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Introduction:-

The main aim of the training course is to sensitize judicial officers in their vague areas of judgment writing: To improve their linguistic skills and proper appreciation of fact, law and evidence.

Focus of the Lecture:-

First lecture was about Modern Strategies in Judgment writing. In which we learned about;

- The use of common, simple and plain language
- Short sentences which are straight to the point
- Sign post: topic sentences and clear headings
- Plan your writing projects and divide them in sections and then the sections further into smaller parts in addition use informative headings and place them in chronological sequences
- Unnecessary words should be avoided
- Use the words with which the reader is familiar with and can easily comprehend it by using noun structure
- Prefer active voice upon passive voice
- Minimize your legalese by trying to use one word conveying same meaning

In the second lecture delivered by the resource person in the topic of one word dictionary we learned:-

- Use of punctuations- where and when they can be used while writing a good judgment
- Use of coordinating conjunctions, defining and non defining clause
- The utilization of the seven C's :- conciseness, clarity, correctness, completeness, consistency, consideration, and courtesy.

Elements of Judgment Writing

In this lecture we learned about what is a judgment? Which in the words of learned speaker is the statement by a person or a judge who decides something. He further added that whenever a judge decides a dispute he has to give reasons for his decision which should be reasonable. This is made obligatory as per order 20 rule 4 CPC as well as Sec 24 A of General Clauses Act. It ensures the Rule of Law.

Stages of a judgment:-
(a) Pre decision stage, and
(b) Post decision stage.

Why Judgment?

For a judge it is:-
- A guide
- Avoid a mistake and oversight

For litigants:-

- It ensures transparency, predictability and good governess

For public at large:-

- It ensures Rule of Law, audit, and accountability

Judgment Vs Code of Conduct:-

In this we learned about what an ideal judgment says and what the code of conduct says in a table form.

The distinction between a good and a bad judgment was clarified and its touchstone was explained.

Conclusion:-

The lectures were effectively delivered by both the learned speakers especially by Mr. Niaz Muhammad Khan whose way of transmission of knowledge was nice and impressive. However I would like to suggest one thing that the slides which were shown to us in the lecture room if distributed among the participants before hand in some shape of hard copies that would be most appreciable. The question answer session was also of great from academic perspective and I personally feel that I learned a lot from yesterdays lectures and I hope that I will be able to write a good judgment in the future by inheriting the skills which I got from here. The overall impacts of all the lectures were good. Thank you.