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Credit-based Certificate Course on New Criminal Laws



15th - 19th June, 2026



National Law University Delhi

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ABOUT NLU DELHI

National Law University Delhi, established in 2008 by Act No. 1 of 2008 of the National Capital Territory of Delhi, stands as one of India's premier legal education institutions. Formed through the initiative of the Delhi High Court, the university offers a modern, well-equipped campus in Sector-14, Dwarka, New Delhi, featuring state-of-the-art infrastructure, including a moot court hall, an auditorium, academic blocks, and a library. The university library is home to over 37,500 books, bound journals, and subscriptions to various newspapers and online databases, making it an invaluable resource for both academic research and professional development. NLU Delhi provides undergraduate and postgraduate law courses, adhering to the five-year integrated law program structure established by the Bar Council of India. At the helm of the institution are esteemed judicial leaders: the Chief Justice of India serves as the University's Visitor, while the Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court functions as its Chancellor.

NLU Delhi is guided by its commitment to providing a rigorous, interdisciplinary legal education that aligns with societal needs and the goals enshrined in the Indian Constitution. The University emphasizes instilling legal and ethical values, advancing the rule of law, and promoting political, social, and economic justice in India.

Since India's economic liberalization in the 1990s, the nation has emerged as a global player, yet challenges of equity and inclusion remain. NLU Delhi positions itself as a catalyst for addressing these challenges by nurturing graduates who are not only equipped for professional excellence but also deeply committed to social justice. The University ensures that legal education becomes a pathway to meaningful change, empowering its community to champion the marginalized and uphold fairness.

At the heart of NLU Delhi's philosophy lies a dynamic blend of theoretical foundations and practical insights. Through an intellectually stimulating environment, students engage with some of the country's most respected legal minds, while the University's cutting-edge research centres address pressing contemporary issues from constitutional law and criminal justice to technology policy and human rights.

With its focus on academic rigor, global engagement, and real-world impact, NLU Delhi continues to redefine the landscape of legal education in India. It fosters critical thinking, ethical reasoning, and a spirit of responsibility, preparing its graduates to not only lead successful careers but also contribute meaningfully to society.

ABOUT ICPS

The Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies (ICPS) stands as a distinguished research institution dedicated to advancing research in constitutional and parliamentary studies. It operates under the guidance of the Hon'ble Speaker of the Lok Sabha, who serves as its ex-officio President. ICPS was formally inaugurated on December 10, 1965, by then President of India and Chief Patron of the Institute, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, in the Central Hall of Parliament House, New Delhi. Established to promote rigorous academic, research, and training programs in constitutional and parliamentary studies, ICPS bridges the gap between statesmen, academicians, researchers, and practitioners working within these fields, serving as both an advanced research center and a channel for the dissemination of democratic values.

The Institute is committed to a range of objectives aimed at fostering comprehensive understanding and exploration of constitutional and parliamentary systems. These include promoting comparative studies of constitutional frameworks worldwide, examining the challenges and developments within different governance systems, and exploring the evolution and functioning of India's own constitutional and parliamentary institutions.

ICPS also engages in conducting study courses and fundamental research into various aspects of constitutional law, including judicial trends, parliamentary practices, legislative drafting, and the evolving conventions that shape democratic governance. To enrich public and academic discourse, the Institute regularly organizes conferences, lectures, seminars, and specialized training programs on constitutional matters and issues of parliamentary relevance. In addition, it undertakes case studies of legislative enactments to provide practical insights into the legislative process.

For the benefit of all members of India's Union Parliament and State Legislatures, ICPS has established a legislative research and reference service, fostering informed legislative practice regardless of party affiliations. Moreover, the Institute publishes research papers, journals, books, and brochures to disseminate democratic values, promote civic education, and encourage broader engagement with constitutional and parliamentary issues.

