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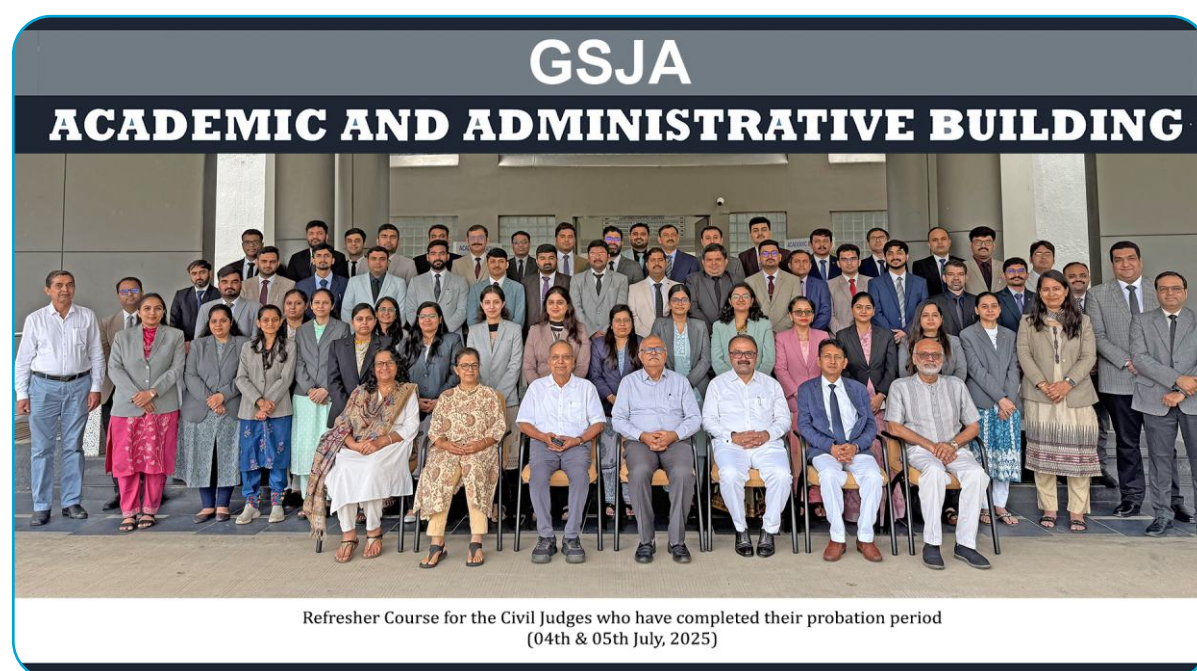
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**Nurturing Excellence
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Refresher Course for the Civil Judges who have completed their probation period (04th – 05th July 2025)

The Gujarat State Judicial Academy conducted a two-day refresher programme designed to facilitate a smooth understanding of the new Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) examining structural innovations, specifically statutory timelines, revised definitions, and digital tools for case management. The academic discourse included practical segments on bail provisions under the BNSS, and the appreciation of evidence with a focus on forensic timelines. The day concluded with a critical discussion on presumptions under the Negotiable Instruments Act and practical case scenarios.



Next day session started with Vipassana conducted by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhargav D. Karia (Judge, High Court of Gujarat and President, GSJA) and Hon'ble Mr. Justice U. T. Desai (Judge, High Court of Gujarat), emphasizing the importance of mental clarity in judicial functioning. The subsequent civil law sessions covered procedural aspects of the CPC (Part I & II), the Specific Relief Act, 1963 (as amended), and Law of Tort, integrating case studies on negligence and medical mishaps.



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The Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 and the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (along with the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Rules, 2006) (17th – 18th July 2025)

The Gujarat State Judicial Academy organized a two-day workshop aimed at enhancing judicial proficiency in handling the procedural nuances of domestic violence cases and the technical complexities of cheque dishonor matters.

The Programme began with comprehensive sessions on the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005. Academy Resource Persons and the Faculty guided participants through the complete trajectory of a case—from filing to disposal—highlighting the role of Protection Officers, enforcement of orders (Sections 18–22), and recent judicial pronouncements. The focus then shifted to the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, where Faculty members addressed critical issues regarding the filing of complaints against individuals and companies (Section 141), delay condonation, and jurisdiction under Section 142A.



The next day session commenced with a Yoga session and morning prayer, followed by a special session on Vipassana (Meditation) conducted by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhargav D. Karia (Judge, High Court of Gujarat and President, GSJA) and Hon'ble Mr. Justice U. T. Desai (Judge, High Court of Gujarat), emphasizing its relevance in maintaining a balanced judicial temperament.

The subsequent technical sessions, led by Academy Resource Persons, delved into the core of the N.I. Act, analyzing presumptions under Sections 118 and 139, the reverse onus theory, and specific defenses such as financial capacity and time-barred debts. The programme concluded with discussions on electronic evidence under the BSA, the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, and the role of ADR mechanisms like Lok Adalat in resolving cheque dishonor cases.



