

NATIONAL WEBINAR –

Criminal Law Reforms Discussion Series: Discussion 1

**Friday, 28th June, 2024
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Online Zoom Platform**



REPORT



The National Webinar on “**Criminal Law Reforms Discussion Series: Discussion 1**” held on June 28, 2024, brought together legal experts, scholars, and students to explore the implications of recent criminal law reforms in India. The virtual event, hosted on the Zoom platform, organized jointly by **Kamkus College of Law (KCL)** and **Meerut College, Meerut**, aimed to dissect the three new criminal laws set to be enforced from July 1, 2024.

The three newly enacted laws—**Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita**, (BNS), **Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita** (BNSS), and **Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam** (BSA), 2023 —will replace the Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860, the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), 1973, and the Indian Evidence Act of 1872, respectively. These reforms mark a significant shift in India’s criminal justice system.

Mr. Vijay Tyagi, the host of the webinar, commenced the event with a warm welcome. He acknowledged the presence of esteemed dignitaries and the engaged audience participating in the online seminar. He introduced each guest, setting the stage for an insightful discussion.

Mr. Vijay then introduced the Patron-in-Chief of the Webinar, **Prof. (Dr.) Anjali**, Former principal, Meerut College, Meerut. Dr. Anjali, delivered a thought-provoking speech during the “Criminal Law Reforms Discussion Series.” Her address focused on the significance of the recent criminal law reforms in India. Prof. Anjali emphasized the need for a balanced approach that

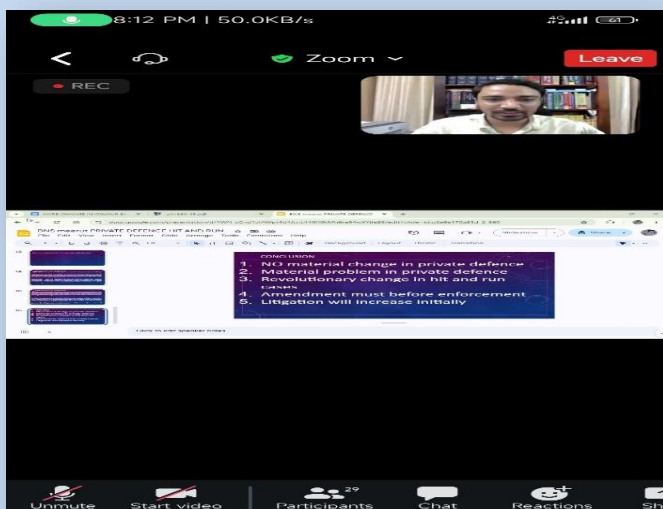
upholds justice while safeguarding individual rights. She highlighted key provisions of the new legislation and encouraged critical engagement from legal practitioners, scholars, and students. Her insights set the tone for the subsequent discussions, fostering a deeper understanding of the evolving legal landscape.

Resource Persons

The webinar featured distinguished legal experts who shared their insights on specific aspects of the new legislation:

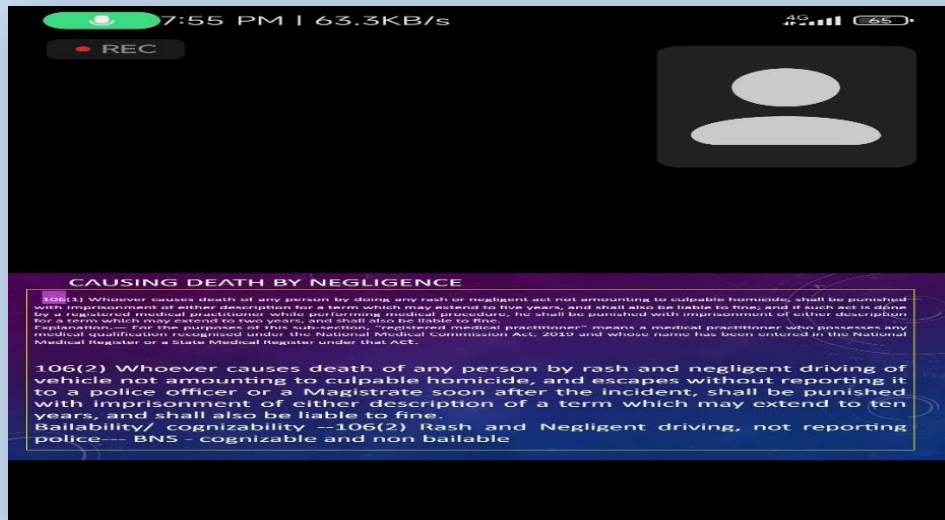
1. Prof. (Dr.) Anurag Deep (Indian Law Institute, New Delhi):

Topic: “Defences under the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Provisions Related to Hit and Run Cases”



