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Law & Justice Commission of Pakistan: an introduction

The Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan (LJCP) is a Federal Government institution established under the Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan Ordinance 1979, mandated for the systematic development and reform of laws, and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto, with the core statutory function to suggest legislative reforms.

The Secretariat since its inception has been working on legislative reforms and has suggested various remarkable reforms, arranging the codification and unification of laws in order to eliminate multiplicity of laws on same subjects, and removing the anomalies in the laws.

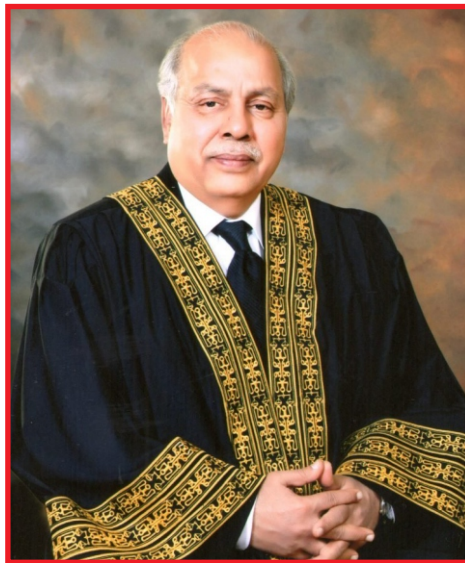
LJCP is a research organization and is also entrusted with the responsibility of introducing reforms in administration of justice. Moreover, the Secretariat of LJCP works as a bridge between the executive and the judiciary in a multidimensional manner.

The Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan is the Chairman of Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan. Since, 21st December 2019, the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan, Mr. Justice Gulzar Ahmed is the Chairman of the Commission.

Composition of Commission



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Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan
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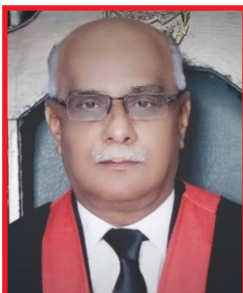
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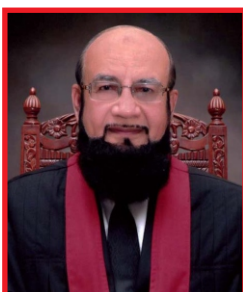
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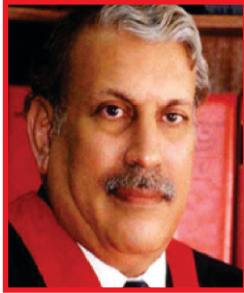


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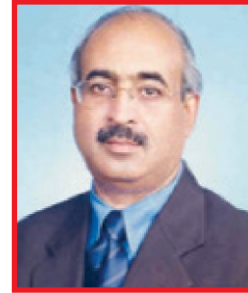


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The Police Reforms Committee holds its meeting at Karachi

A meeting of Police Reforms Committee was held in the High Court of Sindh, Karachi on 19th July, 2019. The Committee monitored the performance of Police Complaint Cells and discussed the effectiveness of such cells in terms of reduction in petitions under section 22-A & 22-

B of Criminal Procedure Code which would consequently help overcome the burden on the Courts. The Committee reiterated the need for public awareness with respect to the established Police Complaint Cells and their redressal mechanism.

Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan presides over an exclusive session on "Justice Sector Reforms" for future readiness



An exclusive session was arranged by the Sindh Police on "Justice Sector Reforms" at Central Police Office, Karachi, on 19th July, 2019 to discuss the effectiveness of the newly implemented Police Laws in the Province of

Sindh. The Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan, Mr. Justice Asif Saeed Khan Khosa, presided over the session and appreciated the efforts of Sindh Police in implementation of effective police laws in the Province



Punjab Judicial Academy organizes 3-Day Workshop on Gender Based Violence



The Punjab Judicial Academy, Lahore, organized a three-day workshop for training of judges to deal with the cases of gender based violence. On the final day, during closing ceremony, held on 27th July, 2019, the Secretary LJCP shared his

views about the initiative of establishing Gender Based Violence Courts under the auspices of National Judicial (Policy Making) Committee and their effectiveness in dispensation of justice to the vulnerable segment of society.

