

One-Week Training Program on Human Rights for Newly Appointed Civil Judges & Judicial Magistrates (17 - 22 JULY 2023)



❖ To foster a just and peaceful society devoid of violence and extremism, the Sindh Judicial Academy collaborated with the Sindh Human Rights Commission (SHRC) to organize a series of training programs to safeguard and promote human rights in the Sindh province and to protect individual rights outlined in the Pakistani Constitution and under the Sindh Protection of Human Rights Act, 2011.

❖ This “One-Week Training Program on Human Rights for Newly Appointed Civil Judges & Judicial Magistrates” continued from 17 - 22 July 2023 at Sindh Judicial Academy.

Salient Proceedings

❖ After the recitation of selected verses from The Holy Quran, **Mr. Iqbal Detho** (Chairman, of the Sindh Human Rights Commission) delivered a welcome address. He provided an overview of the Code of Conduct/SOPs and introduced the training contents.



❖ **Mr. Detho** delivered a presentation on the subjects of “Understanding Human Rights and Fundamental Rights as Guaranteed under the Constitution of Pakistan.” In another session, he delved into the realm of “UN

Conventions & Monitoring Mechanisms.” Within this domain, he provided valuable perspectives and explored subsequent subjects.

❖ **Br. Rida Tahir** (Advocate High Court of Sindh) delivered a presentation on “Gender Mainstreaming.” She explained the problem context, legislation, and future policy options.



She also explored “Implementation of the International Human Rights Treaties” in another session.

❖ **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** (DSJ/SFM, SJA). He talked on the subject of “Role and Responsibility of the Justice Sector Stakeholders viz. Police, Prosecution and Judiciary.”



He also discussed “Recording evidence electronically and protection of victim and witness.”

❖ **Mr. Shafiq, Mr. Detho, and Br. Tahir** in a joint session explained the following subjects and their relational topics:

- Elements of Juvenile Justice Administration & JJSA

- Terms and Concepts of Juvenile Justice
- The International Instruments Relevant to Juvenile Justice Administration
- Child Marriage Case Laws
- Introduction to Diversion and Restorative Justice

❖ **Dr. Arif Rajput** (Additional District & Sessions Judge) delivered a presentation on “The Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016” and unfolded the subject by discussing the subsequent topics.



In another session, **Dr. Rajput** discussed the “Importance of Forensic Evidence and How to Interpret Forensic Reports?” He also shared his knowledge on “The Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016, and important case laws.”

In a jointly conducted session by **Mr. Iqbal Detho** and **Br. Rida Tahir**, “Child Rights Framework Gaps Between Legislation & Effective Implementation” and “Protection Against Harassment of Women at the Workplace” were discussed.



❖ The participants were also enlightened about “Bonded Labor Terms”, “Orientation on Bonded labor issues and laws”, and the “Difference between Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants.”

❖ **Ms. Sadaf Asif** (District & Sessions Judge) delivered a presentation on “The Anti Rape (Investigation and Trial) Act, 2021.” She discussed the objectives and tools of the Act. She also discussed the hurdles in achieving the benefit result of the Act.



❖ **Ms. Surkhab-un-Nisa** (Civil Judge & Judicial Magistrate) in a session, elaborated on “The Anti



Rape (Investigation and Trial) Act, 2021).”

Conclusion

❖ This training program covered various legal aspects, including human rights comprehension, state responsibilities, constitutional provisions, and laws like the Juvenile Justice System Act, 2018, Sindh Child Marriage Restraint Act, 2013, Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016, Sindh Bonded Labor System (Abolition) Act, 2015, Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Act, 2013, The Protection against Harassment of Women at the Workplace Act, 2010, and the implementation procedures of international human rights treaties.

❖ At the end of the training, participants were awarded Certificates.