Overview of Order 21 CPC (Execution) with guidelines issued by Hon'ble Supreme Court in its various judgments (23rd – 24th July 2025)

A two-day workshop focusing on expeditious disposal of the applications for execution of decrees and ensuring strict adherence to recent judicial mandates to reduce delays in the final stage of litigation, was conducted by the Academy.

The Programme began with an overview of execution proceedings conducted by Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. Y. Kogje, Judge, High Court of Gujarat, who set the foundational context for the workshop. Academy Resource Persons subsequently guided participants through the statutory framework of Sections 36–74 and Order 21 of the CPC, alongside the Civil Manual mandates. A critical session was dedicated to compliance with mandatory guidelines issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Rahul S. Shah vs. Jinendrakumar and Periyammal vs. V. Rajamani* (2025), as well as the Case Flow Management Rules, 2016. Further sessions addressed the modernization of service processes through NSTEP Apps and the procedures for arrest, detention, and attachment of property.



The next day session began with a Yoga session and a Vipassana Meditation session presided over by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhargav D. Karia (Judge, High Court of Gujarat and President, GSJA) and Hon'ble Mr. Justice U. T. Desai (Judge, High Court of Gujarat), fostering mental clarity and judicial temperament.

The technical sessions, led by Academy Resource Persons and Faculty, examined the limits of the Executing Court's jurisdiction, emphasizing that it cannot go beyond the decree except in cases of nullity. Extensive discussions were held on the adjudication of third-party claims, resistance to delivery of possession (Order 21 Rules 97, 99, 101), and the restoration of execution petitions. The programme concluded with specialized modules on (1) the role of the court after passing of the preliminary decrees and (2) the execution of Arbitral Awards.



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Workshop on Bail and Bond-Practice and Procedure General and Special Laws in Criminal Courts: Developing Contours of Bail Jurisprudence for District Judges (26th July 2025)

Academy conducted a specialized one-day workshop for District Judges to address the evolving standards of bail jurisprudence under general and special laws, ensuring consistency and uniformity in judicial orders.

The technical sessions, led by Academy Resource Persons, covered the nuances of bail under general penal statute versus Special Acts. Discussions focused on the necessity of passing reasoned bail orders, expeditious disposal, and the specific parameters for granting Anticipatory, Default, and Transit Bail, and thereby understanding the bail jurisprudence.



The Hon'ble Registrar General, High Court of Gujarat, conducted a session on ensuring strict compliance with mandatory Supreme Court guidelines, specifically analyzing the landmark judgments of Satender Kumar Antil vs. CBI and Sidharth vs. State of UP.

In a session dedicated to judicial ethics, Hon'ble Ms. Justice S. G. Gokani, Former Chief Justice, High Court of Gujarat delivered a lecture on 'Gender Sensitivity in Bail Orders.' Citing the judgment of Aparna Bhat vs. State of MP, Her Ladyship emphasized the critical importance of avoiding stereotypes and using sensitive terminology in judicial pronouncements.

The programme concluded with an interactive virtual session on the developing contours of bail jurisprudence presided over by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. H. Vora, Former Judge, High Court of Gujarat.



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**Enhancing the Quality
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Workshop on Intricacies involved in intestate and testamentary succession, and Devolution of interest in coparcenary property for Senior Civil Judges and Civil Judges (04th – 05th August 2025)

The Gujarat State Judicial Academy organized a two-day workshop for Senior Civil Judges and Civil Judges to demystify the complexities of property devolution and succession laws across different personal law regimes.

The programme began with providing a structural analysis of the Hindu Succession Act, 1956. Faculty of the Academy led sessions covering the legislative history and foundational principles (Sections 1–4), followed by a detailed examination of succession rules and disqualifications (Sections 5–13). Subsequent discussions addressed Sections 14–30, focusing specifically on the rights of female heirs and testamentary succession. The day concluded with a practical module on drafting judgments in succession cases and the legal standing of Family Settlements.



Next day session began with a Yoga session and morning prayer, followed by a Vipassana (Meditation) session, jointly conducted by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhargav D. Karia (Judge, High Court of Gujarat and President, GSJA) and Hon'ble Mr. Justice U. T. Desai (Judge, High Court of Gujarat), emphasizing the role of mindfulness in maintaining judicial balance.

The technical sessions, led by Faculty of the Academy, explained the intricacies of Indian Succession Act, with a three-part in-depth series on the evolving concept of 'Living Wills.' The final session broadened the scope of the workshop to include Muslim Law, covering principles of inheritance, calculation of shares, and the interplay between personal law and statutory provisions.



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Workshop on “Critical Dimensions of the Child Sexual Abuse Law in India” (12th – 13th August 2025)

A specialized two-day workshop focussing on enhancing the capacity of Judicial Officers in the sensitive and complex area of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 was organized by the Academy. The programme integrated forensic, psychological, and legal perspectives.

Forensic and Victim-Centric Justice

The sessions were conducted by subject experts like Dr. Shekhar Seshadri (Former Advisor, SAMVAD-NIMHANS) and Mr. Subham Krishna Borah (Former Project Officer, SAMVAD-NIMHANS). Discussions focused on:

- ◆ Incorporating Child Forensics into the POCSO Act's implementation.
- ◆ The critical frameworks of Victim-centric Justice within the Act.
- ◆ Understanding protection concerns of Children with Disability in context of Child Sexual Abuse.

