FIELD VISIT REPORT

Pre-Promotion Statutory Training Visit

Five-Day Training Under

Professional Exchange Programme

Senior Civil Judges / A'Ala Illaqa Qazis from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

March 30 – April 2, 2026

Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad

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PREAMBLE

This is a synopsis of the Five-Day Professional Exchange Programme (PEP-014/2026-FJA) organised by the Federal Judicial Academy (FJA) for Senior Civil Judges and A'ala Illaqua Qazis from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa from March 30 to April 2, 2026. The officers of Federal Judicial Academy Mr. Mahmood Azam and Ms. Nadia Syed conducted the course along with the experienced resource persons from LJCP and SCP, amalgamating lectures, group discussions, daily book summaries and one-on-one institutional interactions. Witnessing the Supreme Court of Pakistan signing a historic MoU with a Turkish delegation in Islamabad was the highlight of the programme.

DAY ONE - MONDAY, 30 MARCH 2026

` Starting with welcome and registration, Ms. Bushra Kokab set serious but easy to go academic tone. She clearly mentioned the goals for the week. Following the welcome, Prof. Dr. Shaukat Ali dove deep into **Medico-Legal Reports – Evidentiary Value**. Judges wanted a sound clarification about the following:

- To avoid clashes regarding legal medical certificate with witness statements, whose version matters the most for the judges and why?
- How do you weigh conflicting post-mortem evidence?
- When it comes to figuring out age, given the limits of radiology, how much trust do judges place in certain tests?
- What does make an expert to witness truly credible?
- Does a delay in medical exams ruin the value of the evidence?
- What minimum safeguards must be in place for proper DNA evidence?

Continuing the training after a tea break, participants were divided into four groups and allotted tough legal issues i.e. Group 1 - Injunctions, Abuse of Process and Access to Justice; Group 2 - Child Custody, Parental Alienation and Child-Centric Framework; Group 3 - Pre-Trial Detention, Bail and Presumption of Innocence; Group 4 - E-Filing and Digital Courts Framework. The groups highlighted grey areas in the law, studied existing legal trends and came up with tangible recommendations for real-world solutions.

DAY TWO - TUESDAY, 31 MARCH 2026

'The Power of Now by Eckhart Tolle,' Ms Nadia Syed set the tone for the day by presenting the summary of the book. She interconnected the book's core ideas

about being grounded to the poised need in courts. Followed by a session on 'Critical Thinking,' the judges were encouraged to figure out their biases, use logical inference and pay close attention to differentiate between what is fact and what is just a supposition. It was followed by the question answer session in which the judges asked the following questions from the panelists:

- How do we actually notice confirmation bias creeping in?
- Which logical frameworks work best for judgment writing?
- What is the proper line for drawing inferences in civil cases?

Later that morning, Ms. Nadia Syed led a session on 'Organisational Culture, Evaluation Processes, Gender Discrimination and the Law' - all centered around Ann Hopkin's Case. The discussion looked for the answers related to local challenges as judges asked the following questions:

- How significant are international judgements in Pakistan, where anti-discrimination laws are still prevalent?
- What is the judiciary's responsibility, under both the constitution and CEDAW, to eliminate gender partiality in courts?
- If the court itself possesses a gender bias tendency, what should a judge do?

Ms. Samina Iqbal Khan summed up the day by collecting the feedback on the sessions conducted by the resource persons.

DAY THREE - WEDNESDAY, 01 APRIL 2026

Syed Mansoor Shah Bukhari started the day by summarizing 'Nelson Mandela's A Long Walk to Freedom,' projecting how Mandela's insights regarding justice and leadership linked to the responsibility of judiciary to safeguard the constitutional rights of the citizens. Afterwards, Mr. Fakhar Zaman (LJCP Secretary and DG for Reforms, SCP) led the session on 'Evidence — The Judges' Perspective.' The session discussed what courts should do when both the opinions are balanced; if the witness turns to be hostile resulting in the case to be entangled. What sort of digital proofs such as, WhatsApp messages or CCTV footages, courts should entertain under the ambit of Pakistan's Qanun-e-Shahadat Order. Judges also thought about the issues of admissibility versus acceptance of evidence during the trial. Syed Muhammad Haroon proceeded the training by conducting a session on 'Summary Trial u/o 37 CPC.' The questions asked by the judges were:

- When can a judge allow conditional or unconditional leave to defend?

- Does a summary decree block later lawsuits on the same issue?

