

National Conference for High Court Justices on Arbitration (P-1434)

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Programme Schedule

Session & Timings	DAY 1 01 st February, 2025 (Saturday)
<p>SESSION 1 10:30am – 11:45am</p> <p>(11:30am – 11:45am) Q & A, Open Discussion</p>	<p>Role of Courts in Arbitral Process: Towards A Model Dispute Resolution Regime</p> <p><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Scheme of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act: (Amendment) Act, 2019 & 2021• Sec. 11 and the limitation period• Ad-hoc and Institutional Arbitration• Court vis-à-vis Arbitral Tribunal: Interim Relief under Sec. 9 and 17 of the Act• Interplay between Sec.(s) 16 & 34 of the Arbitration Act• Doctrine of <i>Kompetenz-kompetenz</i> <p><u>Speakers</u> Hon'ble Mr. Justice Hemant Gupta Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. Sundar Mr. Gourab Banerji</p>
11:45am – 12:15pm : Tea/Coffee Break	
<p>SESSION 2 12:15pm – 1:30pm</p> <p>(01:15pm – 1:30pm) Q & A, Open Discussion</p>	<p>International Commercial Arbitration: Pressing Cross-Border Issues</p> <p><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distinction between commercial, investor-state, and state to state arbitration.• Legal concept of “seat” or “place” of arbitration; Difference between “seat” and “venue”• Governing Law and its implication• Harmonizing national interest and international expectations <p><u>Speakers</u> Chair: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Hemant Gupta Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. Sundar Mr. Gourab Banerji</p>
1:30pm – 2:30pm : Lunch Break	
<p>SESSION 3 2:30pm – 4:00pm</p> <p>(03:45pm – 4:00pm) Q & A, Open Discussion</p>	<p>Recognition and Enforcement of Arbitral Award</p> <p><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Award (New York, 1958)• Grounds for challenging an award under Part I & II• Conditions & limitation period for enforcement of arbitral awards• Challenges in Executing foreign arbitral awards in India• Developing Jurisprudence on Execution of award (Sec. 36) <p><u>Speakers</u> Hon'ble Ms. Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya Dr. Birendra Saraf</p>
4:00pm onwards : Tea/ Coffee at Cafeteria	

Session & Timings	DAY 2 02 nd February, 2025 (Sunday)
<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION 4 10:30am – 11:45am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(11:30am – 11:45am) Q & A, Open Discussion</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Current and Emerging Trends in Domestic and International Arbitration</p> <p><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment Treaty Arbitration • Emergency arbitration and enforceability • Asymmetric Arbitration Agreement • “Specific clause” expressly barring payment of interest • Third-party funding • Counterclaim <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Speakers</u> Hon’ble Mr. Justice Devan Ramachandran Mr. Tejas Karia</p>
11:45am – 12:15pm : Tea Break	
<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION 5 12:15pm – 1:30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(01:15pm – 1:30pm) Q & A, Open Discussion</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Information and Communication Technology & Arbitration</p> <p><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Dispute Resolution Mechanism • AI and Blockchain • Role of Expert witness in the age of AI • Smart Contracts <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Speakers</u> Hon’ble Mr. Justice Devan Ramachandran Mr. Tejas Karia</p>
1:30pm – 1:40pm : Feedback and Audit of the Course by Participants	
1:40pm onwards : Lunch & Departure	

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