore High Court, Lahore. In the inaugural ceremony, Mr. Ashtar Abbas, Acting Director General, Punjab Judicial Academy, warmly welcomed the newly appointed Judicial Officers. He emphasized their crucial role in upholding



justice and integrity. He provided a detailed overview of the training program, highlighting its focus on improvement of professional skills, inculcating judicial ethics and promoting exemplary conduct both within and outside the courtroom. He highlighted the Academy's commitment to an interactive training approach, containing



Participants, newly appointed Additional District & Sessions Judges Civil Judges

lectures from esteemed resource persons, mock trials, field visits, research and court attachments. He stressed the significance of mock trials in imparting practical legal knowledge, improving courtroom skills and enhancing public speaking abilities. Additionally, the participants will have the opportunity to gain first-hand experience through study visits to institutions such as the Punjab Forensic Science Agency (PFSA) and the King Edward Medical University.



Mr. Ashtar Abbas, Acting Director General, Punjab Judicial Academy addressing the newly appointed Judicial Officers at Inaugural Ceremony



Mr. Tariq Iftikhar Ahmad, Director Trainings; Mr. Mansoor Ahmed Khan, Director Academics/Programme and Ms. Bushra Zaman, Director (Research & Publication) also attended the inaugural ceremony. The Punjab Judicial Academy (PJA) invited Hon'ble Judges of Constitutional Courts and District & Sessions Judges (retired and serving), to share their experiences, expertise and knowledge, including the following judges: -

- Hon'ble Mr. Justice Faqir Muhammad Khokhar, former Judge of Supreme Court of Pakistan
- Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jawad Hassan, Judge, LHC
- Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Mehmood Maqbool Bajwa
- Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmad Naeem
- Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Mujahid Mustaqeem Ahmad
- Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Rauf Ahmad Sheikh
- Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Rustam Ali Malik
- Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Shahid Mubeen
- Mr. Irfan Ahmad Saeed, Registrar of the Lahore High Court, Lahore
- Mr. Shazib Saeed, DG Case Management LHC
- Mr. Javed Rasheed Mehboobi, D&SJ (Rtd.)
- Syed Nasir Ali Shah, D&SJ (Rtd.)
- Mr. Fakhar Hayat, D&SJ (Rtd.)
- Mr. Abid Hussain Qureshi, D&SJ (Rtd.)
- Ch. Munir Ahmad, D&SJ (Rtd.)
- Mr. Abdul Sattar, D&SJ (Rtd.)
- Mr. Suhaib Ahmed Rumi, D&SJ (Rtd.)
- Mr. Habibullah Amir, D&SJ (Rtd.)
- Mr. Khalid Naveeed Dar, D&SJ (Rtd.)
- Mr. Muhammad Yousaf Aujla, D&SJ (Rtd.)
- Mr. Haroon Latif, D&SJ (Rtd.)
- Mian Ghulam Hussain, D&SJ (Rtd.)

In addition to that, Motivational Speakers and Associate Professors from prominent institutions such as GCU, LUMS, University of Education, P.U. Law College, Pakistan Law College and Kinnaird College were invited to share their expertise with the participants. Experts from Forensic Science Agency, Prison Department and Probation officers were also invited by PJA to share their knowledge with the participants. PJA has also focused on legal ethics, health and dining antiquates of the participants and in this regard, PJA also invited legal consultants, nutritionist, hospitality consultants and wardrobe experts who

provided comprehensive training and shared their experiences with the participants on various topics. PJA also engaged the IT experts to impart training on information technology. Participants conducted practical assignments of order writing, evidence writing (both in Urdu and English) and judgment writing under the supervision Mr. Mansoor Khan Director Programme and Miss Bushra Zaman Director (Research & Publication).

Respected Resource Persons



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Ms. Bushra Zaman, Director (R&P), PJA



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Syed Nasir Ali Shah, D&SJ (Rtd.) delivering lecture



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Mr. Tariq Iftikhar Ahmad, Member Judicial, Tribunal
Inland Revenue, Lahore

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Mr. Muhammad Yousaf Aujla, D&SJ (Rtd.)



Ms. Mahnoor Kazmi, Legal Consultant



Ms. Saima A. Khawaja, Legal Consultant



Dr. Shazia Zohra, Nutritional Scientist, FMH, LHR



Mr. Noshab Ali Khan, Attorney At Law



Ms. Badria Khalil, Lecturer, HOD, Kinnard College



Mr. Waqar Ilyas Khan, Hospitality Consultant

First Week of the Training Program:

The first week of the pre-service training program was scheduled from 10.07.2023 to 15.07.2023. The participants of the course were imparted training on the following topics:

- Code of Conduct for District Judiciary- Senior Junior Relations
- Court and Case Management
- Judicial Service Rules- Conduct Rules/Government Servant (Efficiency & Discipline) Rules
- Introduction to IT and Its Importance in the Judicial Regime
- Professional Etiquettes & Mannerism
- Maintenance of Court Record- Court Inspection Writing Inspection Note
- Forensic Awareness-DNA Reports and Its Evidentiary Value – Firearms and Ballistics Orientation
- Court Management Resolving Conflict at Workplace
- Emotional Intelligence & Leadership
- An Overview of Gender-Based Violence Offences
- Bail Petition –Pre Arrest/Post Arrest –Cancellation of Bail –Protective Bails, Zubair’s Case, Nazir’s Case, and Further Development
- Admissibility & Evidentiary Value of Modern Devices in Criminal Cases



Mr. Irfan Ahmad Saeed, Registrar, Lahore High Court, Lahore delivering lecture to the newly appointed Judicial Officers



Second Week of the Training Program:

The second week of the training program was scheduled from 17.07.2023 to 22.07.2023. During this week, the participants were imparted training on the following topics:

- English Language-Speaking & Presentation Skills
- Recording of Evidence-Summoning and Attendance of Witness in Civil Cases
- Trial in Complaint & Challan Cases and Difference Thereof
- Understanding Land Record/Revenue Documents
- Judgement Writing (Civil & Criminal Cases) - Practical Assignment
- Bench & Bar Relations-Conduct of a Judge
- Confrontation of Documents During Trial (Civil & Criminal)
- Controlling the Courtroom Judicial Conduct & Ethics
- Latin Legal Phrases, Pronunciation & Meaning-II
- Stress Management – Emotional Intelligence & Leadership
- Etiquettes & Mannerism
- Appraisal of Evidence in Civil Cases
- Discharge of Accused & Cancellation Report
- Recording of Confession of the Accused and Statement u/s 164 Cr.PC- Its Admissibility
- Environmental Laws – Role of Courts
- Pre-Trial Criminal Proceedings – Identification Parade – Law & Procedure
- Criminal Law & Procedure under section 87/88 Cr.PC
- Jurisprudential Development in Pre-emption Law-An Overview of Punjab Pre-emption Act, 1991
- Admission, Its Relevance and Admissibility in Evidence
- Conducting the Court – Experiential Sharing
- Judgment Writing in Criminal Case – Sequence & Structure – Appraisal of Evidence

Third Week of the Training Program

The third week of the training program was scheduled from 24.07.2023 to 29.07.2023. The participants were imparted training on following topics:

- Crisis Management & Time Management

- Offences against Religion
- Cyber Crime Laws Implementation by District Courts
- Health & Nutrition
- Deciding of Application u/s 12 (2) CPC- Procedure & Object
- Lahore High Court Rules & Orders (Civil)
- Recording of Evidence of Special Witnesses
- Assessment and Trial of Mentally Disordered Accused
- Statement of Hostile Witness and Its Impact on Criminal Trial
- E-Court Using Audio/Video Links for Recording of Evidence + Court Service
- An Overview of Juvenile Justice System Act, 2018
- Admissibility & Proof of Documents in Civil Cases
- Common Errors in Recording of Evidence in Criminal Cases
- Medical Jurisprudence Medico Legal Reports and Its Importance in Adjudication
- Order Writing (English & Urdu)
- Judgment Writing (Sequence & Structure) Civil Case



- Dr. Ali Mohsin Qazalbash from LUMS delivering lecture to the newly appointed Judicial Officers



Fourth Week of the Training Program

The fourth week of the training program was scheduled from 31.07.2023 to 05.08.2023. During this week, the participants were imparted on the topics, including:

- Jurisdiction of Civil Courts u/s 9 CPC
- How to Conduct Exhumation Proceedings & Preparation of Report
- Principles enunciated in Order 2 Rule 2 CPC and Order 23 CPC
- Examination of Parties by the Court, Discovery & Inspection as Envisaged in order 10 & 11 CPC
- Judgement Writing (Civil Case) – Practical Assignment
- An Overview of the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Act, 2018
- Bonded Labour/Domestic Violence
- An Overview of Execution of Decree in Civil Cases
- Rejection & Return of Plaint
- Supervisory Powers of Judicial Magistrates Regarding Investigation in Criminal Cases
- Conducting Trial in CNSA Cases, Sentencing Power Thereof, and Evidentiary Value of PFSA Report Regarding Narcotics Substances
- Principles Enunciated in Order 2 Rule 2 CPC and Order 23 CPC
- Murder Trial: Framing of Charges, Recording of Evidence, and Its Appraisal
- Section 302 (a) & (b) PPC: Its Interpretation, Implementation, and Case Law
- Family Laws & Procedure: Conducting Trial – Jurisdiction of Family Courts – Application of CPC & Evidence Act in Family Cases
- Appointment of Local Commission by the Court for Recording of Evidence/Investigation & Site Inspection
- Criminal Trial – Scrutiny of Challan – Framing of Charge, Recording of Evidence & Its Appraisal Thereof
- Summary Trial in Criminal Cases
- Child Custody – Rights of Non-Custodial Parent – Preparation and Implementation of Visitation Schedule
- Sheriff Petty Accounts & Revenue Deposits
- Custody of Minor and visitation rights – determining factors thereof
- How to Decide an Application for Temporary Injunction: Pre-requisites for Grant of Temporary Injunction in View of Order 39 CPC

- An Overview of Punjab Rented Premises Act, 2009
- Anti-Corruption Raid (Law & Procedure)
- Expeditious Disposal of Civil Cases Impact of New Amendments
- Scrutiny of plaint at initial stage regarding maintainability of suit
- Judgment Writing (Sequence & Structure) Criminal Case – Appraisal of Evidence Thereof.



- Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmad Naeem delivering lecture to the newly appointed Judicial Officers

Fifth Week of the Training Program

The fifth week of the training program was scheduled from 07.08.2023 to 12.08.2023. During this week, highly skilled and knowledgeable experts provided training to the participants on the following subjects.