The day concluded with a film screening and group discussion to facilitate deeper understanding.

Judicial Temperament and Evolving Jurisprudence

Next day session began with Vipassana (Meditation) session emphasizing mindfulness and mental clarity, jointly conducted by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhargav D. Karia (Judge, High Court of Gujarat and President, GSJA) and Hon'ble Mr. Justice U. T. Desai (Judge, High Court of Gujarat).



Subsequent academic sessions included:

- ◆ A refresher on Assessing Child Witness Competencies, revisiting the specialized SAMVAD-NIMHANS methodology.
- ◆ Navigation of Consensual Adolescent Sexual Relationships, A trans-disciplinary perspective and key recommendations from the 283rd Law Commission Report.
- ◆ A comprehensive overview of the Evolving Jurisprudence on the POCSO Act, 2012, covering significant judgments from the Hon'ble Supreme Court and High Courts on critical issues.



Joint Workshop on Newly Introduced Laws-(1) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023; (2) Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and (3) Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 (18th August 2025)

A crucial one-day Joint Workshop for Judicial Officers and Police Officers to facilitate seamless coordination and address the critical legal and procedural changes mandated by the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA), was conducted by the Academy.

The initial two extensive sessions, led by Faculty of the Academy, provided a comprehensive discussion on legal and procedural shortcomings in investigations under the new Sanhitas. Key areas covered included:

- ◆ FIR Procedures: E-FIR, Zero FIR, and practical aspects of additions/deletions.
- ◆ Arrest and Investigation: Adherence to guidelines established in *Satender Kumar Antil vs. CBI* and *Sidharth vs. State of U.P.*
- ◆ Case Progression: Procedural requirements for Production, Remand, Search, Seizure, and the critical need for understanding strict timelines and managing Muddamal (property related to a case).
- ◆ Witness Statements: Recording statements of material witnesses (Police and Section 164).



The subsequent sessions provided essential insight into the substantive and evidentiary changes:

A crucial Comparative Analysis offered an overview of the IPC versus the BNS, highlighting major shifts in substantive criminal law.

The final session focused intently on the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA), concentrating on the new law of evidence and the critical procedures for handling and ensuring the admissibility of Electronic Evidence.

The workshop underscored the shared responsibilities of the Judiciary and Police in effectively implementing the new criminal justice framework.



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Workshop on “Effective Trial Process of Cases under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881” (21st August 2025)

The Gujarat State Judicial Academy organized a specialized one-day workshop for Senior Civil Judges and Civil Judges, focussing on the effective trial process of cases of cheque dishonour. The programme combined practical insights with procedural clarity to enhance judicial efficiency.

Inaugural Session & Mindfulness Practice

The workshop commenced with a guided Meditation (Vipassana) session conducted by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhargav D. Karia (Judge, High Court of Gujarat and President, GSJA) and Hon'ble Mr. Justice U. T. Desai, Judge, High Court of Gujarat. Their Lordships highlighted the role of mindfulness in improving concentration and judicial functioning, noting the positive impact of such practices on working efficiency and on reducing adjournment requests in courts.



Procedural Dynamics & Jurisdiction

The initial technical sessions, led by Faculty of the Academy, reviewed the complete life cycle of a cheque bounce case. Key discussions included the interplay between the N.I. Act and the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, strict adherence to statutory timelines, and corporate liability under Section 141. Faculty addressed critical jurisdictional issues under Section 142A, cause of action, and the Supreme Court's 2021 guidelines for expeditious disposal.

Evidentiary Nuances & Resolution Mechanisms

Subsequent sessions focused on the core evidentiary frameworks:

- ◆ Presumptions and Defences: An in-depth analysis of Sections 118 and 139, the principle of reverse onus, and specific defenses such as "security cheques," time-barred debts, and the impact of the IBC moratorium.
- ◆ Mediation and Sentencing: The final session explored ADR opportunities, compounding procedures, and Lok Adalat powers.



Workshop on "Effective Trial Process of the Cases falling under the PC Act and NDPS Act" for Judicial Officers of the State (25th August 2025)

The Gujarat State Judicial Academy convened a specialized one-day workshop for Judicial Officers to navigate the technical intricacies and procedural rigors of trials under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (NDPS) and the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (PC Act).

NDPS Act: Forensics and Mandatory Guidelines

The sessions on the NDPS Act were conducted by Academy Resource Persons in collaboration with subject matter expert Ms. Ritu Sharma (I/c Assistant Director, Narcotics Division, DFS). The deliberations focused on:

- ♦ Judicial Precedents: Strict adherence to guidelines from Union of India vs. Mohanlal, NCB vs. Kashif, and Prince Sharma vs. State of Gujarat.
- ♦ Technical Procedures: Detailed analysis of the NDPS Rules, 2022 regarding sampling procedures, presumptive testing, and the critical interpretation of Forensic Reports.
- ♦ Disposal & Compliance: The appropriate procedure for the disposal of seized material and the vital role of the Court in ensuring compliance with mandatory provisions to prevent detriment to the prosecution's case.