Chairman Implementation of Minority Rights Forum (IMRF), along with international delegation, meets Secretary, LJCP: Delegates discuss the status of implementation of laws protecting minority rights in the light of the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Mr. Samuel Payara, Chairman Implementation of Minority Rights Forum (IMRF), along with international delegates called on the Secretary, LJCP on 31st July, 2019 to discuss the state of implementation of laws with respect to protection of minority rights in Pakistan, in the light of directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan. Through a detailed judgment, the

August Court, among other directions, had ordered to constitute a Commission to oversee the implementation of laws to ensure protection of rights of minorities in Pakistan. The Secretary Law & Justice Commission of Pakistan apprised the members of the delegation about the initiatives taken by the Secretariat with respect to protection of rights of minorities



Police Reforms Committee meets at Islamabad to improve the effectiveness of the Criminal Justice System



The Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan Mr. Justice Asif Saeed Khosa Chairing Meeting of Police Reforms Committee at Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad on September 23, 2019.

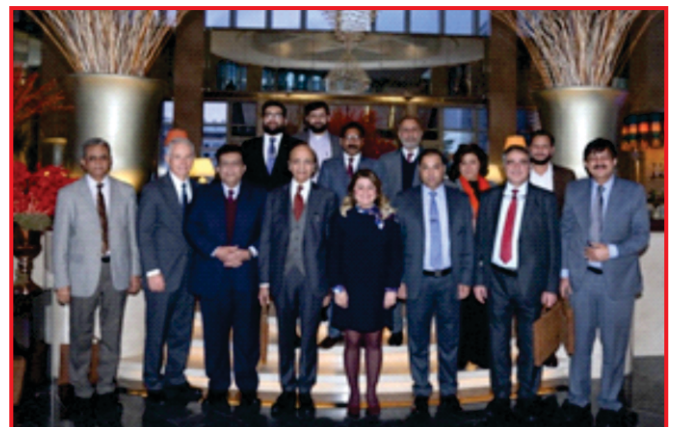
A meeting of the Police Reforms Committee (PRC) was held on 23rd September, 2019 under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Asif Saeed Khan Khosa, Chief Justice of Pakistan/Chairman LJCP at the Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad. The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gulzar Ahmed, Senior Puisne Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan, the serving Inspectors General of Police from all the four provinces, ICT, GB, AJ&K, Former IG Mr. Afzal Ali Shigri, (Convener), Mr. Asad Jahangir Khan, Dr. Shoaib Suddle, Mr. Tariq Khosa, and Director General, National Police Bureau attended the meeting. The Committee discussed upon Public Complaints Redressal Mechanism; measures

taken to improve quality of Investigation, as well as, enhancing effectiveness of the Criminal Justice System.

The Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan, emphasized upon the need to devise a uniform strategy for correct narration of FIR, to avoid unnecessary arrest, and improved accuracy of evidence to facilitate the process of registration of criminal cases. Finally, the Chair desired that National Police Bureau after consultation with all the serving IGs of Police would prepare a proposal on those issues and share their findings with the committee.

The LJCP Secretariat creates new pathways for ADR in Pakistan: The Secretary LJCP participates in a workshop on ADR at Ankara

The Secretary LJCP, joined The Asia Foundation at Ankara on the 26th & 27th October 2019 to participate in a workshop on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). The event was attended by the former Chief Justice of Pakistan, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani, former Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anwaar ul Haq, High Court Judge, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shahid Bilal Hassan, representatives from Judicial Academies, Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), as well as, legal experts



from the United States and Turkey.

The meeting discussed the progress of ADR in Pakistan and future avenues for promotion of new practices of dispute resolution through ADR. The Secretary, LJCP, Dr. Muhammad Raheem Awan presented the Family Courts model to exemplify evolution in the judicial response with a new approach. He remarked that family cases are usually high in number and require more accommodating space due to the involvement of children. Thus, Dr. Awan shared his experience of setting up play areas for children in courts to accommodate these young stakeholders. Dr. Awan emphasized that a similar approach should be adopted with specialized mediation spaces as a more relaxed and flexible approach to the judicial system has shown significant results.

Furthermore, Dr. Awan also stressed on the importance of international conventions signed by Pakistan highlighting some of the issues concerning the recognition and enforcement of the Arbitral Agreements and Foreign Arbitral Awards Act 2011. Dr. Awan stated that the historical background of investment contracts proved the existence of disputes and recurrence possibilities on the same pattern. Thus, the setting up of a specialized arbitration center for all 'One-Belt-One-Road' (OBOR) related disputes was not only necessary but also could provide Pakistan with a unique opportunity to become the judicial focal point for all commercial arbitrations in the

region, even connecting to the ASEAN economies.

The meeting was sidelined by visits to the Turkish judicial system and private mediation firms. This study tour element arranged by The Asia Foundation not only provided greater insight on international best practices but also provided opportunities for future collaborations between organizations from Pakistan and Turkey.



