

A Lecture on Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) at ICFAI University Sikkim

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A lecture series on *the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS)* was conducted at ICFAI University, Sikkim in collaboration with the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority (SLSA). The session aimed to provide an in-depth understanding of the newly introduced legislative framework for criminal law, which has replaced the Indian Penal Code (IPC). This initiative was part of the university's efforts to keep students and faculty informed about key legal reforms shaping the Indian justice system.

The workshop commenced with students, faculty members, and legal professionals. Mr. Dohan Rai, a second-semester LLB student, delivered the welcome address, extending his greetings to **Advocate Kamala Giri, Panel Advocate at Sikkim State Legal Services Authority (SLSA)**, as well as to all the faculty members and students in attendance. Dr. Khina Maya Rimal, Dean Academic, honoured the guest speaker with a khada, marking the traditional gesture of respect and welcome.

Key Highlights of the Lecture:

The main session featured a detailed presentation by Advocate Kamala Giri, who provided a comprehensive overview of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and its major legal provisions. She emphasized the significant differences between the BNS and IPC, particularly in terms of procedural safeguards, citizen rights, and legal enforcement.

Some of the key points discussed included:

1. Improved Safeguards :

- The BNS introduces enhanced legal safeguards for individuals during arrests and interrogations.
- It aims to prevent the misuse of power and ensure greater fairness in the criminal justice system.

2. Citizen Rights and Legal Protections

- The new legal framework strengthens citizen rights, particularly concerning legal protection during criminal proceedings.
- The reforms seek to balance law enforcement effectiveness with individual freedoms.

3. Case Studies and Practical Scenarios

- Various real-life case studies and hypothetical legal scenarios were discussed.
- These examples helped students and legal professionals understand the practical application of the new law in different legal situations.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Miss. Marphy Rikhong, a second-semester BA LLB student. She expressed gratitude to Advocate Kamala Giri for her insightful lecture and acknowledged the active participation of students and faculty members, which contributed to the success of the workshop. She highlighted the importance of such events in bridging the gap between legal education and practical implementation, helping students develop a deeper understanding of legal reforms.

The lecture series on Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita proved to be an informative and engaging session for both students and faculty members. It provided valuable insights into the changes in India's criminal justice system and fostered meaningful discussions on the practical implications of BNS.

The event reaffirmed ICFAI University Sikkim's commitment to providing its students with up-to-date knowledge of legal developments. The university looks forward to organizing similar academic workshops in the future to continue engaging students with evolving legal frameworks and reforms.