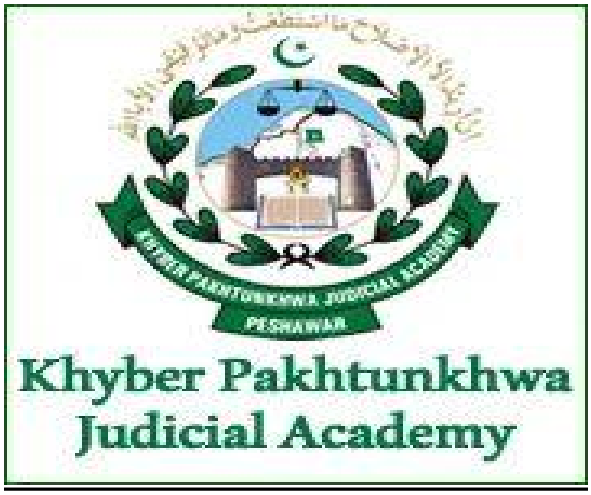
FIELD VISIT REPORT



A FIELD VISIT TO FEDERAL JUDICIAL ACADEMY, ISLAMABAD
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SUBMITTED IN PARTIAL REQUIREMENT OF PRE-PROMOTION GRADED TRAINING (PPGT) PROGRAME AT KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA JUDICIAL ACADEMY, PESHAWAR.

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INTRODUCTION;

As part of pre-promotion statutory training schedule, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Judicial Academy, Peshawar, had arranged a field visit for 24 under-training judicial officers. The destination was the Federal Judicial Academy (FJA), Islamabad. Under the *Judicial Exchange Program*, visit was aimed at a step forward for capacity- building, enhanced decision-making skills, professional competence & development vis-à-vis improvement of judicial conduct of the participants.

The Federal Judicial Academy being an apex training center, has a vital role in strengthening the justice sector in Pakistan, through imparting judicial trainings and dissemination of best judicial practices. So, this visit further provided an opportunity to the participants to have an exposure to the broader spectrum of learning at the national level institute of training under a motto of '*Navigating through Judicial Excellence'*.

OBJECTIVES:

- To have an exposure to the National Institute of judicial excellence.
- To enhance legal knowledge, improve capacity-building and prepare the participants to face post-promotion challenges of handling cases, through structured lectures of the learned resource persons.
- To promote professional interaction with Hon'ble Judges and exchange of experiences among Judicial Officers.

EVENT DESCRIPTION:

The field visit was precisely structured through scheduled activities under coordination of Mr. Mahmood Azam & Ms. Nadia Syed, learned Faculty Members of FJA. The program was spread over the span of six days, each day in its precise activity backdrop is detailed as under;

Day-1: After completion of registration process at the outset, Mr. Hayat Ali Shah, worthy Director General, FJA, in his inaugural speech formally welcomed the participants. He expressed his pleasure to host the training under 'Professional Exchange Program'.

Prof. Dr. Shaukat Ali, Forensic Medicine Expert, thoroughly enlightened the participants on the topic of "Medico Legal Reports-Evidentiary Value". During the lecture following Questions were raised and answered by the resource person;

Q.1. Whether doctor is authorized to give legal opinion about injuries in medico-legal Report? by (Mr. Khalid Anwar, SCJ).

Ans. Doctor is bound to opined only about nature of injuries and can't extend his opinion about section of law in medico-legal reports.

Syndicate Discussions were held followed by presentations on a given topic with focus on critical engagement with existing legal frameworks, develop law reform thinking, to promote collaborative problem solving and to produce practical, implementable reform proposals. Detail of groups and assigned topics are **Anexture "A".**

Day-2: On second day a remarkable Book Summary was presented by Ms. Nadia Syed, Faculty Member, FJA, of the book *"The Power of Now: A Guide to Spiritual Enlightenment*" by Eckhart Tolle. Than she discussed in detail with the participants about a case study of "Ann Hopkins".

Question; learned resource person put a query to participants that, who will decide the matter under discussion in favor of Ann Hopkin, after examining her case?

Ans; Except Mr. Attaullah, SCJ, all participants replied to decide the case in favor of Ann Hopkin, for reason of gender discrimination; while the former advanced arguments in support of his decision.

Mr. Fakhar Zaman, Secretary, LJCP/DG (Reforms), SCP, delivered comprehensive stimulating lectures on "Critical Thinking" and "Evidence-The Judges Perspective-I". The learned resource person, having a vast experience and profound knowledge, splendidly explained the scheme of appraisal of evidence in criminal trial at appellate stage. He explained concepts of Premise, Inference and Syllogism etc. and confronted the participants with speculative situations on screen for mind vigilance and also generously responded to the queries of the participants.

