

Awareness Program on Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam

Date of Event: May 4, 2024 (Saturday)

Venue: Department of Law, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur (C.G.)

Number of Attendees: 150 Approx.

On May 4, 2024, an enlightening session unfolded at the Law Department of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (GGU), featuring a keynote address by the esteemed Advocate General Mr. Prafull Bharat. The event witnessed the distinguished presence of key figures including Prof. Amit K. Saxena (Vice-Chancellor In-charge), Prof. A.S. Randive (Registrar In-charge), Mr. L. V. K. S. Bhaskar (Director, IQAC), Prof. M.N. Tripathi (Dean, SoS Law), Prof. Sudhanshu Ranjan Mohapatra (Head, Department of Law), faculty members, and Research Scholar and eager students.



Hon'ble Dignitaries during the event: (L to R) Prof. S. R. Mohapatra (HoD, Law), Prof. L. V. K. S. Bhaskar (Director, IQAC), Adv. Mr. Prafull Bharat (Advocate General, Chhattisgarh), Prof. A. K. Saxena (Vice Chancellor In-charge), Prof. A. S. Ranadive (Registrar In-charge), Prof. M. N. Tripathi (Dean, SoS Law)



The event was structured into two distinct sessions. The inaugural session commenced with esteemed dignitaries, followed by an enlightening lecture delivered by the distinguished Chief Guest, the Advocate General. The subsequent session featured a deep dive into technical aspects led by accomplished research scholars.

Inauguration Session: At the commencement of the session, Professor Sudhanshu R. Mohapatra, Head of the Department, provided an insightful overview of three groundbreaking new criminal laws: the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam. He elaborated, "The Indian Home Ministry has recently announced the enactment of these laws, slated to come into effect on July 1, 2024, effectively replacing the archaic British-era Code of Criminal Procedure, Indian Penal Code, and Indian Evidence Act." These laws signify a monumental shift in India's criminal justice landscape, emphasizing a victim-centric approach, bolstering national security measures, and introducing robust frameworks for digital/electronic evidence review. Professor Mohapatra underscored their pivotal role in modernizing and revitalizing the Indian legal framework.

Session by Chief Guest (Advocate General Mr. Praful Bharat): After that, the Advocate General addressed the session by shedding light on the intricacies of recent legal reforms, emphasizing the necessity for adapting laws to the evolving societal landscape. The new laws overhaul the Indian criminal justice system. They aim to revamp and replace the dated colonial laws, by considering implementation of justice through a victim centric approach, increasing focus on national security

and introducing digital / electronic evidence reviews, making

them priorities of these laws. Delving into the provisions and offenses encapsulated in new bills, the Advocate General underscored the imperative of aligning legislative frameworks with contemporary needs. His discourse resonated with the overarching theme of legal evolution, emphasizing that as society progresses, so must its laws.



Adv. Mr. Prafull Bharat (Advocate General, Chhattisgarh) during his speech at Department of Law



COMPARISON OF SOME PROVISIONS OF THE INDIAN PENAL CODE, 1860 AND THE BHARATIYA NYAYA SANHITA, 2023

299	Culpable homicide	100	Culpable homicide
300	Murder	101	Murder
301	Culpable homicide by causing death of person other than person whose death was intended	102	Culpable homicide by causing death of person other than person whose death was intended
302	Punishment for murder	103(1)	Punishment for murder
303	Punishment for murder by life-convict	104	Punishment for murder by life-convict
304	Punishment for culpable homicide not amounting to murder	105	Punishment for culpable homicide not amounting to murder
304A	Causing death by negligence	106	Causing death by negligence
304B	Dowry death	80	Dowry death
305	Abetment of suicide of child or insane person	107	Abetment of suicide of child or person of unsound mind
306	Abetment of suicide	108	Abetment of suicide
307	Attempt to murder	109	Attempt to murder

COMPARISON OF SOME PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, 1973 AND THE BHARATIYA NAGRIK SURAKSHA SANHITA, 2023

