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VISIT OF MR. JUSTICE IFTIKHAR MUHAMMAD CHAUDHRY, HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICE OF PAKISTAN/CHAIRMAN BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF FEDERAL JUDICIAL ACADEMY.

Nations always attain progress and prosperity through better management and better leadership

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE IFTIKHAR MUHAMMAD CHAUDHRY CHIEF JUSTICE OF PAKISTAN



Mr. Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry, Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan is on rostrum. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mian Shakirullah Jan, Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jillani, Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan are also present.

“The nations always attain progress and prosperity through better management and better leadership in all walks of life-the leadership which promotes practicality, innovativeness and high standards, because such leadership firmly believes that there is no other short cut to progress, prosperity and peace.”

His lordship expressed these views in the certificate-awarding ceremony of one week training course on “The role of District and Sessions Judge/Senior Civil Judge, as being Non Financial Managers in Financial Management and other New Laws” for newly promoted District and Sessions Judges/Senior Civil Judges from all over Pakistan including Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan, held in the Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad, on April 12, 2012.

About the judicial education and skill development, the Honorable Chief Justice of Pakistan said, “Judicial education and skill development are regarded as prioritized activities of the judicial academies for enhancing the quality and promoting standards of justice.

Judicial Academies are established as part of the judicial reform initiatives. In each country, judicial academies have tried to address both internal and external challenges faced by its judiciary. Indeed, they generate experiences and lessons which are of great significance. This premier judicial education institute of the country, the Federal Judicial Academy, is not lagging behind in this regard. Since, its genesis in 1988, this Academy has rendered a yeoman's service to the key

stakeholders of judicial system in imparting judicial and legal education and also intellectualizing and updating them with new trends and skills in the world of judiciary.”

Quoting the golden words of a globally acclaimed political economist and author Peter F. Drucker about management which read as, “Management is doing things right; leadership

is doing the right things”, his lordship said, “We should not and must not confuse bad management with destiny. Widespread poor management, mismanagement, non transparency and non accountability are considered as potential challenges to governance in any country.”

Regarding effective “Financial Management”, his lordship said, “Effective Financial management has become extremely important in the context of a changing socio-economic environment around the globe. It is of vital importance to any state organization. Supporting efficient and sustainable public financial management is fundamental to the promotion of economic development, good governance, social progress and a rising



Mr. Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry, Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan, addressing the audience.

standard of living for all Pakistanis. The Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan mandates the National Treasury to ensure transparency, accountability and sound financial controls in the management of public finances”.

Expressing optimism, his lordship said, “I am absolutely positive that with “Self Management” coupled with the “Court

Management”, “Case Management” and the “Knowledge Management”, the knowledge on “Financial Management” and on the “New laws” which you have acquired here in the Academy, all of you can make a big difference, provided that you apply that knowledge earnestly and share it with others in the field, once you are back to your respective duty stations. Indeed, together, we can make a difference, we can mitigate the miseries of the litigant public and also we can manage and control the wastage of financial and other resources in this country”.

“It is an axiomatic truth that continuing Judicial Education is one of the important means to develop judicial competence, enhance quality of justice and the performance of the courts. Judges must actively develop their new skills and they also must learn about the new laws and emerging trends in the judiciary in this globalized world in order to be more competent, thus ,the development of competence, in the case of a judge, must be a reward in itself,” his Lordship concluded.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry, gives away certificate to a course participant.

Earlier, Mr. Parvaiz Ali Chawla, DG of the Academy presented his welcome speech and an overview of the course. In the end, his Lordship gave away certificates to the course participants.



Participants of the course in a group photo with Hon'ble Mr. Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mian Shakirullah Jan, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani and faculty of the Academy.