Prevention of Corruption Act

The programme also witnessed the understanding about investigation and trial of cases under the PC Act, 1988.



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Judicial Seminar on 'Dealing with Commercial Disputes qua Tangible Property Rights' (30th August 2025)

The Gujarat State Judicial Academy organized a targeted seminar to equip Judicial Officers with the procedural expertise required for the efficient adjudication of commercial disputes under the Commercial Courts Act, 2015

Framework and Jurisdiction

The opening session, led by Faculty of the Academy, established the foundational context by analyzing the Commercial Courts Act, 2015. Discussions focused on the rationale for specialized courts, the hierarchy and appellate mechanisms, the determination of 'Specified Value,' and the jurisdictional interplay with Sections 7 and 8 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act.



Pre-Institution Mediation & CPC Amendments

Subsequent sessions addressed critical procedural innovations:

- ◆ Mediation: Team Academy and Faculty guided participants through the mandatory nature of Pre-Institution Mediation, covering implementation challenges and the strategic advantages of early dispute resolution.
- ◆ CPC Amendments: A dedicated session examined the consequential amendments to the Civil Procedure Code designed to ensure expeditious disposal. Key topics included strict statutory timelines for written statements and service of summons, restrictions on revision applications, and rigorous document management protocols (disclosure, discovery, and inspection).

Case Management and Summary Judgments

The seminar concluded with a technical session on Case Management. Faculty of the Academy detailed the stages and benefits of case management, the court's powers regarding adjournments and costs, and the procedure for Summary Judgments.



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Strengthening the Judicial System

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Workshop on “Cyber Crime & Cyber Law, Medical, Forensic and Electronic Evidence – Its admissibility, recording and appreciation in Judicial Proceedings” for Judicial Officers of the State (1st – 3rd September 2025)

A workshop on “Cyber Crime & Cyber Law, Medical, Forensic and Electronic Evidence – Its admissibility, recording and appreciation in Judicial Proceedings” for Judicial Officers of the State was conducted at the Gujarat State Judicial Academy. The entire 3-days programme witnessed various topics like -

Medical and Forensic Evidence, Role of Medical Officer, Toxicology, Post-mortem and kind of injury, Admissibility, Recording and Appreciation of Medical Evidence, Handling of Digital Evidence, Cyber Security, Electronic Evidence and its appreciation, Cyber Crimes etc. by subject experts from Narendra Modi Medical College, Ahmedabad, Cyber Forensic Division (DFS) as well as Hon'ble Lordships (sitting and retired) had delivered the lectures.



A Vipassana (Meditation) session was also conducted in the programme by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhargav D. Karia (Judge, High Court of Gujarat and President, GSJA) and Hon'ble Mr. Justice U. T. Desai (Judge, High Court of Gujarat), promoting mental clarity for complex judicial work.

Participants subsequently visited the Directorate of Forensic Science (DFS), Gandhinagar, to observe various forensic processes firsthand.

Cyber Crime Investigation

The final session was led by the Scientific Officer, Cyber Forensic Division, DFS on the fundamentals of Cyber Crime. Session covered topics which included emerging threats, detection and investigation techniques, and the critical analysis of digital data such as CDR (Call Detail Record), Tower Dump, IPDR (Internet Protocol Detail Record), voice detection, and computer data detection.



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One-day Workshop on “Anti Human Trafficking – Laws Against Human Trafficking in India” (08th September 2025)

A specialized one-day workshop for Judicial Officers to address the constitutional and statutory frameworks aimed at combating human trafficking was organized by the Academy.

The programme commenced with a Vipassana (Meditation) session conducted by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhargav D. Karia (Judge, High Court of Gujarat and President, GSJA) and Hon'ble Mr. Justice U. T. Desai, Judge, High Court of Gujarat fostering the emotional balance and mindfulness essential for judicial work.

Constitutional and Legislative Framework : The academic sessions began with an address by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Biren A. Vaishnav (Former Judge, High Court of Gujarat), who elucidated the constitutional provisions related to human trafficking.



Technical Sessions : Emphasis was put on the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 as regards the practice and procedure, cognizance and trial of offences under the said Act etc.

Judicial Guidelines : The final session was conducted by the Registrar General, High Court of Gujarat, who detailed the mandatory guidelines issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Aureliano Fernandes v. State of Goa and Others* (2023). The discussion emphasized preventive mechanisms, inter-agency coordination, and the judicial duty to ensure timely redressal.

The workshop concluded with the Academy's motto: “Learning has no end!”



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**Workshop on “Land Laws & Injunction”
for Senior Civil Judges and Civil Judges (11th – 12th September 2025)**



The Gujarat State Judicial Academy organized a comprehensive two-day workshop for Senior Civil Judges and Civil Judges to navigate the complex statutory frameworks governing property disputes, revenue regulations, and injunctions.

The 1st session gave the glimpse of the Special Relief Act, 1963 along-with the amendments of 2018 more particularly in relation to the Specific Performance.

