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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Day 1: 7th February 2026 (Saturday)

SESSION 1

JUDICIAL LEADERSHIP AND THE VISION OF A NATIONAL JUDICIAL POLICY

(10:30 AM -12:00 PM)

Proposed Scope of Discussion

- Need for a National Judicial Policy
- Chief Justice as Institutional Leader
- Consistency, Predictability and Public Trust
- Judiciary as an Integrated National Institution
- Judicial Performance Evaluation

Resource Persons

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant; Hon'ble Mr. Justice J.K. Maheshwari;
Hon'ble Ms. Justice B.V. Nagarathna; Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.M. Sundresh;
Hon'ble Mr. Justice P. S. Narasimha; Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dipankar Datta;
Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.V. Viswanathan; Hon'ble Mr. Justice Joymalya Bagchi;
Hon'ble Mr. Justice V. M. Pancholi

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM — TEA

SESSION 2

STRATEGIC AND DATA-DRIVEN JUDICIAL GOVERNANCE

(12:30 PM -02:00 PM)

Proposed Scope of Discussion

- Strengthening the Enforceability of Rights
- Understanding Pendency Profiles
- Strategic Disposal of Long Pending Cases
- Case Flow and Adjournment Control
- Accelerating Justice Delivery: A Strategic Roadmap for Reducing Pendency of Criminal Cases having Offences Punishable up to 7 years

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(02:00 PM – 03:00 PM) LUNCH

SESSION 3

EFFECTIVE USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN ALTERNATIVES TO TRADITIONAL JUDGING

(03:00 PM – 04:30 PM)

Proposed Scope of Discussion

- Mainstreaming Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Strengthening Access to Justice through Legal Aid
- Effective Implementation of Mediation Act 2023: Future Strategies
- Leveraging Settlement through Online Dispute Resolution (ODR)
- Progressing towards Automated Dispute Resolution with Intelligent Decision Support Systems, Smart Negotiation Tools, etc.
- Developing Effective Mechanism of Judge Mediator: The Role of Chief Justices of the High Courts

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(04:30 PM onwards) — TEA

Day 2: 8th February 2026 (Sunday)

SESSION 4

BUILDING AN ACCESSIBLE, MODERN, UNIFORM AND INCLUSIVE JUSTICE SYSTEM

(10:30 AM -12:00 PM)

Proposed Scope of Discussion

- Breaking the Barriers: Financial, Linguistic, Geographic and Procedural through Technology and Administrative Measures
- Expansion of Judicial Infrastructure: Human & Technology Enabled Processes
- ICT Enablement with Inclusivity
- Use of Technology and AI in Case Management

Resource Persons

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12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

TEA

SESSION 5

JUDICIAL INFRASTRUCTURE AS A JUSTICE IMPERATIVE

(12:30 PM -02:00 PM)

Proposed Scope of Discussion

- Improving Working Conditions for Judicial Personnel
- Addressing Infrastructure Issues in Virtual Hearing and Remote Access
- Cyber Security, Training and Inclusive Design
- Collaboration with Other Branches – Union & State Executive: Infrastructure & Budget
- Providing Protocol and Transport Facilities to Former Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts of India at all the Airport/ Railway Stations

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