Day-3: Day Started with Book Summary of "*A Long Walk to Freedom*" by Mr. Mansoor Shah Bukhari, SCJ. It was an autobiography of Nelson Mandela, reflected the long struggle of the author for freedom and equality. "Evidence-The Judges Perspective-II" was completed by Mr. Fakhar Zaman. Thereafter, Summary Trial u/o 37 CPC, was thoroughly explained by Syed Muhammad Haroon, Faculty Member, FJA. Then, *"Handling Appeals in Family Cases*" was the discourse of Mr. Mahmood Azam, Faculty Member, FJA, who competently covered all the aspects of the topic. Both learned resource persons satisfactorily responded to the following queries of the participants regarding the topics.

Ques; Why interlocutory orders in family case trial, are not appealable? By Mansoor Shah, SCJ.

Ans; Those orders which conclusively decide rights are appealable and orders does not decide the rights finally or pertain to procedure, would not be appealable. By Mahmood Azam, FJA.

Ques; Under what circumstances can leave to defend shall be refused? By M. Shoaib, SCJ.

Ans; When the defendant failed to show a substantial and bona fide defense**.** by Haroon, FJA.

ACADEMY NIGHT; The academy provided an opportunity of organizing an informal event of academy night. All the participants and faculty members in supervision of the worthy Director Generals, FJA & KPJA, graced the event with participation. It was informal yet enriched cultural based coordinated event, relished by all present at the occasion.

Day-4: A book summary of "*THUS SPOKE ZARATHUSTRA*" by Friedrich Nietzsche presented by Mr. Muhammad Wali, SCJ. Then Madam Bushra Kokeb, highlighted the scope and procedure of *"Civil Appeals & Revision*", in detail and responded to following queries;

Ques; To what extent the appellate court can interfere with judgement of the Family Court? By Asghar Ali, SCJ.

Ans; The scope of appeal covers both facts and law**,** and the appellate court can reopen the case and reappraise the entire evidence.

Ques; Whether second appeal or revision is maintainable against the decision of the appellate court in family matters? By Hamid Kamal, SCJ.

Ans; There is no second appeal provided in the statute against the decision of the appellate court. An aggrieved person can invoke writ jurisdiction of the High Court.

Thereafter, the participants left for Supreme Court of Pakistan, to Call on Hon'ble the Chief Justice of Pakistan.

VISIT TO SUPREME COURT:



Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan in a group photograph with a delegation of 24 Senior Civil Judges from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, who are under training at the Federal Judicial Academy Pakistan under Professional Exchange Program

During the meeting, His Lordship Mr. Yahya Afridi, while asking about place of posting of each participant, had also shared his personal memories and visiting experiences in respect of certain Districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. His Lordship further stressed on importance of dispensation of justice, especially postings of the experienced and brilliant judges at under-developed Districts, for providing inexpensive and expeditious justice to the masses. The projects of Solarization & E-Library, under Access to Justice Program and provision of other

basic facilities like clean drinking water, toiletries etc. for the litigant public especially provision of conducive environment for women folk and children at Judicial Complexes were also highlighted. His Lordship advised the participants to start tree plantation at their respective work-places as posterity measure.

At the end, for extending an invitation to attend ceremony of signing MoU between Pakistan and Turkiye Judiciaries and also conferment of a recreational trip to Murree, the participants paid especial note of thanks to His Lordship.

Day-5: TRIP TO MURREE: one-day excursion to hill-station Murree, was arranged in supervision of FJA. The participants, after having four days extensive scheduled activities at academy, enjoyed this recreational trip and surely will have the pleasant memories for longtime.

Day-6: CONCLUDING CEREMONY



On concluding day, the worthy Director General, FJA, awarded program completion Certificates among the participants. In his concluding remarks, the worthy DG emphasized on dispensation of inexpensive and speedy justice to the litigant public. He observed that, a judge should be humble in attitude, especially at post- promotion level because of the stature of the job. Group photo was followed.

CEREMONY OF SIGNING MoU AT SUPREME COURT:

The participants attended a ceremony, of signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), on Judicial Cooperation between the Judiciaries of Pakistan and Turkiye, held at the Supreme Court. The MoU was formally signed by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan, Justice Yahya Afridi, and the Hon'ble President of the Constitutional Court of Turkiye, Kadir Ozkaya,. The MoU founded framework for cooperation, capacity building, professional training and the sharing of best practices in adjudication and judicial administration, including District Judiciary.



Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan and President Constitutional Court of the Republic of Türkiye in a photo-during MoU signing ceremony at the Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad, today i.e. 6th April 2026.

OBSERVATION AND ANALYSIS.

