

State Judicial Academy organized an Orientation Programme

In order to enhance the core skills of Sub Judges and Munsiffs of Jammu and Samba District, State Judicial Academy today organized an orientation program on topic "appreciation of evidence in trial" in High Court Complex, Jammu.

Sunil Sethi, Senior Advocate, stressed upon the Participants that they have to be diligent and proactive in the discharge of their duties as they discharge a divine role of dispensing justice. Injustice in any case is threat to a society everywhere; which can occasion if a Judge is not committed in the trial of the case. They have important tool of appreciation of evidence to arrive at truth, though, they are not present on the spot of the occurrence. While, tracing the history of the principles of the appreciation of the evidence, he informed participants about the cardinal principles for evaluating as to whether the witness is telling the truth in the court or not. He shared his own experiences, of trials in courts, with participants.

Sh. B.L.Saraf, Retired District and Sessions Judge, informed Participants about the golden principle of appreciation of evidence and impressed upon them to develop a keen sense of observation to discern as to whether a witness is telling the truth or not. He urged upon participants the importance of noting down the demeanor of witnesses in the courts, while recording evidence so that they can assess, at the time of writing judgment, as to what was the conduct of the witness. This would assist them in arriving at the truth about the veracity of the witness and whether to rely on him or not.

Suresh Kumar Sharma, Director of State Judicial Academy said on the occasion that every case we handle and every decision we arrive improves our faculties and itself is a training to improve our self. The appreciation of evidence in a trial is a skill which can be acquired and enhanced by proper application of mind and experience.

Participants and resource persons had intellectually stimulating interaction on different aspects of appreciation of evidence in the trial.

