

Press Release

Capacity Building Programme for the Maldives Judicial Officers at the National Judicial Academy India (Njai), Bhopal, India from 9-12 December 2024.

Today, a group of 50 Maldivian Judicial & legal officers are traveling to India to attend the training and capacity building programme from 9-12 December at the National Judicial Academy India (Njai), Bhopal. This is the first batch of Judicial officers under the renewed MoU signed between the National Judicial Academy India (Njai) and Judicial Service Commission (JSC), Maldives on 7 October 2024 during the State Visit of H.E. Dr. Mohamed Muizzu to India. Till date, a total of 199 Maldivian judicial officers, in four batches, have received their training in India since the signing of MoU in February 2020.



Sending off ceremony (pic)

2. Maldives occupies a special place under “Neighbourhood First” Foreign Policy of India and PM Modi’s vision of ‘Security And Growth for All in the Region’ (SAGAR). Collaboration in the area of training and capacity building is a key pillar of this partnership, also reflected in the Vision Document for a ‘Comprehensive Economic and Maritime Security Partnership’, jointly agreed upon by the Prime Minister of India and the President of Maldives in October 2024. Over the past few years, based on institutional arrangements between Indian and Maldivian institutions & more slots being offered under GoI’s flagship ITEC programme, a large number of Maldivian friends are visiting India for various in-person training programmes in the various conventional and

emerging areas ranging from Civil Services & Good Governance, Local Governance, Policing & Security, Customs, Media, Judiciary, Audit & finance, Health, Agriculture, Decentralization, Environment, Youth and Sports, etc.

3. The course content of the training programme has been prepared by the NJAI, Bhopal as per the requirements indicated by JSC and consists of lectures, discussions besides some local tours. Training would not only dwell on conventional areas but also on emerging areas in Judiciary, including art of judgment writing, ethics, neutrality and professionalism, e-judiciary, use of ICT in court and case management, innovations in terms of new applications and software, jurisprudence on environmental law, innovative approaches to meet global challenges, criminal justice administration, fair trial and human rights, electronic evidence, evidentiary presumptions, standard and burden of proof regarding presumption of culpable mental state, etc.

4. NJAI, established in 1992, is a premiere judicial institution in Bhopal, India with a mandate to strengthen the administration of justice through judicial education, research and policy development, guided by the Constitution of India. It has provided training and legal education to judicial and ministerial officers of the courts from within the country and abroad.

5. This academic program will develop, promote and strengthen mutual cooperation between the judiciaries of two countries and further provide an opportunity to share knowledge and experience among practitioners and academia on both sides with ultimate aim to strengthen the Judiciary, an important pillar of our democracies.
