

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR JUDGES FROM THE KINGDOM OF BHUTAN [SE-13]

24TH TO 28TH NOVEMBER, 2025

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SESSION & TIMING in (IST)	THEMES
23 rd November, 2025 (Sunday) VISIT TO SANCHI	
DAY 1 24 th November, 2025 (Monday)	
SESSION 1 10:30 AM -12:00 PM	Elements of Judicial Behavior: Ethics, Neutrality, and Professionalism <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> • Ethical Standards & Norms <i>vis-à-vis</i> Conduct of Judges • Objectivity in Decision Making • Addressing Bias & Stereotypes in Adjudication
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Tea Break
SESSION 2 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	Art, Craft and Science of Writing Judgments <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> • Judgments as the Voice of the Court • Significance of Reasoning in Judgments & Orders • Language & Law: Brevity & Coherence in Judgments
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Lunch Break
SESSION 3 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Alternatives to Conventional Adjudicatory System <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> • ADR as a tool to conserve judicial resources & ensure speedy justice • ADR Mechanisms • Role of Court in Enabling Settlement
4:30 PM	Tea
DAY 2 25 th November, 2025 (Tuesday)	
SESSION 4 10:30 AM -12:00 PM	Electronic Evidence: New Horizons, Collection, Preservation and Appreciation <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> • Evolving Nature of Electronic Evidence • Collection & Preservation of Electronic Evidence • Appreciation of Electronic Evidence

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	Tea Break
SESSION 5 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	Sentencing Procedure: Issues and Challenges <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> • Sentencing Parameters in Major offences • Judicious Approach in Determination of Quantum of Sentence • Doctrine of Proportionality
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Lunch Break
SESSION 6 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Criminal Justice Administration <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> • Elements of Fair Trial ◦ Natural Justice in Trial –Scope & Limits ◦ Ingredients – Right to be informed; Right against Self-Incrimination; Right to Prepare for Defense; Right to Confront • Witness Protection • Individual Liberty <i>vis-à-vis</i> Criminal Justice: Bail
DAY 3 26th November, 2025 (Wednesday)	
SESSION 7 10:30 AM -12:00 PM	Forensic Evidence in Civil & Criminal Trials <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> • DNA, Handwriting, Fingerprinting, Toxicology & Ballistics • <i>Locard's Exchange Principle</i> • Appreciation of Forensic Evidence
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Tea Break
SESSION 8 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	Principles of Evidence: Admissibility & Appreciation <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> • Role of Circumstantial Evidence in Criminal Trial • Testimonial and Documentary Evidence • Evidentiary Standards
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Lunch Break
03:00 PM Onwards Movie Screening	
DAY 4 27th November, 2025 (Thursday)	

SESSION 9 10:30 AM -12:00 PM	Judicial Stress and Wellness <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> • Occupational Stress in Judging • Stress Management Techniques & Tools • Relaxation Techniques		
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	Tea Break		
SESSION 10 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	Law relating to Children: Issues & Challenges <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> • Cardinal Principles including Best Interest of Child • Law Relating to Presumptions, Age Determination • Case Law Jurisprudence on Evolving Principles		
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Lunch		
03:00 PM Onwards	LOCAL VISIT		
DAY 5 28th November, 2025 (Friday)			
SESSION 11 10:30 AM -12:00 PM	Law relating to Cybercrimes: Challenges <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> • Regulating the Cyber Space: National and International Jurisprudence • Liability & Accountability Challenges • Jurisdictional Challenges		
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	Tea Break		
SESSION 12 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	AI & Judicial Governance <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> • AI as tool <i>versus</i> Challenges Posed by AI • Appreciation of Electronic Evidence in AI Eco-system • Governing AI: Scope & Challenges		
01:50 PM – 02:00 PM	Feedback and Audit of the Course by Participants		
Lunch			
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