

## **One week Pre- Service training course for Additional District and Sessions Judges launched at FJA**

**Strong shoulders bear heavy burden:** Director General, Federal Judicial Academy

**Islamabad:** A six-day pre-service training course for Additional District and Sessions Judges was formally inaugurated at the Federal Judicial Academy (FJA) on January 21, 2019.

Speaking at the launch, Director General of the Academy, Mr. Hayat Ali Shah stated that, "Academy was committed to improve the capabilities of judicial officers. This six days program is designed to enhance the capabilities of newly promoted/inducted Additional District and Sessions Judges so as to prepare them for their role."

"Additional District and Sessions Judges are the backbone of the system who bear a heavy burden of administration of justice system. In order to bear a heavy burden, they must have strong shoulders to deal with the task in a befitting manner. For this purpose, it is essential that they should be trained for the job and here comes the role of judicial academies. As usual the Academy has tried to secure the services of the best resource persons to impart training to you on different important subjects and topics during this six days training. This is a valuable opportunity for judges from different jurisdictions to share their knowledge and experience. It is hoped that you should all make the best use of these six days with us," the DG maintained.

The course, from 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> January, will be attended by a group of twenty newly appointed/promoted Additional District and Sessions Judges from all over Pakistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir. The training course will increase their understanding of what it means in practice to be an independent and impartial judge.

The topics and discussions will focus specifically on the issues that confront Additional District and Sessions Judges in their daily court proceedings and prepare the participants to uphold the high standards of professionalism.

Several topics will be discussed during this six days long training course, relevant to the job of Additional District and Sessions Judge in Pakistan. These topics include: "Emotional Intelligence", "Theories of Criminology", "Soft Skills", "Management of Sessions Trial", "Professional Ethics", "Juvenile Justice System Act, 2018", "Perspective on Digital Investigation and Evidence", "Dealing with Lunatics, Criminal Trial and Mental Health Ordinance", "Use of Modern Technologies for Recording of Evidence: Concept of e-court", "Law of Inheritance", "Law of Defamation", "New Dimensions in Medical Jurisprudence", amongst others.