

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR HIGH COURT JUSTICES ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION  
[P-1498]**

**Venue: National Judicial Academy, Bhopal**

**18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

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**TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

<b>DAY 1 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (Saturday)</b>	
<b>SESSION &amp; TIMING</b>	<b>THEMES</b>
<b>SESSION 1</b>  10:30am – 12:00noon	<b>Constitutional Remedies under the Criminal Justice System</b>  <b><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constitutional Remedies for Wrongful Convictions vis. Illegal Detention, Torture, Wrongful Confinement etc.</li> <li>• Ensuring Legal Aid to Indigent Persons</li> <li>• Expanding Horizon of Compromise in Criminal Cases with reference to Section 320 of the CrPC.</li> <li>• Scope of inherent powers under Section 482 CrPC/ 528 BNSS</li> </ul>
12:00noon – 12:30pm	<b>Tea/ Coffee Break</b>
<b>SESSION 2</b>  12:30pm – 02:00pm	<b>Bail: Intricacies and Nuances</b>  <b><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balancing Personal Liberty with Societal Interest</li> <li>• Conditions for Bail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identifying Permissible v. Onerous/Extraneous Conditions</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Bail under Special Statutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bail pending long incarceration</li> <li>- Recent Judicial Pronouncements</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Writing Reasoned Bail Orders</li> <li>• Consistency and Uniformity in grant of bail</li> </ul>
02:00pm – 03:00pm	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>SESSION 3</b>  03:00pm – 04:30pm	<b>Appellate and Revision Jurisdiction in Criminal Law: Scope, Rights, and Judicial Discretion</b>  <b><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statutory Nature of Criminal Appeals</li> <li>• <i>Suo moto</i> power of the High Court: Scope and Limitation</li> <li>• Distinction between Appeal and Revision: Scope of Judicial Interference</li> <li>• Opportunity of Hearing and Procedural Safeguards</li> </ul>
04:30pm	<b>Tea/ Coffee Break</b>

**DAY 2**  
**19<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (Sunday)**

<b>SESSION 4</b>  10:30am – 12:00noon	<b>Sentencing: Issues and Challenges</b>  <b><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judicious Approach in determination of Quantum of Sentence</li> <li>• Element of Proportionality</li> <li>• Concept of Misplaced Sympathy</li> <li>• AI-Assisted Sentencing: Balancing Efficiency and Justice</li> </ul>
12:00noon – 12:30pm	<b>Tea/ Coffee Break</b>
<b>SESSION 5</b>  12:30pm – 02:00pm	<b>Forensic Evidence in Criminal Trials</b>  <b><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DNA, Fingerprint, Handwriting Analysis &amp; Toxicology</li> <li>• Forensic Ballistics: Crime scene processing and evidence</li> <li>• Forensic in Digital age viz. Cyber Intrusions, digital fraud, identity manipulations &amp; transnational data crimes.</li> </ul>
1:50pm – 2:00pm	<b>Feedback and Audit of the Course by Participants</b>
<b>LUNCH &amp; DEPARTURE</b>	

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