

MADHYA PRADESH STATE JUDICIAL ACADEMY, JABALPUR		
CONFERENCE ON – KEY ISSUES RELATING TO SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES (PREVENTION OF ATROCITIES) ACT, 1989		
21st February, 2026 (MPSJA, JABALPUR)		
SCHEDULE		
SESSION	TIME	TOPIC
	10.15 am to 10.30 am	Group Photograph <i>Followed by</i> Inauguration of the Conference By: Director, MPSJA
I	10.30 am to 12.00 noon	<p>Topic: An overview of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989</p> <p><i>Scope of discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background, necessity and constitutional provisions • Important provisions of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 • Important amendment in Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 • Role of Special Courts in effective implementation of the provisions of the Act <p>Chaired by: Director, MPSJA</p> <p>Facilitated by: Shri Dharmendra Kumar Tada, Faculty Member (Sr.), MPSJA</p> <p>Introductory Address by Chair – 15 min.</p> <p>Panel Speakers: 12 min each – Participant Special Judges SC/ST (PA) Act</p> <p>(i) Shri Devendra Prasad Mishra, Special Judge SC/ST (P.A.) Act, Indore (ii) Shri Upendra Pratap Singh, Special Judge SC/ST (P.A.) Act, Chhatarpur (iii) Shri Manoj Kumar Tiwari (Sr.), Special Judge SC/ST (P.A.) Act, Bhind (iv) Ms. Nivedita Mudgal, Special Judge SC/ST (P.A.) Act, Rajgarh</p> <p>Open interactive discussion with concluding remarks by the Chair</p>
<i>BREAK (12.00 noon to 12.15 pm)</i>		

II	12.15 pm to 1.30 pm	<p>Topic: Issues relating to proof of caste and bail under Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989</p> <p>Scope of discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of socio-economic conditions of the Scheduled castes and Scheduled Tribes <i>vis-à-vis</i> the Act • Rights of Victims & Witnesses (Section 15A) • Statutory bar under section 18 & 18A / interim bail • Caste Certificate and issues relating to conversion, migration and marriage affecting caste <p style="text-align: right;">(ONLINE)</p> <p>By: Shri Anurag Panwar, Additional Director (Research), Judicial Training & Research Institute, Lucknow (U.P.).</p>
LUNCH BREAK (1.30 pm to 2.15 pm)		
III	2.15 pm to 3.45 pm	<p>Topic: Procedure regarding trial of cases under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989</p> <p>Scope of discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framing of charges • Presumption under the Act • <i>Mens rea</i> and proof of caste based content • Sentencing and compensation <p style="text-align: right;">(ONLINE)</p> <p>By: Shri Vishal S. Gaike, Additional Director, Maharashtra Judicial Academy, Uttan, Thane (Maharashtra)</p>
TEA BREAK (3.45 pm to 4.00 pm)		
IV	4.00 pm onwards	<p>Open interactive session</p> <p>Chaired by: Director, MPSJA</p> <p><i>Followed by Valedictory Session</i></p>

- Note:-** (1) The Schedule is subject to change as per exigencies.
(2) Use of Cell Phones during the Conference is strictly prohibited.

DIRECTOR