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TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SESSIONS & TIMING	THEMES
Day 1 (Saturday): 14.11.2026	
SESSION 1 10:30 AM -12:00	**Evolution of Fundamental Constitutional Principles** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • Key Constitutional Provisions: Rule of Law & Principles of Natural Justice • Organizational setup of Departments & Decision-making • Operation of the Natural Justice principle in Administrative Mechanism • The test of Reasonableness and the test of Prudence • Reasoned Order & Reduction in Potential Litigation
12:00 – 12:30 PM	**Tea Break**
SESSION 2 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	**Coordinated Litigation Strategy** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • Effective Vetting and Reducing Potential for Disputes • Identifying Commercial & High Stake Matters • Ensuring Proper Case Presentation • Documentation and Coordinated Litigation Strategy • Ensuring Timely Compliance • Enhancing Monitoring and Coordination to Avoid Contempt
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	**Lunch Break**
SESSION 3 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	**Accountability and Departmental Control over Litigation** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • Institutional Roles & Responsibilities • When should the Government Appeal • Appellate Structure under Indian Law • Review, Revision, and Appeal Strategy • Appeals in Contractual/ Commercial Matters
04:30 PM – 05:00 PM	**Tea**

Day 2 (Sunday): 15.11.2026	
SESSION 4 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	**Effective Litigation Management** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • Ex parte interim order • Inputs from DoPT for Filing Review/Appeal • Ensuring Timely Appeal • Panel Counsels: Specific Expertise & Competency • Filing SLP in Exceptional & Specific circumstances • Directive for the Efficient & Effective Management of Litigation by Government
11:30 AM – 12:00	**Tea Break**
SESSION 5 12:00 – 1:30 PM	**Finding Alternatives to Litigation** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanism (ADR) • Mediation as a Tool for Dispute Resolution - Understanding Key Principles of Mediation - Cases suitable for referral - Mediation Act 2023 • Arbitration: The Scheme of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act: (Amendment) Act, 2019 & 2021
1:30 PM – 02:30 PM	**Lunch Break**
SESSION 6 02:30 PM – 04:00 PM	**Handling Service Matters Effectively** ***Proposed Scope of Discussion*** • Disciplinary Proceedings: Rules and Procedures • Principles of Natural Justice in Departmental Proceedings • Opportunity to Defend • Charge Sheet & Reply to Charge Sheet • Principle of Proportionality
04:00 PM – 04:15 PM	**Feedback and Audit of the Course by Participants**
4:15 PM Onwards	**Tea/ Coffee followed by Departure**