- An Overview of the Witness Protection Act, 2018
- Proceeding u/s 512 Cr.PC – Object & Purpose – Trial in Absentia
- An Overview of the Court Fee Act, 1870 & Suit Valuation Act, 1887
- An Overview of the General Clauses Act, 1897
- An Overview of the Police Order, 2002 & Police Rules, 1934 (As Amended till-date)
- Burden of Proof in Criminal & Civil Cases with Reference to the Qanoon-e-Shahadat Order, 1984
- Dying Declaration and Its Evidentiary Value
- How to Prove a Document's Relevancy and Admissibility in Evidence in Criminal Cases?
- Doctrine of Res Gestate, Concept & Scope in Criminal Case
- An Overview of the Punjab Alternate Dispute Resolution Act, 2019 with Latest Amendments
- An Overview of latest amendments in CPC with reference to Alternate Dispute Resolution, Law & Procedure
- Law of Inheritance
- Principles of Natural Justice, Equity, and Good Conscience
- Appointment of Receiver – Determining Factors Thereof



- Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mujahid Mustaqeem Ahmad, former Judge LHC delivering lecture to the newly appointed Judicial Officers



Lecture delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jawad Hassan, Judge, Lahore High Court, Lahore on "Limine Control in Civil Cases"

During the fifth week of the training, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jawad Hassan**, Judge, Lahore High Court, Lahore, delivered a lecture on "Limine Control in Civil Cases" to the participants of undergoing Pre-Service Training Program. His lordship shared his experiences and emphasized the need for expeditious case disposal under the law, through the application of the doctrine of Limine Control.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jawad Hassan, Judge Lahore High Court, Lahore addressing the participants

While addressing the trainee judges, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jawad Hassan, emphasized the importance of "Limine Control" in cases. He stated that as per Cassell's Latin Dictionary, the term "Limine" is derived from the Latin noun "Limen," which means "the threshold." Thus, the phrase "In Limine" signifies "at the threshold" or "at the very beginning." In Black's Law Dictionary (5th ed. 1979), this phrase is defined as "on or at the threshold; at the very beginning; preliminary." He stated that it is a common practice for courts, especially in civil cases, to issue notices to respondents rather than dismissing misconceived matters at the outset. This approach not only creates inconveniences for the respondents but also results



in monetary losses. Therefore, there is an urgent need to adopt the "Limine Control Doctrine" for the early and expeditious disposal of such cases, as well as other pending cases across the country, in order to strengthen the public's perception of the rule of law.

Sixth & Seventh Weeks of the Training Program

2-Week Court Attachment

During the 6th and 7th weeks (15.08.2023 to 26.08.2023), trainee Additional District and Sessions Judges were attached to the District Courts in Lahore to acquire practical, hands-on experience in both civil and criminal court proceedings.

In the 10th and 11th weeks (11.09.2023 to 23.09.2023), Civil Judges-cum-Magistrates were attached to the District Courts for acquiring practical experience in both civil and criminal court proceedings.

These trainees were mentored by Judges who specialized in criminal and civil cases. Throughout their attachment, participants observed various aspects of judicial work including court appearances, hearings of arguments on miscellaneous applications, dictation of orders thereon, writing of interim orders, framing of issues in civil cases, framing of charges in criminal cases, recording of evidence in criminal and civil cases, hearing of final arguments and pronouncement of judgments.

2-Week Legal Research Training

The Punjab Judicial Academy organized a two-week Legal Research Training Program for the trainee Additional District and Sessions and Civil Judges-cum-Magistrates at the Research Centre, Lahore High Court, Lahore during the 6th and 7th weeks (15.08.2023 to 26.08.2023) and 10th and 11th weeks (11.09.2023 to 23.09.2023) of the training.

During this training period, participants were introduced to advanced legal research methodologies, tools and techniques and use of research engines. They were informed that legal research has significantly evolved, making use of Information Technology is more efficient than the traditional manual methods of searching through books and materials. Nowadays, numerous websites and



search engines are available for finding relevant legal precedents, articles, books, and references online. The incorporation of information technology tools can enhance the quality of legal writing, including judgments, law books, legal articles, and research papers.

The research training sessions were conducted by the Research Officers, Lahore High Court, Lahore who covered various topics, including:

- a) Scope of Legal Research
- b) Orientation and Nature of Research Work in LHCRC, including Court queries
- c) Pakistani Case Law Search
- d) Utilizing Local Law Sites
- e) Searching Laws, Rules, and Notifications
- f) Searching Foreign Case Law – UK, US, and Indian, among others
- g) Using Other Search Engines
- h) Evaluating Precedents
- i) Utilizing Legal Encyclopaedias and Legal Dictionaries
- j) Searching for Books, Articles, and Legal Commentaries
- k) Memorandum Drafting
- l) IRAC Preparation

Eighth Week of the Training Program:

The eighth week of the training program commenced from 28.08.2023 to 02.09.2023. During this week, the experts delivered lectures to the participants about the following subjects:

- Difference between sections 249 and 249-A Cr.P.C – How to decide applications u/s 249-A Cr.P.C
- Civil Laws & Procedure – Trial of Suits by or against Government
- Attachment before Judgment under Order 38 R.5 CPC Essential and Object
- Amendments in Pleadings – General Principles – Guidelines
- Judgment Writing (Civil Case) – Practical Assignment
- Role of a Magistrate in conducting proceedings u/s 107, 145 and 151 Cr.P.C – procedure thereof

- An Over of Latest Amendments in CPC with reference procedure and law to be followed by the trial judges including execution proceedings
- An Overview of ADR, its application in litigation before courts
- Recording Statement of Accused under section 342 & 340(2) Cr.P.C.
- Dining Etiquettes – Table Manners
- Judicial Notice and Principles of Estoppel
- Judgement Writing (Sequence & Structure) Criminal Case – Appraisal of Evidence Thereof



- Ms. Bushra Zaman, Director (R&P) PJA delivering lecture to the participants (Newly appointed Judicial Officers)

MOCK TRIALS

During the 8th Week of the training, mock trials for both criminal and civil cases were conducted for the participants, including Additional District & Sessions Judges and Civil Judges-cum-Magistrates. These sessions were monitored by Mr. Fakhar Hayat, D&SJ (Rtd.) and Mr. Habibullah Amir, D&SJ (Rtd.). The purpose of these mock trials was to familiarize the participants with various legal and procedure aspects associated with case trials. Participants were assigned different roles like Judge, court staff, witnesses, investigating officer, prosecutor and defence lawyers etc. in the mock trial. The participants participated in the mock trial and appreciated this exercise for practical learning.



