NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR HIGH COURT JUSTICES ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION AND SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE [P-1518]

Venue: National Judicial Academy, Bhopal

28th & 29th November 2026

TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Faculty Coordinators: Dr. Sonam Jain & Ms. Nitika Jain, Faculty, National Judicial Academy, Bhopal

DAY 1 **28th November 2026 (Saturday)**	
SESSION & TIMING	**THEMES**
SESSION 1 10:30am – 12:00noon	**Constitutional Remedies under the Criminal Justice System** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • Writ Jurisdiction with reference to Habeas Corpus • Inherent Powers in Criminal Matters • Personal Liberty and bail Jurisprudence
12:00noon – 12:30pm	**Tea/ Coffee Break**
SESSION 2 12:30pm – 02:00pm	**Forensic Evidence in Criminal Justice** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • DNA, Fingerprint, Handwriting Analysis • Toxicology • Forensic Ballistics: Crime scene processing and evidence • Collection, Preservation & Appreciation of Forensic Evidence: Chain of Custody
02:00pm – 03:00pm	**Lunch Break**
SESSION 3 03:00pm – 04:30pm	**Behavioral Science in Forensics** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • Intersection of Forensic Psychology and Law • Behavioural Cues, Deception Detection and Forensic Interviewing ✓ Lie detection, micro-expressions, and non-verbal cues ✓ Behavioural analysis in judicial assessment of evidence • Judicial Discretion in Behavioural Science: Balancing rights of privacy and investigation • Recent Trends in Behavioural Science
04:30pm	**Tea/ Coffee Break**

DAY 2 29th November 2026 (Sunday)	
SESSION 4 10:00am – 11:30am	**Digital Forensics: Emerging Trends, Challenges and Judicial Perspectives** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • Relevance of digital forensics in investigation and trial • Acquisition and preservation of Digital evidence ✓ Chain of custody and integrity of evidence ✓ Legal and procedural safeguards • Digital Evidence & Electronic Evidence under New Laws
11:30am – 12:00noon	**Tea/ Coffee Break**
SESSION 5 12:00noon – 01:30pm	**Impact of Technology and Evidentiary Challenges** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • AI-generated evidence and deepfakes, facial recognition, cell-site analysis • Reliability and bias concerns • Novel technology enabling Autopsy, Biosensors (fingerprints), Immunochromatography, Geolocating Isotopes, Forensic Palynology, Digital Vehicle Forensics, Blockchain Forensics, Drone Forensics etc.
1:30pm – 1:40pm	**Feedback and Audit of the Course by Participants**
LUNCH & DEPARTURE	

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