Honorable Chief Justice of Egypt lauds Federal Judicial Academy's teaching methodology

Chief Justice of Egypt Honorable Mr. Justice Mohamed Hossam Eddin El-Gheriany, visited the Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad, on Monday April 02, 2012. Hon'ble Chief Justice, Federal Shariat Court, Mr. Justice Agha Rafiq Ahmad Khan and other Hon'ble Judges of the Federal Shariat Court also accompanied the visiting Egyptian delegation. The guests were received by Mr. Parvaiz Ali Chawla, Director General of the Academy and the faculty members.

The Director General of the Academy gave an extensive briefing about the genesis, teaching and training methodologies at the Academy, besides the mission and vision of the Academy and above all the keen interest of Honorable Chief Justice of Pakistan Mr. Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry, dedication and devotion of two Incharge Judges, including Honorable Mr. Justice Mian Shakirullah Jan, Judge In charge (Administration) and Honorable Mr. Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jillani, Judge In charge (Academics) to develop the Academy into a unique university of the country called "Federal



Chief Justice of Egypt, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohamed Hossam Eddin El-Gheriany, being received in the Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad.

University of Law and Judicial Administration." They were told that the construction work of Phase-II of the Academy was in full swing.

During his visit, Honorable Mr. Justice Al-Gheriany appreciated the teaching methodologies being used in the training and for intellectualization of the Judges at the Academy, the aims and objectives, mission and vision of the Academy, the collection of books and research journals at the FJALibrary.

Lauding the active role of FJA in imparting judicial education, the honorable Chief Justice of

Egypt placed a great emphasis on the point that the judicial academies in both the brotherly countries must benefit from each other's expertise, experience, skills, judicial wisdom and knowledge. DG of the Academy Mr. Parvaiz Ali Chawla presented Academy's shields to the Chief Justice of Egypt, Deputy Chief Justice and the accompanying Egyptian Ambassador to Pakistan.

On the occasion, the honorable Egyptian Chief Justice also presented a shield to the DG of the Academy.

Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Muhammad Ather Saeed exhorted the participant judges to hear the parties properly so that no one might go out



Director General of the Academy, presenting a shield to Mr. Justice Mohamed Hossam Eddin El-Gheriany, Hon'ble Chief Justice of Egypt.

from the court with this feeling that he was not heard in the court properly, adding, “It is always you who have to write a judgment, therefore, you must hear the parties properly.”

earned overwhelming respect and recognition around the world. You follow his leadership and play your part in the development of judiciary”, he emphasized.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Muhammad Ather Saeed advises trainee judges to hear parties patiently

Hon'ble Judge of the Apex Court was addressing the newly promoted District and Sessions Judges/ Senior Civil Judges from all over Pakistan including Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan in the inaugural ceremony of one week refresher course on “The Role of District and Sessions Judge/ Senior Civil Judge being Non Financial Managers in Financial Management and other New Laws” at the Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad, on Monday. (9.4.2012)

He opined that the art of judgment writing and the conduct of court were two important aspects and the judges should focus on both these aspects.

He said that the judges of district judiciary should be kept abreast of contemporary changes and developments in the law, new skills and trends.

“Keep yourself abreast with the latest decisions of the Supreme Court. Perhaps, you will not be able to write judgments properly, if you are not abreast with the latest decisions and judgments. Above all, you must try to learn the basics such as how to conduct and act like a judge in the court,” he maintained.

The Honorable Judge said that the judiciary had been completely transformed under the dynamic leadership of Mr. Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry, Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan.

“You have to follow his leadership, whose courage and vision has not only achieved the independence of judiciary, respect in the eyes of the masses, the legal fraternity but also he has



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ather Saeed, addressing the course participants.

About the future of the judiciary he said, “It is in your hands and hope you will make efforts to keep it bright. You will not succumb to any pressure. You will not be prejudiced to anyone”.

He lauded the initiative of the Academy to conduct the course on “Financial Management and New Laws” for the judges of District judiciary, “It is very important aspect and this Academy has felt the need to educate the judges on this significant aspect. This orientation will educate you how finance books should be maintained,” he concluded.

