

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

Date: September 21-22, 2024; Venue: NJA, Bhopal

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

DAY 1 21/09/2024 (Saturday)	<u>SESSION 1</u> <u>10:30am – 11:30am</u> Electoral Integrity: Legal Framework and Enforcement <u>Proposed Scope of discussion:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative Democracy to ensure free and fair elections: Constitutional & Statutory mechanism • Role of Judiciary in maintaining electoral integrity • Criminalization of Politics: Implications for Democracy and Governance <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Chair:</u> Justice .N Kotiswar Singh</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Speakers Dr. Justice A.K. Jayasankaran Nambiar Dr. Justice S. Muralidhar</p>	T E A	<u>SESSION 2</u> <u>12:00 noon – 1:30pm</u> Role of Courts in Handling Election Petitions <u>Proposed Scope of discussion:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope of Jurisdiction in election petitions • Grounds for declaring election to be void • Corrupt practices versus electoral offences • Judicial Review and the Anti-defection Law • Expeditious disposal of cases <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Chair:</u> Justice N. Kotiswar Singh</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Speakers Dr. Justice S. Muralidhar Dr. Justice A.K. Jayasankaran Nambiar</p>	L U N C H	<u>SESSION 3</u> <u>2:30pm – 4:00pm</u> Funding: Transparency and Accountability vis-à-vis Role of Courts <u>Proposed Scope of discussion:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political finance in digital age • Judicial scrutiny of financial irregularities in elections • Balancing Right to information versus right to informational privacy • Case Law Analysis and precedents: Limit on expenditure by a candidate <p style="text-align: center;">Speakers Justice Sabyasachi Bhattacharyya Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan Mr. Dinesh Trivedi</p>
DAY 2 22/09/2024 (Sunday)	<u>SESSION 4</u> <u>10:00am – 11:30am</u> Election Commission: Supervisory and Regulatory Jurisdiction <u>Proposed Scope of discussion:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Jurisdictions and Quasi-Judicial Functions • Limitations on the powers of EC • Art. 329(b) vis-à-vis judicial intervention in poll process: Limits on Judicial Review <p style="text-align: center;">Speakers Mr. O.P. Rawat Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan</p>	B R E A K	<u>SESSION 5</u> <u>12:00 noon – 1:15pm</u> Digital Transformation & Enhancing Access to Justice <u>Proposed Scope of discussion:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICT Advancement in the Indian Judiciary: Challenges and Best Practices • Court & Case Management – National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG), Case Information Software (CIS), Electronic Case Management Tools (ECMT) • Bridging the Digital Divide: Role of e-Services (<i>E-filing, e-payments, Virtual Courts, ICJS, Video Conferencing</i>) <p style="text-align: center;">Speaker Dr. Justice Pushpendra Singh Bhati</p>	B R E A K	
Participants Audit & Feedback					

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