

National Seminar on POCSO Act

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Participants- District Judiciary

18.11.2023 (SATURDAY) - 19.11.2023 (SUNDAY)

Venue: National Judicial Academy (NJA), Bhopal

Academic Coordinators: Ms. Paiker Nasir & Ms. Nitika Jain, Faculty, NJA

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

TIMING(s)	DAY 1 SESSION(S)
10:00 AM -11:30 AM (11:15AM – 11:30AM Q&A/Discussion)	<u>SESSION 1</u> Objective, Nature & Contours of the POCSO Act <u>Scope of discussion:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ <i>Adversarial to Inquisitorial: Understanding the Shift</i>➤ <i>Adjournments, Avoidance of Victim Personification, Mental Trauma, etc.</i>➤ <i>Jurisdictional Issues: Conflict between Special Statutes</i> <i>Speakers</i> Dr. Justice B. V. Nagarathna Dr. Justice S. S. Phansalkar Joshi
11:30 AM - 12:00 Noon	TEA BREAK
12:00 Noon - 1:30PM (1:15PM – 1:30PM Q&A/Discussion)	<u>SESSION 2</u> Age Determination: Addressing Challenges and Exploring Solutions <u>Scope of discussion:</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>Speakers</i> Dr. Justice G. Jayachandran Dr. Justice S. S. Phansalkar Joshi
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	LUNCH BREAK
2:30 PM - 04:00 PM (3:45AM – 04:00PM Q&A/Discussion)	<u>SESSION 3</u> Presumption and Burden of Proof: Navigating the Legal Landscape of the POCSO Act <u>Scope of discussion:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ <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 IPC</i>➤ <i>Case Law Jurisprudence</i> <i>Speaker</i> Adv. Vakul Sharma
4:00 PM	TEA

TIMING(s)	DAY 2 SESSION(S)
10:00 AM -11:30 AM (11:15AM – 11:30AM Q&A/Discussion)	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SESSION 4</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Evidentiary Challenges in POCSO Cases: Navigating Medical, Forensic and Digital Evidence</p> <p><u>Scope of discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Collection and Preservation of Medical Evidence ➤ Collection, Examination, and Reliability of Forensic Evidence ➤ Challenges posed by Digital Evidence and Cybercrimes, including issues related to data privacy, chain of custody and authentication ➤ Expert Witness Testimonies and Cross Examination <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Speakers</i> Justice P. N. Prakash Justice Roshan Dalvi</p>
11:30 AM - 12:00 Noon	TEA BREAK
12:00 Noon - 1:30PM (1:15PM – 1:30PM Q&A/Discussion)	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SESSION 5</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Judicial Sensitization and Ethical Considerations in POCSO Cases</p> <p><u>Scope of discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Developing Judicial Sensitivity, Addressing Bias and Stereotypes ➤ Ensuring Privacy and Confidentiality ➤ Access to Support Service: Impact of POCSO Offences & Victim Rehabilitation ➤ Balancing Justice and Child Welfare <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Speakers</i> Justice S. Talapatra Justice Roshan Dalvi</p>
01:30 PM - 01:40 PM	AUDIT OF THE COURSE BY PARTICIPANT JUSTICES
01:40 PM	LUNCH & DEPARTURE

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