

ORIENTATION COURSE FOR NEWLY ELEVATED HIGH COURT JUSTICES [P-1488]

(21st & 22nd February, 2026)

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SESSION & TIMING	THEMES	Resource Persons
DAY 1 21 st February, 2026 (Saturday)		
SESSION 1 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Writ Jurisdiction: Scope & Limit(s) <u>Proposed scope of discussion:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Origin of Writ Jurisdiction & its Evolving Dimensions</i>• <i>Concept of "Constitutional Morality"</i>• <i>Principles of "Proportionality" & "Reasonableness"</i>• <i>Constitutional validity of State Actions vis a vis "Manifest Arbitrariness"</i>	Justice M. Sundar Justice Manish Pitale
Tea Break - 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM		
SESSION 2 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	Bail: Intricacies and Nuances <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Balancing Personal Liberty with Societal Interest</i>• <i>Conditions for Bail:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Identifying Permissible v. Onerous/Extraneous Conditions</i>• <i>Bail under Special Statutes:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Bail pending long incarceration</i>○ <i>Recent Judicial Pronouncements</i>• <i>Writing Reasoned Bail Orders</i>• <i>Consistency and Uniformity in grant of bail</i>	Justice T.S. Sivagnanam Dr. Justice G. Jayachandran Justice Manish Pitale
Lunch Break - 2:00 PM – 03:00 PM		
SESSION 3 03:00 PM – 04:30 PM	Role of Judge in a Democracy <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Espousing Constitutional Values</i>• <i>Ethical Conundrums in Judging & Possible Solutions</i>• <i>Biases, Prejudices and Recusal</i>• <i>Impact of Media Reporting on the Administration of Justice</i>	Dr. Justice G. Jayachandran Justice P. Sree Sudha
Tea		

DAY 2
22nd February, 2026 (Sunday)

SESSION 4 10:00 AM -11:30 AM	Sentencing: Issues and Challenges <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Judicious Approach in determination of Quantum of Sentence</i>• <i>Element of Proportionality</i>• <i>Concept of Misplaced Sympathy</i>• <i>AI-Assisted Sentencing: Balancing Efficiency and Justice</i>	Justice M. Sundar Justice S.G. Gokani
Tea Break - 11:30 PM – 12:00 PM		
SESSION 5 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Decision Making and Judicial Governance <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>AI as an Enabler in Judicial Decision making</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>AI and Judicial Independence</i>○ <i>AI Tools for Legal Research and Case Analysis</i>○ <i>Ethical Concerns: Algorithmic Bias, Transparency and Explainability</i>○ <i>Concept of "human-in-the-loop"</i>• <i>Impact of Predictive Analytics</i>• <i>Balancing Human Oversight with AI Automation</i>	Justice M. Sundar Justice S.G. Gokani
Feedback by Participants		
Lunch & Departure		

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