

Chandigarh Judicial Academy organized five day Academic Programme for 28 Sri Lankan High Court Judges, District Judges and other Judicial Officers from Dec. 12-16, 2016. In fact, Sri Lankan Judges had arrived at CJA in the afternoon of Dec. 09. In the morning of Dec. 10, they went for a visit to the holy city of Amritsar. The next day (Dec.11), they made a visit to Shimla. The Academic Programme was inaugurated on Dec. 12 by HMJ K.Sripavan, Chief Justice of Sri Lanka. The Chief Justice spoke on the Sri Lankan Constitution and shared that the new Sri Lankan Constitution was already in process. A comprehensive programme was structured spread over 20 different sessions. The suggestions had been received from Hon'ble the Chief Justice of Sri Lanka. Constitutional Issues to Environmental Aspects to Cyber Crimes and Appreciation of Electronic Evidence were discussed. HMJ Madan B. Lokur, Judge, Supreme Court of India discussed the Alternative Dispute Resolution Initiatives taken in India and Justice Administration and Court Management. HMJ A.K. Goel, Judge Supreme Court of India spoke on the Role of Courts in Upholding the Rule of Law. Justice S.J. Vazifdar, Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court took an Interactive Session with the Sri Lankan Judges. Justice Rajesh Bindal, President, BOG, CJA shared the details of the e-Court Project of Punjab and Haryana High Court. Justice M.M.S. Bedi discussed the Sentencing Principles based on Judicial Decisions. Justice Vijender Jain, former Chief Justice spoke on Commercial Arbitration.

Prof. Balram K. Gupta, Sr. Advocate and Director (Academics) spoke on: Strengthening the Justice Delivery System by Building Judicial Human Fabric. Mr. Ashok Agarwal, Sr. Advocate and A.G., Punjab covered: Reform of Civil Procedure – Rationing Procedure rather than Access to Justice. Mr. R.S. Cheema, Sr. Advocate and former A.G., Punjab dealt: Fair Trial Right and Criminal Justice Administration. Mr. Anupam Gupta, Sr. Advocate conducted an open heart surgery on the Sri Lankan Constitution and its working. Mr. Neeraj Aarora, Cyber Lawyer and International Arbitrator covered Cyber Crimes and Appreciation of Electronic Evidence. Prof. Paramjit S. Jaswal, VC, RGNLU, Patiala spoke on Balancing of Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles and PIL – Potential and Problems. Prof. B.T. Kaul, Chairman, DJA covered Access to Justice and Rights of Victims and Environment and Social Justice: Role of Courts. Dec. 14 was utilized for a visit to the High Court, High Court Museum, Chandigarh Capitol Complex, Rock Garden and Sukhna Lake. At the conclusion of the Academic Programme, the certificates and the mementoes were given by HMJ Rajesh Bindal. In the evening of Dec. 16, a cricket match was played between the Judges of High Court of Punjab and Haryana and Sri Lanka at PCA, Mohali. The Chief Justice of Sri Lanka was at CJA from the afternoon of Dec.11 to Dec. 15, 2016. The other Judges from Sri Lanka departed from the Academy on Dec. 17, 2016