



HALDIA LAW COLLEGE

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Organizes

One Day National Seminar

ON

DECIPHERING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES OF NEW CRIMINAL LAWS IN INDIA

Date: 30th August, 2024

Venue: Radha Binod Pal Seminar Hall, HLC

Respected Sir/Madam,
Haldia Law College is going to organize a One Day National Seminar on "Deciphering Issues and Challenges of New Criminal Laws in India", on 30th August, 2024, at Radha Binod Pal Seminar Hall of Haldia Law College. As we all know that in a purported attempt to decolonise the criminal justice system, very recently, three new laws have been enacted to revamp and replace the existing criminal justice system in our country. The new legislations, i.e., the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS); the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS) and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023 (BSA), have replaced the earlier criminal laws namely, the Indian Penal Code 1860 (IPC), the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Cr.P.C.) and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872. It is important for all of us to know this changing legal landscape to be aware of the repercussion of these three newly enacted legislations. The primary aim of this Seminar is the dissemination of what has changed and what remains the same under these three newly enacted laws among the students, faculties, academicians, research scholars and wider community of the society at large. Hence, we feel privileged to request your esteemed presence and active participation in this National Seminar to enlighten and empower ourselves against each and every odds.

Regards

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ABOUT HALDIA LAW COLLEGE

Haldia Law College (HLC), established in 2002 under the humble patronage of Dr. Lakshman Chandra Seth, D.Litt., stands as one of the pioneer institutions in the field of law in this country. As an institution of the Indian Centre for Advancement of Research and Education (ICARE), it is affiliated with Vidyasagar University, West Bengal, and approved by the Bar Council of India. It imparts 5-Year integrated B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), 3-Year LL.B. and 2-Year LL.M. degree under Vidyasagar University since 2002. Haldia Law College is situated in the heart of Haldia city, surrounded by natural sceneries and well-connected via Rail and roadways. This legal institution is one and half a kilometre away from Haldia Port, situated in the back of river Halda, a tributary of the holy Ganga. The reputation and ranking of HLC attract students from various corners of the country and prompt them to choose law as their career. Hostel facilities are also available to accommodate boys and girls separately. Haldia is approximately 54 KM. away from Mechada Railway station, 117 KM. away from Howrah Railway Station and 160 KM. away from Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata.

VISION AND MISSION OF HLC

Vision:

To be a globally recognized Centre of Excellence in legal education, research and practice.

Mission:

To impart quality legal education that develops competent, ethical and socially responsible legal professionals committed to justice and the rule of law.

CLIMATE

As the Haldia Town is situated on the bank of the Haldi river, its climate is very pleasant and enjoyable in the month of August. The average temperature of this city during this time is between 26° to 28°C.



SEMINAR OUTLINES

In recent times, the Indian Parliament has adopted several initiatives to modify and repeal various colonial laws as well as drastic and archaic provisions of British times. The ultimate goal is to usher in legislations which are citizen centric, victim oriented and ultimately cater to the requirements of a vibrant and nascent democracy. It signifies a paradigm shift towards a modernized criminal justice system by overhauling the existing one. In a purported attempt to decolonise the criminal justice system of our country, very recently, three new laws have been enacted to revamp and replace the existing ones. The new legislations i.e. the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS); the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS) and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 (BSA), has replaced the earlier criminal laws namely, the Indian Penal Code 1860 (IPC), the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Cr.P.C.) and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872. On 1st day of July, 2024, these three newly enacted Laws have become operational through out the country. This transition has sparked a mix of apprehension and preparedness among the legal fraternity. Expediting trials and streamlining criminal procedures are central tenets of these three newly introduced laws. It aims to reduce long pendency of cases and deliver swift justice to the cases in hand. The successful implementation of these transformative laws holds immense potential to streamline India's criminal justice system, prioritizing efficiency, fairness and thereby upholding the rule of law. In this backdrop, this Seminar aims to explore and assess key features in these laws, including decriminalization of various archaic offences, introduction of some new offences like mob-lynching organised crime, community service as a punishment, modifications in victim compensation, alterations in investigation procedures, revisions in bail provisions, pre-trial and trial procedures, video trials, admissibility of documentary evidence and so on.



