

Judicial Academy Jharkhand

Refresher Training on Civil Laws for Civil Judge (Sr. Div.) (Course No. R- 13)

on

28th and 29th March, 2026

Target group – Civil Judge (Sr. Division)

| Date | Time | Topics | Resource Person |
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| 28/03/2026 Saturday | 10:00 am to 10:30 am | Registration and Group Photography | |
| | 10:30 am to 11:30 am | <p>Fundamental Concepts and Admissibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevancy Vs. Admissibility : Officers must distinguish between logical relevancy (common sense) and legal relevancy. • Facts in Issue and Relevant Facts : Mastery of Section 3 (Interpretation Clause) is essential for identifying which facts require proof to determine legal rights or liabilities. • Judge's Discretion : Training emphasizes the Judge's power to decide on the admissibility of evidence and to ask parties how a proposed fact is relevant. | Prof. (Dr.) Kesava Rao Vurrakula, Former Vice Chancellor, NUSRL, Ranchi |
| | 11:30 am to 11:45 am | Tea Break | |
| | 11:45 am to 01:00 pm | The above deliberation will continue | -Do- |
| | 01:00 pm to 02:00 pm | Lunch | |
| | 02:00 pm to 03:15 pm | <p>Burden of Proof and Presumptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burden of Proof: In civil cases, the “onus probandi” generally lies with the party asserting a fact to support their claim. • Presumption of Law and Fact : Distinguishing between “May Presume” (discretionary), “Shall Presume” (mandatory until disproved), and “Conclusive Proof” (irrebuttable). • Estoppel : A cornerstone of civil law that prevents a party from contradicting a previous representation that another party has acted upon. | Prof. (Dr.) Kesava Rao Vurrakula, Former Vice Chancellor, NUSRL, Ranchi |
| | 03:15 pm to 03:30 pm | Tea Break | |

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| | 03:30 pm to 05:00 pm | Documentary and Electronic Evidence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Evidence Rule: This principle prioritizes documentary evidence over oral testimony for proving terms of contracts and grants. • Public Vs. Private Documents: Understanding the distinction between Public and Private documents and the rules for their proof via certified copies. • Electronic Records: Prevalence of digital evidence, focusing on the strict requirements for admissibility. • Presumptions as to Documents: Rules for documents 30 years old and the genuineness of certified copies. | -Do- |
| 29/03/2026 Sunday | 10:30 am to 11:30 am | Customary Laws: Inheritance in tribal societies of Jharkhand | Dr. Shalini Saboo, Assistant Professor, Institute of Legal Studies, Ranchi University |
| | 11:30 am to 11:45 am | Tea Break | |
| | 11:45 am to 01: 00 pm | The above deliberation will continue | -Do- |
| | 01:00 pm | Lunch and way forward | |


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