

# National Judicial Academy

P-1000: Annual National Seminar on Working of the Family Courts in India  
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No. of Participants : 35  
No. of forms received : 32

<b>I. OVERALL</b>				
<b>PROPOSITIONS</b>	<b>To a great extent</b>	<b>To some extent</b>	<b>Not at all</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
a. The objective of the Program was clear to me	<b>93.75</b>	<b>6.25</b>	-	-
b. The subject matter of the program is useful and relevant to my work	<b>87.50</b>	<b>12.50</b>	-	-
c. Overall, I got benefited from attending this program	<b>81.25</b>	<b>18.75</b>	-	-
d. I will use the new learning, skills, ideas and knowledge in my work	<b>83.87</b>	<b>16.13</b>	-	-
e. Adequate time and opportunity was provided to participants to share experiences	<b>81.25</b>	<b>18.75</b>	-	12. Whatever time was available, it was nice.
<b>II. KNOWLEDGE</b>				
<b>PROPOSITIONS</b>	<b>To a great extent</b>	<b>To some extent</b>	<b>Not at all</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
The program provided knowledge (or provided links / references to knowledge) which is:				
a. Useful to my work	<b>87.10</b>	<b>12.90</b>	-	-
b. Comprehensive (relevant case laws, national laws, leading text / articles / comments by jurists)	<b>67.74</b>	<b>32.26</b>	-	-
c. Up to date	<b>77.42</b>	<b>22.58</b>	-	-
d. Related to Constitutional Vision of Justice	<b>73.33</b>	<b>26.67</b>	-	-
e. Related to International Legal Norms	<b>51.72</b>	<b>44.83</b>	<b>3.45</b>	-

<b>III. STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAM</b>				
<b>PROPOSITIONS</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
a. The structure and sequence of the program was logical	<b>87.10</b>	<b>12.90</b>	-	-
b. The program was an adequate combination of the following methodologies viz.				
i. Group discussion cleared many doubts	<b>48.15</b>	<b>51.85</b>	-	
ii. Case studies were relevant	<b>59.26</b>	<b>40.74</b>	-	-
iii. Interactive sessions were fruitful	<b>73.33</b>	<b>26.67</b>	-	-
iv. Audio Visual Aids were beneficial	<b>59.26</b>	<b>37.04</b>	<b>3.70</b>	-
<i>( To be modified as per the sessions planned)</i>				
<b>IV. INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS</b>				
<b>PROPOSITIONS</b>	<b>To a great extent</b>	<b>To some extent</b>	<b>Not at all</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
a. Discussions in individual sessions were effectively organized	<b>64.52</b>	<b>35.48</b>	-	-
b. The session theme was adequately addressed by the Resource Persons	<b>79.17</b>	<b>20.83</b>	-	-
<b>V. PROGRAM MATERIALS</b>				
<b>PROPOSITIONS</b>	<b>To a great extent</b>	<b>To some extent</b>	<b>Not at all</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
a. The Program material is useful and relevant	<b>87.50</b>	<b>12.50</b>	-	-
b. The content was updated. It reflected recent case laws/ current thinking/ research/ policy in the discussed area	<b>83.87</b>	<b>16.13</b>	-	-
c. The content was organized and easy to follow	<b>90.32</b>	<b>9.68</b>	-	-

