



**THE WEST BENGAL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF
JURIDICAL SCIENCES, KOLKATA**

**CENTRE FOR
CRIMINAL LAW, CRIMINOLOGY AND
VICTIMOLOGY**

in collaboration with

CENTRE FOR STUDIES & RESEARCH IN FORENSIC SCIENCE



organising

ADVANCED COURSE ON

NEW CRIMINAL LAWS



March, 20th-27th, 2026

Limited Seats: 65



3.00 PM to 6.00 PM



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Invitation

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Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
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Dear All,
Greetings !!!!

The Centre for Criminal Law, Criminology and Victimology (CCLCV) at the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS), in association with the Centre for Studies & Research in Forensic Science (CSRFS), is pleased to invite academicians, legal professionals, judicial officers, prosecutors, investigators, forensic experts, research scholars, and students across various disciplines, to participate in a Seven-Day Advanced Course on the New Criminal Laws.

The recent overhaul of India's criminal justice framework marks a transformative moment in legal history. The introduction of the new criminal laws has redefined substantive offences, procedural mechanisms, and evidentiary standards, with a strong emphasis on victim-centric justice, technology-driven investigation, and time-bound adjudication. This advanced course is designed to provide participants with a comprehensive and critical understanding of these legislative changes, while examining their practical implications for investigation, prosecution, adjudication, and forensic engagement.

Organised by CCLCV, a Centre committed to advancing research and critical discourse in criminal law, criminology, and victimology, the programme aims to bridge the gap between legal theory and ground-level implementation. The collaboration with CSRFS adds a unique interdisciplinary dimension, enabling participants to appreciate the growing interface between criminal law reforms and forensic science, digital evidence, and scientific investigation under the new legal regime.

Over the course of seven days, the programme will feature expert lectures, thematic sessions, and interactive discussions led by eminent scholars, practitioners, and domain experts. The curriculum will focus on comparative analysis of old and new laws, emerging challenges, institutional responsibilities, and the future trajectory of criminal justice administration in India.

We cordially invite you to join this intensive academic engagement and contribute to informed dialogue on shaping a just, effective, and contemporary criminal justice system. Your participation will enrich the collective learning experience and foster meaningful professional exchange.

Warm Regards
Prof. (Dr.) Kavita Singh
Director, CCLCV, WBNUJS Kolkata

About WBNUJS



WBNUJS was established under the National University of Juridical Sciences Act, 1999, and it officially started functioning in 2000. It was set up with the aim of promoting legal education and research in India. The university boasts a highly qualified and experienced faculty, many of whom are leading experts in their respective fields of law and allied subjects. Their expertise contributes significantly to the quality of legal education provided at NUJS.

While it covers various fields of law, very recently it became the first National Law University in India by starting masters and doctoral degrees in Forensic Sciences. This year it took one more historical step forward as it started B.Sc. LL.B. (Hons.) in Criminology and Forensic Science as the first course of its kind in India.

The campus of NUJS is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, including modern classrooms, a well-stocked library, research centers, Forensic Science Laboratories and moot courtrooms. These facilities enhance the learning experience for students. The university encourages research in various legal areas. It has several research centers and institutes dedicated to specific branches of law as well as Forensic Science studies. The university also publishes various journals and publications, contributing to legal scholarship.

NUJS collaborates with various national and international institutions to facilitate academic exchange, research, and collaboration. This university stands as a beacon of legal education and research in India, producing skilled professionals who are well-equipped to excel in the legal profession, law enforcement agencies, academia, public service and to assist criminal justice system in India and around the globe.



CCLCV

About Centre for Criminal Law, Criminology and Victimology



The Centre for Criminal Law, Criminology and Victimology at West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS) was established in the year 2021. Conceived as a dedicated academic and research hub, the Centre seeks to strengthen scholarly engagement with criminal justice studies by fostering research, training, and awareness programmes that respond to contemporary legal and societal challenges. Functioning under the aegis of the NUJS Act, 1999, the Centre reflects the University's commitment to advancing knowledge and practice in core areas of criminal law, criminology, and victimology.

The mission of the Centre is to promote rigorous research and capacity-building initiatives that critically examine the functioning of agencies involved in criminal justice administration. It aims to explore, build, and advance informed perspectives on institutional roles, accountability, and reforms within the criminal justice system. A key objective of the Centre is the protection and promotion of the rights of vulnerable and marginalized groups in society, with particular emphasis on victims of crime. By encouraging original, interdisciplinary, and empirical research, the Centre strives to deepen understanding of the dynamic relationship between criminal law and society, thereby contributing meaningfully to policy discourse, legal reform, and social justice.



About Centre for Studies & Research in Forensic Sciences



The Centre for Studies & Research in Forensic Science (CSRFS), established in 2022, was conceived with a clear vision to emerge as a premier hub for advanced forensic research, innovation, and academic excellence in India. The Centre recognizes that forensic science plays a pivotal role in the effective functioning of the criminal justice system, yet the discipline continues to face scientific, technological, and legal challenges. CSRFS is founded on the belief that rigorous, independent, and evidence-based research is essential to strengthen the reliability, credibility, and societal trust in forensic science.

The mission of CSRFS is to promote cutting-edge research and capacity building across diverse domains of forensic science, including fingerprints, questioned documents, firearms and toolmarks, toxicology, digital forensics, and biological evidence, particularly DNA analysis. The Centre seeks to address emerging concerns related to scientific validity, standardization, error rates, and admissibility of forensic evidence by developing robust, reproducible, and court-compliant analytical methodologies. Emphasis is placed on interdisciplinary collaboration, technological advancement, and critical evaluation of existing forensic practices.

