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**TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE DISTRICT JUDGES &  
MAGISTRATES FROM SRI LANKA**

12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2026

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**TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

| SESSION & TIMING  | THEMES   |
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| <b>DAY 1</b><br><b>12<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 (Monday)</b> |  |
| <b>SESSION 1</b><br><br>10:00 AM -11:30 AM                    | <b>Elements of Judicial Behavior:<br/>Ethics, Neutrality, and Professionalism</b><br><br><u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ethical standards &amp; Norms <i>vis-à-vis</i> Conduct of Judges</li><li>• Objectivity in Decision Making</li><li>• Addressing Bias &amp; Stereotypes in Adjudication</li></ul>  |
| 11:30 AM - 12:00 NOON   | <b>TEA BREAK</b>   |
| <b>SESSION 2</b><br><br>12:00 NOON - 01:30 PM                 | <b>Art, Craft and Science of Writing Judgments</b><br><br><u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Judgments as the Voice of the Court</li><li>• Significance of Reasoning in Judgments &amp; Orders</li><li>• Language &amp; Law: Brevity &amp; Coherence in Judgments</li><li>• Gender Sensitivity in Judgments &amp; Orders</li></ul>   |
| 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM   | <b>LUNCH BREAK</b>   |
| <b>SESSION 3</b><br><br>2:30 PM – 4:00 PM                     | <b>Developing Efficient Judicial System: Court and<br/>Case Management</b><br><br><u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Role of a Judge in streamlining court processes</li><li>• Organizing the Docket for effective Caseload</li><li>• Management: Prioritization of cases</li><li>• Staff Management and Supervision: Inspiring</li><li>• Commitment and Catalyzing Performance</li><li>• Use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT)s</li></ul> |
| 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM   | <b>Tea Break</b>   |

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| <b>DAY 2</b><br><b>13<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 (Tuesday)</b>   |   |
| <b>SESSION 4</b><br><br>10:00 AM -11:30 AM                       | <b>Juvenile Justice: International and Indian Perspectives</b><br><u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment of Children in Conflict with the Law</li> <li>• Grant of Bail to Juveniles in Conflict with Law</li> <li>• Age Determination – Inquiry process for Age Determination, Evidentiary Proofs &amp; Challenges in Determination of Age</li> </ul>   |
| 11:30 AM –12:00 NOON   | <b>TEA BREAK</b>  |
| <b>SESSION 5</b><br><br>12:00 NOON - 01:30 PM                    | <b>Judicial Intervention to Combat Money Laundering</b><br><u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concept &amp; Modalities as an Organized Crime</li> <li>• International &amp; National Best Practices to tackle Money Laundering</li> <li>• Nuances &amp; Intricacies of Bail</li> <li>• Presumptions under Law &amp; Burden of Proof</li> </ul>   |
| 01:30 PM - 02:30 PM  | <b>LUNCH BREAK</b>  |
| <b>SESSION 6</b><br><br>2:30 PM- 4:00 PM                         | <b>Sentencing Procedure: Issues and Challenges</b><br><u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sentencing Parameters in Major offences</li> <li>• Judicious Approach in Determination of Quantum of Sentence</li> <li>• Doctrine of Proportionality</li> <li>• Mercy, Leniency &amp; Misplaced Sympathy in Sentencing</li> <li>• Sentencing Practice in Sexual Offences</li> <li>• Sentencing Practice in Economic Offences</li> <li>• Remission of sentence</li> </ul>                      |
| <b>DAY 3</b><br><b>14<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 (Wednesday)</b> |   |
| <b>SESSION 7</b><br><br>10:00 AM -11:30 AM                       | <b>Jurisprudence on Environmental Law:<br/>Experience of the Supreme Court</b><br><u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection of Environment under the Indian Constitutional Mandate</li> <li>• Public Trust Doctrine</li> <li>• Judicial Role as <i>Parens Patriae</i> to Protect the Environment &amp; Wildlife</li> <li>• Significance of Judicial Activism in Protection of Environment &amp; Wildlife</li> <li>• Innovative Approaches to Meet the Global Challenges</li> </ul> |
| 11:30 AM –12:00 NOON   | <b>TEA BREAK</b>  |



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| <b>SESSION 8</b><br><br>12:00 NOON - 01:30 PM                   | <b>Electronic Evidence &amp; Cyber Crimes: New Horizons</b><br><u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collection &amp; Preservation of Electronic Evidence</li> <li>Relevancy, Authenticity, and Admissibility of Electronic Evidence</li> <li>Cybercrimes: Advances &amp; Bottlenecks</li> </ul>   |
| 01:30 PM - 02:30 PM   | <b>LUNCH BREAK</b>   |
| 2:30 PM Onwards   | <b>STUDY TOUR</b>  |
| <b>DAY 4</b><br><b>15<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 (Thursday)</b> |  |
| <b>SESSION 9</b><br><br>10:00 AM -11:30 PM                      | <b>Forensic Evidence in Civil and Criminal Trials</b><br><u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collection, Preservation &amp; Appreciation of Forensic Evidence</li> <li>Evidentiary value of Forensic</li> <li>Evidence and expert evidence</li> <li>Importance of Chain of Custody</li> <li>Evolution of Case Law Jurisprudence</li> </ul> |
| 11:30 AM –12:00 NOON  | <b>TEA BREAK</b>   |
| <b>SESSION 10</b><br><br>12:00 NOON - 1:30 PM                   | <b>Judicial Stress and Wellness</b><br><u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Occupational Stress in Judging</li> <li>Stress Management Techniques &amp; Tools</li> <li>Mindfulness: Staying Focused on Task</li> <li>Adapting to Change- Psycho-social adjustments</li> </ul>  |
| 01:30 PM - 2:30 PM  | <b>LUNCH BREAK</b>   |
| 2:30 Onwards  | <b>SANCHI VISIT</b>  |
| <b>DAY 5</b><br><b>16<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 (Friday)</b>   |  |
| <b>SESSION 11</b><br><br>10:00 AM -11:30 PM                     | <b>Alternatives to Traditional Judging</b><br><u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exploring ways to Handle Huge Pendency</li> <li>Alternative Dispute Resolution u/Section 89 CPC</li> <li>Role of the Court in Enabling Settlement</li> <li>Important Aspects of the Mediation Act, 2023</li> <li>People's Court/ Lok Adalats</li> </ul>  |
| 11:30 AM –12:00 NOON  | <b>TEA BREAK</b>   |

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| <b>SESSION 12</b><br><br>12:00 NOON - 1:30 PM | <b>AI &amp; Judiciary</b><br><br><u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AI as a Tool: Benefits <i>versus</i> Challenges</li> <li>Judiciary on AI – Indian experience</li> <li>Governing AI: Policies &amp; Jurisprudence</li> </ul> |
| 1:30 PM- 1:45 PM                              | <b>Feedback and Audit of the Course by Participants</b>  |
| 02:00 PM - 03:00 PM                           | <b>Lunch</b>   |

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