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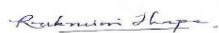
To,
The Vice Principal,
Surendranath Law College,
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Date: 23.08.2025

Sub: Submission of report on the conference proceedings of Two Days National Conference held on 28.06.2025 and 30.06.2025 by Surendranath Law College in collaboration with Xavier Law School, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata.

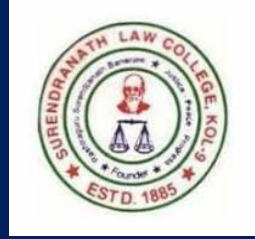
Respected Madam,

I, Dr. Rukmini Thapa (Asst. Prof. of Economics), had the opportunity to represent Surendranath Law College, as Convenor of the Organising Team in the Two Days National Conference on "Deciphering the New Criminal Laws in India: A Paradigm Shift in Effective Criminal Justice Administration" held on 28.06.2025 and 30.06.2025 by Surendranath Law College in collaboration with Xavier Law School, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata. Following the successful completion of the conference, I would like to submit a report of the proceedings.

Yours Faithfully,



Dr. Rukmini Thapa
Assistant Professor (Economics)
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ST. XAVIER'S UNIVERSITY, KOLKATA, XAVIER LAW SCHOOL

IN COLLABORATION WITH

SURENDRANATH LAW COLLEGE, KOLKATA

ORGANISES TWO-DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

**Deciphering the New Criminal Laws in India: A Paradigm Shift in
Effective Criminal Justice Administration**

Dates: 28th June & 30th June, 2025

28th June: Inaugural Session (at St. Xavier University, Kolkata)

30th June: Paper Presentation & Valedictory Session (Online)

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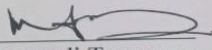
NOTICE

Surenranath Law College is organising a two days National Conference on “**Deciphering the New Criminal Laws in India: A Paradigm Shift in Effective Criminal Justice Administration**” in collaboration with Xavier Law School, St. Xavier’s University, Kolkata on 28th June & 30th June 2025. Research papers are invited from students, research scholars, academicians & practitioners. The details of the conference, sub themes for papers, registration fees and payment links have been shared in the Conference Brochure.

Day 1: Inaugural Session
Date: 28th June 2025:
Time: 11A.M.
Venue: Father Albert Huart Hall, Arrupe Building,
St. Xavier’s University, Kolkata.

DAY 2: Paper Presentation & Valedictory Session (Online Mode)
Date: 30th June 2025

Link for submission of Paper Abstracts: <https://forms.gle/NBFzUacntveSByht6>
The last date for submission of Abstracts is 25.05.2025.


Dr. Mohammadi Tarannum
Vice Principal
Surenranath Law College

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St. Xavier's University,
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National Conference on **DECIPHERING THE NEW CRIMINAL LAWS IN INDIA- PARADIGM SHIFT IN EFFECTIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION**

Dates: 28th & 30th June, 2025

Venue: St. Xavier's University, Kolkata

Mode: Hybrid

ORGANISED BY:

**XAVIER LAW SCHOOL,
ST. XAVIER'S UNIVERSITY , KOLKATA**
IN COLLABORATION WITH
**SURENDRANATH LAW COLLEGE,
UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA**

Registration Fees:

Students: ₹500

Research Scholars: ₹800

Academicians & Practitioners:

₹1200

Last date to submit Abstract:

25th May, 2025

Last date for Registration:

5th June, 2025

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payments:



For any queries refer to the
brochure at SXUK.edu.in

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SURENDRANATH LAW COLLEGE

Surentranath Law College, Kolkata is a premier law institute in India which is affiliated to the University of Calcutta and recognized by the Bar Council of India. It is one of the oldest law colleges in India. The 'Rastraguru' Surentranath Banerjea, the great patriot and educationalist found this prestigious institution. In 1882, the Presidency School, which formed the nucleus of the present Institution, was handed over to Sir Surentranath Banerjea on 1st January 1884. He raised it to the status of a college affiliated to the F.A. standard and named it "The Presidency Institution". Within a year the institution was converted into a full-fledged, first grade college under the name "Ripon College". Its activity was further extended through the opening of the Post-Graduate Department of Law in 1884, which was later affiliated to the Calcutta University in the year 1885, as an independent professional college. But after the attainment of independence, the golden cause to which Sir Surentranath dedicated his entire life, the name of the college was altered to Surentranath College. This esteemed Law College is now regarded as one of the oldest law colleges of the country. Presently, this College imparts 5 Years B.A. LL. B course, 5 Years B.A. LL. B (Honours) Course and two Years LL.M Course.

