

# NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR HIGH COURT JUSTICES ON SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE [P-1473]

Venue: National Judicial Academy, Bhopal

06<sup>th</sup> & 07<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

DAY 1 06 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 (Saturday)		
SESSION & TIMING	THEMES	RESOURCE PERSONS
<b>SESSION 1</b>  10:30am – 12:00noon	<b>Fundamentals of Forensic Law: Setting the Context</b> <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evolution of Forensic Law</li><li>• Probative Value of Forensic Evidence</li><li>• Forensic Intervention vis-à-vis Bodily Integrity &amp; Privacy</li></ul>	<b>Justice Joymalya Bagchi</b>  <b>Dr VN Mathur</b>
12:00noon – 12:30pm	<b>Tea/ Coffee Break</b>	
<b>SESSION 2</b>  12:30pm – 02:00pm	<b>Forensic Evidence in Civil and Criminal Trials</b> <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DNA, Fingerprint, Handwriting Analysis &amp; Toxicology</li><li>• Forensic Ballistics: Crime scene processing and evidence</li><li>• Collection, Preservation &amp; Appreciation of Forensic Evidence: Chain of Custody</li><li>• Expert witness testimony and courtroom procedures</li><li>• Legal challenges in forensic evidence admissibility</li></ul>	<b>Dr. V.N. Mathur</b>  <u><i>Chair:</i></u> <b>Justice Joymalya Bagchi</b>
02:00pm – 03:00pm	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
<b>SESSION 3</b>  03:00pm – 04:30pm	<b>Behavioral Science in Forensics</b> <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intersection of Forensic Psychology and Law</li><li>• Behavioural Cues, Deception Detection and Forensic Interviewing<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Lie detection, micro-expressions, and non-verbal cues</li><li>✓ Behavioural analysis in judicial assessment of evidence</li></ul></li><li>• Judicial Discretion in Behavioural Science: Balancing rights of privacy and investigation</li><li>• Recent Trends in Behavioural Science</li></ul>	<b>Dr. Sumit Roy</b>
04:30pm	<b>Tea/ Coffee Break</b>	

DAY 2 07 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 (Sunday)		
SESSION 4  10:00am – 11:30am	<b>Digital Forensics: Emerging Trends, Challenges and Judicial Perspectives</b>  <u><b>Proposed Scope of Discussion</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Relevance of digital forensics in investigation and trial</li><li>• Acquisition and preservation of Digital evidence<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Chain of custody and integrity of evidence</li><li>✓ Legal and procedural safeguards</li></ul></li><li>• Admissibility and Appreciation of Digital Evidence</li></ul>	Mr. Mukesh Chaudhary  <u><b>Chair:</b></u> <b>Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque</b>
11:30am – 12:00noon	Tea/ Coffee Break	
SESSION 5  12:00noon – 01:30pm	<b>Impact of Technology on Forensic Evidence</b>  <u><b>Proposed Scope of Discussion</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DNA analysis and its impact on judicial decision making</li><li>• Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Forensics</li><li>• Novel technology enabling Autopsy, Biosensors (fingerprints), Immunochromatography, Geolocating Isotopes, Forensic Palynology, Digital Vehicle Forensics, Blockchain Forensics, Drone Forensics etc.</li></ul>	Ms. Nisha Menon  <u><b>Chair:</b></u> <b>Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque</b>
1:30pm – 1:40pm	Feedback and Audit of the Course by Participants	
LUNCH & DEPARTURE		

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