Earlier, Mr. Parvaiz Ali Chawla, DG of the Academy presented his welcome speech and a detailed profile of the honorable chief guest.

“Let us have but one end in view, the welfare of humanity; and let us put aside all selfishness in consideration of language, nationality, or religion.”

– **Jhon Comenius**
(1592-1670)



Participants of the course in a group photo with Hon'ble Mr. Justice Muhammad Ather Saeed and faculty of the Academy.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mian Saqib Nisar urges district judiciary for speedy justice

He expressed these views in the inaugural ceremony of one-week refresher course on, "Communication Skills" for Additional District and Sessions Judges from all over Pakistan including Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan at the Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad, on Monday (23.4.2012).

Lamenting about huge backlogs of pending cases in the district courts, the Honorable Judge said, "It pains me to say that litigation in civil courts is infamous for its slow movement but sometimes even criminal cases take an incredibly long time to conclude."

Advising the participants, Honorable Judge said, "Promote reading habits; read good books, both, about your own subject of law and also about social sciences. Good reading habits are a source of knowledge and learning. I would like to advise you to establish some sort of library in your own home. Purchase at least one book from your own pocket, per month. Start



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mian Saqib Nisar addressing the course participants.

developing reading habit and make yourself a true book lover. I assure you that the habit of book reading will enhance your knowledge and wisdom, that will help you in your professional life."

Appreciating the course contents, the Honorable Judge, also threw light on the subject and said that it was crucial for the judges of district judiciary to develop communication skills for

effective administration of justice.

Earlier, Mr. Parvaiz Ali Chawla, DG of the Academy presented his welcome speech and shed light on the importance of the course and asked the participants to benefit from the wisdom and knowledge of the learned resource persons.

Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan, Honorable Mr. Justice Mian Saqib Nisar said that the improved skills of the judiciary in Case Flow Management and Communication Skills, coupled with proper knowledge of law and other relevant subjects would help to provide speedy justice to the poor, needy and vulnerable.



Participants of the course in a group photo with Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mian Saqib Nisar and faculty of the Academy.

“Life moves on, whether we act as cowards or heroes. Life has no other discipline to impose, if we would but realize it, than to accept life unquestioningly. Everything we shut our eyes to, everything we run away from, everything we deny, denigrate or despise, serves to defeat us in the end. What seems nasty, painful, evil, can become a source of beauty, joy, and strength, if faced with an open mind.

Every moment is a golden one for him who has the vision to recognize it as such.”

– Henry Miller

Judges communicate through Judgments

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Amir Hani Muslim

Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Amir Hani Muslim said that the judges should dispose of the court work promptly.

Hon'ble Judge of the Apex Court expressed these views while addressing the participants of one-week refresher course on "Communication Skills" for Additional District and Sessions Judges from all over Pakistan including Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan, in the certificate awarding ceremony at the Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad, on Thursday (26.4.2012).



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Amir Hani Muslim addressing the course participants.

About the content of the course he opined, "Judges do not need such communications as those are required in advocacy and in other professions. Judges always communicate through their judgments; however, they need to work hard so that they write quality judgments and the number of cases should not damage their quality of work".

He further said, "There is no substitute for hard work and it is hard work which brings success. I would, therefore, like to advise you to work hard in your field and administer speedy justice to the litigant public."

He also advised the participants to always adhere to cardinal virtues of justice and realize the agonies of the litigants.

Earlier, Mr. Khalid Amin Khan Tareen, Acting Director General, Federal Judicial Academy, presented an overview of the course and a detailed profile of the honorable chief guest.



Participants of the course in a group photo with Hon'ble Mr. Justice Amir Hani Muslim and faculty of the Academy.

One learns more from experience than books

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tariq Parvez

“Naturally one learns more from his experience than from the books “but you judges should always keep a book in front of you”.