ST. XAVIER'S UNIVERSITY, KOLKATA (SXUK)

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata (SXUK) began its academic journey in 2017 under the leadership of Rev. Dr. John Felix Raj, S.J., the Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor of the University. Presently the University runs a total of fourteen UG and PG programmes spanning across Faculty of Arts and Social Studies to Science and Commerce. **XAVIER LAW SCHOOL (XLS)**- Xavier Law School (XLS) of St. Xavier's University, established in August 2019 by the Hon'ble Lokpal of India, Mr. Pinaki Chandra Ghosh, carries forward the proud Jesuit Legacy to the realm of legal education and research. Rooted in values of excellency, integrity and service, XLS is committed to shaping future legal professionals who are as principled as they are proficient. It promises to provide all the facilities to the students which would help them reach the pinnacle of success. Currently it offers two undergraduate courses - B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) and B.Com.LL.B. (Hons.) - designed to build strong foundational knowledge while encouraging critical thinking and social awareness. XLS, in line with its vision is introducing a specialised LL.M. program, offering postgraduate students a platform for advanced legal study, research and professional development. The Law School also offers PhD course.

A COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE- THE MOU BETWEEN SURENDRANATH LAW COLLEGE ST. XAVIER'S UNIVERSITY, KOLKATA (SXUK)

Surenranath Law College, Kolkata of University of Calcutta has signed an MoU with Xavier Law School, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata on 28.09.2022 for academic collaboration towards excellence in legal education. To achieve the objective of the MOU it is desirable for both the institutions to organize certain events to inspire academic progression of students. In this regard Surenranath Law College was desirous to collaborate with Xavier Law School to conduct a Conference/Seminar titled "Deciphering the New Criminal Laws in India: A Paradigm Shift in Effective Criminal Justice Administration".

CONFERENCE THEME

In 2023, India overhauled its criminal justice system by replacing the Indian Penal Code, 1860, the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 with the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and the Bharatiya Sakhya Adhinyam, 2023 respectively. These new enactments brought about several changes in the substantive and procedural laws which has a direct impact on the criminal justice administration. The conference aims to provide an academic platform to discuss the aim, scope, and purpose of India's new criminal laws in the light of its ability to improve the justice system, protect citizens and combat crime.

Research papers were invited from students, research scholars, academicians and practitioners on the sub themes given below:

- i. Criminal procedure and speedy trial**
- ii. Sentencing policy**
- iii. Victim's rights**
- iv. Digital evidence and admissibility**
- v. Witness protection**
- vi. Therapeutic approaches towards reformation**
- vii. Restorative justice**
- viii. Forensic evidence**
- ix. Access to justice**

INAUGURAL SESSION:

DATE: 28TH JUNE 2025

TIME: 11.00 A.M. – 01.00 P.M.

VENUE: ARRUIPE HALL, ST. XAVIER'S UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

Inaugural Session - Report

The inaugural session of the Two Days Conference on Deciphering the New Criminal Laws in India: A Paradigm Shift in Effective Criminal Justice Administration was held on 28.06.2025 at Xavier Law School, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata. in collaboration with Surendranath Law College. The session was graced by eminent dignitaries from the legal, academic, and administrative spheres. The event aimed to set the tone for the ensuing academic discussions and collaborative engagements.

Sl. No.	INAUGURAL SESSION: SCHEDULE
1.	Welcome Address by Dr. Pratyusha Das, Convenor, Xavier Law School
2.	Felicitation of Dignitaries
4.	Inaugural Address by Registrar, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, Rev. Dr. Xavier Jeyaraj, SJ
5.	Address by Chief Guest Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tirthankar Ghosh, Judge, High Court at Calcutta
6.	Address by Guest of Honor Minister-in-charge, Law & Judicial Department, Govt. of West Bengal. Shri. Moloy Ghatak
7.	Address by Keynote Speaker Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, WBNUJS, Prof. Dr. N.K. Chakrabarti
8.	Address by Head and Dean, University of Calcutta, Prof. Dr. J.K. Das
9.	Address by Vice Principal, Dr. Mohammadi Tarannum, Surendranath Law College
10.	Address by Dean, Dr. Ranjeeta Mukherjee, Xavier Law School
11.	Closing Remarks by Convenor: Dr. Rukmini Thapa, Surendranath Law College
12.	Address by Joint Convenor: Sharing of conference related details (M.C.) Dr. Asif Iqbal Shah.
13.	Vote of Thanks by Joint Convenor, Dr. Rakesh Kumar Singh.