To further facilitate research and learning, ICPS maintains libraries and information services that support the study of constitutional and parliamentary topics, thereby helping to spread essential knowledge in these domains. It has also set up regional branches across India to extend its reach and collaborate with approved institutions and bodies, enhancing the study and research of law and political science on a national scale. Through these efforts, ICPS reinforces its role as a custodian of democratic education and a key contributor to the understanding of constitutional and parliamentary affairs in India.

ABOUT THE COURSE

In a pioneering collaboration, National Law University Delhi (NLUD) and the Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies (ICPS) are offering a Credit-Based Certificate Course on New Criminal Laws. This programme is designed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of India's transformed criminal justice framework introduced through the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023. These enactments mark a significant shift in the philosophy, structure, and administration of criminal law in India, replacing long-standing colonial era legislations and introducing new approaches to crime, investigation, evidence, and adjudication. Spread across intensive sessions, the course examines the rationale behind the reforms, key substantive and procedural changes, and the evolving relationship between criminal law, constitutional values, and contemporary governance. Participants will engage with comparative analyses of the old and new legal frameworks, emerging trends in crime reporting and investigation, technological integration within criminal justice processes, reforms relating to victims' and accused persons' rights, and changes in evidentiary and sentencing regimes. The programme also explores the practical challenges and implications of implementing these reforms across institutions and stakeholders. Combining academic rigour with practitioner perspectives, the course seeks to bridge the gap between legislative intent and practical application. Through expert-led discussions, case-based learning, and structured engagement with contemporary issues, participants will develop a nuanced understanding of India's new criminal laws and their impact on the administration of justice. Upon successful completion of the assessment requirements, participants will be awarded a certificate recognizing their advanced understanding of the new criminal law regime.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

The primary objective of this certificate course is to develop a foundational and advanced understanding of India's new criminal law framework and the transformative reforms introduced through the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023. The programme seeks to familiarize participants with the conceptual foundations, legislative intent, and practical implications of these enactments while equipping them to engage critically with the evolving criminal justice landscape.

Participants will gain insights into the substantive, procedural, and evidentiary changes introduced under the new regime, alongside a comparative understanding of the corresponding provisions under the previous legal framework. The course aims to promote informed engagement with contemporary issues in criminal justice, including technological advancements, victim-centric reforms, procedural efficiency, and emerging challenges in implementation.

This course marks a significant step towards strengthening legal literacy and professional competence in relation to one of the most far-reaching legal reforms in contemporary India. Through structured learning and expert instruction from NLU and ICPS, participants will be equipped to understand, interpret, and apply the new criminal laws in academic, professional, policy, and public contexts.

This certificate course offers a unique platform for law students, researchers, academicians, practitioners, government officials, and criminal law enthusiasts to engage with the future of criminal justice in India. Through this initiative, NLU and ICPS seek to contribute to a more informed, skilled, and critically aware community capable of meaningfully participating in the ongoing development of India's criminal justice system.

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

This Credit-Based Certificate Course is open to a broad spectrum of participants, including:

- Undergraduate Students, Postgraduate Students, and Research Scholars in Law and Allied Disciplines
- Legal Professionals, including practicing advocates and legal consultants etc. who wish to expand their understanding of India's new criminal laws and their practical implications.
- Government Officials involved in governance, policy implementation, law enforcement, and legal administration.
- Judicial Officers and Law Enforcement Personnels seeking to familiarise themselves with the substantive, procedural, and evidentiary changes introduced under the new criminal law framework.
- Academicians interested in engaging with contemporary developments and emerging debates in criminal law and criminal justice.
- General Public and Criminal Law Enthusiasts with a keen interest in law, governance, public policy, and the administration of justice.

No prior specialized knowledge is required; however, a basic understanding of India's legal and constitutional framework will be beneficial.

CREDIT STRUCTURE

This is a 2-credit certificate course, and upon successful completion, participants will earn credits that may contribute to future academic or professional growth, subject to institutional policies. The responsibility for recognition or transfer of these credits lies solely with the participants, who must independently coordinate with their respective institutions; the organizing institution shall bear no responsibility for facilitating or ensuring credit transfer.