Mr. Justice Tariq Parvez, Hon'ble Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan, expressed these views while addressing the participants of one- week refresher course on “Criminal Trial and Appreciation of Evidence” for Additional District and Sessions Judges from all over Pakistan including Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan, in the inaugural ceremony at the Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad, on Monday (21.5.2012)



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tariq Parvez, addressing the course participants.

He said that it was the job of a judge to listen to the parties patiently and then decide the case as per law.

“Judges should be patient and courteous to litigants and others in the court. They should hear all proceedings with patience. If they hear with patience, they will understand the case at first instance and they will not face any difficulty to decide the case as per law and the cases will not accumulate,” he maintained.

He emphasized, “Judges should be faithful to their duty and maintain professional competence. They should be un swayed by partisan interests, public clamor, or fear of criticism. They should not indulge in speculations. If judges are going to indulge in speculations, then, they will lose the track of justice.”

About the content of the course, he opined, “It is well conceived and well designed training course. The participants should focus on the lectures and try to learn from the learned resource persons.”

Earlier, Mr. Parvaiz Ali Chawla, Director General, Federal Judicial Academy, presented an overview of the course and a detailed profile of the honorable chief guest.



Participants of the course in a group photo with Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tariq Parvez and faculty of the Academy.

Utmost importance is given to the training of young judges

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mian Shakirullah Jan

Senior puisne Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mian Shakirullah Jan said that utmost importance was given to the training of young judicial officers because they were the future judges of our superior judiciary including the High Courts and the Supreme Court.

Hon'ble Judge of the Apex Court expressed these views in a certificate awarding ceremony on the conclusion of a one week orientation course on "Criminal Trial and Appreciation of Evidence" for Civil Judges cum Judicial Magistrates from all over Pakistan including Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan, at the Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad, on Saturday. (26.5.2012)

He said, "Whenever any training course is held at the Academy, it is inaugurated by an honorable judge of the Supreme Court, similarly another Hon'ble Judge of the Supreme Court attends the certificate awarding ceremony on the conclusion of the course.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mian Shakirullah Jan, addressing the course participants.

Again during the Academy Night, an honorable Judge of the Supreme Court shares his experience and exchange views with the course participants in a congenial and friendly atmosphere. You can well imagine that how much importance is accorded to the training of young judges. Our efforts are continued to improve the training courses at the Academy. You can help us to formulate such courses in future. You will have to give us your intellectual input in this regard."

About the much desired varsity called the "Federal University of Law and Judicial Administration" (FULJA), he said, "This University will provide a good opportunity to young judges and others to continue

their education in the field of law and obtain degrees such as L.L.M and Ph. D".

Calling the District Judiciary as the "Backbone of the Judiciary" he said, "More than 80 percent of the cases come to the district judiciary and only 20 percent of the cases reach the superior courts, hence, the district judiciary plays very important role in the hierarchy. It is your conduct only, which builds the image of our judiciary as a whole."

He urged the judicial officers to communicate their problems/ difficulties being faced by them in the field so that those problems might be placed before the National Judicial (Policy Making) Committee for consideration.

Earlier, Mr. Parvaiz Ali Chawla, DG of the Academy presented his welcome speech and an overview of the course.

"People become really quite remarkable when they start thinking that they can do things. When they believe in themselves they have the first secret of success."

– Norman Vincent Peale



Participants of the course in a group photo with Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mian Shakirullah Jan and faculty of the Academy.

Law Officers asked to take their responsibilities seriously

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Khilji Arif Hussain

Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Khilji Arif Hussain urged the District Attorneys to take their professional responsibilities seriously "On the Day of Judgment you will be asked about your responsibilities and not about the others responsibilities. You should always remain honest," he emphasized.

