

STRUCTURE OF OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM

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I am delighted to be here with you on this occasion of inauguration of Refresher Training Programme for Additional District Judges conducted by the Institute of Judicial Training and Research, Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow. I thank the authorities of the Institute immensely for giving me this opportunity. Mr. U.C. Dhyani, Mr. Justice Gupta, Mr. Mehrotra and other speakers have described courts as temple of justice. It is customary to describe courts as temples of justice, with the Judge as presiding deity. Such a comparison suggests, to my mind, the purity of thought and deed and transcendence of the duality leading to unison in a noble purpose i.e. dispensation of justice, according to law, not rough justice, at various levels, including the foundation level at which you are.

In the organic structure of our judicial system, the level held by you occupies the place of eyes, ears, hands and legs, without which the higher levels cannot function. To be precise, the subordinate judiciary holds a pivotal position in the body of our judicial system. Subordinate judiciary is the root from which stem and on which stand all other higher levels of judiciary.

Exactly, what I mean to say is that the subordinate judiciary directly hears the parties to a dispute, considers their pleadings of woes and makes attempts at resolution of the conflicting claims of the rival parties, directly at the inception. With the effective assistance of the lawyers, not the pseudo one merely donning the Lawyers' -robes, horoscope of the case, i.e. pleading is charted at the subordinate judiciary. The intricate job of meaningful reading and interpretation of the horoscope is at subordinate judiciary. In the process, it undertakes the fine job of sifting truth which is, more often than not, found inextricably mixed with falsehood and perjury. Thus, the

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