NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODSIHA

Centre for Criminal Justice and Human Rights (CCJHR)

SINGLE CREDIT COURSE On

New Criminal Laws in India: A Comprehensive Study of the Three Criminal Laws

Dates: 5th Dec to 27th Dec

Mode: Virtual

ABOUT NLUO

National Law University Odisha (NLUO), Cuttack was established by the Act 4 of 2008 by the Odisha State Legislature and started imparting education in Law from the Academic Year 2009-10. The University was established keeping in mind a clearly enunciated vision of advancement of learning, teaching, research, diffusion of knowledge in the field of law, and catering to the needs of society. The University has been continuously working for the betterment of the society through various outreach programmes, seminars, conferences, consultancy programmes, etc., and in furtherance of the objectives, has established various centres of excellence to carry out research, training and extension activities.

ABOUT CCJHR

The Centre for Criminal Justice and Human Rights has been established with the purpose of providing a platform for discussion and deliberation on the niche area of Criminal Justice and Human Rights. The Centre endeavours through its multifaceted activities to foster a better understanding of the relationship between Criminal Justice and Human rights. The vision behind the establishment of the Centre is to contribute to generating interest and discussion on the contentious issues regarding this field of law and deliberating future courses of action to prevent such events.

ABOUT THE COURSE

The criminal justice system in India has undergone a significant transformation with the enactment of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS), the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS), and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 (BSA), which replaced the Indian Penal Code, 1860, the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, respectively.

The Single Credit Course on New Criminal Laws in India is designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the new criminal law framework, its underlying principles, and its implications for the administration of criminal justice. The course aims to familiarise participants with the significant changes introduced by the three new criminal laws, covering substantive criminal law, criminal procedure, and the law of evidence.

ABOUT THE COURSE

The course is intended for a diverse group of participants, including law students, advocates, legal practitioners, academicians, researchers, and other professionals interested in criminal law and the criminal justice system. Through a structured and application-oriented approach, it seeks to facilitate critical engagement with the provisions of the new criminal laws, their practical implications, and the challenges associated with their implementation.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Remember: Participants will be able to list the key aspects of the new and amended legal provisions under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA).

- Understand: Participants will be able to understand the implications of these provisions for different stakeholders involved in the criminal justice system.

- Apply: Participants will be able to interpret the provisions of the three new criminal laws and apply them to real-world scenarios.

- Analyze: Participants will be able to compare and contrast the provisions of the new criminal laws with their corresponding provisions under the Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure, and Indian Evidence Act.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