Hon'ble Judge of the Apex Court expressed these views in the inaugural ceremony of one week course on "District Attorneys and Management of Civil Cases" for Attorneys/ Deputy District Attorneys



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Khilji Arif Hussain, addressing the course participants.

from all over Pakistan including Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan, at the Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad, on Monday. (28.5.2012)

Shedding light on the reason why decisions were made in the civil cases against the Government

including the Public Sector Organizations, he pointed out that the Law Officers including the District Attorneys/ Deputy District Attorneys were not given proper instructions and assistance in the cases as senior officers in the public sector organizations took it lightly and they often depute a lower grade officer to brief the District Attorney/ Deputy District Attorney.. "Whatever may be the circumstances and situation, you have to work with devotion, dedication and professional honesty," he advised the trainee Attorneys.

Earlier, DG of the Academy, Mr. Parvaiz Ali Chawla presented his welcome speech and a detailed profile of the honorable chief guest.



Participants of the course in a group photo with Hon'ble Mr. Justice Khilji Arif Hussain and faculty of the Academy.

Attorney's role essential in dispensation of justice

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tariq Parvez

Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tariq Parvez said that there was no end to learning and learning through interaction was more effective than learning through lecturing.

Hon'ble Judge of the Apex Court expressed these views in the certificate awarding ceremony on the conclusion of one week course on “ District Attorneys and Management of Civil Cases” for Attorneys/ Deputy District Attorneys from all over Pakistan including Azad Jammu and



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tariq Parvez, addressing the course participants.

Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan, at the Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad, on Friday. (1.6.2012)

Speaking about the utility of the training course he opined, “This course designed by the Academy

would have definitely enhanced your knowledge, that would be very helpful to you in your professional work.”

Regarding the role of Attorney In the dispensation of justice, the honorable Judge said that the relationship of Bench and Bar was proverbially described as the two wheels of the chariot of justice so in that perspective a question arose that what was the role of Attorneys. Answering this question he explained, “In my opinion the Attorney's role is as essential as a third

wheel for a rickshaw, for its smooth running.”

Advising the Attorneys, the honorable Judge said, “There is a common complaint that the public pleaders usually do not take interest in their professional assignments. Once you have adopted this profession, then, you must work with honesty or better quit it. I am here to advise you to work with honesty and devotion and wash out that impression that the public pleaders do not take interest in their work.”

Earlier, Mr. Parvaiz Ali Chawla, DG of the Academy presented an overview of the training course and a detailed profile of the honorable chief guest.



Participants of the course in a group photo with Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tariq Parvez and faculty of the Academy.

A Judge's job is to give decision as per Law

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jawwad S. Khawaja

Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jawwad S. Khawaja said that the judges always did their work well and gave decisions as per law.

Hon'ble Judge of the Apex Court expressed these views in the inaugural ceremony of one week course on “Management of Family cases inclusive of two days workshop on challenges being faced by the female judges” from all over Pakistan including Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan, at the Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad, on Monday. (11.6.2012)

Speaking about the utility of the training course he said that such courses would provide lady judges an opportunity to share their knowledge and experience with one another.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jawwad S. Khawaja, addressing the course participants.

“Since you are family judges, hence, you need to make every possible effort for reconciliation and amicable settlement between the parties so as to save the institution of family from disintegration, which leaves adverse impact on the society,” he concluded.

On the occasion, he also gave a topic titled, “1) What in your opinion are two most frequently faced difficulties which female litigants face in our court system? II) What would be your suggestions for removing or reducing such difficulties?” to the participants for Essay Competition among them as per practice in the Academy for each training course.

Earlier, DG of the Academy presented his welcome speech and profile of the honorable chief guest.



Participants of the course in a group photo with Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tariq Parvez and faculty of the Academy.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Muhammad Azam Khan urges Family Judges to decide cases of child custody expeditiously

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Muhammad Azam Khan, Chief Justice Azad Jammu and Kashmir, urged the Family Court Judges to decide the cases of child custody expeditiously saying, “Put yourself in the place of a victim and then you can feel the agonies of the litigants.”

He expressed these views in the certificate awarding ceremony on the conclusion of one week course on “Management of Family cases inclusive of two days workshop on challenges being faced by the female judges” from all over Pakistan including Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan, at the Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad, on Saturday. (16.6.2012)



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Muhammad Azam Khan, addressing the course participants.

