



## REPORT

### TRAINING WORKSHOP ON THE NEW CRIMINAL LAWS FOR OFFICERS OF ODISHA POLICE || NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA || JULY 14, 21, 27 and AUGUST 3, 10, 2024

#### **Background:**

In response to the enactment of the new criminal laws, and to ensure their effective implementation, National Law University Odisha, Cuttack organized a “Training Workshop on the New Criminal Laws for Officers of Odisha Police” in collaboration with Biju Patnaik State Police Academy, Bhubaneswar. The workshop spanned over a period of 5 days i.e., July 14, 21 and 27, and August 3 and 10, 2024. The workshop was successful in achieving its aim to sensitize around 500 police officers (including Inspectors, Addl. SPs and DSPs), of the changes in the new criminal laws.

The Criminal Justice System of India has undergone a significant transformation with the introduction of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (hereinafter referred to as BNSS), the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023 (hereinafter referred to as BSA) and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (hereinafter referred to as BNS), and simultaneous repeal of the existing laws i.e., the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 and the Indian Penal Code, 1860 respectively.

The Training Workshop was efficiently designed to create awareness and training of police officers, with the understanding, appreciation, applicability, implementation, and efficiency of the above-mentioned new criminal laws. It further aimed to equip the stakeholders with a comprehensive understanding of the key changes brought about by the new criminal laws.

This Training Workshop holistically turned out to meet the expectations of the police officers from various parts of the state to learn and enhance their skills in appreciating the new criminal laws.

The training workshop was focused to achieve the following objectives and learning outcomes:

**Course Objectives:**

**Remember:** To list the key aspects of modifications vis-à-vis additions, deletions, integration, substitutions and omissions to/of the key provisions under BNS, BNSS and BSA.

**Understand:** To recognize the significant differences in BNS, BNSS and BSA when compared to IPC, CrPC and IEA.

**Apply:** Participants will be able to interpret the provisions of BNS, BNSS and BSA, and apply them to real-world scenarios accordingly.

**Analyze:** To analyze the potentiality of the BNS, BNSS and BSA, and their implications.

**Evaluate:** To appraise and critically evaluate the impact of new criminal laws on the efficiency and fairness of the criminal justice system in India.

**Create:** To construct strategies for effectively navigating the provisions of the new criminal laws.

**Course Learning Outcomes:**

**Knowledge:** Gain a thorough understanding of the key provisions and the fundamental changes introduced in BNS, BNSS and BSA.

**Attitude:** Develop a deeper appreciation for the importance of interpreting the new criminal laws in upholding justice, and recognize their potential to enhance the efficiency and fairness of the criminal justice system.

**Skills:** Develop the ability to map offences defined in the new laws to similar existing offences in other legal frameworks. Gain the ability to implement the legal framework established by the BNSS with utmost efficiency. Interpret and apply provisions under the new criminal laws in real-world scenarios.

**Ethics:** Harmonize criminal law with the fundamental rights of the people involved, particularly in the context of newly introduced provisions under BNS. Consider ethical issues

related to privacy, authenticity, and reliability inherent in the collection, appreciation, and presentation of electronic evidence under the BSA.

**Target Group:**

The workshop catered to a diverse group of police officers (both male and female) across the state, including officers of the rank of Inspector, Addl. SP and DSP, interested in enhancing their understanding and implementation skills in relation to the new criminal laws. A total of around 500 actively engaged in the workshop, contributing to enriching discussions and collaborative learning experiences across varied backgrounds.

**Course Instructors:**

The course instructors for the training workshop comprised of the criminal law faculty members at NLUO:

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**Summary:**

- In total, 10 batches (2 batches per day, in parallel sessions) were conducted to train around 500 police officers over a span of 5 days.
- Each day of the training workshop commenced with the registration of the attendees where they were provided with registration kits including the course outline of the training modules.

- The inaugural session outlining the expectations from the workshop was followed by a brief orientation on the course outline thereby setting up tone for further deliberation.
- Post orientation session, parallel sessions of 2 batches comprising of 50 police officers each were conducted separately.
- The learning sessions involved the use of innovative teaching methods like experiential learning, experience sharing, lectures, brainstorming, storytelling, etc.
- Six hours of sessions in total were conducted each day with 4 classes – 2 on BNSS (of 3 hours duration) and 1 each on BNS and BSA (of one and a half duration each).
- In order to provide a comprehensive understanding of the new criminal laws, the overall course outline was purposely designed including all the modifications vis-à-vis additions, deletions, integration, substitutions and omissions to/of the key provisions under BNS, BNSS and BSA.
- Feedback from the participants after each session was recorded through google forms and many of the suggestions were later duly incorporated in subsequent teachings and reading materials.
- This training workshop has not only contributed to the creation and dissemination of knowledge but also promoted a culture of harmony and togetherness between the legal fraternity at NLUO and the officers of Odisha Police.