1. Welcome Address - Convenor from Xavier Law School

The session began with a cordial Welcome Address by Dr. Pratyusha Das, Convenor from Xavier Law School. Dr. Das welcomed all the dignitaries, guests, faculty members, students, and participants, highlighting the importance of the conference and the theme that underpinned the session. She briefly outlined the objectives and the collaborative efforts between institutions to host the event.



Dr. Pratyusha Das (Conference Convenor-Xavier Law School) delivering the Welcome Address

2. Felicitation of Guests

The Welcome address was followed by the felicitation ceremony, in which the honourable guests and dignitaries were ushered and seated in the stage. Chief Guest Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tirthankar Ghosh, Judge, High Court at Calcutta, Rev. Dr. Xavier Jeyaraj, SJ Registrar of Xavier Law School, Prof. Dr. N.K. Chakrabarti, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS), Dr. Mohammadi Tarannum, Vice Principal, Surendranath Law College, Dr. Ranjeeta Mukherjee, Dean, Xavier Law School were gracefully felicitated. Shri Moloy Ghatak, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Law & Judicial Department, Government of West Bengal, and Prof. Dr. J.K. Das, Head and Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Calcutta, who had been invited as the Guests of Honor were felicitated in absentia.

3. Inaugural Address by Rev. Dr. Xavier Jeyaraj

The Inaugural Address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Xavier Jeyaraj, SJ, who emphasized the vision of Xavier Law School in nurturing legal education and ethical leadership. He spoke about the need for strong institutional collaboration and innovative legal education in contemporary times.



Rev. Dr. Xavier Jeyaraj, SJ Registrar, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata delivering the Inaugural Address



Felicitation of Chief Guest Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tirthankar Ghosh, Judge, High Court at Calcutta



Distinguished Dignitaries: Left to Right –

1. **Dean, Dr. Ranjeeta Mukherjee, Xavier Law School;**
2. **Chief Guest Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tirthankar Ghosh, Judge, High Court at Calcutta;**
3. **Rev. Dr. Xavier Jeyaraj, SJ Registrar, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata;**
4. **Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, WBNUJS, Prof. Dr. N.K. Chakrabarti;**
5. **Vice Principal, Dr. Mohammadi Tarannum, Surendranath Law College.**



E-cover launch of Edited Book of Selected papers to be published by Serena Publications

4. Keynote Address by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor (WBNUJS): A Summary

Prof. Dr. N.K. Chakrabarti, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS), delivered the Keynote Address. Professor Chakrabarti delivered an insightful address on the recently enacted criminal law codes — the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA). His address focused on the evolving role of the judiciary in upholding constitutional values, judicial ethics, and the dynamic interface between law and society. Special emphasis was laid on the importance of balancing technological advancement with constitutional safeguards and due process. Concluding the address, Prof. Dr. N.K. Chakrabarti encouraged rigorous debate, informed discourse, and an unwavering commitment to the rule of law among all participants of the conference. He also encouraged students to embrace justice not only as a career path but as a lifelong commitment. He highlighted the need for law students to engage critically with these new codes, not merely as academic texts but as instruments that will shape the future of justice delivery in the country.

5. Address by Hon'ble Justice Tirthankar Ghosh, Judge, High Court at Calcutta: A Summary

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tirthankar Ghosh, Judge, High Court at Calcutta, delivered a compelling speech as the Chief Guest who has had over 30 years of association with Criminal Law. He stated the Indian Penal Code that was framed by the British in the colonial era to rule Indians necessitated changes in order to be contemporaneous, progressive and futuristic to meet the needs of the society. He highlighted the progressive shift in India's criminal justice framework, particularly through the digitization of evidence, which aims to bring efficiency and transparency to legal proceedings. Justice Ghosh also noted the significant reform in widening the definition of sexual offences to include all children, not just girls, thereby ensuring broader protection under the law. He emphasized the humanization of criminal law, citing the introduction of provisions concerning the care and protection of the elderly as a meaningful step forward. Tracing the evolution of criminal codes through these reforms, he observed that while the judiciary will face challenges in implementing these changes, it must adapt and evolve in tandem with society, as the law is never static.