COURSE STRUCTURE

- The Certificate Course will be conducted in a hybrid mode, offering both online and in person participation options to ensure flexibility and inclusivity.
- Participants are required to choose their preferred mode of participation and once selected, the mode of participation will be considered final and cannot be changed.
- The timings of the course shall be 9.30 am to 5.30 pm from 15th to 19th June, 2026.
- Participants shall maintain appropriate decorum and discipline and uphold the sanctity of all sessions and deliberations.
- Attendance shall be recorded for each session.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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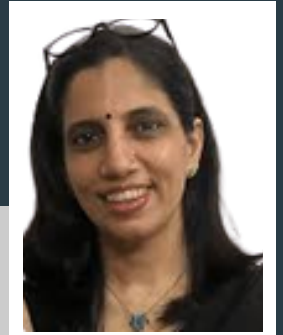
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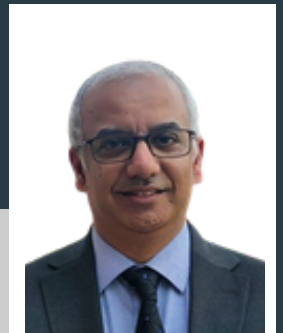
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SESSION PLAN

DAY 1 - 15th June, 2026 (Monday)

INAUGURATION | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

GROUP PHOTOGRAPH & TEA BREAK | 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

PANEL 1 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Philosophical Foundations of India's Criminal Law Reforms: From Colonial Imprint to Constitutional Influence

Panellists - Prof. BB Pande, Prof. (Dr.) BT Kaul, Prof. (Dr.) Balraj Chauhan

LUNCH | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

SESSION 1 | 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Crime Against Women with Special Emphasis on Marital Rape Exemption and Section 69 BNS

Speaker 1 - Prof. BB Pande, Speaker 2 - Prof. (Dr.) Mrinal Satish

TEA BREAK | 3:30 PM - 3:45 PM

SESSION 2 | 3:45 PM - 5:15 PM

Criminalising Terrorist Act and Organised Crime: A Rational Choice or an Eyewash?

Speaker 1 - Prof. (Dr.) Shruti Bedi, Speaker 2 - Adv. Nipun Saxena

SESSION PLAN

DAY 2 - 16th June, 2026 (Tuesday)

PANEL 2 | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

The New Penal Policy: Criminalising Faith, Speech and Religious Conversion- (Un)Principled Criminalisation!

Panellists - Prof. BB Pande, Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Dogra Sood, Dr. Latika Vashist, Mr. Naveed Mehmood Ahmad

TEA BREAK | 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

SESSION 3 | 11:15 AM - 12:45 PM

Colonial Seditious and Section 152 BNS: Same, Same but Different?

Speaker 1 - Prof. (Dr.) Anurag Deep, Speaker 2 - Mr. SM Aamir Ali

LUNCH | 12:45 PM - 2:00 PM

SESSION 4 | 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Arrest and Custody related Reforms under BNS

Speaker - Prof. (Dr.) Upma Gautam

TEA BREAK | 3:30 PM - 3:45 PM

SESSION 5 | 3:45 PM - 5:15 PM

Changing Contours of Punishment Framework under BNS

Speaker 1 - Dr. Renjith Thomas, Speaker 2 - Ms. Ayushi Sharma

SESSION PLAN

DAY 3 - 17th June, 2026 (Wednesday)

PANEL 3 | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Reimagining Procedural Criminal Law: Balancing Power of Agencies, Bringing Victim Centricity & Aiming Procedural Efficiency

Panellists - Prof. BB Pande, Prof. (Dr.) GS Bajpai, Dr. KP Singh

TEA BREAK | 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

SESSION 6 | 11:15 AM - 12:45 PM

Bail Regime under BNSS

Speaker - Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Dogra Sood

LUNCH | 12:45 PM - 2:00 PM

SESSION 7 | 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Changing Paradigm in Property Related Offences under BNS

