

**National Conference for High Court Justices on Development of Constitutional Law by the Supreme Court & High Courts [P-1361]**

**Date: 16-17 September, 2023**

Programme Coordinators – Dr. Sonam Jain & Prasadh Raj Singh, Faculty, NJA

**PROGRAMME SCHEDULE**

<b>16 September, 2023 SATURDAY</b>	<b>DAY-1</b>
<b>10:00 AM -11:30 AM</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SESSION 1</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Constitutional Interpretations: Reflection on Transformation, Continuities &amp; Constitution’s Silences</b></p> <p><i>Proposed scope of discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Principles of Constitutional Interpretation; Textualism, Originalism, Structuralism Doctrinarism and Minimalism</li><li>• Interpreting the Constitutional Sounds &amp; Silences</li><li>• Tracing “Transformative Constitutionalism” &amp; its Scope</li><li>• Authority of Dissents &amp; Their Potential Resurrection</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Speakers</u></b> <b>Mr. N. Venkataraman</b> <b>Mr. Ramakrishnan Viraraghavan</b></p>
<b>11:30 AM - 12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>
<b>12:00 Noon - 1:30 PM</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SESSION 2</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Development of Constitutional Morality: Adhering to the Constitutional Norms &amp; Ethos</b></p> <p><i>Proposed scope of discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evolution &amp; Contours of Constitutional Morality</li><li>• Judicial Approaches to Constitutional Morality</li><li>• Doctrine of “Non-Retrogression” &amp; “Manifest Arbitrariness”</li><li>• Judicial Innovation <i>vis-à-vis</i> Constitutional Trust</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Speakers</u></b> <b>Mr. N. Venkataraman</b> <b>Mr. C.S Vaidyanathan</b></p>
<b>1:30 PM - 02:30 PM</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>2:30 PM – 4:00 PM</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SESSION 3</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity &amp; Diversity: The Court’s Adoption and Jurisprudential Evolution</b></p> <p><i>Proposed scope of discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Constitutional Underpinnings to Reservations</li><li>• Concept of “Creamy Layer”</li><li>• Right to Choose &amp; Hire <i>versus</i> Reservation</li><li>• Substantive Equality</li><li>• 102<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 103<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendments</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Speakers</u></b> <b>Prof. V. K. Dixit</b> <b>Mr. V. Sudhish Pai</b></p>
<b>04:00 PM</b>	<b>Tea</b>

<b>17 September, 2023 SUNDAY</b>	<b>DAY-2</b>
<b>10:00 AM -11:30 AM</b>	<p align="center"><b><u>SESSION 4</u></b></p> <p align="center"><b>Judicial Review of Legislative &amp; Administrative Actions</b></p> <p><b><u>Proposed scope of discussion:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judicial Review of Legislative Process, Legislative Competence and Constitutional Limitations</li> <li>• Institutional Limitations of the Judiciary in Reviewing the Legislative Action</li> <li>• Contours of “Due Process” &amp; “Procedural Fairness”</li> <li>• Grounds for Judicial Review of Administrative Action: Illegality, Irrationality, Procedural Impropriety &amp; Proportionality</li> <li>• Principles of Judicial Review &amp; Proportionality</li> </ul> <p align="center"><b><u>Speakers</u></b> Justice Kurian Joseph Mr. Arun Shourie</p>
<b>11:30 AM - 12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>
<b>12:00 Noon - 1:30 PM</b>	<p align="center"><b><u>SESSION 5</u></b></p> <p align="center"><b>Judicial Activism <i>versus</i> Judicial Restraint: Evolving Jurisprudence</b></p> <p><b><u>Proposed scope of discussion:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power of ‘<i>suo moto</i>’ cognizance</li> <li>• Strengthening “Rule of Law”</li> <li>• Contemporary Scenario of Judicial Activism and Overreach</li> <li>• Separation of Powers</li> <li>• Judiciary and Media</li> </ul> <p align="center"><b><u>Speakers</u></b> Justice Kurian Joseph Justice Govind Mathur</p>
<b>01:30 PM</b>	<b>Lunch Break &amp; Departure</b>

**Academic Coordinators**

Dr. Sonam Jain, Research Fellow & Mr. Prasadh Raj Singh, Law Associate, Faculty, NJA  
Email – [sonamjainnja@gmail.com](mailto:sonamjainnja@gmail.com), [prasadh.nja@gmail.com](mailto:prasadh.nja@gmail.com)  
Phone - +91 7587950836, +91 9425601206

**Administrative Assistance**

<b><u>Sr. No</u></b>	<b><u>Name &amp; Designation</u></b>	<b><u>Phone Number</u></b>	<b><u>Email id</u></b>
<b><u>1.</u></b>	Mr. Chetan Nehete (Event manager)	9425601233	<a href="mailto:nchetan@nja.gov.in">nchetan@nja.gov.in</a>
<b><u>2.</u></b>	Mr. Vivek Jain (Protocol Officer)	9425601220	<a href="mailto:liaisonoffice@nja.gov.in">liaisonoffice@nja.gov.in</a>
<b><u>3.</u></b>	Mr. Ranjan Verma (Manager (Hospitality))	9425648964	<a href="mailto:ranjan.verma@nja.gov.in">ranjan.verma@nja.gov.in</a>