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SEMINAR FOR DISTRICT JUDGES & MAGISTRATES FROM SRI LANKA

31th August – 04th September, 2026

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SESSION & TIMING	THEMES	RESOURCE PERSON(S)
DAY 1 31st August, 2026 (Monday)		
SESSION 1 10:00 AM -11:30 AM	**Elements of Judicial Behavior: Ethics, Neutrality, and Professionalism** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • Ethical standards & Norms *vis-à-vis* Conduct of Judges • Objectivity in Decision Making • Addressing Bias & Stereotypes in Adjudication	*Justice Abhay S. Oka* *Justice Sujoy Paul*
11:30 AM - 12:00 NOON	**TEA BREAK**	
SESSION 2 12:00 NOON - 01:30 PM	**Art, Craft and Science of Writing Judgments** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • Judgments as the Voice of the Court • Significance of Reasoning in Judgments & Orders • Language & Law: Brevity & Coherence in Judgments • Gender Sensitivity in Judgments & Orders	*Justice Abhay S. Oka* *Justice Sujoy Paul*
01:30 PM - 02:30 PM	**LUNCH BREAK**	
SESSION 3 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	**Developing Efficient Judicial System: Court and Case Management** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • 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)	*Mr. Sujith K. N.* *Mr. Vishwajeet Pandey* *Mr. Shrish Kailash Shukul*
4:30 PM	**Tea Break**	

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DAY 2 01st September, 2026 (Tuesday)		
SESSION 4 10:00 AM -11:30 AM	**Sentencing Procedure: Issues and Challenges** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • Sentencing Parameters in Major Offences • Judicious Approach in Determination of Quantum of Sentence • Doctrine of Proportionality • Mercy, Leniency & Misplaced Sympathy in Sentencing • Sentencing Practices in Sexual Offences • Sentencing Practice in Economic Offences • Remission of sentence	*Prof. Humayun R. Khan*
11:30 AM - 12:00 NOON	**TEA BREAK**	
SESSION 5 12:00 NOON - 01:30 PM	**Judicial Intervention to Combat Money Laundering** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • Concept & Modalities as an Organized Crime • International & National Best Practices to Tackle Money Laundering • Nuances & Intricacies of Bail • Presumptions under Law & Burden of Proof	*Mr. Manoj Prasad* *Mr. Sharad Lagwal*
01:30 PM - 02:30 PM	**LUNCH BREAK**	
SESSION 6 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	**Juvenile Justice: International and Indian Perspective** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • Assessment of Children in Conflict with Law • Grant of Bail to Juveniles in Conflict with Law • Age Determination – Inquiry process for Age Determination, Evidentiary Proof & Challenges in Determination of Age	*Mr. Manoj Prasad* *Ms. Shruti Jane Eusebius*
DAY 3 02nd September, 2026 (Wednesday)		
SESSION 7 10:00 AM -11:30 AM	**Jurisprudence on Environmental Law: Experience of the Supreme Court** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • Protection of Environment under the Indian Constitutional Mandate • Public Trust Doctrine	*Mr Uttam Kumar Sharma* *Ms. Nitika Jain*

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	• Judicial Role as *Parens Patriae* to Protect the Environment & Wildlife • Significance of Judicial Activism in Protection of Environment & Wildlife • Innovative Approaches to meet Global Challenges	
11:30 AM - 12:00 NOON	**TEA BREAK**	
SESSION 8 12:00 PM - 01:30 PM	**Alternatives to Traditional Judging** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • 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 • People's Court/ Lok Adalats	*Mr. Kishore Jaiswal*
01:30 PM - 02:30 PM	**LUNCH BREAK**	
2:30 PM Onwards	**STUDY TOUR**	
DAY 4 **03rd September, 2026 (Thursday)**		
SESSION 9 10:00 AM -11:30 AM	**Forensic Evidence in Civil and Criminal Trials** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • Collection, Preservation & Appreciation of Forensic Evidence • Evidentiary Value of Forensic Evidence and Expert Evidence • Importance of Chain of Custody • Evolution of Case Law Jurisprudence	*Ms. Nisha Menon*
11:30 AM - 12:00 NOON	**TEA BREAK**	
SESSION 10 12:00 PM - 01:30 PM	**Judicial Stress and Wellness** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • Occupational Stress in Judging • Stress Management Techniques & Tools • Mindfulness: Staying Focused on Task • Adapting to Change: Psycho-Social Adjustments	*D. Harish Shetty* *Dr. Sumit Roy*
01:30 PM - 02:30 PM	**LUNCH BREAK**	
2:30 Onwards	**SANCHI VISIT**	
DAY 5 **04th September, 2026 (Friday)**		

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SESSION 11 10:00 AM -11:30 AM	**Electronic Evidence & Cyber Crimes: New Horizons** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • Collection & Preservation of Electronic Evidence • Relevancy, Authenticity and Admissibility of Electronic Evidence • Cybercrimes: Advances & Bottlenecks •	*Dr. Harold D'costa* *Mr. Prasidh Raj Singh*
11:30 AM - 12:00 NOON	**TEA BREAK**	
SESSION 12 12:00 PM - 01:30 PM	**AI & Judiciary** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • AI as a Tool: Benefits *versus* Challenges • Judiciary on AI: Indian Experience • Governing AI: Policies & Jurisprudence	*Dr. Harold D'costa* *Dr Sumit Bhattacharya*
01:30 PM- 01:45 PM	**Feedback and Audit of the Course by Participants**	
01:45 PM - 02:00 PM	**Valedictory**	
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM	**Lunch**	

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