Respected Judges are conducting Mock Trial





Ninth Week of the Training Program:

The ninth week of the training program spanned from 04.09.2023 to 09.09.2023. During this week, the resource persons taught the following subjects:

- Research Workshop – Propositional Based (Civil & Criminal) presentation by the participants
- Computation of period of Limitation and Extension of Limitation period in Certain Cases
- Fact in Issue & Relevant Fact – When Facts not Otherwise Relevant become Relevant.
- Judgment Writing (Criminal & Civil Cases) – Practical Assignment
- Procedure on forfeiture of bond u/s 514 Cr.PC – Essential Requirements – Recovery of Penalty – Reduction of Surety Bond
- Production, Impounding and Return of Documents
- Presumption as to Documents – Exclusion of Oral Evidence By Documentary Evidence
- Anger Management and Increasing Frustration Tolerance
- Forensic Science in Aid of Criminal Justice System – Admissibility of Forensic Evidence
- Application of Provisions of Order 17 CPC – Conditions to invoke the provision of Rule 3 of Order *Ibid*
- Mentoring in Judgment Writing (Civil & Criminal cases)
- Fair Trial – Right of the Accused
- Handwriting Experts' Report, Procedure and its evidentiary value
- Role of Probation Laws in Rehabilitation of Offenders
- Counter Claim, Set Off and Equitable Set Off
- English Language – presentation
- An Overview of Alternate Dispute Resolution, its application in litigation before courts
- Recording of Compromise in Murder Trial Cases
- Loss of Judicial File and Procedure for its Reconstruction
- An Overview of Latest Amendments in CPC with reference to procedure and law to be followed by the trial judges including execution proceedings
- Conducting the Trial (Criminal Cases) – Experiential Sharing
- Confidence Building – Measures & Modes
- Critical Analysis of Judgment in Murder Cases



Visit to the Punjab Forensic Science Agency (PFSA)

During the 5th Week of the training, the Academy arranged a study visit to the Punjab Forensic Science Agency (PFSA), Lahore for the trainee Additional District and Sessions and Civil Judges-cum-Magistrates on 08th August, 2023, under the supervision of Mr. Mansoor Ahmad Khan, Director (Programs), PJA and with the technical and administration support of PFSA. The purpose of the visit was to introduce the participants to the practical dimensions of investigation in heinous crimes and to provide them with first-hand practical experience in crime scene investigation, collection of evidence and its preservation at the spot, its forensic aspects, and its admissibility in the court. The main objective was to equip participants with the necessary information and knowledge about the role of forensic agencies and facilities, they provide in collecting and recording data on forensic evidence.

At the conclusion of the visit, the trainee judges thanked the technical staff and Director General of PFSA. They commended that the tour would be beneficial in enhancing their understanding of court proceedings/working and the processes of evidence collection, through practical demonstrations of the subject matter. They expressed their desire for similar exercises in future training sessions.

Visit to King Edward Medical University Lahore

During the 9th Week of Pre-Service Training a study visit to **King Edward Medical University Lahore**, specifically the Department of Forensic Medicine, was arranged for the participants on 5th of September, 2023 under the supervision of learned Director Academics/Programs, Punjab Judicial Academy, Mr. Mansoor Ahmad Khan. The group consisted of 20 Additional District & Sessions Judges and 26 Civil Judges-Cum-Judicial Magistrates. Upon arrival, the delegation was warmly welcomed by the Head of the Department of Forensic Medicine.

The visit commenced with a brief introductory session, after which the participants were guided through various aspects of the department's operations. They were shown the process of receiving and registering deceased bodies, their preservation in cold storage, and the subsequent transfer to the autopsy room with accompanying police documentation. Furthermore, the participants had the



opportunity to observe post-mortem examinations, visit various laboratories, explore the museum, and attend a lecture in the Forensic Medicine Department of KEMU.

Visit to Punjab Institute of Mental Health, Lahore

During the 12th Week of Pre-Service Training Program, the PJA organized a study tour to the **Punjab Institute of Mental Health (PIMH)** on 26th of September, 2023 for the training participants. This visit was conducted under the supervision of Mr. Mansoor Ahmed Khan, Director Academics/Program of the Academy. The group consisted of 20 Additional District & Sessions Judges and 26 Civil Judges-Cum-Judicial Magistrates. Upon their arrival, the delegation received a warm welcome from the Head of PIMH.

The primary objective of this visit was to provide the participants with a hands-on experience by allowing them to interact with the patients. This interaction aimed to give them a better understanding of the practical aspects of their fieldwork.

Twelfth Week of the Training Program:

The twelfth week of the pre-service training program was conducted from 25.09.2023 to 30.09.2023. During this week, following subjects were taught to the participants:

- Court Inspection & Maintenance of Court Registers,
- Setting Aside Ex-parte proceedings and Ex-parte Decree Under Order-9, Rule-7 & 13 CPC – Difference between Ex-parte proceedings and Ex-parte Decree,
- Appreciation of Evidence (Civil & Criminal Cases),
- Judgment Writing (Criminal & Civil Cases) – Practical Assignment,
- Pecuniary and Territorial Jurisdictions of Civil Court and Court of Appeal,
- First Version of Accused and its Evidentiary Value,
- Superdari and disposal of case property,
- Understanding Rule of Confrontation and Regulating Leading Questions,
- Understanding Land Revenue Laws – Exclusion of Jurisdiction of Civil Court,



- Application of section 34 and a149 PPC in Criminal Cases- Difference thereof,
- Understanding Mental Health & Mens Rea / Legal Issues,
- Mentoring in Judgment writing.

