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DAY 1 3th OCTOBER, 2026 (SATURDAY)		
SESSION 1 **10:30 AM – 12:00 PM**	**Recent Developments in Writ Jurisdiction of the High Court** ***Proposed Scope of discussion*** ➢ Principles of "Proportionality" & "Reasonableness" ➢ Procedural Fairness and Principles of Natural Justice ➢ Judicial Interference in Policy Matters - Scope & Permissible Extent ➢ Doctrine of Manifest Arbitrariness	***Panel*** **Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. Sundar** **Dr. V. Sudhish Pai**
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	**Tea**	
SESSION 2 **12:30 PM – 2:00 PM**	**Recent Trends in Constitutional Interpretation** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** ➢ Interpretation of Constitutional Silences ➢ Constitutional Morality ➢ Basic Structure & Transformative Constitutionalism • Can "Basic" be equated with "Rigidity"? • Basic Structure & Constitutional Evolution: Dynamism, Adaptability versus Perceived Constraints	***Panel*** **Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque** **Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. Sundar**
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	**Lunch**	
SESSION 3 **3:00 PM – 4:30 PM**	**Developments in Constitutional Law** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** ➢ Constitutional Jurisprudence From Inception till the Present Day: Decadal Trends • Rights of the Individual – Liberty, free speech and expansion of the concept of life. • Social Welfare • Union & State Relations • Democracy & Governance (Separation of powers)	***Panel*** **Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque** **Dr. V. Sudhish Pai**
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DAY 2 4th OCTOBER 2026 (SUNDAY)		
SESSION 4 **10:30 AM – 12:00 PM**	**Protection and Conservation of Environment & Ecology** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** ➢ Judicial Review under Article 226 *vis-à-vis* NGT Act ➢ Emerging Issues in Environment Law ➢ Ecocentric & Anthropocentric Jurisprudence ➢ Moving from Reactive to Proactive Environment Jurisprudence: Role of Constitutional Courts	***Panel*** **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Joymalya Bagchi** **Mr. N. Venkataraman**
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	**Tea**	
SESSION 5 **12:30 PM – 2:00 PM**	**Dissent in the Constitutional Architecture** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** ➢ The Voice of Dissent in Constitutional Courts: Unanimity versus Polyvocality ➢ Notable Dissenting Judgments in Constitutional Jurisprudence ➢ Dissent in Development of Jurisprudence.	***Panel*** **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Joymalya Bagchi** **Mr. N. Venkataraman** **Dr. V. Sudhish Pai**
2:00 PM	**Lunch**	

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