The next 2 sessions pertained to Revenue and Land Laws. They included discussions on various laws like Bombay Land Revenue Code, Gujarat Tenancy and Agricultural Lands Act, Doctrines and TP Act, etc. This discussions continued till next day with additional session on Suits relating to Injunction and declaration including temporary injunction.

The programme concluded with the Academy's motto: “Learning has no end!”



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**Two-Day “Conference on Arbitration Law”
for the Judicial Officers of the State (20th – 21st September 2025)**



A two-day Conference of Arbitration Law was jointly organised by the High Court of Gujarat and Gujarat State Judicial Academy (20th-21st September 2025, Gujarat High Court Auditorium, Ahmedabad)

In order to bridge the gap between developing arbitration jurisprudence and its practical application at the trial court and appellate levels, where arbitration-related issues like interim reliefs, references, and challenges frequently arise, the Conference was designed as a structured capacity-building initiative.

The Conference was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. V. Anjaria, Judge, Supreme Court of India, in the august presence of Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Sunita Agarwal, Chief Justice, High Court of Gujarat, Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. Y. Kogje, Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. S. Supedia, and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhargav D. Karia, Judges of the High Court of Gujarat.

In her welcome address, Hon'ble the Chief Justice emphasized that the Conference was a significant step towards strengthening arbitration in Gujarat through capacity building of the District Judiciary and the Bar. Her Ladyship highlighted that arbitration and other forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) must become effective at the district and taluka

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levels, where citizens first interact with the justice delivery system. Stressing party autonomy and minimal judicial intervention, Her Ladyship observed that courts must safeguard the arbitral process rather than substitute it.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. V. Anjaria traced the historical roots of arbitration from ancient Indian institutions such as Kula, Sreni, and Puga to the modern concept of the "multi-door courthouse." His Lordship identified the essential attributes of arbitration fairness, speed, economy, flexibility, and party autonomy and observed that arbitration succeeds because parties choose their own adjudicators, thereby minimizing trust deficit and ensuring greater confidence in the process.

The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. Y. Kogje, who appreciated the contributions of all dignitaries, speakers, participants, and organizers. His Lordship reaffirmed the judiciary's commitment to promoting arbitration as a fast, efficient, and cost-effective mechanism for dispute resolution.

There were in all four sessions wherein Hon'ble Dignitaries like :

- ◆ Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. Y. Kogje, Judge, High Court of Gujarat
- ◆ Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. S. Supedia, Judge, High Court of Gujarat
- ◆ Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhargav D. Karia, Judge, High Court of Gujarat
- ◆ Hon'ble Ms. Justice Sangeeta K. Vishen, Judge, High Court of Gujarat
- ◆ Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Kulkarni, Judge, Bombay High Court
- ◆ Hon'ble Mr. Justice C. Hari Shankar, Judge, Delhi High Court
- ◆ Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sabyasachi Bhattacharyya, Judge, Calcutta High Court
- ◆ Hon'ble Justice Hima Kohli, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India
- ◆ Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ramesh D. Dhanuka, Former Chief Justice, Bombay High Court
- ◆ Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gautam Patel, Former Judge, Bombay High Court
- ◆ Mr. Tushar Mehta, Solicitor General of India
- ◆ Mr. Kamal Trivedi, Advocate General, Gujarat State
- ◆ Mr. Mihir Thakore, Senior Advocate



- ◇ Mr. Saurabh Soparkar, Senior Advocate
 - ◇ Mr. Unmesh Shukla, Senior Advocate
 - ◇ Mr. Darius Khambhata, Senior Advocate
 - ◇ Mr. Gourab Banerji, Senior Advocate
 - ◇ Dr. S. Muralidhar, Senior Advocate
 - ◇ Mr. Balbir Singh, Senior Advocate
 - ◇ Mr. Nakul Dewan, Senior Advocate
 - ◇ Mr. N. L. Rajah, Senior Advocate
 - ◇ Mr. Ritin Rai, Senior Advocate
 - ◇ Mr. Anirudh Krishnan, Advocate
- remained present and expressed their views.

The program concluded with the Valedictory Session by Mr. Tushar Mehta, Learned Solicitor General of India, who highlighted the future direction of arbitration in India. He emphasized that institutional integrity remains the greatest challenge before arbitration. India requires robust and credible arbitration institutions capable of attracting both domestic and international commercial disputes. While appreciating the benefits of technology, he cautioned against excessive reliance on Artificial Intelligence in drafting arbitral awards, observing that a reasoned award must reflect the independent reasoning of the arbitrator and not outsourced decision-making. The Learned Solicitor General also expressed concern over procedural delays, repeated adjournments, and the growing tendency of arbitrators to prolong proceedings, which undermines arbitration's primary objective of speedy dispute resolution. He stressed that integrity, transparency, efficiency, and accountability cannot be achieved merely through legislation but require institutional commitment and professional responsibility.



workshop on “Role of Secretary of DLSA to strengthen the campaign of Lok Adalat, ADR, and awareness regarding various Legal Rights, Legal Aid, and other issues” (25th – 26th September 2025)



The Gujarat State Judicial Academy organized a dynamic two-day workshop designed to empower Secretaries of District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) with practical skills for dispute resolution and deep procedural knowledge of NALSA schemes.

