

Refresher Course for POCSO Courts - (P-1447)

05th & 06th April, 2025

At National Judicial Academy (NJA), Bhopal

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Academic Coordinator - Dr. Sonam Jain, Assistant Professor, National Judicial Academy, Bhopal

Session/ Timing	Theme	
Day 1 05th April 2025 (Saturday)		
Session 1 10:00AM -11:30AM	Judicial Sensitization and Ethical Considerations in POCSO Cases <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Developing Judicial Sensitivity, Addressing Bias and Stereotypes</i>• <i>Ensuring Privacy and Confidentiality</i>• <i>Balancing Justice and Child Welfare</i>• <i>Trauma Informed Judging</i>	Resource Person(s) Justice Aniruddha Bose Justice P.N.Prakash Mr Vijay Chandra
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Tea Break	
Session 2 12:00 PM - 01:30 PM	Age Determination: Addressing Challenges and Exploring Solutions Scope of discussion <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Procedures for Age Verification</i>• <i>Complexities surrounding Age Determination</i>• <i>Exploring Novel Strategies via use of Advance Medical Technology, Legal Precedents, and International Guidelines etc.</i>• <i>'Love' & 'Consent' in POCSO Cases</i>	Resource Person(s) Justice S. Nagamuthu Mr E.V. Chandru
01:30 PM - 02:30 PM	Lunch Break	
Session 3 02:30 PM - 04:00 PM	Evidence in POCSO Cases: Collection, Appreciation, Presumption and Burden of Proof <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Collection, Preservation and Appreciation of Medical & Forensic Evidence</i>• <i>Standard of Proof Regarding Presumption of Culpable Mental State: Scope & Limits</i>• <i>Presumption under Section 29 vis-à-vis Trial of Alternative or Cumulative Charges under the BNS</i>• <i>Burden of proof and Reverse Burden of proof</i>	Resource Person Justice S. Nagamuthu Justice P.N.Prakash
04:00 PM	Tea Break	

Day 2
06th April 2025 (Sunday)

Session 4 10:00AM -11:30AM	Rehabilitation and Compensation of Victim <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prompt actions on application of victims/parents/guardian for compensation • Parameters for determining interim and final compensation • Access to Support Service: Impact of POCSO Offences & Victim Rehabilitation • Measures to prevent Re-Victimization and Stigmatization of Victims 	Resource Person(s) Mr E.V. Chandru Dr Sonam Jain
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Tea Break	
Session 5 12:00 PM - 01:30 PM	Exploring Psycho-Social Aspects of POCSO Cases <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding Child Psychology • Demeanor of POCSO Court Judges • Handling psycho Social Pressure 	Resource Person(s) Dr Harish Shetty
01:30 PM - 01:45 PM	Audit of the Course by Participant Judges	
01:45 PM	Lunch Break & Departure	

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