## VI. GENERAL SUGGESTIONS

<p>a. Three most important learning achievements of this Programme</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Dealing with the issue of custody of child -deciding best interest of the child.</li><li>2. How to deal with warring couple; matters to be looked into while dealing with custody of children; ADR method.</li><li>3. In ex-parte orders and judgments, the family court judge has to ensure that order be served upon the affected (other) party; 2. Proper intervention of family court judge initial proceedings; 3. Couple therapy</li><li>4. 1. Determination and best interests of the child vis-à-vis Law procedure; 2. Effective use of ADR mechanism in deciding Family dispute; 3. Role of couple therapy in resolving Family disputes.</li><li>5. Personal and judicial approach to resolve the disputes; How to heal the disputes rather than treating them.</li><li>6. Couple therapy was something new; Many new judgments were discussed.</li><li>7. Regarding Counselling; couple therapy and constitutional rights.</li><li>8. Hospitality fine; Arrangement fine; Knowledge of as a family judge very useful to me.</li><li>9. 1. Determination of best interest of the child; 2. Effective use of ADR method in resolving family dispute.</li><li>10. 1. Mediation; 2. Couple Therapy; 3. Judicious approach by family court in maintenance and divorce proceedings.</li><li>11. Had an opportunity to know the rich experience of Hon'ble Justice K. Kannan and Hon'ble Justice Prabha Sridevan; Came to know about couple therapy.</li><li>12. Interaction with other judges; Idea about case problem and future challenges.</li><li>13. 1. Interaction with judges from other parts of India; 2. Sensitization; 3. Came to know about the challenges in future.</li><li>14. 1. How to approach the couples and understanding their issues?; 2. To value the human; 3. Settlement of family issues does not mean always reunion but at times separation too.</li><li>15. Idealistic approach to problems, empathy; New approach to the cases.</li><li>16. 1. Technique of mediation; 2. Psychological assistance in matrimonial disputes; 3. Institution of family courts in foreign countries.</li><li>17. 1. Role of couple therapy discussion; 2. Effective use of ADR; 3. Constitutional rights in family court proceedings.</li></ol>
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	<p>18. 1. Better implementation of the Family Courts Act.; 2. How better to resolve the matrimonial disputes upholding the constitutional rights; 3. Care and custody with regard to the child.</p> <p>19. 1. Better use of ADR methods; 2. Make sincere attempt to resolve disputes &amp; heal the wounds; 3. Convey to fellow Judicial Officer who could not attend the programmes.</p> <p>20. Participant did not comment. 21. Participant did not comment. 22. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>23. 1. Tricks in mediation; 2. Psychotherapy (Couple therapy); 3. Effective counselling.</p> <p>24. 1. Changes of Ideas within us; 2. Latest position of Laws; 3. What is going on in the country in family matters?</p> <p>25. 1. New ideas &amp; views which are developing in the field of family related matrimonial disputes; 2. A new vision of going through the disputes; 3. Attitudinal changes of the post judge manning the Family Court.</p> <p>26. 1. Technologies to deal with family matters; 2. Sensitization regarding handling the family disputes.</p> <p>27. 1. Couple therapy techniques; 2. Understanding psychology of humans.</p> <p>28. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>29. Listening the parties in dispute, the factors to be contended at the time of deciding the custody of child.</p> <p>30. Change of idea with us. 31. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>32.1. Suggestions from experienced persons; 2. Mediation; 3. Psychology.</p>
<p>b. Which part of the Programme did you find most useful and why</p>	<p>1. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>2. Effective use of ADR method; since in the light of alarming rate of filing of cases without settlement one cannot manage the court properly.</p> <p>3. All the parts of the programme were very useful in day to day working of family court.</p> <p>4. Enhancing use of ADR mechanism in resolving Family disputes.</p> <p>5. Speech by psychologist was the most beneficial part of the training.</p> <p>6. All the programmes were useful.</p> <p>7. Role of Couple Therapy. It is very useful to resolve the family disputes.</p>

