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**SPECIAL TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR DISTRICT JUDGES (NEWLY APPOINTED)**

**8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 at NJA, Bhopal**

**Academic Coordinators – Dr. Sonam Jain, Assistant Professor & Mr. Prasidh Raj Singh, Law Associate, NJA**

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

SESSION & TIMING	THEMES	RESOURCE PERSONS
<b>DAY 1</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 (Monday)</b>		
<b>SESSION 1</b>  10:00 AM -11:30 AM	<b>Vision of Justice &amp; Judicial Values</b>  <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Constitutional Vision of Justice</li><li>• Facets of Justice: Social, Economic, and Political</li><li>• Rule of Law &amp; Role of Judiciary</li><li>• Expeditious &amp; Accessible Justice: Experiences, Challenges &amp; Potential Solutions</li></ul>	<b>Justice Indira Banerjee</b> <b>Justice Aniruddha Bose</b>
11:30 AM - 12:00 NOON	<b>TEA BREAK</b>	
<b>SESSION 2</b>  12:00 NOON - 01:30 PM	<b>Judicial Conduct, Judicial Discipline &amp; Responsibility of Judges</b>  <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Judicial Discipline &amp; Responsibility</li><li>• Judicial Arrogance and Judicial Humility</li><li>• Standards and Expectations form Judges</li><li>• Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct</li><li>• Restatement of Judicial Values</li></ul>	<b>Justice Indira Banerjee</b> <b>Justice K Chandru</b>
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
<b>SESSION 3</b>  2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	<b>Art, Craft, and Science of Writing Judgments</b>  <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Judgments as the Voice of the Court</li><li>• Significance of Reasoning in Judgments &amp; Orders</li><li>• Language &amp; Law: Brevity &amp; Coherence in Judgments</li><li>• Gender Sensitivity in Court Language</li><li>• Addressing Bias &amp; Stereotypes in Adjudication</li><li>• Supreme Court on Gender Justice</li></ul>	<b>Justice Aniruddha Bose</b> <b>Justice K Chandru</b>
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	<b>Tea Break</b>	