### **Participants' Feedback**

The participants provided overwhelmingly positive feedback, highlighting the interactive sessions and incorporation of key concepts like introduction of new offences and punishments under BNS, as particularly beneficial. They expressed appreciation for the engaging and interactive sessions for the comprehensive understanding of the new criminal laws, which enhanced their understanding of the theoretical and legal content, enabling them to grasp the concepts and integrate them into real-life scenarios.

Participants identified the course outline as beneficial for providing them guide to the whole scheme of the training workshop.

While the majority of the participants found all the modules practical and informative, some suggested improvements such as providing more detailed explanations and illustrations on certain topics like police custody, new offences introduced in BNS, handling of electronic and

digital evidences, etc. and incorporating practical scenarios into theoretical modules to further enrich the learning experience.

Overall, the training workshop was a remarkable success, with the feedback emphasizing its effectiveness and offering constructive suggestions for refinement.

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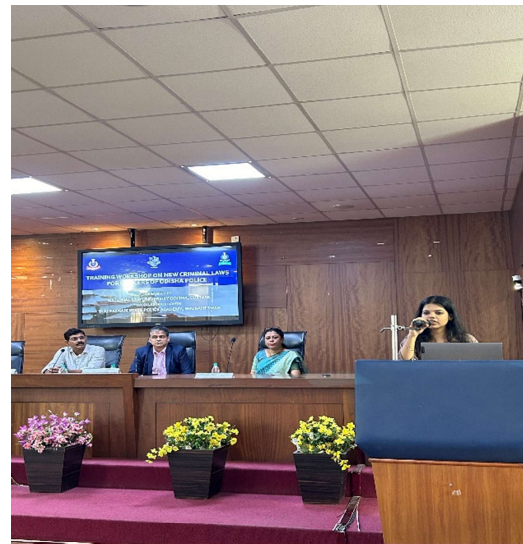
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## 5 DAYS AT A GLANCE

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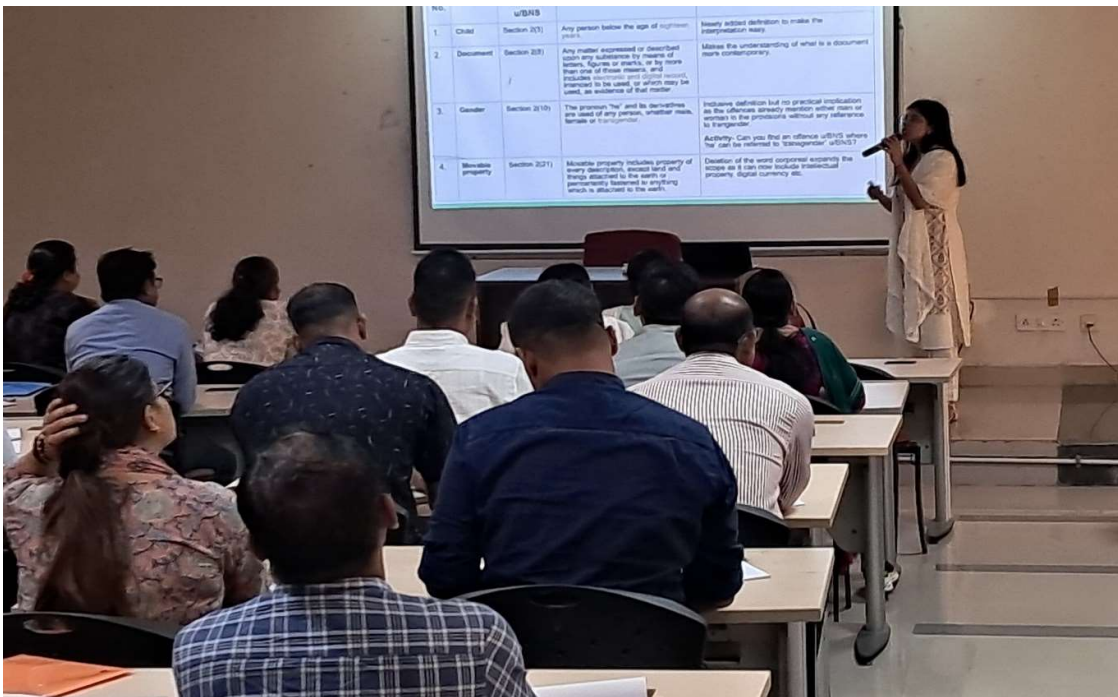




**DAY 2 (21 JULY, 2024)**







## DAY 3 (27 JULY, 2024)







**DAY 4 (3 AUGUST, 2024)**







## DAY 5 (10 AUGUST, 2024)