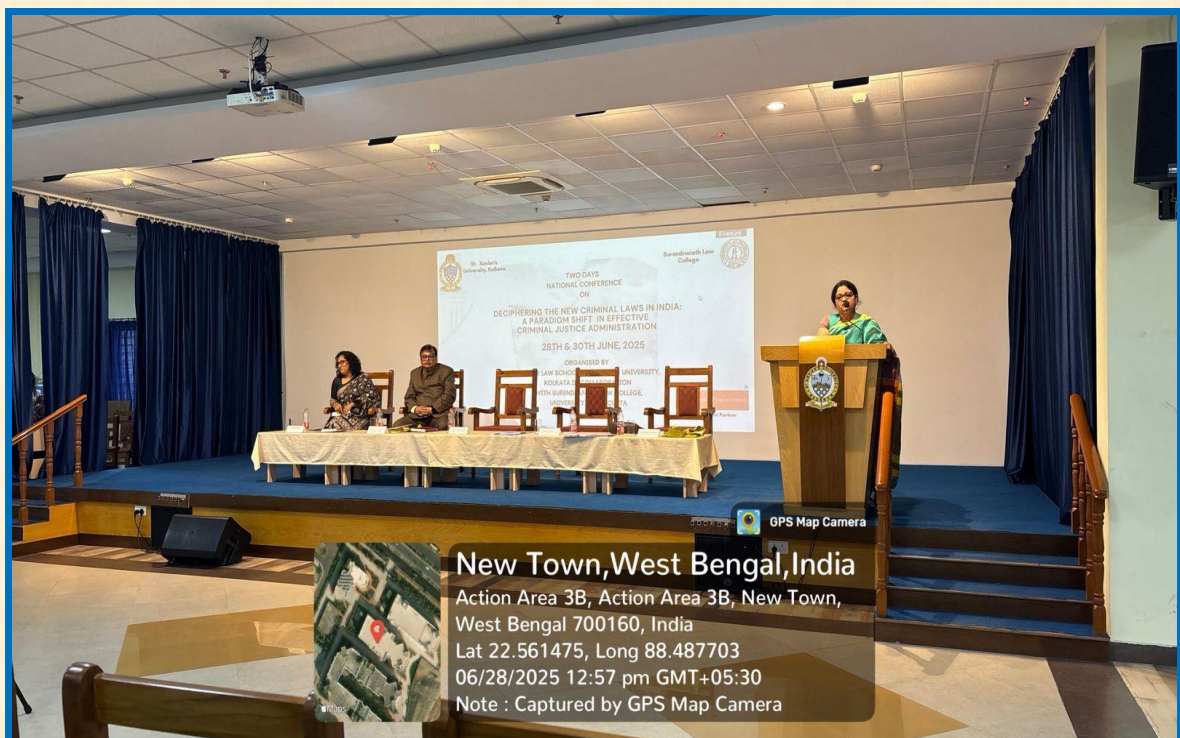
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, WBNUJS, Prof. Dr. N.K. Chakrabarti delivering the Keynote Speaker



Address by Chief Guest Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tirthankar Ghosh, Judge, High Court at Calcutta

6. Address by Dr. Mohammadi Tarannum, Vice Principal, Surendranath Law College and Dr. Ranjeeta Mukherjee, Dean, Xavier Law School – A Summary

Dr. Mohammadi Tarannum, Vice Principal of Surendranath Law College, delivered the welcome address at the conference. As collaborative head of Surendranath Law College, she emphasized that the conference serves as a vital platform for both students and faculty to engage in meaningful academic inquiry into the newly enacted criminal laws and their broader implications within India's criminal justice system. Highlighting the diverse responses these reforms have elicited from legal, academic, and related communities across the country, Dr. Tarannum underscored the importance of such discourse. She also noted that the paper presentation sessions scheduled for June 30 are expected to generate dynamic and thought-provoking discussions, offering expert insights into both the changes introduced by the new legal framework and the challenges associated with its implementation.