About the working of female judges in the judicial profession he opined, “During one meeting which was held at Peshawar in which Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan was in the chair, it was a common consensus among all the participants that the lady judges deliver better than their male colleagues.”

About the problems being faced by the female judges in the courts he said, “Working with determination, with an ability to deal with the court work and also the lawyers, you will be able to overcome many problems.”

Earlier, DG of the Academy Mr. Parvaiz Ali Chawla presented his welcome speech, an overview of the course and a detailed profile of the honorable chief guest.



Participants of the course in a group photo with Hon'ble Mr. Justice Azam Khan and faculty of the Academy.

Administration of justice creates balance in the society Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ejaz Afzal Khan

Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ejaz Afzal Khan said that judicial officers were some sort of engine which created balance in the society, saying, “Your wrong or unfair decisions bring imbalance, doom and destruction in the society.”

Hon'ble Judge of the Apex Court expressed these views in the inaugural ceremony of one week course on “Various Subjects inclusive of National Judicial Policy and Role of District and Sessions Judges being Non Financial Managers in Financial Management” for twenty District and Sessions Judges from all over Pakistan including Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan, at the Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad, on Monday. (25.6.2012)



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ejaz Afzal Khan, addressing the course participants.

About importance and scope of Judgeship, the honorable Judge said, “The seat we occupy, the job we do, is, indeed, job of God and that of the Holy Prophets and those judges who compromise their integrity, they will be debased and degraded in this world also.”

“The Holy Quran and the teachings of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) teach us, never to compromise our integrity,” he elucidated.

Regarding the enforcement of Rule of Law and administration of justice he said, “The enforcement of rule of law and administration of justice, if you do it fairly and honestly, is such a task that would brighten your image. But those who do it otherwise will not escape the nemesis. They have to suffer, both, in this life and in the life hereafter.”

About the importance of learning he quoted the last Prophet of Islam Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W), “Rabbi Zidni Ilma” (Oh My Lord, Increase My Knowledge).” This Quranic verse, the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) recited till his last breath and that speaks of importance of acquiring knowledge.

Earlier, DG of the Academy, Mr. Parvaiz Ali Chawal, presented his welcome speech and read out the profile of the honorable chief guest.



Participants of the course in a group photo with Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ejaz Afzal Khan and faculty of the Academy.

Humbleness decorates a Judge

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tariq Parvez

Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tariq Parvez said that every judge must be humble because humbleness decorates a judge.

Hon'ble Judge of the Apex Court expressed these views in the certificate



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tariq Parvez, addressing the course participants.

awarding ceremony on the conclusion of one week course on “Various Subjects inclusive National Judicial Policy and Role of District and Sessions Judge being Non Financial Managers in Financial Management” for twenty District and Sessions Judges

from all over Pakistan including Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan, at the Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad, on Friday (29. 6.2012).

He asked the heads of district judiciary to be humble with the litigant public and others saying, “Humbleness should be our decoration. Integrity, knowledge and honesty should be our characteristics.”

“As human beings we all should be humble and as judges we must be patient, attentive and God fearing,” he elaborated.

Regarding speedy disposal of cases he said, “Whenever any case comes or a litigant appears before you, treat him like a patient who goes to the doctor for a proper treatment. You have to behave like a doctor. You know very well that any delay in the treatment on the part of a doctor can cause the patient a huge loss; it is also in your case. Always take the litigants as your dear and near ones.”

About the National Judicial Policy, he said that the main reason and the objective behind this policy were to provide relief to the public as early as possible.

He urged the District and Sessions Judges to pass on their knowledge to the young judicial officers, “Since all of you are senior and experienced people and well versed with judicial knowledge and here also you would have benefited a lot from your colleague's knowledge and experience during interaction with one another and also with the learned resource persons because all of you come from different backgrounds and culture and from different parts of the country, therefore, I would ask all of you to transfer this knowledge and information to your junior judges as they should also be benefited with this knowledge and experience,” he emphasized.

