

# NATIONAL JUDICIAL ACADEMY

National Conference for High Court Justices on Commercial Law [P-1493]

21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2026

Venue- National Judicial Academy, Bhopal

Academic Coordinators: Dr. Amit Mehrotra, Professor and Mr. Rajesh Suman, Assistant Professor, NJA

## Programme Schedule

Day 1 21 <sup>st</sup> March, 2026 (Saturday)		
Session 1 10:30AM -12:00 PM	<b>Jurisprudential Framework vis-à-vis Jurisdictional Scope of Commercial Courts</b>  <b><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Commercial Courts: Objective</li><li>➤ The Role of Commercial Courts in Economic Development</li><li>➤ Pre- Institution Mediation and Settlement</li><li>➤ Efficient Disposal of Disputes</li><li>➤ Ease of Business vis-à-vis Jurisdiction</li><li>➤ Specified Value for Cases</li><li>➤ Technology and Innovation in Commercial Courts</li></ul>	<b>Justice Soumen Sen</b> <b>Justice CV Karthikeyan</b>
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	<b>Tea Break</b>	
Session 2 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	<b>Interpretation of Commercial Contracts</b>  <b><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ General Principles of Contract Interpretation</li><li>➤ Ascertainment of Intent of Parties</li><li>➤ Resolving Ambiguities in Contract</li><li>➤ Deviations from Literal Interpretation</li></ul>	<b>Justice CV Karthikeyan</b> <b>Mr. Jayant K Mehta</b>
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
Session 3 03:00 PM - 04:30 PM	<b>Intersection between Commercial Courts Act, 2015, and Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996: Legal Synergy</b>  <b><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Interpretative Challenges and Synergies between the Acts</li><li>➤ Jurisdiction in Arbitration Matters</li><li>➤ Strategies for Effective Application in District Courts</li><li>➤ Limitations under the Arbitration Act, 1996</li></ul>	<b>Justice Soumen Sen</b> <b>Mr. Jayant K Mehta</b>
04:30 PM	<b>Tea</b>	

**Day 2**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 (Sunday)**

<b>Session 4</b> <b>10:00 AM -11:30 AM</b>	<b>Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) : Infringement &amp; Enforcement</b>  <b><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u></b>  ➤ IP Infringement: Civil and Criminal Remedy ➤ Arbitrability of IPR Disputes: Emerging Perspectives ➤ Interim Relief: Scope & Impact ➤ Proactive Role of the Judiciary in Protection of IPR	<b>Justice Senthilkumar Ramamoorthy</b>  <b>Justice Tejas Karia</b>
<b>11:30 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>	
<b>Session 5</b> <b>12:00 PM - 01:30 PM</b>	<b>Construction and Infrastructure Contracts vis-à-vis Commercial Courts Act</b>  <b><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u></b>  ➤ Public Private Partnership (PPP) Contracts ➤ Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contracts ➤ Nuances of Prominent Dispute Factors ➤ Disputes Arising out of Construction Contract	<b>Justice Senthilkumar Ramamoorthy</b>  <b>Justice Tejas Karia</b>
<b>01:30 PM</b>	<b>Lunch &amp; Departure</b>	

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