Successful Completion of Pre-Service Training Program

The 3 Months Pre-Service Training Program for newly appointed 20 Additional District & Sessions Judges and 26 Civil Judges was successfully completed at PJA. Concluding ceremony was held on 27th September, 2023 at the Punjab Judicial Academy. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Muhammad Ameer Bhatti, Chief Justice/Chairperson, Board of Management, Punjab Judicial Academy graced the concluding ceremony as the Chief Guest. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sajid Mehmood Sethi, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shakil Ahmad also graced the occasion. Mr. Irfan Ahmed Saeed, Registrar LHC also attended the ceremony.

Mr. Ashtar Abbas, Acting Director General, PJA warmly welcomed the respected guests and the participants. He paid special thanks to the Hon'ble Chief Justice, Lahore High Court, Lahore for gracing the occasion. The representative of the trainee judges paid gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Justice and faculty of PJA for providing them the best theoretical & practical training, hospitality and facilitation for lodging.

Hon'ble Chief Justice, Lahore High Court, Lahore, Mr. Justice Muhammad Ameer Bhatti addressed the participants and congratulated them on the successful completion of their training. His Lordship advised them to work with full devotion, dignity and honestly in dispensation of justice. He further said "we have to ensure all possible measures to dispense justice to the common man". The Hon'ble Chief



Mr. Ashtar Abbas, Acting DG, PJA addressing the participants at concluding ceremony



Guest also highlighted the importance of training program to achieve the desired goal with the hope that this training will equip them with the latest techniques and



Hon ble Mr. Jusitce Muhammad Ameer Bhatti, Chief Justice, LHC, Lahore addressing the participants

skills to achieve the objectives of the dispensation of justice. He further advised the judicial officers to do their best in the field, listen to the parties patiently and make decisions on merit with integrity.

At the end, Hon'ble Chief Justice, LHC Mr. Justice Muhammad Ameer Bhatti accompanied by Mr. Ashtar Abbas, Acting Director General, PJA distributed certificates to the trainees who successfully completed the training course.





Participants receiving Certificates on completion of Training

The ceremony followed by a group photo of the participants with the Hon'ble Chief Justice and faculty members of PJA.



Group Photos of the Participants (AD&SJs and Civil Judges) at concluding ceremony

Online Trainings through Webinar

Question & Answer Session through Webinar with Rent Tribunals and Rent Appellate Courts

The Punjab Judicial Academy successfully conducted a Questions & Answers session through Webinar on 8th of July, 2023. The objectives of this session were to enhance the knowledge and capacity of the participants regarding assumption of jurisdiction, and to discuss and elaborate judgment reported as 2019 MLD 2095 Lahore titled Sheraz Pervaiz Mustafa versus The Special Judge (Rent) Lahore and others. The program had a specific focus on Rent Tribunals and Rent Appellate Courts in Punjab.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shahid Jamil Khan and Tariq Iftikhar Ahmad



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shahid Jamil Khan sharing his knowledge & experiences with the participants

Mr. Tariq Iftikhar Ahmad, Director Training (Distance Learning) PJA, delivered a comprehensive overview of the program's objectives to the trainees.

The Academy invited Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shahid Jamil Khan, Judge, Lahore High Court, Lahore to provide online training to the judges. His expertise and knowledge were invaluable in helping the Judicial Officers to further enhance their skills and make more effective

contributions in the justice system.



At the conclusion of training session, participants expressed their gratitude to the esteemed resource person for sharing his valuable insights and expertise.

Division-wise Webinars for District & Sessions Judges and Senior Civil Judges on “Administrative and Leadership Role”

The Punjab Judicial Academy, under the esteemed guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Justice, LHC/Chairperson, BoM, PJA, organized a series of Division-wise Webinars aimed to enhance the administrative and leadership capabilities of District & Sessions Judges and Senior Civil Judges. These Webinars were scheduled from 12.06.2023 to 24.10.2023, some sessions were conducted in the previous quarter and others scheduled for this quarter.

The purpose of these Webinars was to enhance the administrative and leadership skills of District & Sessions Judges and Senior Civil Judges from Bahawalpur, D.G. Khan, Faisalabad, Gujranwala, Gujrat, Lahore, Multan, Rawalpindi, Sargodha and Sahiwal divisions.

Ms. Bushra Zaman, Director (Research & Publications)/Acting Director Training (Distance Learning), PJA played a pivotal role in organizing and coordinating these webinars. She delivered an insightful overview of the training's objectives and its importance. She emphasized the significance of effective administration and leadership skills in the judiciary, highlighting the vital role played by the District & Sessions Judges and Senior Civil Judges in upholding a fair and efficient judicial system.

Renowned experts in the field of Judicial Administration and Leadership were invited by the Academy. They delivered lectures on various topics and conducted interactive sessions with the participants.

- Mr. Javed Rasheed Mehboobi, District & Sessions Judge (Retired), shared his knowledge and experience with the participants on the topic **“Inspection and Monitoring of the Judges by the District & Sessions Judge”** of Lahore, Sargodha, D.G. Khan, Rawalpindi, Bahawalpur and Faisalabad



divisions on the following dates: 13.07.2023, 20.07.2023, 05.09.2023, 14.09.2023, 20.09.2023 and 25.09.2023, respectively.