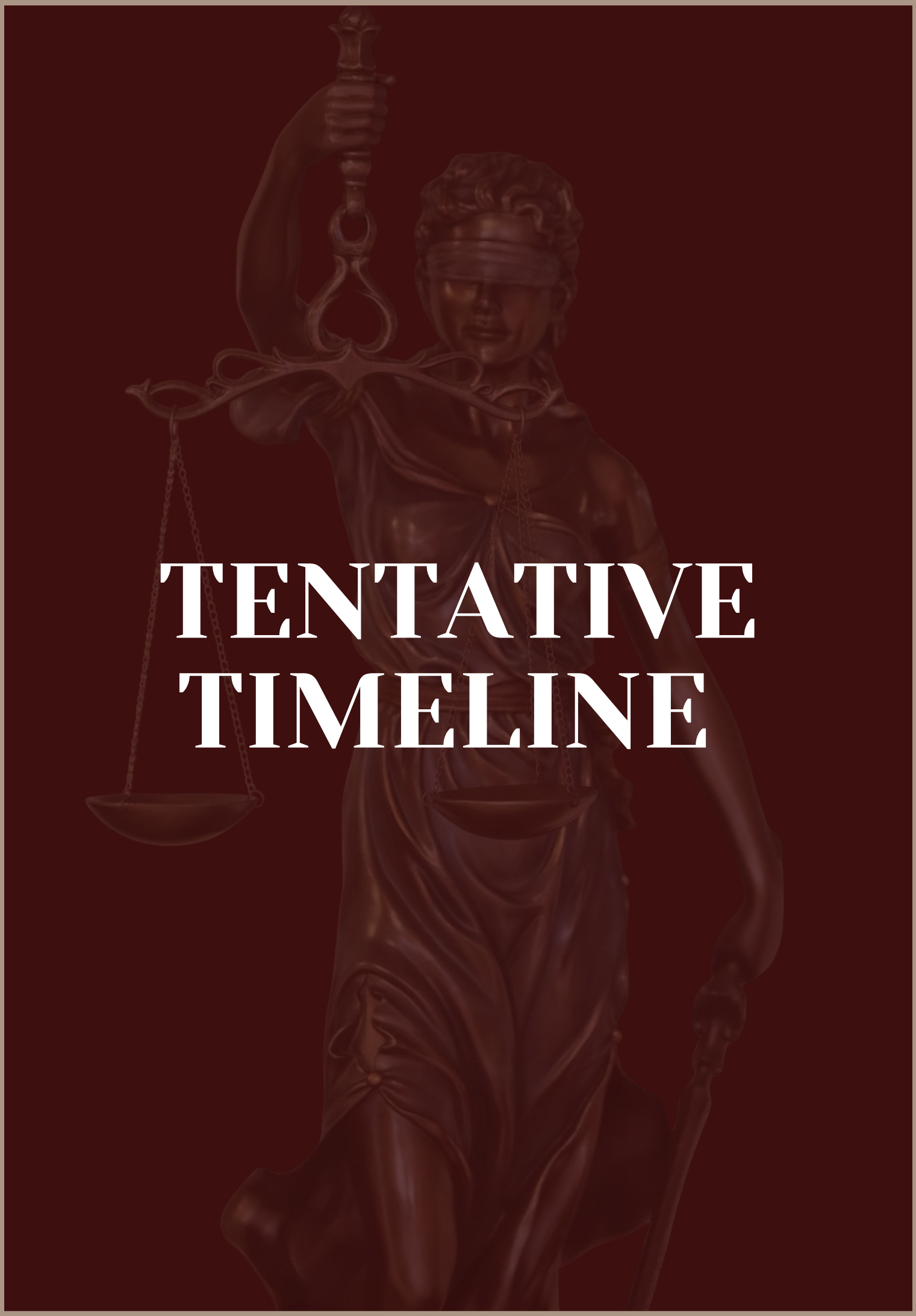
- Evaluate: Participants will be able to appraise and critically evaluate the effectiveness of the new criminal laws in achieving their objectives while respecting the fundamental rights of the people involved.

- Create: To enhance practical application and address ambiguities, participants will engage in scenario-based role-playing exercises to understand and practice the implementation of the new criminal laws.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, the participants will have:

- Knowledge: Gained a thorough understanding of the key provisions of the newly introduced criminal laws, namely BNS, BNSS, and BSA.
- Skills: Developed the ability to map offences, procedural requirements, and evidentiary principles under the new laws to their corresponding provisions under the previous legal framework. They will also hone their skills in applying their knowledge to hypothetical scenarios involving investigation, arrest, trial, and appreciation of evidence.
- Attitude: Developed a deeper appreciation of the role and importance of the new criminal laws in ensuring the effective administration of justice.
- Ethics: Developed an understanding of the need to harmonise the implementation of criminal laws with the fundamental rights of individuals, particularly in the context of the newly introduced and amended provisions under BNS, BNSS, and BSA.



TENTATIVE TIMELINE

MODULE	DATE AND DURATION	TOPIC	RESOURCE PERSON
Module I Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023	5/12/2026 (4.30 to 6.30 PM) 2hrs 6/12/2026 (4.30 to 6.30 PM) 2 hrs	• Overview, objectives, structure, and key changes from the IPC. • New and altered offences, including organised crime, petty organised crime, terrorist acts, snatching, mob lynching, and acts endangering the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India. • Omitted offences and changes in punishment. • Critical issues and practical application.	Prof (Dr.) Paromita Chattoraj
Module I Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023	12/12/2026 (4.30 to 6.30 PM) 2 hrs	• Changes relating to offences against women and children. • Sexual offences and the introduction of sexual intercourse by deceitful means. • Changes relating to kidnapping and trafficking. • Critical analysis of new provisions, changes in punishment, and practical application through hypotheticals.	Dr. Suman Dash Battamishra