The LJCP Secretariat organizes one-day training workshop on International Commercial Arbitration in collaboration with Oxford University, UK

The LJCP Secretariat organized a one-day training workshop on 11th November, 2019 on International Commercial Arbitration in collaboration with the Oxford University. The nominated judicial officers were invited to introduce the modern skills for resolution of commercial disputes through arbitration. Dr. Livia Holden, an expert from Oxford University, in her introductory remarks pointed out that this training was a product of the collaborated project for Indonesia and Pakistan, which focused upon

gender sensitization for judicial education and funded by Global Challenges Research Fund-UK.

The Secretary, LJCP in his opening remarks, stated that given the importance of International Commercial Arbitration and the process of execution of commercial agreements, there was a dire need to train judicial officers in order to enhance their relevant expertise in the field of commercial arbitration. He further informed that in the near future the judicial officers would have



to adjudicate International Commercial Disputes; therefore, this training would definitely help them effectively discharge their judicial responsibility.

Dr. Giorgio Fabio Colombo, from the University of Nagoya, Japan also delivered a lecture on

international commercial arbitration during the training. Afterwards, the judicial officers were divided into three groups to discuss case studies on arbitration and court systems. In the concluding session, the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gulzar Ahmed, Senior Puisne Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan, highlighted the importance of international commercial arbitration and reiterated that the area required focus and training of judicial officers. His Lordship expressed his hope that in the future this training workshop would play a key role in adjudication of disputes pertaining to international commercial arbitration and emphasized that similar important trainings be given to judicial officers in the future regularly on subjects such as gender rights, violence against women & children and database use.



LJCP Secretariat launches CULTEXP Multilingual Cross Jurisdictional Database in collaboration with Oxford University, UK



The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gulzar Ahmed, Senior Puisne Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan during launching of CULTEXP Multilingual Cross Jurisdictional Database on 11.11.2019.

The LJCP Secretariat has launched the CULTEXP Multilingual Cross Jurisdictional Database during the workshop on International Commercial Arbitration, held on 11th November, 2019 at Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad. The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gulzar Ahmed, Senior Puisne Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan graced the launching ceremony as Chief Guest. While discussing salient features of the database, Dr. Livia Holden informed that the database consisted upon judgments delivered in

seventeen different jurisdictions. She further informed that the database was created with the assistance of an expert team to provide access to a multilingual database. The Research Wing of LJCP has been providing assistance in terms of legal research on case laws and in this context, almost 200 selected judgments of Pakistani Courts on gender related issues have been provided to Oxford University to update the database that is available on the official website of LJCP.

The Police Reforms Committee holds its meeting at Supreme Court of Pakistan Branch Registry, Lahore on 23rd November, 2019



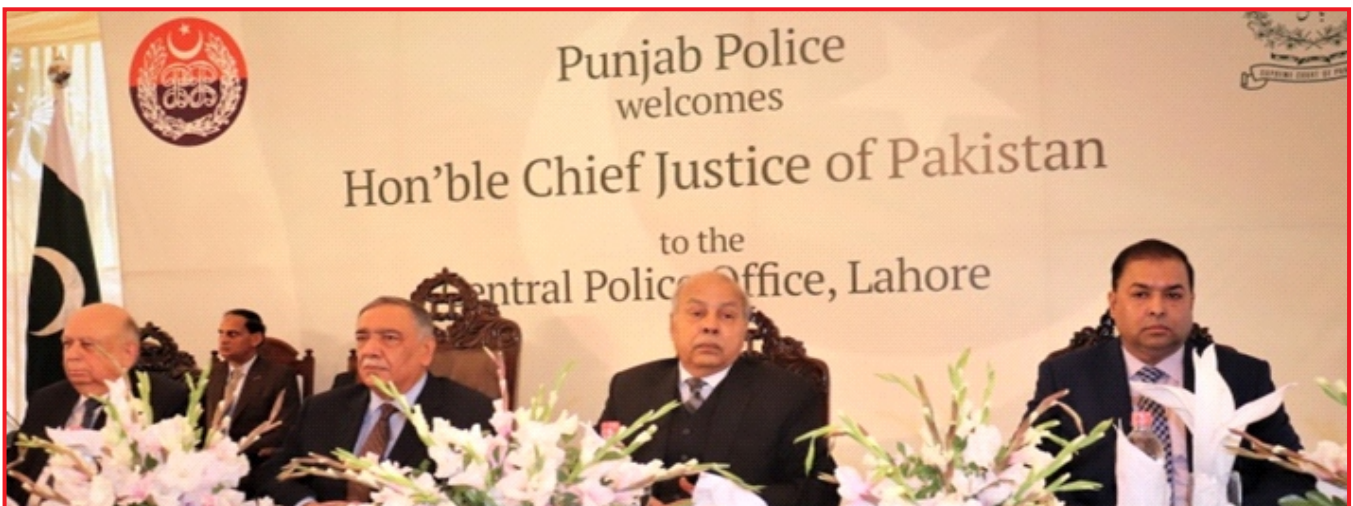
Police Reforms Committee (PRC) meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan in Islamabad on 23-11-2019

