

# National Conference for High Court Justices on Election Law, [P-1412]

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## TENTATIVE PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

<b>DAY 1</b>  <b>21/09/2024</b>  <b>(Saturday)</b>	<p align="center"><b><u>SESSION 1</u></b> <b><u>10:30am – 11:30am</u></b></p> <p><b>Electoral Integrity: Legal Framework and Enforcement</b></p> <p><b><u>Proposed Scope of discussion:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative Democracy to ensure free and fair elections: Constitutional &amp; Statutory mechanism</li> <li>• Role of Judiciary in maintaining electoral integrity</li> <li>• Criminalization of Politics: Implications for Democracy and Governance</li> </ul>	<b>T</b> <b>E</b> <b>A</b>  <b>B</b> <b>R</b> <b>E</b> <b>A</b> <b>K</b>	<p align="center"><b><u>SESSION 2</u></b> <b><u>12:00 noon – 1:30pm</u></b></p> <p><b>Role of Courts in Handling Election Petitions</b></p> <p><b><u>Proposed Scope of discussion:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scope of Jurisdiction in election petitions</li> <li>• Grounds for declaring election to be void</li> <li>• Corrupt practices versus electoral offences</li> <li>• Judicial Review and the Anti-defection Law</li> <li>• Expeditious disposal of cases</li> </ul>	<b>L</b> <b>U</b> <b>N</b> <b>C</b> <b>H</b>  <b>B</b> <b>R</b> <b>E</b> <b>A</b> <b>K</b>	<p align="center"><b><u>SESSION 3</u></b> <b><u>2:30pm – 4:00pm</u></b></p> <p><b>Funding: Transparency and Accountability</b></p> <p><b><u>Proposed Scope of discussion:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Political finance in digital age</li> <li>• Judicial scrutiny of financial irregularities in elections</li> <li>• Balancing Right to information versus right to informational privacy</li> <li>• Case Law Analysis and precedents: Limit on expenditure by a candidate</li> </ul>
	<p align="center"><b><u>SESSION 4</u></b> <b><u>10:00am – 11:30am</u></b></p> <p><b>Election Commission: Supervisory and Regulatory Jurisdiction</b></p> <p><b><u>Proposed Scope of discussion:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisory Jurisdictions and Quasi-Judicial Functions</li> <li>• Limitations on the powers of EC</li> <li>• Art. 329(b) vis-à-vis judicial intervention in poll process: Limits on Judicial Review</li> </ul>		<p align="center"><b><u>SESSION 5</u></b> <b><u>12:00 noon – 1:30pm</u></b></p> <p><b>Digital Transformation &amp; Enhancing Access to Justice</b></p> <p><b><u>Proposed Scope of discussion:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICT Advancement in the Indian Judiciary: Challenges and Best Practices</li> <li>• Court &amp; Case Management – National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG), Case Information Software (CIS), Electronic Case Management Tools (ECMT)</li> <li>• Bridging the Digital Divide: Role of e-Services (<i>E-filing, e-payments, Virtual Courts, ICJS, Video Conferencing</i>)</li> </ul>		<p align="center"><b>Participants Audit &amp; Feedback</b></p>