MODULE	DATE AND DURATION	TOPIC	RESOURCE PERSON
Module II Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023	13/12/2026 (4.30 to 6.30 PM) 2 hrs 19/12/2026 (4.30 to 6.30 PM) 2 hrs 20/12/2025 (4.30 to 6.30 PM) 2 hrs	• Overview and structure of BNSS; major changes from the CrPC. • FIR and electronic information, Zero FIR, preliminary inquiry, investigation, arrest, search and seizure, custody, and filing of police reports. • Mandatory forensic investigation in specified serious offences; audio-video recording and electronic communication in investigation and trial. • Timelines in investigation and trial; bail, undertrial detention, victim-related provisions, witness protection, and trial of absconding persons. • Practical scenarios and critical discussion of implementation challenges.	Dr. Sathyajit Mohanty Mr. Udit Narayan Mishra
Module III Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023	27/12/2026 (4.30 to 6.30 PM) 3 hrs	• Overview and structure of BSA; key changes from the Indian Evidence Act, 1872. • Relevancy of facts, admissions and confessions, expert opinion, and witness-related provisions.	Dr. Akshay Verma Ms. Athena Solomon K

MODULE	DATE AND DURATION	TOPIC	RESOURCE PERSON
		• Presumptions relating to electronic records and digital signatures; documentary evidence and proof. • Forensic evidence, chain of custody, authenticity, reliability, privacy, and evidentiary challenges; application through case studies and hypotheticals.	
Integrated Discussion and Concluding Session	1 hour		Director and Co-Director of the Centre

Total hours	16 Hours

COURSE INSTRUCTORS



PROF (DR.) PAROMITA CHATTORAJ

Prof. Paromita Chattoraj graduated with LL. B (Hons) from the Department of law, University of Calcutta and completed her LL.M, having specialization in Criminal Law, with a Gold Medal in 2004. She completed her PhD. in the area of Rape Laws in 2013. Before joining NLUO, she worked at KIIT Law School for 13 years, where she also served as Associate Dean (Academics) for 6 years. Before coming to academics, she was a practicing lawyer at Calcutta High Court in the criminal side and also worked as a Trade Mark Attorney in a reputed IP Company in Singapore briefly. She had been the recipient of ICSSR grant in 2013-14 for data Collection in California, USA for comparative research on Rape Investigation and Prosecution in India and USA. She had been invited to give the Key note address at the prestigious Annual Journalism Law School Fellowship at Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, California in June 2016, where she spoke to American journalists about the Delhi Gang Rape case and the media's role as the game changer. She has received research grants from both national and international funding agencies for her research.



DR. SUMAN DASH BATTAMISHRA

Dr. Suman Dash Bhattamishra has been an integral faculty member at National Law University Odisha (NLUO) since its foundational years in 2011, where she teaches International Criminal Law, Access to Justice, Criminal Law, and Gender Laws. Her research expertise spans Gender Rights, Criminal Law Reforms, Juvenile Justice, and Legal Theory, with a strong emphasis on the judicial perception of victims in family-based violence and ongoing empirical assessments of police and judicial behavior toward women filing domestic complaints. A dedicated advocate for clinical legal education and community intervention, she successfully coordinated a major DoJ-GoI-UNDP sponsored project (2014–2017) to establish legal aid clinics across remote districts in Odisha, and played a foundational role in setting up both the NLUO Child Rights Centre in collaboration with UNICEF and the university's Community College for Paralegals.

COURSE INSTRUCTORS



DR.. SATYAJIT MOHANTY

Dr. Satyajit Mohanty is a decorated 1988-batch IPS officer of the Odisha Cadre who, over a 33-year career, served in apex leadership roles including Commissioner of Police, DGP Intelligence, and DG of Prisons and Fire Services before serving as Chairman of the Odisha Public Service Commission (2021–2023). Known for his innovative leadership and institutional reforms, he is a recipient of the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service and actively shapes policy as a member of the National Police Mission. Alongside his distinguished public service, Dr. Mohanty is an esteemed academic voice who regularly lectures at national police and judicial academies, and has authored six books, including his latest 2024 Routledge publication, Police Discretion in India.