Speaker - Prof. (Dr.) Vageshwari Deswal

TEA BREAK | 3:30 PM - 3:45 PM

SESSION 8 | 3:45 PM - 5:15 PM

Infusion of Technology for Expeditious Criminal Justice Administration under BNSS: The Road Ahead

Speaker - Mr. Sanjay Mathur

SESSION PLAN

DAY 4 - 18th June, 2026 (Thursday)

SESSION 9 | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Trial in Absentia and Procedural Reforms relating to Proclaimed Offenders

Speaker - Mr. DC Jain

TEA BREAK | 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

SESSION 10 | 11:15 AM - 12:45 PM

The Emerging Framework of Victims' Rights under BNSS

Speaker - Prof. (Dr.) GS Bajpai

LUNCH | 12:45 PM - 2:00 PM

SESSION 11 | 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Easing Access to Justice: FIR and Complaint Mode of Crime Reporting under BNSS

Speaker - Dr. Neeraj Tiwari

TEA BREAK | 3:30 PM - 3:45 PM

SESSION 12 | 3:45 PM - 5:15 PM

Interaction

Speaker - Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad

SESSION PLAN

DAY 5 - 19th June, 2026 (Friday)

SESSION 13 | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Expanding Role of Forensics in Detection and Investigation of Crime

Speaker - Prof. (Dr.) Purvi Pokhariyal

TEA BREAK | 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

SESSION 14 | 11:15 AM - 12:45 PM

Evolving Landscape of Evidence Law under BSA

Speaker - Dr. KA Pandey

LUNCH | 12:45 PM - 2:00 PM

SESSION 15 | 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Electronic and Digital Evidence under BSA

Speaker 1 - Dr. KA Pandey, Speaker 2 - Adv. (Dr.) Nisheeth Dixit

TEA BREAK | 3:30 PM - 3:45 PM

SESSION 16 | 3:45 PM - 5:15 PM

Assessment

REGISTRATION & FEE STRUCTURE

Interested participants may register for the Certificate Course by completing the registration form and making the payment. The fee once paid is non refundable. Details regarding the registration fee, early-bird registration, registration deadline, payment link, and QR code are as follows:

Early-Bird Registration (Till 20th May, 2026):

- Students & Research Scholars - Rs. 2,000/-
- Professionals - Rs. 5,000/-

Students & Research Scholars:

- Offline Participation: Rs. 3500 | Online Participation: Rs. 2500

Professionals:

- Offline Participation: Rs. 7000 | Online Participation: Rs. 6000

**All seats available for in-person participation have been filled. Applicants may, however, opt to attend the course in the online mode, subject to fulfillment of the prescribed requirements.*

DEADLINE: 10TH JUNE, 2026

Payment Links:

- Link for Students & Research Scholars:
<https://rzp.io/rzp/nfROh0Bb>
- Link for Professionals:
<https://rzp.io/rzp/kKXFp1k>



ATTENDANCE

To ensure successful course completion and be eligible for certification, participants must maintain a minimum total attendance of 75%. Both attendance and active participation in the course are integral to the learning experience.

EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT

- The question paper will be set by a panel of experts drawing from both National Law University Delhi (NLU) and the Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies (ICPS).
- The evaluation of the assessment test will be done by evaluators from both institutions.
- On the final day of the course, participants will be undergoing an assessment, which will consist of multiple-choice questions with negative marking for every wrong answer.
- The total duration of assessment shall be 1 hour.

CERTIFICATION

Participants will have the option to choose between two certification paths:

- **Certificate of Completion:** Awarded to participants who complete the course and successfully qualify the prescribed assessment as well as satisfy the attendance requirements of the course.
- **Certificate of Participation:** Granted to participants who attend and complete the course but do not qualify the assessment or choose not to undertake it.
- This dual certification option allows participants to engage with the course at their own pace while ensuring they receive recognition for their participation.

****Participants will be awarded the certificate within a maximum period of six weeks after completion of the course.**