



GUJARAT STATE JUDICIAL ACADEMY
High Court of Gujarat, Ahmedabad

**Training for “Support Persons under the POCSO Act, 2012 and the
Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015”
from 20th to 22nd July, 2026**

20.07.2026 (Monday) (Lecture Hall No.4)

08:45 am to 09:20 am	Registration	
09:20 am to 09:30 am	Prayer	
09:30 am to 10:00 am	Introductory Session	Hon'ble Ms. Justice Sangeeta K. Vishen Judge, High Court of Gujarat
10:00 am to 10:30 am	Group photo followed by Tea Break	
10:30 am to 12:00 noon	The Experience and Impact of Childhood Trauma and Abuse • The experience of childhood trauma • Understanding the impact of child sexual abuse	Dr. Shekhar Seshadri Professor – Health Dr. Sheila Ramaswamy Leader – Health (Initiative for Child Protection & Mental Health, Azim Premji Foundation)
12:00 noon to 12:30 pm	Tea Break	
12:30 pm to 01:45 pm	Continued...	Dr. Shekhar Seshadri Professor – Health Dr. Sheila Ramaswamy Leader – Health (Initiative for Child Protection & Mental Health, Azim Premji Foundation)
01:45 pm to 02:45 pm	Lunch Break	
02:45 pm to 03:45 pm	Impact of Childhood Trauma (cont...) • The developmental impact of childhood trauma (cont...)	Dr. Shekhar Seshadri Professor – Health Dr. Sheila Ramaswamy Leader – Health (Initiative for Child Protection & Mental Health, Azim Premji Foundation)
03:45 pm to 04:00 pm	Tea Break	
04:00 pm to 05:30 pm	Continued...	Dr. Shekhar Seshadri Professor – Health Dr. Sheila Ramaswamy Leader – Health (Initiative for Child Protection & Mental Health, Azim Premji Foundation)
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21.07.2026 (Tuesday) (Lecture Hall No.4)

08:55 am to 09:00 am	Prayer	
09:00 am to 11:15 am	Identifying the Context and Experience of CSA: The Child’s Inner Voice - Understanding how children perceive and internalize CSA experiences. - Analyzing children’s emotional and behavioural responses to CSA.	Dr. Shekhar Seshadri Professor – Health Dr. Sheila Ramaswamy Leader – Health (Initiative for Child Protection & Mental Health, Azim Premji Foundation)
11:15 am to 11:30 am	Tea Break	
11:30 am to 01:15 pm	The Dynamics of CSA Disclosure	
01:15 pm to 02:00 pm	Lunch Break	
02:00 pm to 04:00 pm	Essential Communication Skills with Children - Skill 1: Rapport building - Skill 2: Listening - Skill 3: Acknowledgment of emotions - Skill 4: Acceptance & non-judgment attitude	Dr. Shekhar Seshadri Professor – Health Dr. Sheila Ramaswamy Leader – Health (Initiative for Child Protection & Mental Health, Azim Premji Foundation)
04:00 pm to 04:15 pm	Tea Break	
04:15 pm to 05:00 pm	Continued	Dr. Shekhar Seshadri Professor – Health Dr. Sheila Ramaswamy Leader – Health (Initiative for Child Protection & Mental Health, Azim Premji Foundation)
05:00 pm to 06:45 pm	Film screening	
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22.07.2026 (Wednesday) (Lecture Hall No.4)

08:25 am to 08:30 am	Prayer	
08:30 am to 09:15 am	Film discussion	
09:15 am to 11:00 am	Role of Support Persons (A): Assessing Child’s Capacity for Providing Evidence - Understanding the skills and abilities children require for providing valid & reliable evidence. - Methods for Evaluating child’s skills & competencies for evidence provision.	Dr. Shekhar Seshadri Professor – Health Dr. Sheila Ramaswamy Leader – Health (Initiative for Child Protection & Mental Health, Azim Premji Foundation)
11:00 am to 11:15 am	Tea Break	
11:15 am to 12:30 pm	Continued....	Dr. Shekhar Seshadri Professor – Health Dr. Sheila Ramaswamy Leader – Health (Initiative for Child Protection & Mental Health, Azim Premji Foundation)
12:30 pm to 01:15 pm	Lunch Break	
01:15 pm to 02:45 pm	Role of Support Persons (B): Implementation of Pre-trial and trial interventions - Learning methods of court preparation for child witnesses - In-trial support to child witnesses	Dr. Shekhar Seshadri Professor – Health Dr. Sheila Ramaswamy Leader – Health (Initiative for Child Protection & Mental Health, Azim Premji Foundation)
02:45 pm to 03:00 pm	Tea Break	
03:00 pm to 05:00 pm	Continued....	Dr. Shekhar Seshadri Professor – Health Dr. Sheila Ramaswamy Leader – Health (Initiative for Child Protection & Mental Health, Azim Premji Foundation)
05:00 pm to 05:30 pm	Summary & feedback	
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