National Conference for High Court Justices on Social Context Judging- (P-1513)

10th & 11th October, 2026

At National Judicial Academy (NJA), Bhopal

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Academic Coordinators - Dr. Sonam Jain, Assistant Professor, Mr. Prasidh Raj Singh, Law Associate, National Judicial Academy, Bhopal

Session/ Timing	Theme
Day 1 10th October 2026 (Saturday)	
Session 1 **10:30AM -12:00 PM**	**Social Context Adjudication: Constitutional Foundations and Judicial Methodology** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • *Equality, Vulnerability and Social Differences* • *Bias, Empathy and Judicial Objectivity* • *Social Context in Constitutional Interpretation* ***Panel*** ***Justice Aniruddha Bose*** ***Justice Sonia Gokani***
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	**Tea Break**
Session 2 **12:30 PM - 02:00 PM**	**Beyond Adversarial Limits: Social Context as Transformative Adjudication Tool** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • *Balancing Transformative Justice and judicial Restraint* • *Social Context and access to Justice* • *Limits of the Adversarial System: Role of the Court* ***Panel*** ***Justice A. P. Sahi*** ***Ms Aishwarya Bhati***
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM	**Lunch Break**
Session 3 **03:00 PM - 04:30 PM**	**Pluralistic Adjudication: Balancing Uniformity and Diversity In Judicial Outcomes** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • *Constitutional Morality vis-à-vis Social Morality* • *Balancing Individual interest with Social interest* • *Understanding Pluralistic Adjudication* ***Panel*** ***Justice A. P. Sahi*** ***Ms Aishwarya Bhati***
04:30 PM	**Tea**

Day 2 11th October 2026 (Sunday)	
Session 4 **10:00AM -11:30AM**	**Gender Justice Through Social Context Lens: Stereotypes, Vulnerabilities, and Remedies** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • *Patriarchal structures and power relationships* • *Vulnerability as a Social and Structural Reality* • *From Formal Equality to Substantive Equality* ***Panel*** ***Dr.Justice Anita Sumanth*** ***Justice Devan Ramachandran***
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	**Tea Break**
Session 5 **12:00 PM - 01:30 PM**	**Intersectionality In Judicial Reasoning: Multiple Discriminations and Layered Disadvantage** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • *Understanding Intersectionality in the Justice System* • *Applying an Intersectional Lens to Judicial Fact-Finding* • *From Individual Adjudication to Transformative Justice: The Role of Constitutional Courts* ***Panel*** ***Dr.Justice Anita Sumanth*** ***Justice Devan Ramachandran***
01:30 PM - 01:45 PM	Audit of the Course by Participant Judges
01:45 PM	**Lunch Break & Departure**

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