Earlier, DG of the Academy presented an overview of the course and a detailed profile of the honorable chief guest.



Participants of the course in a group photo with Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tariq Parvez and faculty of the Academy.

POSITION HOLDERS

Ms Ena Junejo, Civil Judge / Judicial Magistrate, Karachi (Central), secured first position in the essay competition on the topics;

- i. What in your opinion are the two most frequently faced difficulties which female litigants face in our court system?
- ii. What would be your suggestions for removing or reducing such difficulties?

Whereas Ms. Nadia Ikram Malik, Judge Family Court Rawalpindi, clinched the second position, during the one week orientation course on "Management of Family Cases inclusive of two day workshop on challenges being faced by the Female Judges" for female judges of the family courts from all over Pakistan including Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan (11th to 16th June, 2012). Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jawwad S. Khawaja, Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan, gave the topic and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anwar Zaheer Jamali, Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan, evaluated the intellectual output of the learned participants.

- i. **What in your opinion are the two most frequently faced difficulties which female litigants face in our court system?**
- ii. **What would be your suggestions for removing or reducing such difficulties?**

By:

Ms Ena Junejo,
Civil Judge/Judicial Magistrate,
Karachi (Central).



Woman and her status in every society has always been a vital subject of consideration among various scholars, intellects, gender activists and common public. In a country like Pakistan where despite severe efforts since many years women are still subjected to systemic gender subordination and her status largely varies from area, clan, family and society to which she belongs and that leaves a profound impact and influence on her life.

Woman in every walk of life has to face innumerable hardships and hurdles in proving herself. She is resisted, oppressed, coerced, intimidated, harassed, molested and even killed whenever she raises her voice or opens her mouth and speak about her rights which are given to her not only by the law of the country but also by Holy Quran and Sunnah. Here, the question arises that if ALLAH who has the Supreme Authority and has stressed similar religious duties and obligations for both the sexes i.e.:-

- a. Belief in ALLAH and His Messenger
- b. Praying
- c. Fasting
- d. Paying Zakat (Charity)
- e. Hajj.

Then why in a day to day life she has to confront with discrimination, biased attitude and male chauvinism, whether it is a petty domestic issue of food distribution or severe and serious issue of raising voice against the violation of her rights.

When women step out of their homes in expectation of provision of justice from the court of law, seeking security and redressal of their grievance even there also they are overburdened with difficulties. Litigants specially female litigants have always been an object of exploitation for those who are meant to protect them and extend justice in accordance with law.

It is undeniable that at present women litigants undergo extreme hardships and challenges when they appear before the courts of law. My consideration towards the topic is two fold and have given prominence to two serious issues with regard to female litigants and will strive to highlight and suggest reasonable solutions to address these problems.

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1. IGNORANCE OF LAW AND SYSTEM

It is unfortunate that 90% of women are unaware of their rights and laws which are formulated and enunciated for their protection, this is the main reason that lead them to erroneous path.

The most common appearances of female litigants are due to suits filed for dissolution of marriage. The environment of the courts is not decent enough for women and especially when she is not aware of the system and ill practices prevailing in the courts. They are misled and used by their own pleaders who instead of making efforts to reconcile the couple entice the women to further aggravate the differences between them.

In most of the families it is a sign of dishonor and shame if the woman from their family appears in the court. A famous case of Samia Sawar who was murdered in her lawyer's office on 6th April 1999 by a hitman hired by her family. She was seeking divorce from her estranged and abusive husband but this act of her was dishonorable for her family. Samia's Lawyer was charged for her murder and Hina Jillani and Asma Jehangir who were supporting her, they faced serious difficulties and threats for misleading women and contributing to country's bad image abroad.

