



GUJARAT STATE JUDICIAL ACADEMY High Court Of Gujarat, Ahmedabad

Workshop on “Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015” for the
Principal Magistrates of JJB and Children’s Court from 10th to 12th June, 2026

10.06.2026 (Wednesday) (Lecture Hall No.3)

08:15 AM – 08:40 AM	Registration	
08:40 AM – 09:00 AM	Prayer	
Session 1 09:00 AM – 10:30AM	Introduction & History of Juvenile Legislation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the historical context of the Juvenile Justice framework in India? • What were the International legal developments in Juvenile Justice that impacted national legislative priorities in India? • How have juvenile justice systems evolved in India versus countries across the world? 	Saurabh Shashi Ashok, Resource Person – Health (Policy and Law) (Initiative for Child Protection and Mental Health Azim Premji Foundation)
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Followed by Group Photo & Tea Break	
Session 2 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Applying the Child Rights Lens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of applying the guiding principles (Section 3) of the JJ Act, 2015 with regard to the child in conflict with the law, namely principles of: presumption of innocence, participation, best interest of the child, safety, positive measures, and natural justice. 	Saurabh Shashi Ashok, Resource Person – Health (Policy and Law) (Initiative for Child Protection and Mental Health Azim Premji Foundation)
12:30 PM – 01:30 PM	Lunch Break	
Session 3 01:30 PM – 02:45 PM	Age Determination under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explication of key imperatives and relevant jurisprudence on age determination under the JJ Act, 2015. • Understanding the different statutory approaches to age determination under the JJ Act, 2015 and POCSO Act, 2012. 	Saurabh Shashi Ashok, Resource Person – Health (Policy and Law) (Initiative for Child Protection and Mental Health Azim Premji Foundation)
02:45 PM – 03:15 PM	Tea Break	
Session 4 03:15 PM – 04:00 PM	Setting the Tone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconnecting with your Childhood. 	Dr. Shekhar Seshadri, Professor – Health & Saurabh Shashi Ashok, Resource Person – Health (Policy and Law) (Initiative for Child Protection and Mental Health Azim Premji Foundation)

<p>Session 5 04:00 PM –04:45 PM</p>	<p>Opening Reflections on Juvenile Justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Examination of the Juvenile Justice System & its Responses to CICL. 	<p>Dr. Shekhar Seshadri, Professor – Health & Saurabh Shashi Ashok, Resource Person – Health (Policy and Law) (Initiative for Child Protection and Mental Health Azim Premji Foundation)</p>
<p>Session 6 04:45 PM – 06:00 PM</p>	<p>Identifying Pathways to Offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding and Analysing Vulnerabilities of CICL. 	<p>Dr. Shekhar Seshadri, Professor – Health & Saurabh Shashi Ashok, Resource Person – Health (Policy and Law) (Initiative for Child Protection and Mental Health Azim Premji Foundation)</p>
<p>Session 7 06:00 PM - 08:15 PM</p>	<p>Film Screening</p>	
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11.06.2026 (Thursday) (Lecture Hall No.3)

08:40 AM – 09:00 AM	Prayer	
Session 8 09:00 AM – 10:00AM	Discussion on Film	
Session 9 10:00 AM – 11:30AM	Case Discussion on Vulnerabilities of CICL	
11:30 AM – 11:45 AM	Tea Break	
Session 10 11:45 AM – 01:30 PM	Preliminary Assessments (1): Conceptual and Implementation Dilemmas of Section 15 of the JJ Act <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comparative understanding of juvenile transfer as a response to youth offending.• Conceptual dilemmas and challenges in the implementation of the Act.	Dr. Shekhar Seshadri, Professor – Health & Saurabh Shashi Ashok, Resource Person – Health (Policy and Law) (Initiative for Child Protection and Mental Health Azim Premji Foundation)
01:30 PM – 02:30 PM	Lunch Break	
Session 11 02:30 PM – 04:00 PM	Preliminary Assessments (2): Introducing NIMHANS Preliminary Assessment Methodology (Contd.) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of Preliminary Assessments	Dr. Shekhar Seshadri, Professor – Health & Saurabh Shashi Ashok, Resource Person – Health (Policy and Law) (Initiative for Child Protection and Mental Health Azim Premji Foundation)
04:00 PM – 04:30 PM	Tea Break	
Session 12 04:30 PM – 06:00 PM	Preliminary Assessments (3): Preliminary Assessment in Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Activity-based on NIMHANS’ Preliminary Assessment proforma.	Dr. Shekhar Seshadri, Professor – Health & Saurabh Shashi Ashok, Resource Person – Health (Policy and Law) (Initiative for Child Protection and Mental Health Azim Premji Foundation)
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12.06.2026 (Friday) (Lecture Hall No.3)

08:40 AM – 09:00 AM	Prayer	
Session 13 09:00AM – 10:45AM	Critical Judgements in Juvenile Justice in relation to Key Provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classification of offences under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.• Scope of inquiry proceedings of the Juvenile Justice Board/Orders to be passed from the JJB.• Preliminary Assessment u/s 15 and 19.	Saurabh Shashi Ashok, Resource Person – Health (Policy and Law) (Initiative for Child Protection and Mental Health Azim Premji Foundation)
10:45 AM – 11:15 AM	Tea Break	
Session 14 11:15 AM – 01:00 PM	Critical Judgements in Juvenile Justice in relation to Key Provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 (Contd.) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion on Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgement in <i>Juvenile Delinquent v. State of U.P & Ors.</i> (S.L.P (Crl.) No. 16883 of 2025.)& SOP for Communication and Compliance of Orders passed JJBs.• Rehabilitative framework of the JJ Act.• Discussion on Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgment in <i>Prajwala v. Union of India & Ors.</i>, Misc. Application No. 530 of 2022 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 56 of 2004.	Saurabh Shashi Ashok, Resource Person – Health (Policy and Law) (Initiative for Child Protection and Mental Health Azim Premji Foundation)
01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	Lunch Break	
Session 15 02:00 PM – 04:00 PM	A Closer Look at Bail Complexities under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application of Section 12, JJ Act, 2015 in consonance with the Guiding Principles of the Act.• Comparing bail provision under the JJ Act, 2015 with that under CrPC, 1973.	Saurabh Shashi Ashok, Resource Person – Health (Policy and Law) (Initiative for Child Protection and Mental Health Azim Premji Foundation)
04:00 PM – 04:15 PM	CONCLUSION	
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