- Ch. Munir Ahmad - District & Sessions Judge (Retired) and Mr. Javed Iqbal Bosal, D&SJ, delivered lectures to the participants of Faisalabad, Gujrat, Multan, D.G. Khan and Gujranwala divisions on the following dates: 10.07.2023, 12.07.2023, 13.09.2023, 21.09.2023 and 26.09.2023, respectively, on the topic **“Process Serving Agency and Sheriff’s Petty Accounts: Control & Monitoring”**.
- Mr. Nadeem Ahmad Sheikh, Additional Registrar (Budget & Finance), Lahore High Court, Lahore, shared his financial expertise with the participants of Gujranwala, Rawalpindi, Faisalabad, Lahore and Sargodha divisions on the following dates: 11.07.2023, 18.07.2023, 06.09.2023, 12.09.2023 and 19.09.2023, respectively, on the topic **“Responsibilities of Drawing & Disbursement Officer (DDO) Rules & Law”**.
- Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mehmood Maqbool Bajwa, former judge of Lahore High Court, Lahore provided valuable insights on the topic **“Role of the District & Sessions Judges: Authority & Responsibilities”** to the participants of Multan, Gujrat, Gujranwala and Sahiwal divisions on the following dates: 17.07.2023, 11.09.2023 and 18.09.2023, respectively.
- Syed Nasir Ali Shah, D&SJ (Rtd.) and Ms. Mahnoor Kazmi, Legal Consultant delivered lectures to the participant on the topic **“Administrative Control of the principal Judicial Officer over the Staff: Disciplinary Rules & Law and How to Use this Authority”** of Sahiwal, Bahawalpur and Lahore divisions on the following dates: 19.07.2023, 04.09.2023 and 28.09.2023, respectively.



The PJA is thankful to all the resource persons and participants for their active involvement and valuable contributions. These webinars reflect the Academy's dedication to improving the skills and knowledge of judges, with the ultimate goal of ensuring a fair and efficient legal system for the public.



Participants attending Webinars

Respectable Resource Persons of Webinars



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



Ms. Bushra Zaman, Director (R&P), PJA



Syed Nasir Ali Shah, D&SJ (Rtd.)



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



Ms. Mahnoor Kazmi, Legal Consultant



Ch. Munir Ahmad, D&SJ (Rtd.)



Mr. Javed Iqbal Bosal, D&SJ



Mr. Nadeem Ahmad Sheikh, Additional Registrar
(Budge & Finance), LHC

Dr. Imran Mujaddid Rabbani, Instructor IT, PJA Delivered Lecture on “AI & Technology in Justice Systems” at KPJA, Peshawar

As part of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed with the KP Judicial Academy to promote professional skills and the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and modern technologies in the justice system, the KP Judicial Academy, Peshawar, organized a "2-Day Orientation on Use of Artificial Intelligence & Modern Technologies in Justice Systems" from 20th to 21st September, 2023. This orientation was a significant step towards enhancing the capabilities of judges, lawyers, and other judicial officers in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.



The K.P Judicial Academy, invited Dr. Imran Mujaddid Rabbani, Instructor IT, PJA as a Resource Person to share his knowledge and experience on the topic **"Trends of AI & Technology across Justice Systems in National and International**



Perspective" with the participants of the Workshop at the KP Judicial Academy.

In addition, Dr. Imran conducted an interactive session on "Pakistan's Judicial AI & Technology Landscape", attended by representatives from the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan, Hon'ble High Courts of Pakistan, National Judicial Automation Unit (NJAU), Islamabad, and trainee Judicial Officers of KP Judicial Academy.

VISITS & EVENTS

Oath Taking Ceremony of newly appointed Judges

The Oath-Taking Ceremony for the newly appointed 20 Additional District & Sessions Judges and 26 Civil Judges-Cum-Judicial Magistrates took place on 07th of July, 2023 at the Punjab Judicial Academy. The event was graced by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Muhammad Ameer Bhatti, Chief Justice, Lahore High Court/Chairperson of BoM of Punjab Judicial Academy as the Chief Guest. Other notable guests including Mr. Irfan Ahamd Saeed, Registrar, Lahore High Court, Lahore, Mr. Ameer Muhammad Khan, D&SJ, Director General, Directorate of District Judiciary, Ch. Abdul Rashid Abid, D&SJ, HR-District Judiciary, LHC, Mr. Ashtar Abbas, Acting Director General, PJA, as well as the Director Training (Distance Learning), PJA, Director Research & Publications, PJA, Director Academic / Program, PJA and Additional Director also attended the event.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Muhammad Ameer Bhatti, Chief Justice, LHC, notable guests and newly appointed Judges at Oath Taking Ceremony

Mr. Ashtar Abbas, Acting Director General, PJA, extended a warm welcome to the Hon'ble Chief Guest, dignities from the Lahore High Court, Lahore, the newly appointed Judges and their families. He also elaborated on the key components of the Pre-Service Training Program, which was developed in line with the guidance and vision of the Lahore High Court, Lahore.

The Hon'ble Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Muhammad Ameer Bhatti, Lahore High Court, Lahore, congratulated the newly appointed Judges and emphasized that this oath creates a unique and special connection between a Judge and Allah. He further stressed the importance of upholding the true spirit of a Judge and the associated responsibilities in accordance with the principles of Islam.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Muhammad Ameer Bhatti, Chief Justice, LHC and Mr. Ashtar Abbas Acting DG PJA addressing the newly appointed Judges at Oath Taking Ceremony

The Registrar, Lahore High Court, Mr. Irfan Ahmad Saeed, administered the oath to the newly appointed 20 Additional District & Sessions Judges and 26 Civil Judges-cum-Magistrate.