A meeting of the Police Reforms Committee (PRC) was held at Supreme Court of Pakistan, Branch Registry Lahore, on 23rd November, 2019. The Meeting was attended by the members

of the PRC. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Asif Saeed Khan Khosa, Chief Justice of Pakistan, presided over the meeting, whereas, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gulzar Ahmed, the then Senior Puisne Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan, also attended the meeting on special invitation. In the said meeting Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gulzar Ahmed emphasized that it was vital for the Police and investigators to be well aware of the latest verdicts of the Supreme Court of Pakistan so that the investigation could be conducted as per guidelines given by the apex Court. His Lordship added that due to flaws in investigation the

acquittal rate in criminal cases is increasing day by day, therefore, the checklist annexed with the challan must be carefully examined and properly marked by the Investigating Officers. His Lordship also directed that access to research work of the LJCP and Supreme Court Research Centre should be given to the officials of Police department, and that the website should make translation of judgments of the Supreme Court available in different languages enabling Police officials to understand the verdicts of the Supreme Court in true letter and spirit.

Visit of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Asif Saeed Khan Khosa, Chief Justice of Pakistan to the Central Police Office, Lahore, on 23rd November, 2019



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Asif Saeed Khan Khosa, Chief Justice of Pakistan along with Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gulzar Ahmed, Sr. Puisne Judge, visited the Central Police Office, Lahore, on 23rd November, 2019. Their Lordships addressed the participants and discussed the impact of effective

policing in the process of dispensation of justice. Later on, the Hon'ble guests visited the Police Museum in the Central Police Office and took great interest in police archives and appreciated the efforts of the management in preserving and maintaining history.



Farewell Visit of Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan to the LJCP Secretariat: Hon'ble Chairman appreciates the contribution of the LJCP in reforming the Justice Sector



The Secretary Law & Justice Commission of Pakistan invited the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan/Chairman Law & Justice Commission of Pakistan, to visit the Secretariat by providing an opportunity to the officers and staff to express their affection to the Hon'ble Chairman before His Lordship's superannuation. The Hon'ble

Chairman graciously accepted the invitation and visited the Secretariat on 19th December, 2019 joining the staff and officers of the Secretariat on a cup of tea. During his Lordship's visit the Hon'ble Chairman discussed various issues in an informal manner and also shared his life experiences.





Dr. Muhammad Raheem Awan vows to create litigant oriented facilities in district courts throughout the province

Secretary LJCP visits Lahore High Court and Punjab Judicial Academy to finalize project plans under AJDF



The Secretary LJCP visited Lahore High Court to discuss fund utilization and future plans with the Registrar of the Lahore High Court and the DG Directorate of District Judiciary. It was apprised that funds amounting to Rs.197.99 million under the JDF Window were released to the august Court up to 26.1.2012 out of which Rs.117.91 million were not accounted for till date.

Similarly, the Secretary LJCP informed that funds of Rs.37.233 million were released under the UDR Window to Lahore High Court for designated districts up to 24.6.2013, however,

after utilization of these funds workable plans were not shared by the Court.

The Secretary LJCP also shared that the Governing Body, Access to Justice Development Fund (AJDF), in its meeting held on 29th April, 2019, had approved allocation of funds amounting to Rs.671.8 million under the JDF Window for the District Judiciary of Punjab. Likewise, funds amounting to Rs.65.56 million were also available under the UDR Window for designated under-developed districts of the Punjab subject to sharing of work plans.

The Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan directs to release funds to the High Court of Balochistan for designated Under-Developed Districts in the province

The Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan has approved the release of Rs.3.79 Million as the estimated cost of activities related to infrastructure development and provision of litigant oriented facilities in designated districts of Balochistan.

The LJCP Secretariat has further requested the august High Court to prioritize eligible areas for utilization of funds allocated under UDR, giving preference to litigant centered activities like

establishment of information kiosks, construction of sheds (waiting areas), washrooms especially for ladies, up-gradation of Bakhshi-Khanas, etc.



The Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan directs to release funds of Rs.31.95 Million from Judicial Development Fund to the High Court of Balochistan for litigant oriented infrastructure facilities in district judiciary across the Province



Upon the directions of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan, the LJCP Secretariat has released funds of Rs.31.95 Million to High Court of Balochistan from its share allocation under the Judicial Development Fund (JDF) Window which would cater for the following activities to be executed in the district judiciary in the province of Balochistan:-

- (i) automation of the courts;
- (ii) court infrastructure;
- (iii) information kiosks;
- (iv) provision of court-related conveniences and amenities to litigants; and
- (v) performance reward for the subordinate judiciary on the basis of supervision reports and recommendations submitted by the inspection team of the High Courts.

Rs.15.960 Million released to Peshawar High Court for executing litigant focused projects in the Under-Developed Regions (UDR): The LJCP Secretariat stresses upon creating people-centric facilities

Funds of Rs.15.96 million have been released to the Peshawar High Court for execution of projects in the Under-Developed districts. The funding is an extra-budgetary support for the district judiciary in designated areas and will focus court infrastructure and provision of litigant

oriented facilities in court premises like, drinking water, sitting areas, information kiosks, and toilet facilities for visitors. The designated under-developed districts eligible for the said funding include, Buner, Chitral, Hangu, Karak, Kohistan, Shangla, Tank, Upper Dir.



The Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan directs to release funds of Rs.8.70 million to the Federal Judicial Academy, for organizing training activities:



The Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan has directed to release funds of Rs.8.70 million from AJDF to the Federal Judicial Academy for organizing workshops, conferences and training activities for judges, lawyers and prosecutors from across Pakistan as below:

- Training for Lawyers under “Continuing Legal Education”
- Continuing Legal Education (CLE) – Professional Development Package for Members of the Bar
- National Conference of Judges of Model

Criminal Trial Courts under “Expeditious Justice Initiative (EJI)

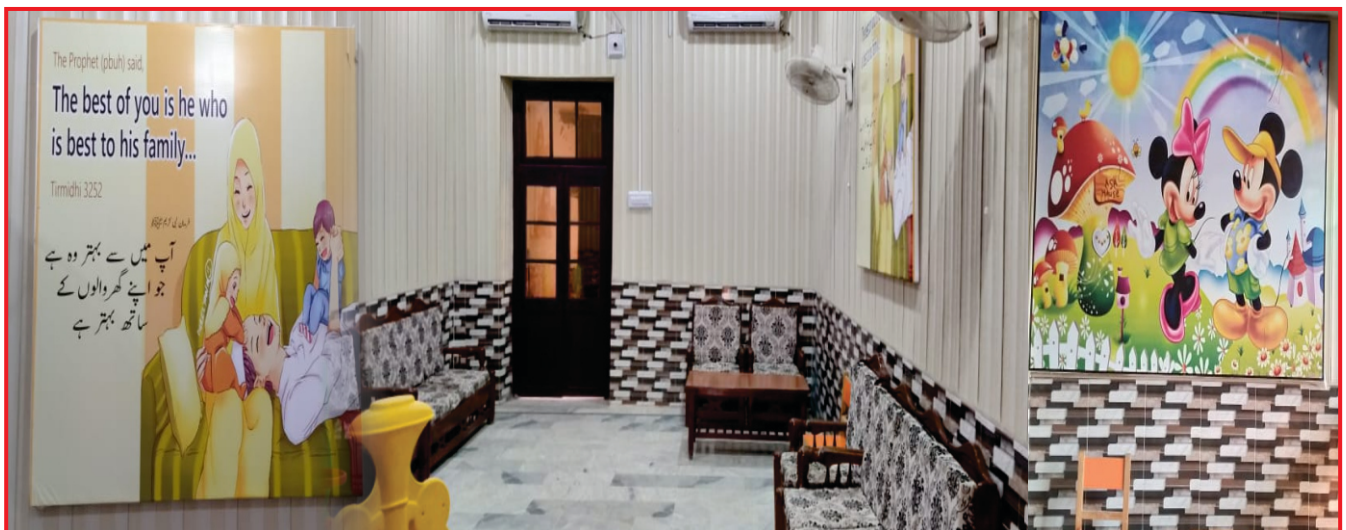
- National Conference on Expeditious Justice Initiative (EJI)
- Orientation Sessions on Expeditious Justice Initiative (EJI)
- Intensive Legal Research Workshop for Research Officers of Supreme Court Research Centre (SCRC)
- One Week Training on “Exploring Concepts in Trial Procedures” for Additional District & Sessions Judges