SEMINAR OBJECTIVES

To generate awareness, this seminar intends to serve as a medium of discourse for us to engage in meaningful dialogues, share insights, and broaden our understanding of the evolving legal landscape in the present Indian Criminal Law set-up. This Seminar attempts to delve into the issue of how these three newly introduced laws were an earnest endeavour to decolonize laws made during the British era and further to address the change in perspective about how the modern society needs to revamp the Indian Criminal Justice System. Our aim is to make participants as well as interested stakeholders aware of the important changes brought forth by the new substantive and procedural criminal laws. Our goal is to convey the impact of implementation of new criminal laws and the relevance of the existing criminal laws on interpretation of new laws. In essence, this Seminar aims to provide a forum for scholars, practitioners and students to share research findings and practical experiences and further to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and dissemination of information among educators, academicians, research scholars, legal experts, legal practitioners, Human Rights activists, and students of legal and other allied fields.

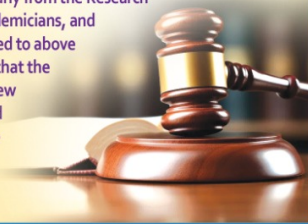
SUB-THEMES (INDICATIVE, NOT EXHAUSTIVE)

The following sub-themes are not exhaustive but illustrative only. The researcher may choose any suitable topic pertaining to the main theme for the purpose of their paper presentation.

- Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023: Substantial Change or Rhetorical Imperialism
- Journey from Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 to Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023
- Transformation from Indian Evidence Act, 1872 to Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023
- Feminist Reading of Three New Criminal Laws
- Sexual offences under new Criminal Laws
- Gender Neutrality of Sexual Offences
- Changes to Trial Procedures
- Organised Crime, its shape and contours
- Community Service as a form of punishment
- Terrorism under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS)
- Mob Lynching under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS)
- Transformative impact of the new evidence law in the realm of criminal justice
- Admissibility and Non-admissibility of Electronic and Digital Evidence
- Forensic Investigation under BNSS
- Any other suitable topic relating to three newly introduced laws

CALL FOR PAPERS

Well researched and high-quality papers are gladly invited from all sections of society, particularly from the Research scholars, practitioners, academicians, and students on the issues related to above themes. It is also proposed that the selected papers by the Review committee will be published in a special volume after the seminar in the form of an edited book with ISBN no.



SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- An abstract should contain 200-250 words accompanied by a brief profile of the author indicating his/her email ID, contact number, and institutional affiliation.
- Paper should not be more than 3000 words, excluding footnotes. The font style will be in Times New Roman, font size 12 for main body of the paper and font size 10 for footnotes on plain A4 size paper with 1" margin on all sides with 1.5 line spacing using MS-Word.
- ILI citation format shall be strictly followed throughout the paper.
- Paper presenters are requested to adhere to the plagiarism norms. Any material borrowed from other sources must be duly acknowledged and cited.
- Co-authorship is allowed. However, there can be maximum two authors in one research paper.
- The organizers reserve the right to accept or reject papers based on relevancy, adherence to the theme, creativity, contribution to existing literature and on adherence of the above-mentioned guidelines.

GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTATION

- The sessions will be grouped according to the theme of the paper. Each presenter will be given 10 minutes for the presentation. This will be followed by a Q/A session conducted by the panellists.
- Discussion shall be conducted after the presentation of each paper. It shall be upon the discretion of the author(s) to make use of presentation tools such as Power Point.
- In case of co-authors, at least one author must be present on the day of the National Seminar for the purpose of Paper Presentation.

IMPORTANT DATES	
Last date of Submission of Abstract	10.08.2024
Intimation of Acceptance of Abstract	13.08.2024
Full Paper Submission (Soft Copy)	26.08.2024
Last Date of Registration	29.08.2024

All the abstract and full-length paper shall be sent on:
Email ID: hlcseminar2024@gmail.com

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REGISTRATION FEES	
Students of HLC	Free
Students of Other Colleges/Universities	Rs. 200
Research Scholars	Rs. 300
Academicians/ Others	Rs. 500

The registration fees are non-refundable and shall cover seminar kit and hospitality. No T.A, D.A and Accommodation will be provided. Certificates will be provided to all the paper presenters and registered participants.

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