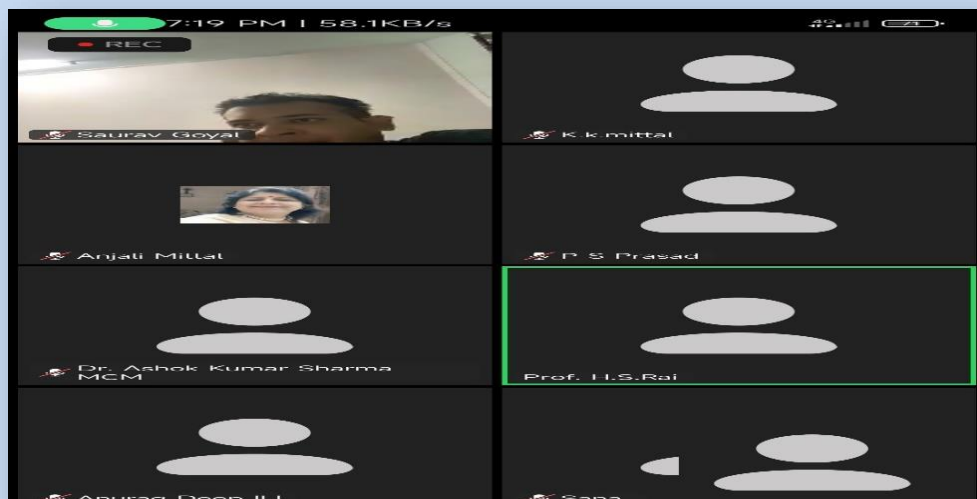
Prof. Anurag Deep, in his insightful discussion, explored various defences available to accused individuals facing criminal charges. These defences—ranging from self-defence and alibi to necessity and insanity—are crucial for legal practitioners and those involved in criminal cases. Additionally, Prof. Deep shed light on hit-and-run cases, emphasizing the penalties, reporting requirements, and victim

compensation associated with such incidents. His expertise contributes significantly to our understanding of legal rights, responsibilities, and effective defence strategies within the context of criminal law reforms.



2. Prof. (Dr.) Hari Shanker Rai:

Topic: “Punishment Jurisprudence under the BNS, 2023”



Prof. Hari Shanker Rai, in his exploration of punishment jurisprudence within the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), delved into the fundamental principles underlying sentencing. His discussions likely encompassed the multifaceted purpose of punishment—whether it serves retribution, rehabilitation, deterrence, or societal protection. Philosophical debates on the moral and ethical dimensions of sentencing would have enriched the discourse. Notably, Prof.

Rai emphasized the delicate balance the BNS strikes between ensuring justice for victims and deterring potential offenders. These discussions likely covered proportionality, individual circumstances, and the broader societal impact. In essence, Prof. Rai's expertise contributes significantly to shaping a fair and effective criminal justice system under the new legal framework.



The successful execution of this webinar was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the following individuals and groups: **Prof. Yudhvir Singh** (Principal, Meerut College Meerut), **Prof. Anjali Mittal** (Former Principal, Meerut College Meerut), **Sh. Karunakar Sukul** (Chief Mentor, KCL), **Dr. K.K. Mittal**, (Retd.) Associate Professor, Meerut College Meerut), **Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Tyagi** (Principal, KCL), **Dr. Ashok Kumar Gupta**, Associate Professor, Meerut College Meerut), **Prof. Archana Singh**, (Coordinator, IQAC Cell, Meerut College, Meerut), **Dr.**

Seema Singh (Coordinator, IQAC Cell, KCL), and faculty members, research scholars, and students from both colleges actively participated, enriching the discussions.

The National Webinar concluded with a gracious **Vote of Thanks** delivered by Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Tyagi, principal, KCL. He expressed heartfelt gratitude to all the dignitaries who graciously accepted the invitation to participate in the webinar. Dr. Tyagi also extended his best wishes to all the participants, emphasizing the importance of their engagement in shaping meaningful discussions and fostering academic growth.

Impact Analysis:

The webinar provided a platform for legal professionals, scholars, and students to deepen their understanding of the recent criminal law reforms in India. Participants gained insights into the provisions of the three new criminal laws scheduled for enforcement from July 1, 2024. Engaging discussions led by Prof. (Dr.) Anurag Deep and Prof. (Dr.) Hari Shanker Rai allowed participants to critically examine legal defenses and punishment jurisprudence.

Attendees actively questioned and debated various aspects, fostering a dynamic exchange of ideas. The collaboration between Kamkus College of Law (KCL) and Meerut College, Meerut, facilitated interdisciplinary interactions.

In summary, the webinar served as an impactful forum for informed discussions, contributing to the ongoing dialogue on criminal law reforms in India.