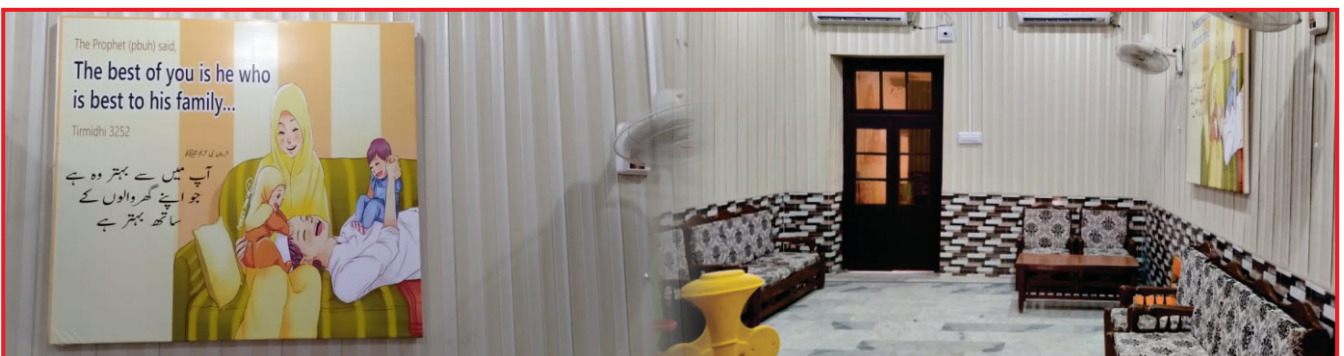
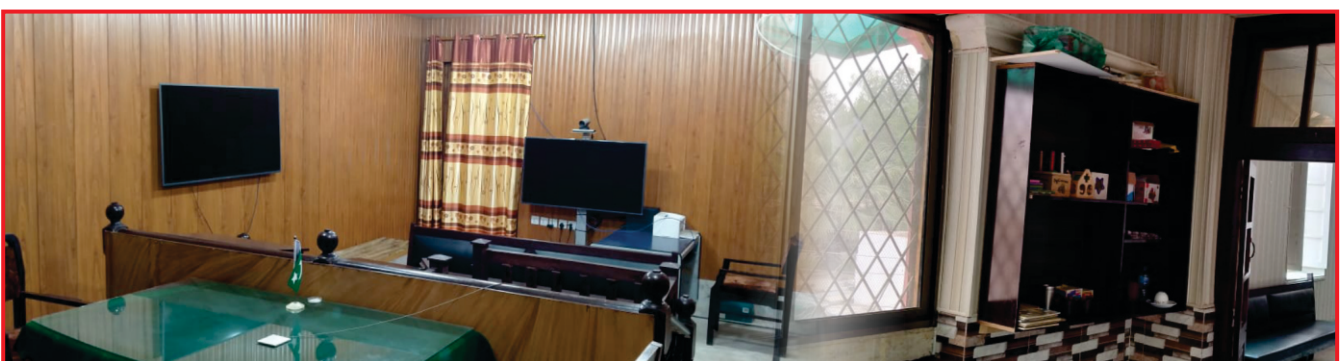
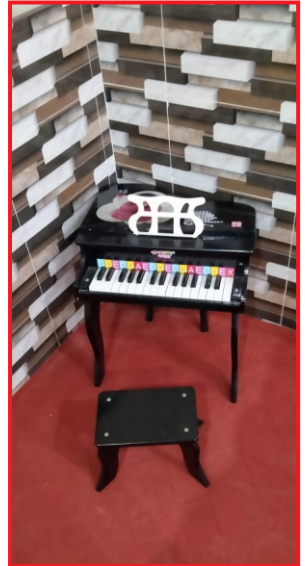
LJCP Secretariat releases funds of Rs.20 Million to the High Court of Sindh for Under-Developed Regions (UDR) in the province: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gulzar Ahmed, Senior Puisne Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan stresses upon effective and efficient utilization of funds from AJDF

The Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan has directed to release funds amounting to Rs.20 Million to the High Court of Sindh. The cheque of Rs.20 Million was presented to the Registrar, High Court of Sindh by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gulzar Ahmed, Senior Puisne Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan during his visit to City Courts, Karachi on 17th November, 2019.

