



**NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
LAW REVIEW
OF
“CYBER LAWS AFFECTING WOMEN”
2024- 2025
For Eastern Region
Odisha and Jharkhand**

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Introduction

National Commission of Women in collaboration with National Law University is conducting a Law review regional consultation for cyber laws impacting women in the states of Odisha and Jharkhand. The two institutions have in the past collaborated on various projects and have delivered remarkable results. This regional consultation process aims at studying the impact that technological developments have had on the lives and rights of women over the last decade and the manner in which the laws have helped improve the situation or ease the convenience with which the women's rights in the cyber world have been protected.

During this discussion the experts from Odisha and Jharkhand are expected to give their inputs as to the nature of loopholes, challenges faced in implementation of the laws including the good practices that need to be strengthened and continued. This is in line with NLUO's objective of promoting law reviewing and legal research and support from NCW has only made it stronger.

About National Law University Odisha

National Law University Odisha (NLUO) was established by the Act IV of 2008 by the State of Odisha. In a span of sixteen years, the University has made a name for itself by earning laurels with excellent performance by its students in various moot courts, literary, debating competitions, and other co-curricular activities. Our faculties have consistently produced high-calibre research with their scholarly work and domain knowledge showcased in numerous national and international journals of repute.

About Centre for Women and Law

The Centre was established with a view of having a platform for unremitting study of the structural, societal, legal and regulatory issues associated with gender from a multi-disciplinary perspective. The CWL aims to look at regulatory process through the lens of gender justice, and to disseminate the research work through varied mediums such as academic publications, training programmes, webinars, government consultation projects with a view to apprise the policy, initiate change that would promote equitable justice for women in Indian society.

Introduction to the Regional Consultation

With the advancement of digital technology, the dependence of people is also increasing on internet and devices therefore now it is being utilized for essential things such as banking, shopping and social networking and hence giving scope for more incidences of crime. Since, the criminals are behind the veil of screen, it seems easier to attack and evade. Most of the time the victims are vulnerable people such as children, women and senior citizens. And therefore, the crimes against women have exponentially increased leading to extreme distrust and mental and physical agony for women.

Objectives of the Regional Consultation

The objective of the consultation is to study the impact of cyber and IT legislations on safety of women in Eastern Regions of Odisha and Jharkhand. It is hoped that at the end of the consultation valuable suggestions allowing for suitable amendments to the existing legislations can be made.

Statutory Framework to be considered

- 1.** Indian Penal Code, 1860 (IPC) Now Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS)
- 2.** Information Technology Act, 2000 as amended from time to time and Rules framed thereunder.
- 3.** Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 and its amendments.
- 4.** Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 its amendments and rules framed thereunder.
- 5.** Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986.



Scope of Consultation

Identifying inadequacies in the present legal framework and suggesting remedial measures to make the law robust to cover advanced crimes due to evolving technology.

Analyzing the need for more gender specific provisions on cybercrimes against women as it has been experienced that in many situations, such as morphing, email spoofing and trolling, BNS provisions are applied by extrapolation and interpretation for the want of more specific provisions of law.

Devising rules/ SOPs for cybercrime reporting by women and identifying inconsistencies or scope for improvement in the existing reporting system for victims of gender based cyber-crimes.

Suggesting viable amendments in existing Laws with the justification covering their expected impact on Indian society.

Resource Persons are from varied fields viz: Judiciary, State Administration, Academics, Civil Society, Legal Fraternity and Police Force.

Date: November 9, 2024
Time: 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Venue: Conference Hall,
National Law University Odisha

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