

# NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SENTENCING, PROBATION AND VICTIMOLOGY [P-1459]

(27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2025)

At the National Judicial Academy (NJA), Bhopal

## PARTICIPANTS: DISTRICT JUDICIARY

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### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SESSION & TIMING	THEMES	RESOURCE PERSON(S)
<b>DAY 1</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b> <b>(Saturday)</b>		
<b>SESSION 1</b>  10:00 AM -11:30 AM	<b>Sentencing Procedure: Issues and Challenges</b>  <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sentencing Parameters in Major offences</li><li>• Judicious Approach in Determination of Quantum of Sentence</li><li>• Doctrine of Proportionality</li><li>• Mercy, Leniency &amp; Misplaced Sympathy in Sentencing</li><li>• Sentencing Practice in Sexual Offences</li><li>• Sentencing Practice in Economic Offences</li><li>• Remission of sentence</li></ul>	<b>Justice Girish Kathpalia</b> <b>Justice Mridula R. Bhatkar</b>
11:30 AM- 12:00 NOON	<b>Tea Break</b>	
<b>SESSION 2</b>  12:00 PM - 01:30 PM	<b>Death Sentence : Changing Contours</b>  <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Right to Life, Death Sentence and Age of Reformation</li><li>• Major Shift in Approach to Sentencing in Murder</li><li>• Aggravating and Mitigating Circumstances</li><li>• Crime Test, Criminal Test &amp; Rarest of Rare Test</li><li>• Minimum Mandatory Sentence for Culpable Homicide not amounting to Murder under Section. 105 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023</li></ul>	<b>Justice Girish Kathpalia</b> <b>Justice Mridula R. Bhatkar</b>
01:30 PM – 02:30 PM	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
<b>SESSION 3</b>  02:30 PM – 04:00 PM	<b>Individualized Sentencing in Death Penalty Cases</b>  <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hearing on Sentence in Sessions Trials</li><li>• From ‘Judge-centric sentencing’ to ‘Principled Sentencing’</li><li>• Individualized Sentencing Enquiry</li><li>• Practical Guidelines to collect mitigating circumstances</li><li>• Mandatory Pre-Sentence Report (PST) in Death Penalty Cases</li><li>• Supreme Court Guidelines on Execution of Death Sentence</li></ul>	<b>Justice O.P. Shukla</b> <b>Prof. (Dr) Humayun Rasheed Khan</b>
04:00 PM – 04:30 PM	<b>Tea</b>	

DAY 2 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 (Sunday)		
SESSION 4  10:00 AM -11:30 AM	<b>Reformation, Probation, and Victim-centric Justice</b>  <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rehabilitative and Reformative Justice</li><li>• Community Service as a Form of Punishment</li><li>• Early Release of certain under-trial Prisoners</li><li>• Probation of Offenders Act, 1958 &amp; Tripartite Method</li><li>• Changing Role of Victim in Criminal Justice System&amp; Victim Compensation</li></ul>	<b>Justice Anoop Chitkara Justice Ved Prakash Sharma</b>
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Tea Break</b>	
SESSION 5  12:00 PM - 01:30 PM	<b>Interface of Technology &amp; Sentencing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Origin and Evolving Concept of AI</li><li>• Striking a Balance between Transparency &amp; Confidentiality</li><li>• Artificial Intelligence and Sentencing Justice</li><li>• Discussion on <i>State of Wisconsin v. Eric. E. Loomis</i> case</li><li>• AI Algorithms and Issues of Fairness</li></ul>	<b>Justice Anoop Chitkara Justice Ved Prakash Sharma</b>
01:30 PM – 01:40 PM	<b>Feedback and Audit of the Course by Participants</b>	
<b>Lunch &amp; Departure</b>		

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