The Registrar, informed the Hon'ble guests during the meeting that the project for provision of modern facilities in Model Family Courts in Six Districts of Sindh had been completed through AJDF funding provided by the LJCP Secretariat

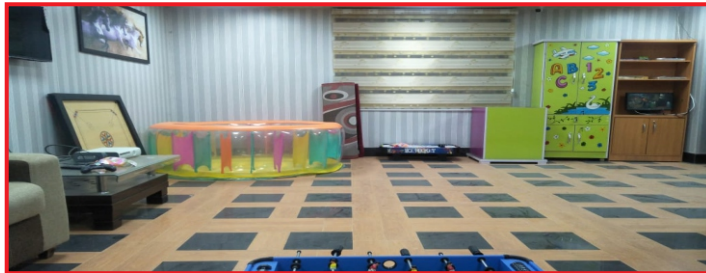
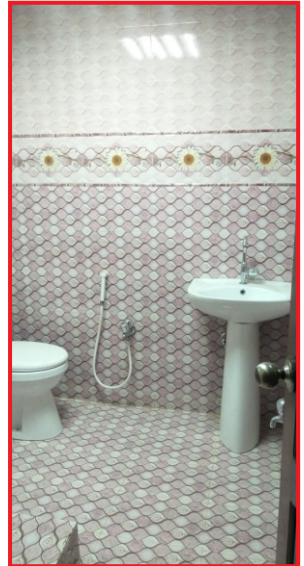


Family Environment of Family Courts Facilities provided through AJDF funding in six Districts of Sindh



Play area for kids provided in Family Courts

*Model Family Courts established in
Larkana, Hyderabad, Karachi Central, Karachi East, Karachi Malir, Karachi South*



The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gulzar Ahmed, Senior Puisne Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan visits City Courts, Karachi on 17th November, 2019:



The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gulzar Ahmed, Senior Puisne Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan, during his visit to the City Courts, Karachi on 17th November, 2019, inspected the Courtrooms, Stamp Office, Mal-Khana and the Treasury Office, located in the Court premises. During the visit, the Hon'ble Senior Puisne Judge directed the relevant authorities to submit a detailed report on the following:

I. Status of work on the Under-Construction Additional Court, Record Room for District

- ii. West Karachi, and Extension of Bar Room;
- iii. Clearance of debris from the Mal-Khana and its revival;
- iv. Construction of Separate Record Room in the area opposite to Mal-Khana;
- v. Pending work of Stamp Office, Karachi;
- vi. Shifting of Treasury Office, Karachi from Court premises;
- vii. Feasibility of weeding-out of obsolete Record; and
- viii. Revival of outlook of the Court building notified as heritage by the Archives Department.



Following the inspection, the Secretary, Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan (LJCP) held a meeting with the Chief Secretary, Government of Sindh apprising him about the concerns shown by His Lordship and requested the Chief Secretary for issuance of directions to the relevant

authorities for immediate action. Syed Mumtaz Ali Shah, Chief Secretary to the Government of Sindh assured that necessary directions would be issued and also committed that required funds would also be released for development and completion of suspended work of the District

Courts West, Karachi for timely revival of the Mal-Khana.

On 18th November, 2019, a meeting of the following was held in the office of the Registrar, High Court of Sindh to discuss the above referred issues:

- (I) Mr. Imran Atta Soomro, Secretary Works & Services, Government of Sindh.
- (ii) Mr. Akhtar Hussain Dawach, Chief Engineer Buildings (Hyderabad).

- (iii) Mr. Arshad Hussain Bhutto, Superintending Engineer, Provincial Buildings, Circle Karachi.
- (iv) Mr. Ghulam Shabir Depar, Executive Engineer, Provincial Buildings Division-III, Karachi.
- (v) Mr. Adnan Sibtain, Assistant Engineer, Provincial Buildings, Sub-Division No.XI, Karachi.
- (vi) Representative of M/s Tariq Hassan, Consultants.



Dr. Muhammad Raheem Awan, Secretary, LJCP briefed the participants about the concerns of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gulzar Ahmed, Senior Puisne Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan and his discussion with the Chief Secretary, Government of Sindh. The point-wise detail is as under:-

I. *The Status of Work of Under-Construction Building of Additional Court, Record Room for District West Karachi, and Extension of Bar Room in the premises of City Courts, Karachi.*

The Secretary Works, Government of Sindh informed that the total estimated cost of the project was 193.9 Million and expenditure for the work done till date was 176.6 Million. He further informed that only Rs.1 Million were earmarked for the financial year 2019-20 for the project resulting in the suspension of work, and that upon provision of funds, the work could be completed within the given time line i.e. June 2020.

He informed that following the inspection and meeting of the Secretary LJCP, the Chief Secretary Sindh has issued directions for submission of cases for allocation of additional funds for the completion of remaining work. After a thorough discussion, it was resolved that the Secretary Works would initiate a case for allocation of additional funds for early completion of the suspended project.

ii. *Clearance of debris from the Mal-Khana and its revival.*

Dr. Muhammad Raheem Awan, Secretary, LJCP informed the participants that the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gulzar Ahmed, Senior Puisne Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan issued directions for the revival of the building of the Mal-Khana to its original shape within a period of one month. The Secretary Works assured that the Works Department would be in a position to meet the timeline, upon handing over the possession of the building. The Secretary, LJCP apprised the

participants that the matter had also been brought to the notice of the IG Police for immediate removal of debris and wreckage from the destroyed Mal-Khana and IG Police committed to the clearance of the building within a week.