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DAY 2 9 <sup>th</sup> September, 2025 (Tuesday)		
SESSION 4  10:00 AM -11:30 AM	Civil Justice Administration: Appellate Powers of District Judge  <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Civil Admissions</li><li>Civil Appeals</li><li>Scope of Objection u/O. 41 &amp; R.22</li><li>Additional Evidence in Appeal</li><li>Civil Revisions &amp; SCC Revisions</li></ul>	Justice S.G. Gokani Justice U.C. Dhyani
11:30 AM –12:00 NOON	TEA BREAK	
SESSION 5  12:00 NOON - 01:30 PM	Fair Trial, Presumption & Burden of Proof  <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Defective Investigation and the Role of a Judge</li><li>Presumption of Innocence &amp; Burden of Proof</li><li>Accused’s Access to Material</li><li>Reverse Burden of Proof</li><li>Culpable Mental State &amp; Prosecution’s Burden</li></ul>	Justice S.G. Gokani Justice U.C. Dhyani
01:30 PM - 02:30 PM	LUNCH BREAK	
SESSION 6  2:30 PM- 4:00 PM	Sentencing Issues and New Criminal Laws  <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Innovative Changes and New Offences</li><li>Community Service</li><li>Minimum Mandatory Sentences</li><li>Death Sentence: Consideration of Aggravating &amp; Mitigating Circumstances</li><li>Individualized Sentencing Inquiry</li></ul>	Mr Vijay Chandra Prof. (Dr.) Humayun Rasheed Khan
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Tea Break	
DAY 3 10 <sup>th</sup> September, 2025 (Wednesday)		
SESSION 7  10:00 AM -11:30 AM	Judiciary and Media: Need for Balance  <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Media Reporting of Judicial Proceedings: Concerns &amp; Solutions</li><li>Media Trial vis-à-vis Judicial Ethics</li><li>Freedom of Media in the Digital Age</li><li>Judges &amp; Social Media: Care &amp; Caution</li></ul>	Ms Monideepa Banerjie Dr Sonam Jain
11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	TEA BREAK	
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<b>SESSION 8</b>  11:45 AM - 1:15 PM	<b>Bail &amp; Anticipatory Bail</b>  <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Balancing Personal Liberty with Societal Interest</li><li>Law Relating to Bail: Jail or Bail</li><li>Anticipatory Bail</li><li>Guidelines in <i>Sidharth v. State of U.P., (2022) 1 SCC 676 &amp; Satendra Kumar Antil v. CBI &amp; another (2023) 1 SCC (Cri) 1</i></li></ul> Bail Conditions	<b>Justice U.C. Dhyani</b> <b>Justice Ved Prakash Sharma</b>
<b>SESSION 9</b>  1:15 PM - 2:30 PM	<b>Criminal Justice Administration: Appellate Powers of the Sessions Judge</b>  <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Criminal Appeals: Appeal against conviction &amp; Appeal against acquittal</li><li>Additional Evidence in Appeal</li><li>Appreciation of Evidence in Criminal Appeal</li><li>Right of Appeal vis-à-vis Victim</li></ul> Criminal Revisions	<b>Justice U.C. Dhyani</b> <b>Justice Ved Prakash Sharma</b>
2:30 PM- 3:15 PM	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
3:15 PM Onwards	<b>LOCAL VISIT</b>	
<b>DAY 4</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 (Thursday)</b>		
<b>SESSION 10</b>  10:00 AM -11:30 PM	<b>AI and Judicial Governance</b>  <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Origin &amp; Evolving Concept of AI: An Overview</li><li>AI as a Tool in Judicial Management: International &amp; Indian Perspectives</li><li>Striking a Balance between Transparency &amp; Confidentiality</li><li>Issues and Challenges posed by AI: Implications, Liability &amp; Accountability</li></ul>	<b>Dr Harold D’ Costa</b> <b>Mr Prasidh Raj Singh</b>
11:30 AM –12:00 NOON	<b>TEA BREAK</b>	
<b>SESSION 11</b>  12:00 NOON - 1:30 PM	<b>Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence</b>  <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cybercrimes: Advances &amp; Bottlenecks</li><li>Collection &amp; Preservation of Electronic Evidence</li><li>Relevancy, Authenticity, and Admissibility of Electronic Evidence</li></ul> Appreciation of Electronic Evidence under old & new laws	<b>Dr Harold D’ Costa</b>
01:30 PM - 2:15 PM	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	

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02:15 PM Onwards  SESSION 12 4:15 PM- 5:45 PM	SEMBI Movie in the Auditorium  Group Presentation & Discussion on Different Legal Aspects of the Movie	Prof. (Dr.) Humayun Rasheed Khan  Dr Sonam Jain  &  Mr Prasidh Raj Singh
DAY 5  12 <sup>th</sup> September, 2025 (Friday)		
SESSION 13  10:00 AM -11:30 PM	Forensic Evidence in Civil & Criminal Trials  <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>DNA, Handwriting, Fingerprinting &amp; Ballistics</li><li>Locard’s Exchange Principle</li><li>Individuality, Law of Progressive Change, Principles of Comparison &amp; Law of Probability</li><li>Appreciation of Forensic Evidence</li></ul>	Ms Nisha Menon
11:30 PM – 12:00 Noon	TEA BREAK	
SESSION 14  12:00 Noon - 01:30 PM	Judicial Stress and Wellness  <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Occupational Stress in Judging</li><li>Stress Management Techniques &amp; Tools</li><li>Mindfulness: Staying Focused on Task</li><li>Adapting to Change- Psycho-social adjustments</li></ul>	Ms Manisha Anand
1:30 PM- 1:45 PM	Feedback and Audit of the Course by Participants	
01:45 PM onwards  Lunch		

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