

## 2<sup>nd</sup> ITM UNIVERSITY ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE

On

### THE NEW CRIMINAL LAWS: A JOURNEY FROM PUNITIVE CORRECTION TO ENSURING JUSTICE

*Under the aegis of*

CENTRE FOR SOCIO - LEGAL RESEARCH AND SERVICES  
SCHOOL OF LAW, ITM UNIVERSITY RAIPUR

**Proposed Date: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**Venue: ITM UNIVERSITY RAIPUR**

#### INTRODUCTION

School of Law, ITM University has always been the epicenter of rigorous brainstorming, debates and deliberations on current affairs. The School of Law untiringly delves to promulgate novel ideas and invokes the young minds to discuss laws and contemplate its impact on the society. The students of the School of Law have always matched the expectations and have taken forward the torch of academic excellence.

- The Round Table Conferences takes up not only current matters related to statutory laws but also anticipated legal issues and their reasonable solutions.
- The Round Table Conferences provides a platform, where all the stakeholders are invited to deliberate and discuss.
- The Round Table Conference aims to conclude with the most workable solution to the issue in discussion.
- The Round Table Conference is attended by the members of the Judiciary, Academia and Industry, Researchers, Policy makers and students.

The first edition of the series of Round Table Conference on contemporary topics, **The New Labour Codes: Promising Reforms** was organized on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

Chief Guest	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sachin Singh Rajput (High Court Bilaspur)
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Guest of Honor	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey (High Court Bilaspur)
Guest of Honor	Dr. Arvind (Director General V. V. Giri, National Labor Institute Noida)
Resource Persons	1. Professor Dr. Balwinder Kaur, Hidayatullah National Law University Raipur 2. Mr. Ajith Mani, Senior Vice President (HR) ABIS Group. 3. Mr. Nikhil Agrawal, Advocate and Managing Partner Complete Legal Solutions LLP.

### **CENTRE FOR SOCIO – LEGAL RESEARCH AND SERVICES**

The concept of "Justice" has been debated by philosophers for centuries, with various definitions proposed by thinkers such as Plato, Aristotle, and Rawls. Amartya Sen emphasizes eliminating removable injustices rather than defining just societies.

The Indian Constitution's Preamble recognizes justice through three aspects: Sociological Justice, Economic Justice, and Political Justice. Article 39A mandates the state to establish a legal system that promotes justice by providing equal opportunities for citizens to seek remedies.

Historically, the concept of Legal Aid began in France in 1851 and was later implemented in India in 1952. The Legal Services Authority Act, 1987, provided statutory recognition to Legal Aid Cells, and the National Legal Services Authority was constituted in 1995, marking a significant milestone in the delivery of justice.

The above discussions related to the development of concept of legal services and assistance to the vulnerable and the needy and in pursuance of the cherished goal of taking justice to the last vulnerable citizen living in the remotest of the remote of our country and to ensure '*Access to Justice for All*' the students of School of Law, ITM University under the encouraging leadership and guidance of their teachers, peer group and the management of ITM University Raipur established the CENTRE FOR SOCIO – LEGAL RESEARCH AND SERVICES on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

## **MANDATE OF THE CENTRE FOR SOCIO - LEGAL RESEARCH AND SERVICES**

1. To encourage and continuously strive through all possible means, programmes and events to *'Ensure Access to Justice for Everyone'* at all times.
2. To promote research in the domain of Legal Knowledge, Socio – Legal issues and all other relevant and allied spheres of knowledge.
3. To provide Free Legal Counselling and Assistance to the needy people.
4. To disseminate legal literacy and awareness among the vulnerable sections.
5. To provide free Psychological Counselling and Guidance.
6. To carry forward the mandate of the DLSA, SLSA and NLSA as and when received.
7. To promote Pro Bono Club activities as per the initiatives of the Department of Justice, Government of India.

Carrying forward the legacy we propose to organize the **2<sup>nd</sup> ITM University Round Table Conference on the New Criminal Laws: A Journey from Punitive Correction to Ensuring Justice**

### **A BRIEF CONCEPT NOTE**

These new laws aim to streamline traditional provisions and procedures, making them more concise, modern, and relevant as per the requirement of new society. Notably, the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita focuses on organized crime, marking a significant transformation in India's legal framework and holding great promise for enhancing forensic investigation processes.

Along with additional offences and strict punishments, another thing that has been observed is rearrangement of provisions, which have made the point clear that major grievances of society has to be kept in priority. The battle against organized crime is an ongoing challenge that requires careful evidence collection and data analysis to dismantle complex criminal networks. The three new laws represent a significant advancement in how organized crime is defined and addressed. Their comprehensive definition now includes extortion, cybercrime, and financial scams carried out by syndicates, providing clearer guidance for investigations. Moreover, the inclusion of "petty organized crime" allows for scrutiny of smaller, yet still damaging, operations, broadening the potential for intercession. The amendments, featuring harsher penalties, aim to dissuade. Alongside extended police custody periods, these changes may lead to

an improvement in investigations and prosecutions proceedings, thus raising the need for experts skilled in forensic investigations.

The impact of these amendments is expected to go beyond mere statistics. The introduction of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam acknowledges the widespread use of technology in criminal activities, allowing electronic records to be considered admissible evidence. It has kept a window open for future possibilities. This modification encourages law enforcement agencies to enhance their digital forensics capabilities and infrastructure, ensuring that evidence is collected in a legally compliant and secure manner for acceptance in court.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> ITM Round Table Conference on THE NEW CRIMINAL LAWS: A JOURNEY FROM PUNITIVE CORRECTION TO ENSURING JUSTICE proposes to attempt detailed deliberations upon the new legislations with an objective of providing in-depth knowledge about the provisions of the legislation and to critically examine and analyze them. The Conference will be attended by all the stakeholders; Academicians, Members of the Judiciary, Members of the Legal Services Authorities, Members of the Mediation Centers, Legal Practitioners, Representatives of Commerce and Industry, NGOs, Social Services, Researchers and Students. The conference also would attempt to foresee any issues and challenges which may appear since the step has been a bold one capable of affecting the whole legal system. The anticipated outcome of the Conference is to provide the best understanding of the provisions of the Act, their scope and nature and extent of their applicability. The outcome will focus on how the Act can be implemented so as to justify the legislative intent of providing efficiency.

#### **INVITED DIGNITARIES**

- Members of the Higher and Local Judiciary
- Members of the Bar & Prosecution
- Members of the Mediation Centers
- Legal Practitioners

#### **ANTICIPATED PARTICIPANTS**

- Members of the Academia
- Practicing Advocates
- Researchers of Law
- Students of Law; UG & PG
- Non-Governmental Organizations/Self-Help Groups

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**Prof. (Dr.) P.V. Ramana**

## **PATRON**

**Prof. Nitin Putcha**

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## REGISTRATION DETAILS

Particulars	Registration Fees (in Rupees)	
Participants	Offline mode	<b>500</b>
	Online mode	<b>500</b>

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