DR. UDIT NARAYAN MISHRA

Udit, a Delhi University Commerce & Law graduate and keen debater, practiced at the Supreme Court & Delhi High Court. He holds a total experience of 9+ years. Before joining KIIT School of Law, he served NLUO for 3 years as an Assistant Professor of Law and worked as a judicial translator at MP High Court. Since 2017, he has taught judicial aspirants pro bono. A regular trainer at Odisha Prisons Academy, he has also trained officers of Odisha Police, Prisons, and RPF on the new criminal laws.

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DR.. AKSHAY VERMA

Dr. Akshay Verma is an Assistant Professor of Law at National Law University Odisha, a trained Mediator, and a Visiting Faculty at NLSIU Bengaluru. Holding a 2023 Ph.D. from the University of Delhi with a research focus on hybrid-arbitration mechanisms, he champions a clinical, "learning by doing" approach to teaching Alternative Dispute Resolution alongside core legal subjects. Beyond the classroom, Dr. Verma actively trains Odisha's law enforcement and administrative agencies on new criminal laws. He is deeply committed to institutional and community development as a founding member of the NLUO Mediation Cell (handling live cases) and Project Coordinator for Project KUTUMB, while also maintaining a global academic footprint through the University of Warwick's International Economic Law Collective Mentoring Scheme.



MS. ATHENA K. SOLOMON

Athena Solomon K specializes in Human Rights Law with a strong focus on Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Forensic Science, and legal pluralism. Her current research centers on legal pluralism in tribal areas. She has completed her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Law with a specialization in Human Rights. With one year of experience in the Calicut Sessions and District Court, Athena brings practical insights to her academic role. Since joining Saveetha School of Law as an Assistant Professor in 2021, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to public interest. In 2019, she filed a public interest litigation in the High Court of Kerala against Telegram for promoting the dissemination of child pornographic content. Her research on the legal protection of transgender persons highlights the shortcomings of the Transgenders (Protection of Rights) Act 2019. Athena’s dedication to human rights and legal education is evident in her comprehensive approach to both research and teaching.

COURSE EVALUATION

Examination Pattern

1. **Short-Note Questions:** 2 questions × 5 marks = 10 marks
2. **Problem-Solving Questions:** 2 questions × 10 marks = 20 marks
3. **Long-Essay-Type Question:** 1 question × 20 marks = 20 marks

Total: 50 Marks

Mode of Examination:

- NLU Odisha students will take the examination in physical mode at the University campus.
- External participants will take the examination in online mode.

Passing Criteria:

Participants must maintain **75% attendance** to be eligible to appear for the exam and complete the course.

Participants must secure a minimum of 50% (25 out of 50 marks) to successfully complete the course and qualify for the certificate.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Last Date of Registration - 1st December 2026

Commencment of classes - 5th December 2026

Kindly fill the details in the google form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc1fco2aZm2tcxyL-DJUBLNW023ZplkglMKljQnUS0kLOUjuw/viewform?usp=publish-editor

Registration Fees

NLUO Students - ₹500

Students from other institutions - ₹700

Legal Profssionals / Wroking professionals - ₹1000

It contains the following:

- Name of the participant
- Email ID
- Course and Year (Optional)
- Mobile No. (Preferably, WhatsApp no.)
- Transaction ID (of the payment)
- Payment Proof (to be attached)

PAYMENT METHOD

- Visit https://eazypay.icicibank.com
- Enter Institution Name as ‘National Law University’ and click on ‘Go’
- Fill the details.

1. Email id
2. Mobile No.
3. Amount
4. Student Name (Enter your name)
5. Roll or Enrolment No. (Enter your Roll / Enrolment number for NLUO student and enter 131 for others)
6. Semester (Enter your Semester number for NLUO student and enter 11 for others)
7. Year
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9. Purpose (Mentioned Event Name / Credit Course Name / Seminar Name)

- Once required data is filled in click on ‘Submit’ after enter the captcha and OTP.
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