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Special Lecture on Crime and Mental Illness in Light of Indian Penal Code (1860)

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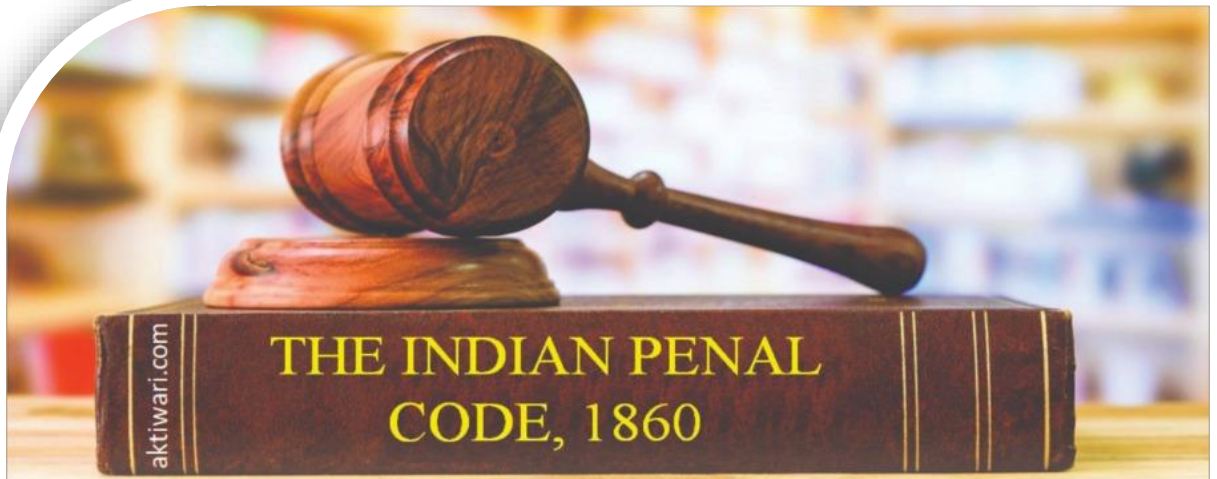
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Special Lecture on 'Crime and Mental Illness : Is There A Connection? A Study in the Light of Indian Penal Code, 1860' -2022

Section 84 of IPC deals with the act of a person of unsound mind states that nothing is an offence which is done by a person who, at the time of doing it, by reason of unsoundness of mind, is incapable of knowing the nature of the act, or that he is doing what is either wrong or contrary to law. Whereas the same provision has been covered under Section 22 of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS). Section 84 IPC is one of the general defences available under the IPC and provides for the defence of insanity. The word 'insanity' is not used in Section 84 of IPC. It uses the expression 'unsoundness of mind', which is not defined in the Code. However, the courts in India have treated the expression 'unsoundness of mind' as equivalent to 'insanity'. This section is legal insanity and not medical insanity. The crucial point of time for deciding the legal insanity is the material time when the offence took place. In order to seek protection under Section 84 of IPC, it is necessary for an accused to prove that he, because of unsoundness of mind, was incapable of knowing the nature of the act or that the act was contrary to law.

Surendranath Law College organized a Special Lecture on '**Crime and Mental Illness : Is There A Connection ? A Study in the Light of Indian Penal Code 1860'** on 17th August 2022 in the College seminar room. Renowned legal expert, Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed , Advocate, Calcutta High Court shed light on this crucial topic through his insightful analysis. The entire programme was proposed & counselled by Dr. Mohammadi Tarannum, Vice-Principal of the Surendranath Law College. Advocate Imtiaz Ahmed highlighted the aftereffects of mental trauma in exacerbating mental illnesses which can lead to crime in certain circumstances. The defence of insanity is a law that protects a person who is incapable of understanding the nature of the act done by him. Insanity defence is primarily used in criminal prosecutions. It is based on the assumption that at the time of the crime, the defendant was suffering from severe mental illness and therefore, was incapable of appreciating the nature of the crime and differentiating right from wrong behaviour, hence making them not legally accountable for crime. This fruitful lecture on an important aspect of the Indian Penal Code was widely appreciated by the students, teachers of the College for its multifaceted analysis.



:: SPECIAL LECTURE ON THE TOPIC ::
CRIME & MENTAL ILLNESS :
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of Indian Penal Code 1860

:: SPEAKER ::

Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed

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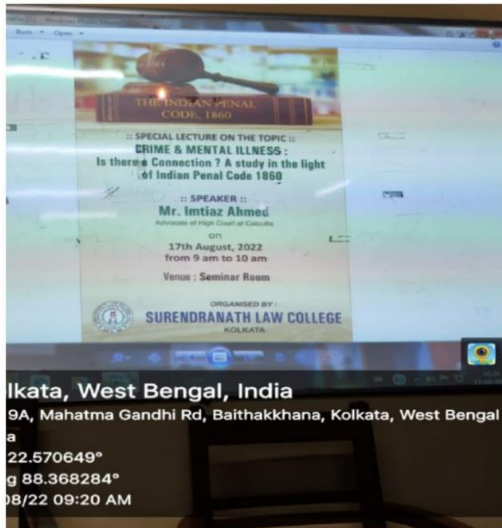
17th August, 2022
from 9 am to 10 am

Venue : Seminar Room



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