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DME Legal Aid Cell

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DLSA Gautam Budh Nagar

Presents

National Seminar

on

One Year of India's New Criminal Laws

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Panel Discussion Venue: Studio 62



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ABOUT DME



Delhi Metropolitan Education (DME) was established on 1st August, 2012, under the aegis of Sunshine Educational & Development Society which has been working dedicatedly in the field of education for over 16 years. DME is affiliated to the prestigious Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIPU),

New Delhi and is approved by the Bar Council of India.

DME envisions creating future leaders and nation builders by its endeavors in educating young minds. The institute is committed towards forming and sustaining conditions enabling students to embark on an unparalleled educational journey that is intellectually, socially, and personally transformative and enriching. DME offers sought after courses in the field of Management, Journalism and Law.

ABOUT LEGAL AID CELL

The Legal Aid Cell at Delhi metropolitan Education, School of Law is dedicated and known to provide legal aid and assistance to people who cannot afford professional legal help. The Cell has been working incessantly to reach out to the underprivileged strata of the society through the provision of free legal aid and legal literacy programs within and outside the campus in

tune with the provisions of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. The extent of the valuable contribution of the cell has been made possible through the strenuous efforts put in by the students, faculty members, and advocates who are inspired by the motto of the National Legal Services Authority “Access to justice for all.”



ABOUT THE SEMINAR

On 1st July 2024, India witnessed a landmark shift in its criminal justice framework with the enforcement of three new legislations: Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA). These statutes replaced the colonial-era Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure, and Indian Evidence Act, which had governed the system for more than a century. The reform initiative was designed with the objectives of modernization, digital integration, victim-centric justice, and enhanced procedural efficiency, thereby aligning the criminal law framework with contemporary societal needs and constitutional values.

Now, one year into this transformative legal transition, it becomes crucial to critically evaluate the practical impact and effectiveness of these codes. This seminar aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of the substantive, procedural, and evidentiary innovations introduced under the new regime, while also reflecting on emerging jurisprudence, implementation hurdles, and the broader implications for access to justice in India.



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THEMATIC SESSIONS

MAIN THEME

One Year of India's New Criminal Laws: Strengthening Legal Aid for Equitable Access to Justice

SUB-THEMES

Procedural Reforms under BNSS: Enhancing Legal Aid Delivery for Equitable Justice

Exploring timelines for investigations and trials, mandatory audio-video recording of proceedings, and how these changes can reduce delays for indigent accused while posing challenges for legal aid access in rural and remote areas.

Victim-Centric Provisions in the New Laws: Enhancing Legal Aid for Survivors

Analyzing victim compensation schemes, witness protection, and support mechanisms under BNS and BNSS, with a focus on empowering legal aid cells to assist survivors of crimes like sexual offenses, domestic violence, and human trafficking.

Safeguarding Rights of the Accused and Underprivileged under BNS

Examining provisions on bail, arrest, and custodial safeguards, and the role of legal aid in preventing misuse against marginalized communities, including SC/ST, minorities, and economically weaker sections.



SUB-THEMES

Economic Offenses and Corporate Accountability: Legal Aid for the Economically Disadvantaged

Delving into provisions on financial crimes, cyber offenses, and organized crime, with emphasis on legal aid's role in representing victims of economic exploitation and ensuring fair trials for the poor.

Human Rights, Custodial Justice, and Preventive Measures: Legal Aid Challenges and Reforms

Reviewing anti-torture provisions, community service as punishment, and the integration of human rights in the new laws, while highlighting legal aid's contributions to monitoring and reform in prisons and police stations.

Evidentiary Innovations in BSA: Advancing Legal Aid Advocacy Through Opportunities and Overcoming Barriers

Discussing the admissibility of electronic evidence, digital records, and scientific methods, and their implications for bridging the digital divide in legal aid services for low-income litigants.

SEMINAR FORMAT

The seminar is scheduled to be held in hybrid mode at Delhi Metropolitan Education, Sector-62, Noida. The programme will commence with an Inaugural Session, comprising the opening remarks and a keynote address that will set the context by underlining the purpose, objectives, and significance of the newly enacted criminal codes.

Following this, the seminar will proceed with Thematic Sessions, each exclusively dedicated to one of the three new legislations: Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA). These sessions will feature in-depth expert presentations and moderated panel discussions, offering participants a comprehensive understanding of the substantive and procedural reforms introduced by these laws.

To ensure meaningful engagement, an Interactive Question-and-Answer segment will follow each thematic panel, enabling participants to seek clarifications and share perspectives with the distinguished speakers.

The seminar will formally conclude with a Valedictory Session, which will encapsulate the key insights, policy implications, and forward-looking reflections emerging from the deliberations.

It is important to note that this seminar is designed as an expert-led discourse, and therefore, no paper presentations by participants will be a part of the programme.

REGISTRATION

Participants may join the seminar either in offline or online mode.

FEES

OFFLINE REGISTRATION

- Rs. 200/- (Rupees Two Hundred Only).
- Each participant is required to upload the payment screenshot and provide the UPI transaction ID in the respective form.
- Scan the QR Code below to make your payment.
- The registration must be done by filling up the registration form available at (Offline Participation Form) : -
<https://forms.gle/CRrVMTJTToyC5CkXNA>
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- Last date of registration is 16th September 2025.



ONLINE REGISTRATION

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