Subject	Sections of Cr. PC	Sections of BN SS
Adjournment – limits on	309	346(2)
Anticipatory Bail	438	482
Appeals No appeal in petty cases – No appeal provision Appeal by State Government against sentence – Central Act Appeal in case of acquittal – Central Act	376 377 378	417 418 419



COMPARISON OF SOME PROVISIONS OF THE INDIAN EVIDENCE ACT, 1872 AND THE BHARATIYA SAKSHYA ADHINIYAM, 2023

44	Fraud or collusion in obtaining judgment, or incompetency of Court, may be proved	38	Fraud or collusion in obtaining judgment, or incompetency of Court, may be proved
45	Opinions of experts	39	Opinions of experts
45A	Opinion of Examiner of Electronic Evidence	—	—
46	Facts bearing upon opinions of experts	40	Facts bearing upon opinions of experts
47	Opinion as to handwriting, when relevant	41	Opinion as to hand-writing and digital signature, when relevant
47A	Opinion as to electronic signature when relevant	—	—

A notable highlight of the session was the comparative analysis presented by the Advocate General, juxtaposing the nuances of the new criminal laws with their predecessors. This juxtaposition served to elucidate the rationale behind the legislative amendments and underscored the imperative for change. Through this comparative lens, attendees gained a deeper understanding of the underlying principles guiding legislative reforms, fostering critical engagement with legal dynamics.



Following the Advocate General's address, the Head of the Law Department extended a gracious welcome to all attendees, setting the stage for an intellectually stimulating dialogue. Providing further insights into the newly introduced laws, the Head of Department elucidated key aspects, facilitating a comprehensive understanding among students and dignitaries alike. His elucidation not only served to contextualize the legal reforms but also underscored the department's commitment to fostering legal acumen among its constituents.

Subsequently, the Dean of the Law Department delivered a compelling discourse on the art of making informed decisions, anchored in principles of logic and natural justice. His address resonated with the ethos of legal education, emphasizing the pivotal role of ethical reasoning in navigating complex legal landscapes. By imparting wisdom on decision-making, the Dean instilled in students a holistic approach to legal practice, grounded in ethical integrity.

Acknowledging the significance of the session, the Registrar and In-charge Vice-Chancellor expressed gratitude to the Advocate General for sharing his invaluable insights. Their commendation underscored the collaborative ethos driving legal education at GGU, where engagement with legal luminaries serves as a cornerstone of academic excellence.

The seamless execution of the event was attributed to the diligent efforts of Jhalak Sachdev, a student of B.Com LLB 6th semester, who adeptly handled hosting responsibilities. Under the astute leadership of Aditya Dubey, a student of BA LLB 6th semester, the event committee ensured meticulous planning and coordination,



contributing to the event's success.

Vote of thanks: In her vote of thanks, Dr. Nidhi Sandal (Associate Professor, Department of Law, GGV) expressed gratitude to all participants for their active engagement and contributions. Her remarks encapsulated the spirit of collaboration and academic camaraderie that pervaded the session, affirming GGU's commitment to fostering a vibrant legal community.

Technical Sessions by research Scholars: In the second segment of the event, a series of enlightening technical sessions were conducted by two esteemed educators, each delving into crucial topics impacting society.

The first session, led by Mr. M. Nagrajan, offered an insightful exploration into the intricacies of Women and Children Law. With expertise and clarity, Mr. Nagrajan elucidated the legal frameworks and protections afforded to women and children, shedding light on the evolving landscape of rights and responsibilities.

Following this, the audience was treated to a thought-provoking session by Mr. Akash Manwani on the pressing issue of Cyber Crime against Women and Children. Through comprehensive analysis and real-world examples, Mr. Manwani navigated the complexities of digital threats, emphasizing the importance of awareness and proactive measures in safeguarding vulnerable demographics from online harm.



Both sessions provided invaluable knowledge and empowered attendees to navigate the legal and digital landscapes with greater understanding and vigilance.

In conclusion, the lecture by the Advocate General marked a significant milestone in the academic discourse at GGU, catalyzing dialogue and reflection on contemporary legal issues. Through comparative analysis and scholarly engagement, attendees gained invaluable insights into the evolving landscape of criminal law, empowering them to navigate legal complexities with sagacity and acumen.

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