The prominent aspect of the visit was the selection of topics as being directly linked with the purpose and scheme of the undergoing training. The sessions on medico-legal evidence, appreciation of evidence, civil and family appeals and focus on Order XXXVII CPC, were highly relevant. The syndicate discussions and group presentations was an interactive component, which encouraged participant engagement and learning. The discourse on "Critical Thinking" was mind stimulating & "Evidence-The Judge's Perspective" was particularly effective for conceptual clarity appreciation of evidence in trials. The participants overall have benefited from experienced and competent resource persons and all lectures were impactful due to the expertise of the speakers.

Moreover, the meeting with Hon'ble the Chief Justice of Pakistan provided valuable exposure and professional motivation to the participants. Witnessing the ceremony of signing MoU

between the Supreme Court of Pakistan and the Federal Constitutional Court of Turkiye, was also a remarkable event.

Boarding & lodging along with mess arrangements were quite adequate throughout the stay at Academy.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The noteworthy take from the visit was the enriched judicial cognition and acumen for the participants. Syndicate discussions inculcated critical analysis and evaluation ability. An understanding of appreciation of evidence, particularly in assessing admissibility, relevancy and credibility, both in civil and criminal cases besides interpretation of medico-legal reports, was the key lesson learnt. Participants also acquired knowledge about procedure of summary trials under Order XXXVII CPC as well as entertaining appeals and revisions. The session on family appeals prepared participants to handle and deal with family disputes. As provoked by the learned speaker, 'critical thinking' enabled the participants to deal with legal problems with clarity. This skill is important for adjudication as well as addressing intricate legal questions with confidence during trials. Shared learning through interaction inter-se and discussion among participants also enhanced their interpersonal skills and promoted professional judicial environment.

Last but not the least, exposure to senior faculty members and significantly the interaction with Hon'ble the Chief Justice of Pakistan provided the participants with professional motivation, insight about institutional functioning and ongoing reform initiatives.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion we can say that, the visit was a pivotal component of pre-promotion training, though was short yet proved professionally helpful experience for the participants. The intended

purpose was attained by providing the participants with both theoretical knowledge and practical understandings as sin-qua-non for handling the cases at appellate level for smooth trial. However, to get the best, in future more emphasis should be given on practical skill development and management of work-place problems during such useful progrmes.

Overall, the field visit reflected a strong inter-institutional commitment to judicial education and capacity building measures on behalf of the esteemed leadership of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Judicial Academy, Peshawar. Recognizing the importance of such like visits, it is recommended to be continued in future with more efficacy.

ANEXTURE "A".

Syndicate-1 under Coordination of Mr. Muhammad Naveed Khan, including;
1. Miss. Tania Hashmi, SCJ/Presenter
2. Mr. Asghar Ali, SCJ/ Chairperson
3. Mr. Khalid Anwar, SCJ/Presenter
4. Mr. Hamid Kamal, SCJ/Presenter
5. Mr. Farman Ullah, SCJ/Presenter
6. Mr. Mohsin Abbas, SCJ/Presenter

as members, who discussed and presented the topic "**Injunctions, Abuse of Process, and Access to Justice**".

Syndicate-2 under coordination of Mr. Mahmood Azam, were comprising;
1. Ms. Beenish Ismail Syed, SCJ
2. Mr. Muhammad Ilyas, SCJ/ Chairperson
3. Mr. Ishfaq Ahmad, SCJ
4. Syed Mansoor Shah, SCJ
5. Mr. Muhammad Shoaib, SCJ
6. Mr. Muhammad Wali, SCJ/Presenter

as members and topic for discussion was; **"Child Custody, Parental Alienation, and Child-Centered".**

Syndicate-3 were coordinated by Ms. Nadia Syed and included;
1. Miss. Nighat Bibi, SCJ/ Chairperson
2. Mr. Sheraz Tariq, SCJ/Presenter
3. Mr. Muhammad Rehan Samad, SCJ/Presenter

4. Mr. Shahzad Ali Khan, SCJ/Presenter
5. Mr. Attaullah, SCJ/Presenter
6. Miss. Sidra Azamat, SCJ/Presenter

as members and their topic for discussion was; **"Pre-Trial Detention, Bail, and Presumption of Innocence"**.

Syndicate-4 under coordination of Ms. Bushra Kokeb, including;

1. Mr. Arshad Khan, SCJ/Presenter
2. Miss. Marya Wajahat, SCJ/Presenter
3. Miss. Nadia Gul Wazir, SCJ/Presenter
4. Mr. Shakeel Arshad, SCJ/Presenter
5. Mr. Aftab Javed, SCJ/Chairperson
6. Mr. Imran Ullah, SCJ/Presenter

as members discussed and presented the topic; **"E-Filing & Digital Courts Framework"**.