

CONCEPT NOTE

“FACULTY ORIENTATION PROGRAMME ON CRIMINAL LAW”

ONE-DAY FACULTY ORIENTATION PROGRAMME TO BE ORGANISED ON 25TH NOVEMBER 2017 BY THE CENTRE FOR REGULATORY STUDIES, GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC POLICY AT THE WEST BENGAL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES, KOLKATA

INTRODUCTION

The jurisprudence relating to crime and punishment is ever-evolving. Although criminal law teachers and researchers are well-conversant with the respective laws and policies in place, there are many areas that need to be explored. These unexplored areas can be better discerned and learnt through intensive training and interactive exercises concerning the subject. Also, given that criminal law is a compulsory subject in undergraduate law programmes and that a teacher of criminal law is supposed to be familiar with the basics of the subject, there is an innocuous need to understand the law from a more contemporary and critical perspective. There is also an impending need to review the various teaching methodologies and approaches adopted by faculty members to teach criminal law. In view of these requirements, the Centre for Regulatory Studies, Governance and Public Policy (CRSGPP) at the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS) intends to organise (on **25th November, 2017**) a one-day orientation programme for faculty members teaching criminal law. Through a few resource persons, CRSGPP will extend training and guidance to university/college teachers and researchers working in the field of criminal justice administration.

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

The programme will take place at WBNUJS on the scheduled date, i.e., **25th November, 2017**. A detailed programme schedule indicating the names of the resource persons will be e-mailed to all the participants on or before 22nd November, 2017.

About 50 criminal law teachers from various law universities/colleges in West Bengal will take part in the event. Each university/college may nominate three/four participants accordingly. Apart from the 50 university/college teachers, a few research scholars (maximum 20, to be decided on a first-come-first-served basis) enrolled in an MPhil/PhD course of a recognised university may also attend the programme. At the end of the programme, Certificates of Participation will be issued to all participants. Certificates shall not be issued in absentia.

OBJECT & RATIONALE

The main objectives of this orientation programme are to

- (a) Critically focus on the pedagogical aspects of criminal law.
- (b) Address teaching/research-related issues from a comparative as well as from an inter-disciplinary perspective to unfurl newer insights with regard to the subject.
- (c) Understand the effectiveness of the procedural and substantive laws, including special laws, governing crimes and punishment.
- (d) Look into the issues of admissibility of evidence, including scientific evidence.
- (e) Streamline the relation between criminal law and public policy.
- (f) Update the participants with the recent trends in criminal jurisprudence.
- (g) Gauge the effectiveness of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 2013.
- (h) Facilitate productive discussions between the resource persons and the teachers/researchers of criminal law.
- (i) Help produce a teachers/researchers guide to criminal law.

REGISTRATION

There is no registration fee either for the teachers or for the researchers. Teachers need to register themselves through their respective institutions. The researchers can seek registration by providing details such as (a) Name of the Applicant (b) Name of the Institution (c) Name of the course (MPhil/PhD) (d) Contact Details of the Applicant (Postal Address, Mobile No. and E-mail), etc., and by mailing the same to crsgpp@nujs.edu by 21.11.2017. The subject line of the mail shall read "Researcher Application for Participation in the Orientation Programme." CRSGPP will automatically reject applications (from researchers) when the cap of 20 applications is reached.

INTENDED OUTCOME OF THE FACULTY ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

The one-day orientation programme will primarily benefit the stakeholders handling criminal law classes in various law institutes across the state of West Bengal. The various themes of the programme will also let us know the lacunas and pitfalls in teaching and research methodologies. Last but not the least, the event will provide us with a platform to share knowledge on how to make criminal law classes more interesting and interactive. Overall, the event will help the teachers/researchers comprehend the intricate aspects of criminal law from a more objective sense.

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