Mr. Irfan Ahmad Saeed, Registrar, LHC administering the oath to the newly appointed AD&SJs and Civil Judges-cum-Magistrate

The Oath Ceremony concluded with a group photo of the participants alongside the Honourable Chief Justice, Lahore High Court, Registrar LHC, the Acting Director General PJA and Directors/faculty members of Academy.



Visit to Historical Places (Lahore Fort & Badshahi Masjid) of newly appointed Judges

Upon the request of the Punjab Judicial Academy, the Walled City Authority, Lahore organized an enjoyable trip to Lahore Fort and the Badshahi Masjid for the participants of Pre-Service Training Program on 9th of September, 2023. The group included 20 Additional District & Sessions Judges, 26 Civil Judges-Cum-Judicial Magistrates as well as members of the PJA Management. During the tour, a knowledgeable guide provided the participants with insights into the Mughal and Sikh eras.

Thereafter, they enjoyed the tour of Lahore Fort including visit to the Grand Badshahi Masjid. The Directors and Officers of PJA accompanied the participants throughout the trip. The participants expressed their gratitude to the Punjab Judicial Academy for its warm hospitality and support in creating a memorable experience. The tour was followed by a delightful dinner at Haveli Restaurant, Food Street, Lahore.



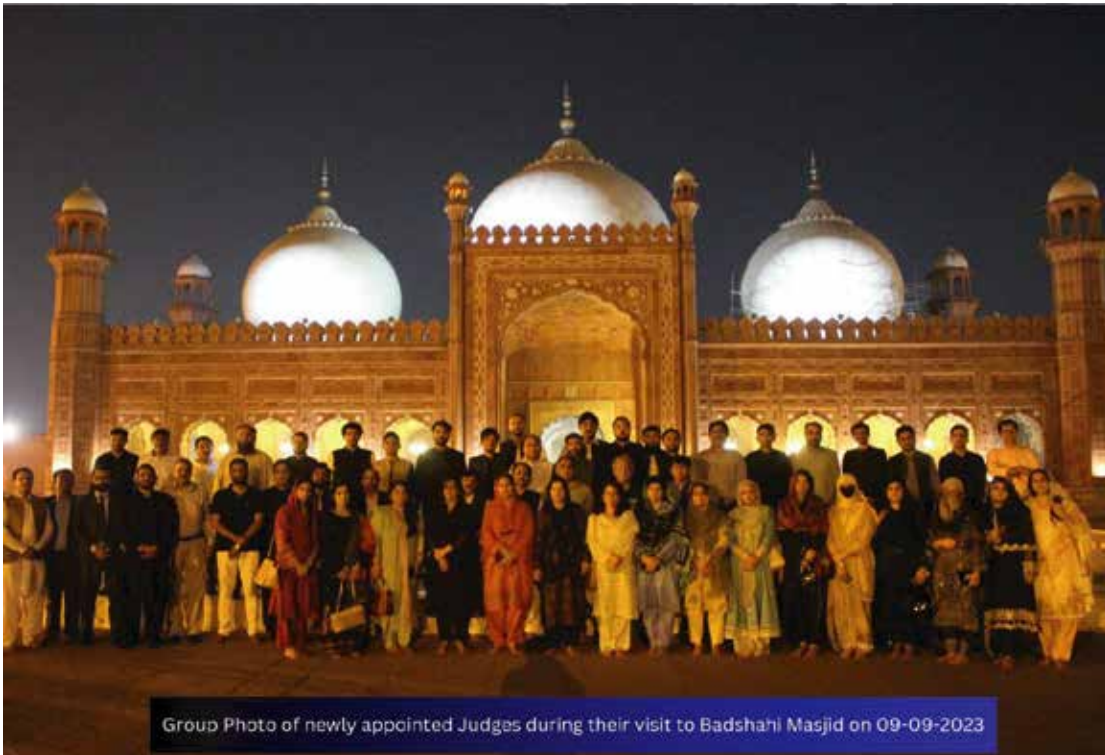
Snapshots of Visit to Historical Places (Lahore Fort & Badshahi Masjid) of newly appointed Judges



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Group Photo of newly appointed Judges during their visit to Badshahi Masjid on 09-09-2023

Visit of Delegation from the National Centre for State Courts (NCSC) and CODE Pakistan

A delegation from the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) and CODE Pakistan comprising the following visited the Punjab Judicial Academy, Lahore on 13.09.2023 at 10:00 a.m. to assess and discuss the operationalization and utility of a Case Management System.

1. Ms. Rebecca Castelluci, NCSC.
2. Ms. Courtney Blankenship, NCSC.
3. Mr. Carlos Jimenez Gomez, NCSC.
4. Mr. Bruce Curran, NCSC.
5. Ms. Joan Bishop, NCSC.
6. Mr. Dilawar Khan, President, CODE Pakistan.
7. Mr. Sardar Ali Raza, Consultant on Court Proceedings and Liaison, CODE Pakistan.
8. Mr. Mirvais Niaz, Senior Government Relations Consultant, CODE Pakistan.
9. Ms. Saba Imran, Programme Coordinator, CODE Pakistan.

After introductions, Mr. Dilawar Khan, President of CODE Pakistan, briefed the delegation and the panel from the Punjab Judicial Academy, headed by the

Acting Director General, Mr. Ashtar Abbas, about the project and its several components, including the Procurement and Case Management System. He further informed them that



the training program will be designed to train relevant judicial officers on the effective use of the Case Management System.