Address by Dr. Mohammadi Tarannum, Vice Principal, Surendranath Law College

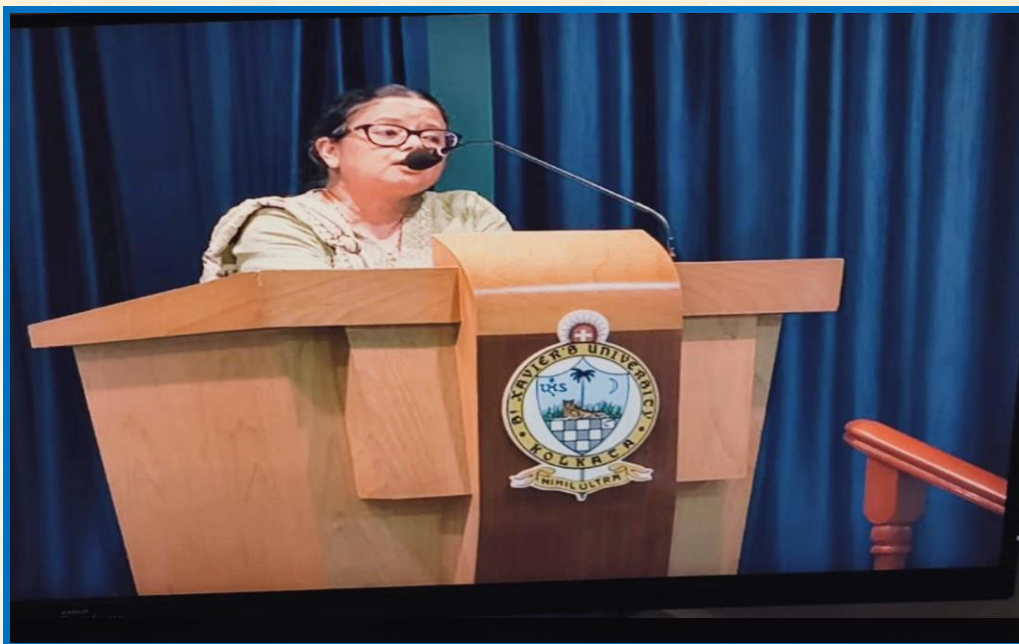


Address by Dr. Mohammadi Tarannum, Vice Principal, Surendranath Law College

Dr. Ranjeeta Mukherjee, Dean of Xavier Law School, in her address at the conference, remarked that we are positioned at a critical juncture in India's legal evolution. She observed that the enactment of the new criminal laws signifies not just a legislative transition, but a bold and necessary step toward refining the criminal justice system in alignment with the principles of a modern democratic republic. Dr. Mukherjee encouraged legal professionals, educators, and students to engage with these reforms both critically and constructively. She raised important questions around the efficacy of the new laws—whether they truly ensure justice that is swift, fair, and transparent, whether they balance state security with individual rights, and how prepared our society is to interpret and implement these changes. She concluded by emphasizing that the conference offers a crucial platform to explore such questions through scholarship, lived experience, and open dialogue.

- Closing Remarks by Dr. Rukmini Thapa**, Convenor, Surendranath Law College, offered the Closing Remarks, appreciating the speakers, the audience, and the organizing team. She reiterated the significance of continuous academic dialogue in law and highlighted the support offered by Surendranath Law College through database management provided

through the ERP database. Dr. Thapa mentioned that by adopting the ERP, Surendranath Law College has consciously moved away from using Google Forms, because the ERP system offers a more robust and comprehensive solution for administrative tasks in academic conferences. She explained how Surendranath Law College offered complete collaborative support for the event by using the ERP to prepare a structured participant database through which Registration and Participant Feedback was successfully recorded. Thirdly, the Registration database of the ERP was used to issue e-certificates to all participants.



Address by Dr. Rukmini Thapa, Convenor,

8. Conference Details & Concluding Remarks

Dr. Asif Iqbal Shah, Joint Convenor, served as the Master of Ceremonies (M.C.), providing details regarding the subsequent sessions, logistics, and participation guidelines. His briefing ensured the smooth transition to technical sessions or workshops scheduled post-inauguration.

9. Vote of Thanks - Dr. Rakesh Kumar Singh, Joint Convenor

The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. Rakesh Kumar Singh, Joint Convenor, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to all dignitaries, collaborators, faculty members, students, volunteers, and sponsors for making the session a grand success.

