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Dear Sir / Madam,

As you are aware, Parliament has enacted three new Criminal Laws namely, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023, which will replace the Indian Penal Code, 1860, the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 respectively.

2. The Central Government has appointed the 1st day of July, 2024 as the date on which the provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (45 of 2023), the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (46 of 2023) and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023 (47 of 2023) shall come into force. A copy of the Gazette Notifications dated 24th February, 2024 in this regard are enclosed for your reference.

3. It may be appreciated that fast and efficient justice system is an essential component of good governance. However, delivery of justice in a timely and fair manner is hampered due to complex legal procedures, low conviction rates, low level of use of technology in legal system, inadequate use of forensic science and lack of proper knowledge about the provisions etc. These new Criminal Laws are grounded in a citizen centric approach to ensure speedy justice to all citizens by providing for the use of technology and forensic sciences in investigation of crime along with specific timelines for time bound investigation, trial and pronouncement of judgement. It provides for community service as one of the punishments for petty offences and enhancement of fines and punishments in case of other offences.

4. In this regard, Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) has created informative flyers around various themes for disseminating information and creating awareness of these new laws. These flyers may be accessed at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1uInOfATa2VpE1JM_zVpA0Hh0trrl7ur0?usp=sharing. These creatives highlight the process of framing of these laws through stakeholder consultation, counter the various misgivings and apprehensions about the various provisions and seeks to foreground the progressive nature of the laws with regard to crimes against women and children, sexual harassment, organized crime, deshdroh etc. and use of technology in lodging of crimes through e-FIR and zero FIR and collection of evidence in electronic mode.

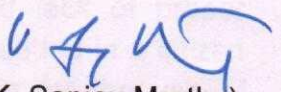
5. It is desired that you may ask all HEIs to carry out awareness campaigns by making use of the flyers and consider engaging resources of faculties of law departments, women

studies department (on provisions relating to crime against women and children), IT department (on provisions relating to cyber crimes, use of technology in crime reporting and securing of electronic evidence) and police and judicial officers to organize workshops, seminars in hybrid mode for dissemination of the same amongst students, staff and community outreach with the help of NSS volunteers. In this regard, HEIs may like to avail the services of experts from Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI) under BPRD for conducting workshop / seminars / training in hybrid mode (online/offline) on various aspects of NCL. It is also suggested that a module may be included as part of Faculty Development Programme (FDP) to impart awareness of new Criminal Laws on ongoing basis.

6. A list of CDTIs along with an indicative list of activities which HEIs may like to conduct is enclosed for organizing publicity of new Criminal Laws for further necessary action.

Regards.

Yours sincerely,


(K. Sanjay Murthy)

Encl.: as above

VCs and Directors of all CFIs