

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

12th – 16th January, 2026

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

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