

NATIONAL SEMINAR FOR PRESIDING OFFICERS OF NIA COURTS [P-1337]
(18th & 19th March 2023)

Academic Coordinators – Dr. Sonam Jain & Ms. Ankita Pandey, Faculty, NJA

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

| SESSION & TIMING | THEMES | RESOURCE PERSON(S) |
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| DAY 1 18th March, 2023 (Saturday) | | |
| SESSION 1 09:30 AM -11:00 AM | <p style="text-align: center;">Adjudicating Offences against National Security: Substantive and Procedural Aspects</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framing appropriate Charges and ensuring adequate Defense for the accused • Investigation of Scheduled Offences: Scope & Limits • Procedure and Powers of NIA Courts • Rigours of Bail and Remand: Balancing Personal Liberty with National Interest • Witness Protection: Safeguarding the Edifice of Administration of Justice | Justice Ashutosh Kumar Justice G. R. Swaminathan |
| 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM | Tea Break | |
| SESSION 2 11:30 AM - 01:00 PM | <p style="text-align: center;">Decoding the National Investigation Agency (Amendment) Act, 2019</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal Offence versus Offences against National Security: Constitutional Tussle over subjects under Union and State List • Issues of Jurisdiction • Ambit of the term ‘affecting the interest of India’ • Interpretation of Section 22 | Justice G. R. Swaminathan |
| 01:00 PM – 02:00 PM | Lunch Break | |
| SESSION 3 02:00 PM – 03:30 PM | <p style="text-align: center;">Electronic Evidence in NIA Cases: Evolving Horizons</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet and Social Media vis-à-vis Offences against National Security and Integrity • Collection, Preservation, Chain of Custody of Digital Evidence • Assessing Relevance and Admissibility and Appreciation of Electronic Evidence • Role of Digital Forensics in Terrorist Investigations vis-à-vis Emerging Technologies and Artificial Intelligence | Dr. Harold D’Costa |
| 03:30 PM – 04:00 PM | Tea | |

DAY 2
19th March, 2023 (Sunday)

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| SESSION 4 09:30 AM - 11:00 AM | Measures and Tools for Effective Adjudication in Offences against National Security <i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methods of Effective Case Management including judicial leadership, organizing the docket effectively, mastery of the record and law by the judge, setup of an adequate pre-trial conference • Trial Management: Continuous Trial, Witness Management and Use of Courtroom Technology • Harnessing Judicial and Courtroom Security • Identifying Good Practices | Justice Atul Sreedharan Justice S. G. Gokani |
| 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM | Tea Break | |
| SESSION 5 11:30 AM - 01:00 PM | Managing Media in Adjudicating High Profile Cases <i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handling Media Pressure in High Profile Cases • Media Reporting of Court Proceedings vis-à-vis Freedom of Speech and Expression: Striking a balance • Media Reporting vis-à-vis Judicial Objectivity & Neutrality • Impact of Media Reporting on the Administration of Justice • Timely access to accurate information of court proceedings to enhance transparency and public confidence | Justice R. Basant Justice Asha Menon |
| 01:00 PM – 01:15 PM | Feedback and Audit of the Course by Participants | |
| Lunch & Departure | | |

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