It is not just one case but this practice is very common in rural areas where it is next to impossible for a female to appear in the court and fight for her right against some of the most evil and humiliating practices of our society such as

Child marriage	Foot binding
Watta Satta	Forced prostitution
Honour killing (Karo Kari)	Trafficking
Marriage to Quran	Marital rape
Acid throwing	Murder of pregnant women
Breast Ironing	Rape
Bride burning	Sati
Dating violence	Sexual slavery
Dowry death	Sexual violence
Female genital mutilation	Domestic violence.

It is largely due to unawareness and ignorance of law and even if she dares to take a step for protection of her rights out of sheer desperation and fear, she seeks shelter from those who are the protectors of her dignity and rights, though it is sad but true, that she enters into the world of indifferent people and experience skepticism and biased attitude against women's complaints of violence which are common among the Prosecutors, Police Officer and Medico-Legal Officers in Pakistan which results in:

- Delays
- Mishandling
- Misleading
- Inadequate/improper investigation & Abuse

(B)

SUGGESTIONS:

1. Formulation of programs to introduce awareness in female litigants regarding their legal rights particularly in rural areas.

2. Establishment of common room for female litigants to avoid eve teasing, touching and abuse by staff, advocates or other officers.
3. Adequate protection to female litigants who have security concerns inside and outside the courts.
4. Hiring of female staff specially in family courts.
5. Serious and stern actions should be taken against the officials who mistreat women litigants.
6. A separate committee should be formed for female litigants for providing guidance in engaging the pleaders.

(A) ISSUE OF PRE-TRIALS, POST-TRIALS AND MEETINGS IN COURT:

The second issue is mainly related to my present city of posting which is Karachi. The issue that I have witnessed during my practice as an Advocate and now as a Judicial Officer is lack of proper meeting place or room for spouses and children. There is no concept of privacy of female litigants in pre and post trial proceedings because of lack of space.

Female litigants whether major or minor experience serious discomfort in such an environment where Police Officers and prisoners are roaming freely in courts which does not leave a healthy impression on their minds specially in the case of minors. Though there is a renowned and reputable centre at Karachi named as KCDR, a Center for Dispute Resolution whose Chairman is Zafar Ahmed Khan Sherwani, which has the facility of such a peaceful and private environment which is the foremost priority of the parties but that again is meant for certain class of people because of high charges the counselors claim for each meeting which is surely unaffordable and out of question for poor people. Courts are their only hope where there is inadequacy of space and it is the requisite for a female litigant to have that level of comfort in the court where she can discuss her personal problems openly and it would be convenient for the Presiding Officer as well to comprehend the main bone of contention between the parties.

Due to lack of space and privacy, peeping and teasing of staff is common problem that female litigants face because the chambers are mostly partitioned into office and chamber by placement of cupboards.

A healthy and complete family is a requirement of a better functioning of society that is the reason why so much importance is attached to the reconciliation proceedings.

Object of S. 10 is to bring about reconciliation between the spouses and to keep the family unit intact and save the parties from ordeal of future litigation (2002 SD 214)

(B) SOLUTIONS:

1. Infrastructure should be revised specially to facilitate female litigants.
2. Segregation of the courts should be done in such a way that Judicial Magistrate should not be allowed to entertain family matters because of the presence of Police Officers and prisoners in the court rooms that may leave a negative impact in the minds of minor and major female litigants.
3. A separate room with all the basic facilities should be made inside or outside the courts for such proceedings.

IN & AROUND

- **Mr. Parvaiz Ali Chawla, DG, FJA** was invited to participate in the 24th annual dinner of Punjab Law College, Lahore, at Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore, on 23rd of June 2012.
- **Mr. Parvaiz Ali Chawla, DG, FJA** attended the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute (CJEDI) Biennial Meeting held at Seychelles from 24th to 27th April, 2012. DG presented his paper on the topic, "Problems and Solutions in establishing and running Commonwealth Judicial Education bodies including measuring program impact" in the conference there.