The Acting Director General of PJA briefed the delegation about the Academy's functions and programs, which are offered to trainee judicial officers. The Director (Research and Publications) then gave a presentation to the delegation to provide a better understanding of the Academy's operations. The delegation greatly

appreciated the efforts being made at PJA to train and impart knowledge to judicial officers.

The meeting was held in a cordial and conducive environment, and areas of mutual



interest were discussed. It was mutually agreed that the NCSC, CODE Pakistan and PJA would cooperate to pave the way for future collaborations. At the conclusion of the meeting, the delegation visited the PJA Academy premises, followed by a group photo.



Group Photo of the delegation from the National Centre for State Courts (NCSC) and CODE Pakistan with Acting DG, PJA and Directors/Faculty Members of PJA

37th Meeting of the Board of Management, PJA

The 37th Meeting of the Board of Management, Punjab Judicial Academy was convened under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Muhammad Ameer Bhatti, Chief Justice, Lahore High Court, Lahore/Chairperson, BoM, PJA on 23rd of August, 2023.

Mr. Ashtar Abbas, Acting Director General presented the Agenda Items, Mr. Irfan Ahmad Saeed, Registrar, LHC; Mr. Muhammad Tanvir Akber, District & Sessions Judge, Lahore; Secretary Law & Parliamentary Affairs, Government of the Punjab and other respected Members of the Board attended the meeting and deliberated upon the Agenda Items thoroughly.



Snapshots of 37th Meeting of the Board of Management, Punjab Judicial Academy



After the meeting, the Hon'ble Chief Justice LHC/Chairperson, BoM, PJA accompanied by the Members of the Board visited the premises of the Punjab Judicial Academy. The Acting Director General PJA, Mr. Ashtar Abbas briefed his lordship about the issues of the Academy. The Hon'ble Chairperson passed instructions to resolve these issues.



Snapshots of the PJA's visit after 37th Board Meeting of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Muhammad Ameer Bhatti, Chief Justice, Lahore High Court, Lahore/Chairperson, BoM, PJA with Honourable Members of BoM

Hon'ble Chief Justice, LHC/Chairperson, BoM, PJA Makes Key Visits to PJA

The Honourable Mr. Justice Muhammad Ameer Bhatti, Chief Justice LHC/Chairperson, Board of Management, Punjab Judicial Academy, visited the Punjab Judicial Academy on multiple occasions dated: 03.07.2023, 31.07.2023 and 01.08.2023 to address various matters concerning the Academy and inspect the progress of ongoing renovation projects. The Acting Director General, PJA, Mr. Ashtar Abbas, along with the Directors and Faculty Members, warmly welcomed the Honorable Chairperson, BoM, PJA.

His Lordship visited the PJA Mess, where the Acting Director General, Mr. Ashtar Abbas, briefed him on the progress of the under-construction area. The Honourable Chairperson subsequently issued instructions for the redesign of the Academy's Mess.

Snapshots of Visit dated 03.07.2023





Snapshots of Visit dated 31.07.2023



Photographs of Visit dated 01.08.2023





Snapshots of Visit dated 01.08.2023



Visit to under Construction Building of the Punjab Judicial Academy near Kala Shah Kaku

On September 28, 2023, Mr. Ashtar Abbas, Acting Director General of the Punjab Judicial Academy, accompanied by Mr. Saboor Ahmad Khan, Additional Director, and other Academy officials, visited the under-construction Punjab Judicial Academy building in Kala Shah Kaku to assess the progress of construction. The Superintending Engineer, Building Department, Government of the Punjab briefed the Acting Director General of PJA on the construction work that had been completed thus far. Following that, the Acting Director General of PJA inspected the already constructed and under construction buildings.

The Acting Director General identified a few issues that required immediate attention on-site and issued instructions to rectify the problems. He also directed that construction work be expedited and that the Building Department keep him informed of the progress.

Snapshots of KSK Visit dated 28.09.2023





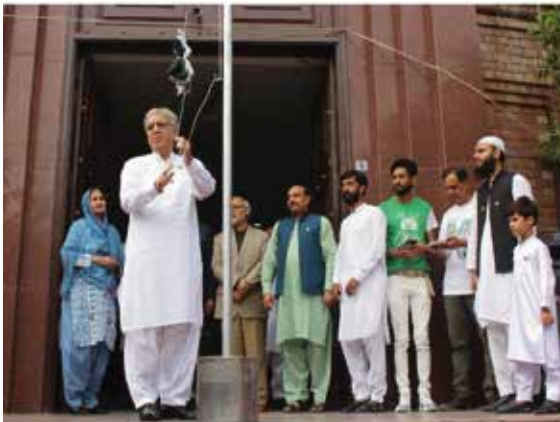
Snapshots of KSK Visit dated 28.09.2023



Celebration of 76th Independence Day

The Punjab Judicial Academy celebrated Pakistan's 76th Independence Day on 14th of August, 2023, with great enthusiasm and excitement. PJA's Building was decorated with lights. A Flag Hoisting Ceremony was held in the Academy. The Ceremony began with the recitation of the Holy Quran and singing of the Pakistani National Anthem. The Pakistani flag was hoisted by the Acting Director General, Mr. Ashtar Abbas, accompanied by Mr. Mansoor Ahmad Khan, Director Programs, Ms. Bushra Zaman, Director (Research & Publications) and Senior Officers & Officials of the Academy.

A cake-cutting ceremony was also held at the Academy. Mr. Ashtar Abbas, Mr. Mansoor Ahmad Khan and Ms. Bushra Zaman, cut the cake and paid a heartfelt tribute to the founding father, Mr. Muhammad Ali Jinnah., who took every possible step to make the dream of Allama Dr. Muhammad Iqbal a reality. The ceremony concluded with prayers for the prosperity and peace of the Country.





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