CSRFS envisions becoming a national and international leader in forensic research by fostering innovation, training skilled forensic professionals, and supporting policy-oriented research. Through its mission-driven approach, the Centre aims to contribute meaningfully to justice delivery by ensuring that forensic evidence presented before courts is scientifically sound, transparent, and reliable.

About Advanced Course on New Criminal Laws

CONCEPT NOTE

The criminal justice system in India has undergone a historic transformation with the enactment of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA), replacing the colonial-era IPC, CrPC, and Indian Evidence Act. These new legislations aim to modernize criminal law by ensuring speedy justice, victim-centricity, technological integration, and procedural efficiency. In this context, the proposed Two-Day Advanced Course on New Criminal Laws is designed to build conceptual clarity and practical competence among legal and criminal justice stakeholders.

The course begins with an introduction to BNS, BNSS, and BSA, highlighting their historical background, legislative intent, objectives, and key departures from the previous legal framework. Participants will gain insight into substantive offences and procedural reforms, including newly introduced offences, revised punishment structures, defined trial timelines, and the expanded scope of summary trials for minor offences to reduce pendency.

A significant focus of the programme is technology-enabled policing and investigation, emphasizing the statutory recognition of electronic technologies, ICT tools, and advanced forensic techniques such as DNA analysis, digital forensics, cyber forensics, CCTV analysis, call data records, and electronic surveillance in crime investigation. The course will examine how forensic science is institutionally integrated into investigation and prosecution under the new laws.

The programme also addresses evidence management under the BSA, with special emphasis on digital and forensic evidence, statutory presumptions, admissibility standards, chain of custody, and proof mechanisms aligned with scientific methods. Recognizing the shift towards a victim-centric criminal justice system, the course covers rights-based provisions, victim participation in proceedings, and compensation frameworks.

Finally, the course adopts a practice-oriented approach through hands-on sessions on drafting FIRs, complaints, charge sheets, bail applications, and trial briefs, integrating forensic and technological inputs into legal drafting. Overall, the programme aims to equip participants with updated legal knowledge, forensic awareness, and practical skills necessary for effective implementation of the new criminal laws.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

- Provide a thorough understanding of the salient features, rationale, and structure of the new criminal laws.
- Highlight the integration of technology in investigation, trial, and evidence management, including e-FIRs, digital records, and electronic service of summons.
- Offer comparative analysis of old and new criminal laws, focusing on changes in definitions, offences, procedural mechanisms, and evidentiary rules.
- Develop practical drafting skills for complaints, charge sheets, bail applications, and other procedural documents.
- Strengthen the capacity of stakeholders (judges, prosecutors, police, defence lawyers, legal aid providers) to deliver victim-centric, time-bound justice.

KEY MODULES AND CONTENT

- Introduction to BNS, BNSS, and BSA: Historical context, objectives, and major reforms.
- Substantive offences and procedural changes: Analysis of new offences, trial timelines, and summary trials for minor offences.
- Technology-enabled policing and investigation: Use of electronic technology, ICT, and forensic methods in crime investigation.
- Evidence management: Salient features of BSA, including digital evidence, presumptions, and proof.
- Victim-centric provisions: Rights-based perspectives, compensation, and participation of victims in proceedings.
- Practical drafting and advocacy: Hands-on exercises in drafting FIRs, complaints, charge sheets, bail applications, and trial briefs.

METHODOLOGY AND OUTCOMES

- The course employs participatory methodology, including expert lectures, panel discussions, group reflections, and practical exercises.
- Participants will develop a holistic perspective on the new laws, gain practical skills, and learn to address implementation challenges at the community level.
- Certificates of participation and completion will be awarded, with assessments to evaluate understanding and application.

Who Can Apply??

This program is designed for individuals with a passion for criminal law who are eager to expand their knowledge and skills in the field. Participants from various backgrounds are encouraged to apply and gain valuable insights into legal practices.

Judicial Officers

Judges of District Judiciary, Judicial Magistrates, and Metropolitan Magistrates.

Prosecutors / Advocates

Officers involved in prosecution under the new criminal law framework and law practitioners, defence counsels.

Police Officers

Investigating Officers, Station House Officers (SHOs), supervisory police officers, and officers from specialized units.

Forensic Professionals

Officers from State Forensic Science Laboratories (FSLs), Central Forensic Science Laboratories (CFSLs), Private forensic experts..

Faculty / Researchers

Faculty members teaching Law , Forensic Science or any other allied area ; Any research scholar of the similar field.

Students

Students of Law, forensic science or any other allied area (enrolled or graduated) and wish to deepen their understanding of criminal law..

Mode of Classes

All sessions will be conducted exclusively in **“Physical mode”** at The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (Main Campus). Detailed information regarding the programme will be shared with the registered participants upon completion of the registration process.

REGISTRATION

There are Limited number of seats (65) for this course. A welcome kit, refreshments, and a certificate of course completion are included in the registration fee.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and will be closed once all seats are filled

REGISTRATION FEE

Registration Deadlines	Amount
Registration without late fee (on or before 31.01.2026)	Rs. 5,000/- + GST
Registration with late fee (From 01.02.2026 to 15.02.2026)	Rs. 6,000/- + GST

SUBMISSION OF REGISTRATION FEE

All participants are requested to follow the Instructions for making the payment through **SBI Collect PORTAL ONLY** as per following directions:

- Access <https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect/icollethome.htm>
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SCAN THE BELOW QR CODE OR CLICK THE
LINK FOR
REGISTRATION OF THE COURSE**



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