Teachers & Students from Surendranath Law College



MEDIA COVERAGE

**YouTube Link for Video of Livestreaming of the
INAUGURAL SESSION on 28.06.2025**

https://www.youtube.com/live/c4C_YhZqBUc

**A Report on the Conference – published in Telegraph
(edugraph) on 03.07.2025**

<https://www.telegraphindia.com/edugraph/campus/st-xaviers-university-kolkatas-two-day-national-conference-explores-paradigm-shift-in-indias-criminal-justice-system/cid/2111242>



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Edugraph website with links for HOME, NEWS, CAREER, CAMPUS, and COLLEGES. Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: Home » Edugraph » Campus » St. Xavier's University, Kolkata's Two Day National Conference Ex... The main content area features the title "NATIONAL CONFERENCE" followed by the headline "St. Xavier's University, Kolkata's Two Day National Conference Explores Paradigm Shift in India's Criminal Justice System". Below the headline, it identifies the author as "Our Web Correspondent" and shows the post date and time: "Posted on 03 Jul 2025 13:55 PM". At the bottom of the article preview are social media sharing icons for Facebook, X, WhatsApp, and LinkedIn.

DAY 2- ONLINE PRESENTATIONS SESSION

30th June, 2025, began with presentation of research papers from across the country. 95 papers were selected for presentation, which were scheduled in 11 different track sessions starting at 10.30am. Each session was chaired by experts in the related field and the dynamic discussions highlighted the pressing need for systemic transformation, rights-based approaches, and adaptive legal frameworks to address the evolving challenges of a changing socio-legal landscape.

The presentations ended with a Valedictory speech by the Convenor of Xavier Law School, Dr. Pratyusha Das. Dr. Rukmini Thapa, convenor of Surendranath Law College added an extra note on a brief set of instructions and guidance for the participants on the correct way of accessing their certificates through the ERP software.

CONFERENCE FEEDBACK FORM

Deciphering the New Criminal Laws in India: A Paradigm Shift in Effective Criminal Justice Administration ▾

[Get Started](#)

1) How would you rate your overall experience of the conference?
a) Excellent
b) Good
c) Average
d) Poor

2) To what extent did the conference enhance your understanding of the new Criminal Laws in India?
a) Significantly
b) Moderately
c) Slightly
d) Not at all

3) How relevant and useful was the topic for your academic or career interests?
a) Very Relevant
b) Somewhat Relevant
c) Neutral
d) Not Relevant

4) What suggestions do you have for improving future seminars/conferences?

FEEDBACK- RECEIVED.

Overall Feedback on Seminar													
Sl.No.	Question	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Significantly	Moderately	Slightly	Not at all	Very Relevant	Somewhat Relevant	Neutral	Not Relevant
1	How would you rate your overall experience of the conference?	70	37	3	0								
2	To what extent did the conference enhance your understanding of the new Criminal Laws in India?					79	28	3	0				
3	How relevant and useful was the topic for your academic or career interests?									96	9	5	0

The Feedback received was predominantly positive and satisfactory. As part of suggestions given to the Conference organisers, a few participants responded that the paper presenters could have been given more time for presentation and discussion. A few expressed that an offline session for paper presentation would be more effective. This apart, the rest of the comments were appreciative of the way the convenors and the organising time had coordinated, communicated and guided the participants. The paper presenters were also satisfied with the discussion and comments received from the chairperson of the respective technical sessions.

OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference sessions was a grand confluence of judicial wisdom, academic intellect, and administrative leadership. The gathering brought together participants united by a shared commitment to critically engage with the monumental legal reforms that were reshaping India's criminal justice system through a pivotal shift in both substance and approach.

Distinguished speakers eloquently and succinctly explored the scope and implications of the new legal reforms. The lectures delivered were deeply illuminating, presenting well-grounded arguments that examined the socio-economic and political ramifications of these legal changes within the broader framework of criminal justice administration.

The presentation sessions facilitated critical engagement with fundamental concepts such as justice and punishment, the adoption of victim-centric approaches, the viability of community service as a rehabilitative tool, and the practical implications of streamlining criminal procedures through digital and technological advancements. Participants, as keen learners, were privileged to be part of such a rich academic engagement. It can be confidently noted that the lectures delivered during the event would leave a lasting impact on the students, who are the future torchbearers of justice.

It was also a proud moment to acknowledge that the conference stood as a testament to the visionary collaboration between Xavier Law School and Surendranath Law College. The collaborative spirit between Xavier Law School and Surendranath Law College was evident in the seamless organization and thoughtful curation of the event.

The Memorandum of Understanding signed on 28th September 2022 between Xavier Law School and Surendranath Law College had laid the foundation for this academic synergy, and the event marked a significant milestone in their joint pursuit of excellence in legal education.

Both institutions look forward to many more collaborations to reach higher echelons of academic accomplishments.