

National Conference for High Court Justices on Docket Exclusion of Marginalised Groups [P-1481]

24th & 25th January, 2026

Venue: National Judicial Academy (NJA), Bhopal

Tentative PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

TIMING	DAY 1 24th January 2026 (Saturday)
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Understanding Docket Exclusion: Systemic Barriers and Judicial Responsibilities</p> <p><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Docket explosion leads to docket exclusion?• Identifying systemic barriers preventing marginalised communities from accessing legal remedies <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Speakers</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Justice S. Ravindra Bhat Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque</p>
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	TEA BREAK
12:30 PM – 02:00 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Access to Justice <i>vis-à-vis</i> Socio-Legal Challenges</p> <p><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discrimination and exclusion faced by Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, women, LGBTQ+ individuals, persons with disabilities and economically backward classes etc.• Contemporary trends in promoting inclusivity• Case law jurisprudence <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Speakers</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Justice S. Ravindra Bhat Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya</p>
02:00 PM – 03:00 PM	LUNCH BREAK
03:00 PM – 04:30 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Approaches to Overcome Discrimination and Enhance Judicial Access</p> <p><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhancing access through digital innovations• Judicial Sensitization for bias-free and inclusive adjudication• Expanding outreach initiatives - <i>Pro bono</i> services, Legal Aid & PILs <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Speakers</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Justice S. Ravindra Bhat Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque</p>
04:30 PM	TEA

TIMING	DAY 2 25 th January 2026 (Sunday)
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Judicial Perspectives on Intersectionality and Marginalised Groups</p> <p><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intersectionality in Justice – Impact of caste, gender, and economy on marginalised groups • Judicial Interpretation <i>vis-à-vis</i> Intersectional Discrimination • Affirmative Action and Substantive Equality : Role of Courts <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Speakers</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Justice C. T. Ravikumar Dr. Justice Pushendra Singh Bhati</p>
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	TEA BREAK
12:00 PM - 1:30PM	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Enhancing Docket Management and Court Procedures to Address Systemic Exclusion of Marginalised Groups</p> <p><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of judicial delays and need for priority handling • Addressing procedural barriers for economically disadvantaged groups • Enhancing access to justice through mediation, conciliation & lok adalats <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Speakers</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Justice C. T. Ravikumar Dr. Justice Pushendra Singh Bhati</p>
01:30 PM - 01:40 PM	AUDIT OF THE COURSE BY PARTICIPANT JUSTICES
01:40 PM	LUNCH & DEPARTURE

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