

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

Venue: National Judicial Academy, Bhopal

18th & 19th April 2026

Academic Coordinators: Dr. Amit Mehrotra and Ms. Nitika Jain, Faculty, NJA

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

DAY 1 18th April 2026 (Saturday)		
SESSION & TIMING	THEMES	RESOURCE PERSONS
SESSION 1 10:30am – 12:00noon	Constitutional Remedies under the Criminal Justice System <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitutional remedies for wrongful convictions vis. Illegal detention, torture, wrongful confinement etc. • Ensuring legal aid to indigent persons • Expanding Horizon of Compromise in Criminal Cases with reference to Section 320 of the CrPC. • Scope of inherent powers under Section 482 CrPC/ 528 BNSS 	Justice N. Kotiswar Singh Justice Aniruddha Bose Justice P.S. Dinesh Kumar
12:00noon – 12:30pm	Tea/ Coffee Break	
SESSION 2 12:30pm – 02:00pm	Bail: Intricacies and Nuances <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balancing Personal Liberty with Societal Interest • Conditions for Bail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identifying Permissible v. Onerous/Extraneous Conditions • Bail under Special Statutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bail pending long incarceration - Recent Judicial Pronouncements • Writing Reasoned Bail Orders • Consistency and Uniformity in grant of bail 	Justice N. Kotiswar Singh Mr. E.V. Chandru
02:00pm – 03:00pm	Lunch Break	
SESSION 3 03:00pm – 04:30pm	Appellate and Revision Jurisdiction in Criminal Law: Scope, Rights, and Judicial Discretion <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory Nature of Criminal Appeals • <i>Suo moto</i> power of the High Court: Scope and Limitation • Distinction between Appeal and Revision: Scope of Judicial Interference • Opportunity of Hearing and Procedural Safeguards 	Justice P.S. Dinesh Kumar Mr. E.V. Chandru
04:30pm	Tea/ Coffee Break	

DAY 2
19th April 2026 (Sunday)

SESSION 4 10:30am – 12:00noon	Sentencing: Issues and Challenges <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judicious Approach in determination of Quantum of Sentence • Element of Proportionality • Concept of Misplaced Sympathy • AI-Assisted Sentencing: Balancing Efficiency and Justice 	Justice Atul Sreedharan Justice Sanjeev S. Kalgaonkar
12:00noon – 12:30pm	Tea/ Coffee Break	
SESSION 5 12:30pm – 02:00pm	Forensic Evidence in Criminal Trials <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DNA, Fingerprint, Handwriting Analysis & Toxicology • Forensic Ballistics: Crime scene processing and evidence • Forensic in Digital age viz. Cyber Intrusions, digital fraud, identity manipulations & transnational data crimes. 	Justice Atul Sreedharan Ms. Nisha Menon
2:30pm – 2:40pm	Feedback and Audit of the Course by Participants	
LUNCH & DEPARTURE		

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