

Visit of Judicial officers of Assam Judicial Services

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As technology plays an increasingly significant role in our society, it has become commonplace in the courtroom. New technological practices and discoveries bring forensic science topics such as DNA, latent print examinations and digital evidence to the forefront of our court system. With science & technology playing a greater role in resolving cases, it becomes obvious to Judicial Academies that there is urgent need to educate for a sufficient understanding of the scientific principles behind the forensic evidence they come across in courts.

It is said that, "lawyers do not understand science and scientists do not understand the law". As such, NICFS identified a need to address judges' knowledge gap in the area of forensic science. National Institute of Criminology and forensic Science, therefore, propose to organized a two days' visit for crafting a judicial forensic science education program.

The visit will focus mainly on Criminology as also on Forensic Science. It will include the topics like 'Dynamics of Criminal Behaviour' 'Issues in Criminal Justice System', 'Role of Forensic Science in Criminal Investigation and Trials', 'DNA profiling', ' Forensic Investigation of Cyber Crime Cases' and detailed discussions on role of various disciplines of Forensic Science and in speedy justice delivery system.

The short duration visit will be attended by 32 Officers of Assam Judicial Science. In addition informal discussions will enable the judges for future forensic science training opportunities.

This will also give judges the opportunity to see first-hand of what a Forensic Science Laboratory looks like, learn about the capabilities of the lab itself and speak with the forensic scientists. The visit will expose judicial Officials to the close relationship between the different wings of the criminal justice system.

Challenges to provide effective judicial forensic science education still exist. This approach will provide a foundation for future training courses for judiciary. The in-person training provides flexibility to adapt as scientific understanding of changes over the time.