Experiential Learning & Role Plays

The programme adopted an innovative approach with Role-Play Based Learning Sessions conducted by Ms. Pramila Acharya and Ms. Giribala Singh. These sessions simulated real-world scenarios to enhance dispute analysis, empathy, and communication techniques.

The session concluded with an interactive session with Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. Y. Kogje, Judge, High Court of Gujarat, who provided valuable guidance on the pivotal responsibilities of DLSA Secretaries in ensuring effective service delivery and public engagement.



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Mindfulness & NALSA Schemes

Next day Session commenced with a Vipassana (Meditation) session conducted by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhargav D. Karia (Judge, High Court of Gujarat and President, GSJA) and Hon'ble Mr. Justice U. T. Desai, Judge, High Court of Gujarat emphasizing stress management for legal service officers.

Technical Sessions: Schemes and Compliance A series of expert lectures covered critical frameworks:

- ◆ Legal Aid & Mediation: Member Secretary, GSLSA addressed the LADC Scheme 2022, Mediation Rules, and the JAGRITI Scheme.
- ◆ Victim Support: Judicial Officers from GSLSA detailed the NALSA (Legal Services to Victims of Acid Attack) Scheme 2016, the Victim Compensation Scheme 2019, and SOPs for Under Trial Review Committees (UTRCs).

Reporting Mechanisms: Judicial Officers from GSLSA trained participants on the Para Legal Volunteer (Revised) Scheme, the LSMS Portal, and the Toll-Free Helpline (15100), ensuring robust data management from DLSA to SLSA.



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Workshop on "Intellectual Property Awareness" for Judicial Officers of the State organized by Gujarat State Judicial Academy in collaboration with CIPAM (29th – 30th September 2025)

Organized by: Gujarat State Judicial Academy (GSJA) in collaboration with CIPAM (Cell for IPR Promotion and Management)

The Gujarat State Judicial Academy hosted a specialized two-day workshop for Judicial Officers to deepen their understanding of the complexities, procedural aspects, and evolving jurisprudence governing Intellectual Property (IP) rights in India.

IP Adjudication and Digital Challenges

The technical sessions commenced with Ms. Anju Agrawal (Partner, LexOrbis) conducting a comprehensive two-part session on Adjudicating IP Disputes – Principles and Procedural Aspects. She emphasized the importance of judicial sensitivity towards innovation and addressed jurisdictional and procedural challenges in IP litigation.



Ms. Annamma Samuel (DPIIT IPR Chair Professor, GNLU) then provided an analysis of Landmark Judgments in Copyright Law, offering insights into the reasoning and evolving legal standards adopted by Indian courts.

The afternoon session, again led by Ms. Anju Agrawal, tackled Combating Online Trademark and Copyright Infringement, focusing on digital-age challenges such as online piracy, intermediary liability, and evidence gathering in cyber-enabled IP violations.

Mindfulness, Balance, and Evidence

The subsequent session began with a Vipassana (Meditation) session conducted by Ms. Shasiben Todi (Meditation Teacher), offering techniques to enhance clarity and mindfulness in judicial functioning.

The subsequent sessions were led by Mr. C. A. Brijesh (Partner, Remfry and Sagar):

- ◆ **Balancing Innovation:** Mr. Brijesh addressed the crucial Judicial Role in Balancing Innovation, Access, and Fair Use, using practical case studies to illustrate the harmonization of competing interests.

- ◆ Evidence in IP Cases: A two-part session focused intensively on Evidence in IP Cases, covering best practices for assessing highly technical subject matter, evaluating expert testimony, and managing digital and electronic evidence effectively in IP litigation.
- ◆ The workshop concluded with reflections on the growing relevance of IP rights in the current technological era.



