

National Conference for High Court Justices on Arbitration (P-1460)

Date: 04th & 05th October 2025; Venue: NJA, Bhopal

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Programme Schedule

Session & Timings	DAY 1 04 th October, 2025 (Saturday)
SESSION 1 10:30am – 12:00noon (11:45am – 12:00noon) Q & A, Open Discussion	Role of Courts in Arbitral Process: Towards A Model Dispute Resolution Regime <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</u> • 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> <u>Speakers</u> Justice L. Nageshwar Rao Justice G.S. Kulkarni Justice Tejas Karia
12:00am – 12:30noon : Tea/Coffee Break	
SESSION 2 12:30pm – 2:00pm (01:45pm – 2:00pm) Q & A, Open Discussion	International Commercial Arbitration: Pressing Cross-Border Issues <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</u> • Bilateral Investment Treaty Arbitration vis-à-vis investor-state, & 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 <u>Speakers</u> Justice L Nageshwar Rao Justice Tejas Karia
2:00pm – 3:00pm : Lunch Break	
SESSION 3 3:00pm – 4:30pm (04:15pm – 4:30pm) Q & A, Open Discussion	Recognition and Enforcement of Arbitral Award <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</u> • 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) <u>Speakers</u> Justice G.S. Kulkarni Mr. George Poothan Poothicote
4:30pm : Tea/ Coffee at Cafeteria	

Session & Timings	DAY 2 05th October, 2025 (Sunday)
SESSION 4 10:00am – 11:30am (11:15am – 11:30am) <i>Q & A, Open Discussion</i>	Emergency Arbitration and Enforceability <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</u> • Challenges and mechanism for emergency arbitration • 246th Report of the Law Commission of India • Status of Emergency Arbitrator under A& C Act • Mechanism to enforce orders of emergency arbitrators <u>Speakers</u> Justice U.U. Lalit Justice K. Kannan
11:30am – 12:00pm : Tea/Coffee Break	
SESSION 5 12:00pm – 1:30pm (01:15pm – 1:30pm) <i>Q & A, Open Discussion</i>	Current and Emerging Trends in Domestic and International Arbitration <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</u> • Asymmetric Arbitration Agreement • “Specific clause” expressly barring payment of interest • Third-party funding • Counterclaim • Online Dispute Resolution Mechanism • AI, Blockchain & Smart Contract <u>Speakers</u> Justice U.U. Lalit Justice K. Kannan
1:30pm – 1:40pm : Feedback and Audit of the Course by Participants	
1:40pm onwards : Lunch & Departure	

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