Then, Mr. Mahmood Azam discussed ‘Handling Appeals in Family Cases’ - like when appellate courts can accept new evidence or how the ‘best interests of the child’ play out? In the evening, Ms. Samina Iqbal Khan gathered the feedback through ‘Resource Persons’ Evaluation,’ afterwards the day concluded with an informal “Academy Night” for judges to exchange notes and have leisure time.

DAY FOUR - THURSDAY, 02 APRIL 2026

Opening the formal proceedings of the day, Mr. Muhammad Wali presented the summary of Nietzsche’s ‘Thus Spoke Zarathustra,’ connecting the writer’s insights about self-transcendence with the move by judiciary to set high standards. Then, Ms. Bushra Kokab conducted a training session on ‘Civil Appeals and Revision’ followed by questions asked by the judges:

- Why does “jurisdictional error” need revision, versus just an error in law?
- How do courts give verdicts if a legal question is “substantial” enough for a review in second appeal?
- What does just filing an appeal mean i.e. an automatic stay of execution and under what circumstances could stays be approved?
- Can the factual findings of two lower courts be overruled by the High Court and when?

After the break, the participants got the rare opportunity to meet His lordship, the Honourable Chief Justice of Pakistan. This one-on-one meeting along with his lordship, the Honourable Chief Justice’s official activities acted as a bridge between field judges and the Supreme Court.



MONDAY, 06 APRIL 2026



In the concluding session, Miss Nighat Bibi represented all the participants. On behalf of all the participants she thanked the FJA team, coordinators and resource persons and reaffirmed the group's commitment to uphold the justice. The participants were awarded with the certificates. The week concluded with as the participants witnessed the signing of MoU between the Supreme Court of Pakistan and the Turkish delegation.

FEEDBACK



The four days, the professional training carefully crafted lectures, hands on experience with real-world scenarios, case studies, book summaries conducted by the participants and the FJC mentors on The Power of Now, A Long Walk to Freedom and Thus Spoke Zarathustra, group discussions and projects. The expertise of resource persons was outstanding and every session provided the pragmatic solutions. The witnessing of the MoU signing was icing on the cake for the participants. For future trainings, it is suggested to repeat the format - the book summaries, group-discussions and their based recommendations and visits.



APPENDIX
LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Pre-Promotion Statutory Graded Training
Senior Civil Judges / Judicial Magistrates / A'Ala Illaqa Qazi
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S.#	Name of Officer	Designation & Place of Posting
1	Mr. Asghar Ali	Senior Civil Judge, Buner
2	Mr. Muhammad Ilyas	Senior Civil Judge, Kurram
3	Mr. Sheraz Tariq	Senior Civil Judge, South Waziristan
4	Mr. Khalid Anwar	Senior Civil Judge, Upper Dir
5	Mr. Ishfaq Ahmad	Senior Civil Judge, Malakand
6	Mr. Muhammad Rehan Samad	Senior Civil Judge, Tank
7	Miss Tania Hashmi	Senior Civil Judge, D.I. Khan
8	Mr. Shakeel Arshad	Senior Civil Judge, Bajour
9	Mr. Hamid Kamal	Senior Civil Judge, Chitral
10	Syed Mansoor Shah Bukhari	Senior Civil Judge, North Waziristan
11	Mr. Shahzad Ali Khan	Senior Civil Judge, Mohmand
12	Ms. Beenish Ismail Syed	Senior Civil Judge, Nowshera
13	Miss Nighat Bibi	Senior Civil Judge, Haripur
14	Mr. Farman Ullah	Senior Civil Judge, Charsadda
15	Mr. Muhammad Shoaib	Senior Civil Judge, Hangu
16	Mr. Attaullah	Senior Civil Judge, Mardan
17	Mr. Aftab Javed	Senior Civil Judge, Karak
18	Miss Marya Wajahat	Senior Civil Judge, Shangla
19	Mr. Mohsin Abbas	Senior Civil Judge, Abbottabad
20	Miss Nadia Gul Wazir	Senior Civil Judge, Swabi
21	Mr. Imran Ullah	SCJ – Resident Additional Secretary, MLOJ, Peshawar High Court, Peshawar
22	Miss Sidra Azmat	Senior Civil Judge, Nowshera
23	Mr. Muhammad Wali	Senior Civil Judge, Abbottabad
24	Mr. Arshad Khan	Senior Civil Judge, Kolai Palas