

Hon'ble Governor of Chhattisgarh Shri Shekhar Dutt Ji, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Jai Johar, Nmasteey, a very good afternoon to all of you.

All Judges have law degree: they know the laws. The Judicial Academy is for the judges of District judiciary, who are selected after competitive examination: they are the best. Then what is the need of having training institute; spending so much of money.

Solomon (Sulayman in Arabic) was a king of Israel from 970 to 931 B.C. He was a king of great wisdom; said to be a just and wise ruler.

One day two women, living in the same house, came to him with an infant child. Both of them claimed to be the mother of the child. One of them claimed that the other woman had exchanged her dead child with her child in the night. The other denied this and said that the dead child belonged to the other woman.

After some deliberation, King Solomon called for a sword and said that in order to be fair, the child must be split into two and each woman be given half of the child. Upon hearing this, one of them said,  
'O Lord, give the child to her, just don't kill him'.

The other one said,

'It has been conceded;

the child may be given to me or else to be fair, he may be divided'.

Upon hearing this, King Solomon declared the first woman to be the mother of the child as she was the one, who had shown a mother's compassion. This was the judgment of Solomon.

I know of no law college that teaches the wisdom of King Solomon. I also do not know of any competitive examination that can select a person, who can decide like



*Judgement of Solomon sculpture in Venice -  
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Solomon. It is for this reason that despite having a law degree and passing through competitive examination, a training institute is necessary.

Most of the judicial academies emphasise law subjects, namely, CrPC, CPC, IPC that have already been taught. What many of them fail to do is, to teach Solomon's wisdom; his justness. We hope that the Chhattisgarh Judicial Academy will emphasise on justice rather than law; the judges trained here will render Justice rather than becoming merely scholar of law; their courts will be court of Justice and only court of law.

Aungier, the Governor, While inaugurating the first British court of justice in Bombay in 1672, rightly pointed out, 'Laws though in themselves never so wise and pious are but a dead letter and of little force except there be due and impartial execution of them'.

It was because of our insistence that in this year's Chief Justices' Conference, a resolution was passed that the High Courts may consider exploring the possibility of using solar energy in court premises. After this resolution, this is the first building that we are constructing and it will also be solar powered. It will be so constructed so as to have enough sun light during day time, it will be cold during summer and hot during winter, so that electricity consumption is reduced. Not only its training , but the building will also be an example to emulate.

This will require some funds. The 13<sup>th</sup> Financial Commission has already given us 15 crores towards infrastructure of the judicial academy but this may not be sufficient. We will need some funds; we hope that the State Government will meet the shortfall, and help us in making this building an example not only in its structure but in training methods as well.

Hon'ble Governor is here and before I end, I will like him to consider changing a tradition.

In Uttar Pradesh, Chief Justice goes to Raj Bhawan for the Governor's oath but Governor comes to Allahabad for the Chief Justice's oath. This was typical of

Allahabad but from there it spread to Calcutta and I request that it may be adopted here. A visit by Governor to the court, always enhances its prestige.

I will not be here for the oath of the next Chief Justice of the Chhattisgarh High Court, but I wish that it takes place here in this building rather than at Raj Bhawan, Raipur.

Good day to all of you.

Jai Hind.