	<p>8. Conduct of judge; Behavior of judge with all parties; do justice for all family matters.</p> <p>9. Participant did not comment</p> <p>10. Mediation—because it saves valuable time of courts, saves money, parties, nation and trauma of more relative of both parties.</p> <p>11. All sessions are useful to some extent.</p> <p>12. Hon’ble Justice K. Kannan.</p> <p>13. The lectures &amp; overall talk of Hon’ble Justice K. Kannan was most useful.</p> <p>14. Session by Hon’ble Justice Prabha Sridevan and Ms. Padmaja Ramudu.</p> <p>15. All.</p> <p>16. Every part of the programme was useful.</p> <p>17. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>18. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>19. 1. Effective use of ADR methods; 2. I am using the above methods invariably in all cases.</p> <p>20. All the part of the programme most useful because it deals with our day to day work in Family Court.</p> <p>21. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>22. Have already tick.</p> <p>23. Effective use of ADR method in resolving family disputes.</p> <p>24. Satisfactory.</p> <p>25. Every part was very useful. I cannot single out one.</p> <p>26. The lecture given by Ms. Padmaja Ramudu about the couple therapy will help the family court judge to deal with the matter more effectively.</p> <p>27. Psychological discussion.</p> <p>28. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>29. Divorce and custody of child.</p> <p>30. Cleared doubt’s in seminar.</p> <p>31. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>32. Psychological Analysis.</p>
<p>c. Which part of the Programme did you find least useful and why</p>	<p>1. Participant did not comment</p> <p>2. Participant did not comment</p> <p>3. None</p> <p>4. Survey of Family Courts; Functioning in other jurisdictions.</p> <p>5. Other jurisdictions.</p> <p>6. Comparative study in other countries.</p> <p>7. Nothing</p> <p>8. All part of sessions be useful for conducting the family matter/ judge. Knowledge of all post, justice are good for me as family judge.</p>

	<p>9. Participant did not comment</p> <p>10. Participant did not comment</p> <p>11. None.</p> <p>15. Session 4: Survey of Family Courts Functioning in other Jurisdictions: Trends and Progress Made.</p> <p>16. Every part of the programme was useful.</p> <p>17. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>18. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>19. Nil</p> <p>20. None</p> <p>21. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>22. N.A.</p> <p>23. None</p> <p>24. Inter nation law position of family &amp; matrimonial laws.</p> <p>25. None</p> <p>26. Nil</p> <p>27. Mediation methodology as we are referral judges.</p> <p>28. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>29. ADR</p> <p>30. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>31. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>32. Study of family courts of other countries.</p>
<p>d. Kindly make any suggestions you may have on how NJA may serve you better and make its programmes more effective</p>	<p>1. Holding these types of seminars on the field of Law periodically.</p> <p>2. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>3. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>4. No more suggestions.</p> <p>5. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>6. 1. NJA should create a website where problems faced by the judges should be discussed; 2. Include “religious therapy” like psychological therapy in family disputes.</p> <p>7. To allow the participants with spouse; Group discussion; More time for interaction session.</p> <p>8. No suggestions; good programme. Invite me repeatedly for our knowledge and giving real justice.</p> <p>9. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>10. Keep fixed time to ask actual problems to PO and solve it. Discussion platform on NJA platform.</p> <p>11. Good.</p> <p>12. Participant did not comment.</p>

	<p>13. Kindly extend duration of programme for F.C. Judges. Just 1½ day is not sufficient for such a sensitive part of Justice Delivery System.</p> <p>14. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>15. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>16. Maintain the standard. All is well.</p> <p>17. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>18. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>19. Nil</p> <p>20. This programme is short one kindly spare more time for this type of programme.</p> <p>21. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>22. Good enough</p> <p>23. Nil</p> <p>24. All discussion should be recorded and anybody wants to see, he can access easily in you tube or otherwise.</p> <p>25. “Sorry Sir” – I find nothing to point out; Everything was outstanding.</p> <p>26. Regarding the execution of the order passed by family court. There should be a fund kept by the Govt. to help the person which is not able to provide maintenance to his wife &amp; children so as enable the women &amp; children to life with dignity &amp; to prevail them from destitution.</p> <p>27. Make a discussion forum on NJA portal having experts and judges on same platform.</p> <p>28. Programme schedule to the Communicate to the participant well in advance to make arrangement for Air reservation.</p> <p>29. No suggestion.</p> <p>30. Always serve better.</p> <p>31. Participant did not comment.</p> <p>32. Participant did not comment.</p>
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