

THREE-DAY TRAINING PROGRAM ON INVESTIGATION, MEDICO-LEGAL EXAMINATION, AND FORENSIC EVIDENCE IN GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE CASES (BATCH-01 FROM 23-25 JANUARY 2024)



Background Context

❖ Ensuring global safety from organized crime, drugs, and terrorism is an ongoing imperative. The state plays a crucial role in crime prevention and violence reduction, with a specific emphasis on safeguarding vulnerable and marginalized groups such as women, girls, children, and transgender individuals. The collaborative efforts of the Sindh Judicial Academy and UNODC are geared towards bolstering the technical and operational capabilities of Criminal Justice Institutions and Law Enforcement Agencies. This involves providing comprehensive training, aiding in policy formulation, and offering material and infrastructure support to enhance their effectiveness.

Brief Introduction to Training

❖ The Sindh Judicial Academy, in partnership with UNODC, has devised a set of capacity-building initiatives to enhance skills among Police, Prosecution, Judiciary, and Medico-legal Officers in Karachi. The primary objective is to uphold and safeguard the rights of women, girls, children, and transgender individuals. The following are the details:

Batch	Dates
01	23 – 25 January 2024
02	30 January – 01 February 2024
03	13 – 15 February 2024
04	20 – 22 February 2024
05	27 – 29 February 2024

❖ The First Batch, 23 – 25 January 2024, was attended by 19 participants (05 Advocates, 12 Investigation Officers, and 02 Medico-Legal Officers).

Salient Proceedings

❖ In the Inaugural Session, **Mr. Baitullah Khan** (National Program Manager-Police, UNODC) supervised the registration and attendance of participants and the recitation of the Holy Quran. He also welcomed the participants and provided an introduction to the training program.

❖ An Ice-Breaker Activity, Group Norms, and Pre-Training Assessment were conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** (District & Sessions Judge/Senior Faculty Member, Sindh Judicial Academy) and **Ms. Khadija Ali** (Advocate/Legal Consultant).

❖ The following topics were covered:

- Gender as a Sociological Construct
- Gender as Opposed to Sex
- Simulation: What is Gender?
- What is GBV?
- Simulation: What Perpetuates GBV?
- Group Presentations: What Perpetuates GBV?
- International and National Human Rights Framework
- Defining Transgender Persons under the Law
- Understanding Key Terms and Concepts
- Recent Legislative Developments for GBV Cases
- Investigation in GBV cases, including sexual violence cases
- Simulation: Group Work
- Medical Examination in GBV Cases
- Legal Provisions for MLOs in GBV cases
- WHO Guidelines and Legal Framework in Pakistan

- Forensic Evidence and Protocols in GBV Cases
- Understanding Forensic Reports
- Survivor-Centric Communication Skills
- Simulation: Role-Play
- Simulation: Case-Studies on GBV
- Group Presentation and Discussion
- Role of Medical Officer while appearing in Court

❖ The following speakers shared their valuable knowledge and experience:

- **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** (DSJ / SFM, SJA)



- **Ms. Khadija Ali** (Advocate / Legal Consultant)



- **Dr. Summaiya S. Tariq** (Police Surgeon, Karachi)



- **Mx. Kami Sid** (Executive Director, Subrang Society)



Conclusion

❖ The training on investigation, medico-legal examination, and forensic evidence in gender-based violence cases was crucial for the participants involved in handling such cases. The training not only improved their skills and knowledge but also contributed to

better outcomes for survivors and the pursuit of justice.

❖ A Post-Training Assessment was conducted and participants were awarded certificates.