For handing over the possession of the building to Works Department for its revival, the Secretary, LJCP requested the Registrar, High Court of Sindh, Karachi to seek necessary approval from the Competent Authority. The Registrar High Court of Sindh assured that he would complete



the handing over process within a couple of days. Furthermore, Secretary Works promised that in the meantime his team would prepare PC-I of the project for soliciting financial and administrative approval. In this regard, he would submit a progress report within a week's time.

iii. **Construction of Separate Record Room in the area opposite to Mal-Khana.**

The Secretary LJCP explained the idea of consolidating record under one roof which was appreciated by the Hon'ble Senior Puisne Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan. He also informed that record room opposite to Mal-Khana measuring 2000sqy could be utilized for this purpose. The Secretary Works committed that upon necessary approval, the Works Department would execute the project within the earmarked budget for the current financial year. The Secretary, LJCP apprised the participants that the Chief Secretary, Government of Sindh also committed to providing funds for the construction of the Record Room. Thus, the Secretary Works was requested to forward a case to the Government of Sindh for allocation of requisite funds.

iv. **Pending work of Stamp Office, Karachi.**

Following the directions of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gulzar Ahmed, Senior Puisne Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan, the record of the Stamp Office was inspected. It was informed that, before endorsing any monthly payment claim, the Stamp Office reconciled the data with PRAL.

v. **Shifting of Treasury Office, Karachi from Court premises.**

The officers of the Treasury Office, Karachi reported that being junior officers at an operational level they had no authority to make any commitment. However, the matter would be brought into the notice of senior officers.

vi. **Feasibility of weeding-out of obsolete records.**

The Secretary, LJCP discussed the matter with the Registrar, High Court of Sindh and invited his attention towards provisions of law regarding disposal of obsolete records. It was requested that directions be issued to the respective District and Sessions Judges for necessary action in the light of relevant rules.

vii. **Revival of outlook of the Court building notified as 'Heritage' by the Archives Department.**

The Secretary, LJCP discussed the matter with the Registrar, High Court of Sindh, Karachi and Secretary Works for revival of the court building to its original form as directed by His Lordship, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gulzar Ahmed, Senior Puisne Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan. The Secretary Works committed that after consulting the Archives Department, he would submit a report in this regard. The Secretary Works was requested to submit PC-I of the project, after consultation with the Archives Department, for soliciting financial and administrative approval.

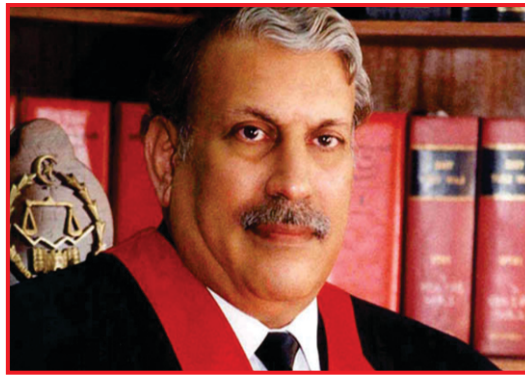


Secretariat LJCP launches the 11th Phase of AJDF: The Phase invites project proposals for funding on legal innovation, legal and judicial research, and legal empowerment

The 11th Phase of the AJDF was launched on 6th September, 2019 with a view to promote legal empowerment, legal research, innovation and reform involving associations, researchers and the academia for which Rs.468 millions have been allocated.

The proposals received in the 11th Phase of the AJDF have been scrutinized by the AJDF Wing, and would be placed before the Technical Evaluation Committee for further decision regarding the fate of these project proposals.

The Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC)

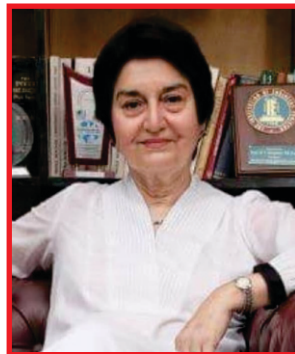


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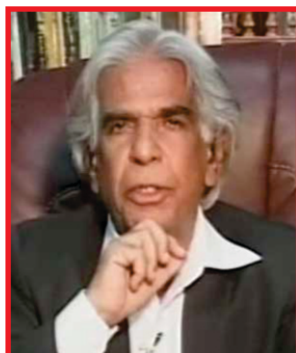
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