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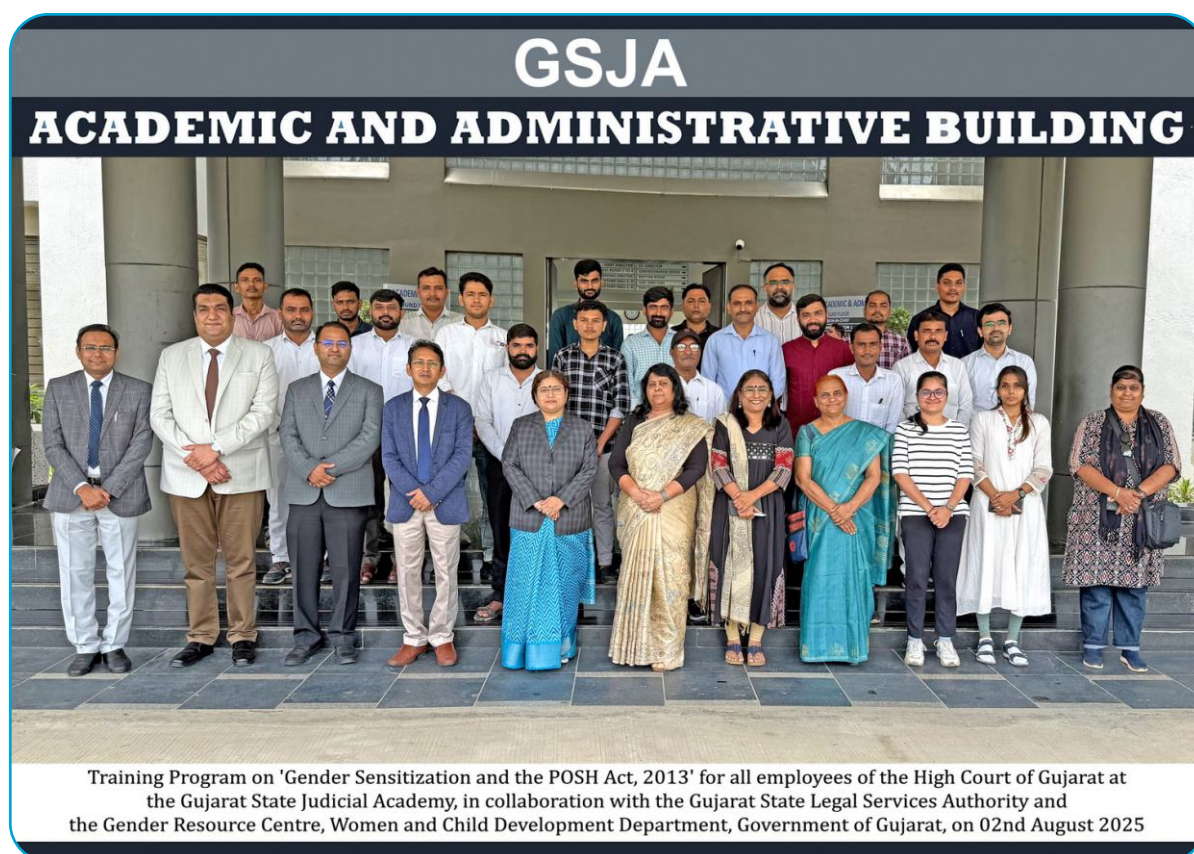
Training programme on “Gender Sensitization and the POSH Act, 2013” (July to September 2025)

The Gujarat State Judicial Academy in collaboration with GSLSA and GRC conducted training programmes designed to foster a safe and inclusive work environment for all employees of the High Court of Gujarat from July to September 2025 covering almost 442 participants. To ensure maximum participation and effectiveness, the programme was organized in four simultaneous batches across Lecture Halls 3 and 4.

The programme focused on three core pillars:

- ◆ Gender Sensitization: Understanding gender roles, breaking stereotypes, and the necessity of sensitivity in professional settings.
- ◆ The POSH Act, 2013: A detailed overview of the statutory framework, including the definition of sexual harassment, the complaint redressal mechanism, and the mandatory duties of employers and Internal Committees.
- ◆ Workplace Inclusivity: Promoting dignified attitudes, respectful communication, and a bias-free institutional culture.

The technical sessions were led by a panel of distinguished subject-matter experts provided by GRC.

