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SPECIAL TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR DISTRICT JUDGES (NEWLY APPOINTED)

8th – 12th September, 2025 at NJA, Bhopal

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SESSION & TIMING	THEMES
DAY 1 8th September, 2025 (Monday)	
SESSION 1 10:00 AM -11:30 AM	Vision of Justice & Judicial Values <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Constitutional Vision of Justice• Facets of Justice: Social, Economic, and Political• Rule of Law & Role of Judiciary• Expeditious & Accessible Justice: Experiences, Challenges & Potential Solutions
11:30 AM - 12:00 NOON	TEA BREAK
SESSION 2 12:00 NOON - 01:30 PM	Judicial Conduct, Judicial Discipline & Responsibility of Judges <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judicial Discipline & Responsibility• Judicial Arrogance and Judicial Humility• Standards and Expectations form Judges• Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct• Restatement of Judicial Values
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	LUNCH BREAK
SESSION 3 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Art, Craft, and Science of Writing Judgments <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judgments as the Voice of the Court• Significance of Reasoning in Judgments & Orders• Language & Law: Brevity & Coherence in Judgments• Gender Sensitivity in Court Language• Addressing Bias & Stereotypes in Adjudication• Supreme Court on Gender Justice
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Tea Break

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DAY 2 9th September, 2025 (Tuesday)	
SESSION 4 10:00 AM -11:30 AM	Civil Justice Administration: Appellate Powers of District Judge <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Admissions • Civil Appeals • Scope of Objection u/O. 41 & R.22 • Additional Evidence in Appeal • Civil Revisions & SCC Revisions
11:30 AM –12:00 NOON	TEA BREAK
SESSION 5 12:00 NOON - 01:30 PM	Fair Trial, Presumption & Burden of Proof <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defective Investigation and the Role of a Judge • Presumption of Innocence & Burden of Proof • Accused’s Access to Material • Reverse Burden of Proof • Culpable Mental State & Prosecution’s Burden
01:30 PM - 02:30 PM	LUNCH BREAK
SESSION 6 2:30 PM- 4:00 PM	Sentencing Issues and New Criminal Laws <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovative Changes and New Offences • Community Service • Minimum Mandatory Sentences • Death Sentence: Consideration of Aggravating & Mitigating Circumstances • Individualized Sentencing Inquiry
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Tea Break
DAY 3 10th September, 2025 (Wednesday)	
SESSION 7 10:00 AM -11:30 AM	Judiciary and Media: Need for Balance <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media Reporting of Judicial Proceedings: Concerns & Solutions • Media Trial vis-à-vis Judicial Ethics • Freedom of Media in the Digital Age • Judges & Social Media: Care & Caution
11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	TEA BREAK

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SESSION 8 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM	Bail & Anticipatory Bail <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balancing Personal Liberty with Societal Interest Law Relating to Bail: Jail or Bail Anticipatory Bail Guidelines in <i>Sidharth v. State of U.P.</i>, (2022) 1 SCC 676 & <i>Satendra Kumar Antil v. CBI & another</i> (2023) 1 SCC (Cri) 1 Bail Conditions
SESSION 9 1:15 PM - 2:30 PM	Criminal Justice Administration: Appellate Powers of the Sessions Judge <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminal Appeals: Appeal against conviction & Appeal against acquittal Additional Evidence in Appeal Appreciation of Evidence in Criminal Appeal Right of Appeal vis-à-vis Victim Criminal Revisions
2:30 PM- 3:15 PM	LUNCH BREAK
3:15 PM Onwards	LOCAL VISIT
DAY 4 11th September, 2025 (Thursday)	
SESSION 10 10:00 AM -11:30 PM	Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cybercrimes: Advances & Bottlenecks Collection & Preservation of Electronic Evidence Relevancy, Authenticity, and Admissibility of Electronic Evidence Appreciation of Electronic Evidence under old & new laws
11:30 AM –12:00 NOON	TEA BREAK
SESSION 11 12:00 NOON - 1:30 PM	AI and Judicial Governance <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Origin & Evolving Concept of AI: An Overview AI as a Tool in Judicial Management: International & Indian Perspectives Striking a Balance between Transparency & Confidentiality Issues and Challenges posed by AI: Implications, Liability & Accountability
01:30 PM - 2:15 PM	LUNCH BREAK

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02:15 PM Onwards SESSION 12 4:15 PM- 5:45 PM	SEMBI Movie in the Auditorium Group Presentation & Discussion on Different Legal Aspects of the Movie
DAY 5 12th September, 2025 (Friday)	
SESSION 13 10:00 AM -11:30 PM	Forensic Evidence in Civil & Criminal Trials <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DNA, Handwriting, Fingerprinting & Ballistics • Locard's Exchange Principle • Individuality, Law of Progressive Change, Principles of Comparison & Law of Probability • Appreciation of Forensic Evidence
11:30 PM – 12:00 Noon	TEA BREAK
SESSION 14 12:00 Noon - 01:30 PM	Judicial Stress and Wellness <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupational Stress in Judging • Stress Management Techniques & Tools • Mindfulness: Staying Focused on Task • Adapting to Change- Psycho-social adjustments
1:30 PM- 1:45 PM	Feedback and Audit of the Course by Participants
01:45 PM onwards Lunch	

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