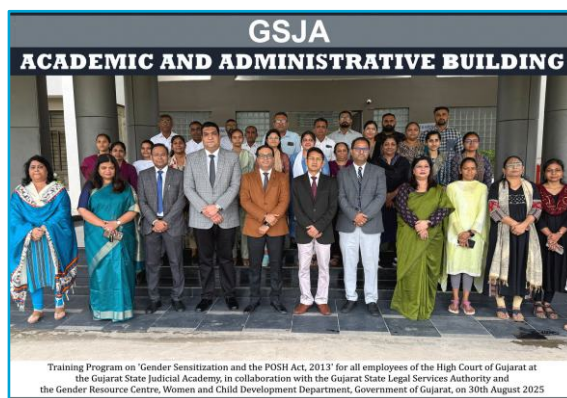
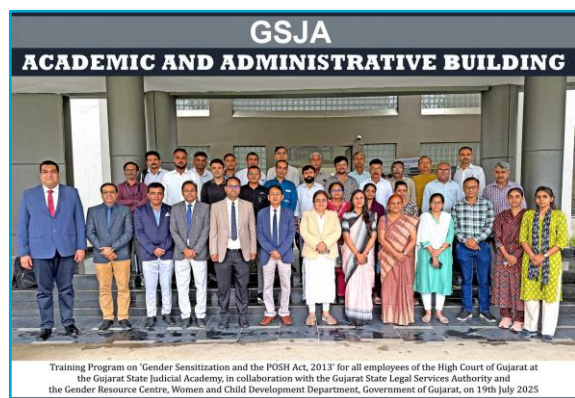
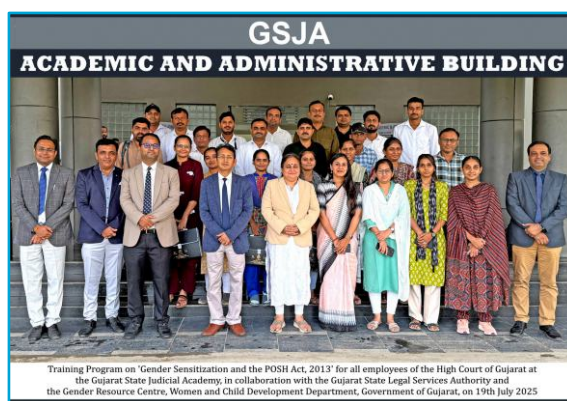
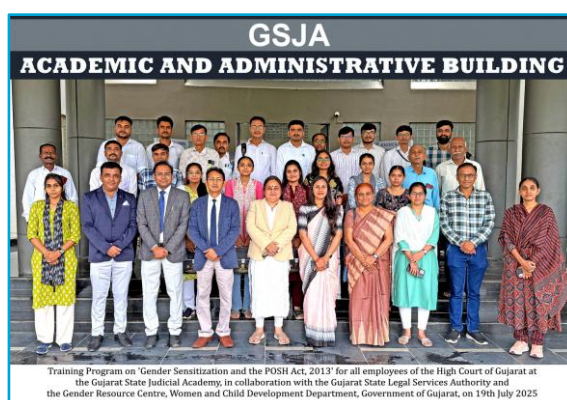
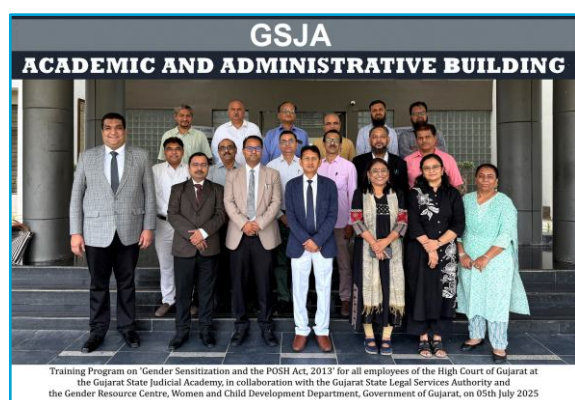
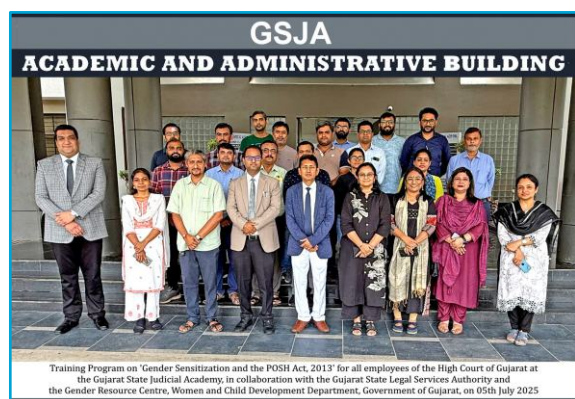


Each batch followed a structured format including pre-tests and post-tests to assess learning outcomes, concluding with open discussions to address practical concerns regarding workplace conduct.



(Scan QR Code to download training material.)

Training programme on “Gender Sensitization and the POSH Act, 2013” (July to September 2025)



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ECT - Master Trainer Programme and the Technical Staff Programme

E-Committee Special Drive Training and Outreach Programme through State Judicial Academies, Through PAN India State Judicial Academies, the Supreme Court e-Committee has launched a campaign to expand outreach and awareness programs regarding the ICT efforts of the e-Courts project. While emphasising on the need to increase the outreach and awareness programmes on the ICT initiatives of the e-courts Projects, it was directed for organising ECT training programmes for Judicial Officers and other stakeholders during the year 2025-2026 and ECT programmes may be facilitated into the State Judicial Academy's training calendar. Accordingly, the Scheme was designed for conduction of these programmes.

The objective was to impart training to various target groups so that they can effectively utilise the technological advancements adopted in the contemporary judicial system, thereby helping to bridge the digital divide among Judges and other stakeholders and ensuring wider accessibility of e-services. Accordingly, a series of programmes were conducted for Judicial Officers, Advocates/Advocate Clerks, Technical Staff of District Courts (including hardware and software maintenance teams, data replication and monitoring personnel, VC equipment handlers, and LAN support staff), Court Managers, Junior System Analysts, System Officers, System Assistants, IT Assistants, NIC Coordinators at the High Court, and the Administrative Heads of District Judiciary. These seminars were facilitated by Master Trainers picked from among Judicial Officers properly trained for this purpose.

ECT Code	Programme Name	Targeted Group	Schedule
ECT-03 & ECT-11	Master Trainer Programme & Technical Staff Programme (e - Courts Project & CIS 4.0)	Master Trainers & Technical Staff	14th – 15th July, 2025
ECT-03 & ECT-11	Master Trainer Programme & Technical Staff Programme (e - Courts Project & CIS 4.0)	Master Trainers & Technical Staff	21st – 22nd July, 2025
ECT-13-2025	Computer Skill Enhancement Programme – Level I & II	All Judicial Officers of the District	23rd August, 2025
ECT-05-2025	Programme on Digital Tools & Case Management Systems	Administrative Head Staffs, Court Managers, and Stenographers	24th August, 2025
ECT-08-2025	Refresher Programme for Court Staffs & N -Step Training	Court Staffs (Process Servers & Nazar at Branch)	7th September, 2025
ECT-09-2025	Refresher Programme for Court Staffs	Court Staffs	21st September, 2025

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