

VENUE AND DATES

The Workshop will be held in Lawrence Sundaram (L. S.) Hall, Loyola College, Chennai between 30.01.2025 and 31.01.2025 (Thursday and Friday)

TARGET AUDIENCE

1. Students	2. Scholars
3. Faculty Members	4. Practitioners
5. Law Professionnels	6. Government Officials

Interested people may join

REGISTRATION FEE

There is no registration fee for the participants. Use the link or QR code below for registration.



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ACCOMODATION FOR THE PARTICIPANTS

Accommodation will be arranged for the registered participants based on the prior request from the concerned participants. Accommodation will be provided free of cost for the 100 participants on a first come first serve basis. No TA/DA shall be paid to the participants. Interested Participants can register through the Google form or scan the QR code.



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A Two-Day National Seminar on Epochal Changes in the Indian Legal Landscape: Response of the Civil Society With Special Reference to BNS, BNSS & BSA



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Loyola Institute of Social Science Training
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(ICSSR)

LOYOLA COLLEGE

Loyola College, established in 1925 by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), is a Catholic Minority Institution that aims to offer university education in a Christian environment to deserving students of all backgrounds, irrespective of caste or creed. Affiliated with the University of Madras and autonomous since 1978, Loyola College is acclaimed for its academic excellence and progressive teaching and evaluation practices across undergraduate, postgraduate, M.Phil., and Ph.D. programs.

LISSTAR

Founded in 2007, the Loyola Institute of Social Science Training and Research (LISSTAR) is dedicated to advancing research, training, and publication in the social sciences and humanities. LISSTAR collaborates with advanced research centres, advocates for the rights of marginalized groups, especially refugees and migrants, and promotes interdisciplinary research that aims to shape social policies.

ICSSR

The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), established by the Government of India in 1969, promotes research in social sciences across the country. The Council's mission includes reviewing and advising on social science research, sponsoring research projects, administering grants, fostering scholarships and fellowships, developing underexplored research areas, supporting documentation services, and

providing guidance and training in research methodologies. Additionally, the ICSSR engages with the Government of India to advance policies and practices that utilize social science research.

CONCEPT NOTE

The Indian Penal Code (IPC), a key component of India's criminal legal framework, has been a fixture of the country's judicial system since its inception during the British colonial era. However, criticisms have grown concerning its outdated and colonial provisions, including clauses on blasphemy, sedition, and sexual offenses. As Indian society and values evolve, so does the necessity to revisit and modernize the IPC.

This seminar will explore the historical development of the IPC, focusing on amendments that reflect shifts in Indian society and justice. It will critically examine outdated provisions and highlight the importance of comprehensive reform to align the IPC with modern democratic ideals.

The Seminar particularly looks at the recent introduction of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA), Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) as important advances in modernizing the criminal justice system and decolonizing Indian law. These new rules address several issues, such as the inclusion of Supreme Court rulings, community service as an alternative to incarceration, and gender neutrality.

The seminar will also emphasize the role of civil society in championing legal reform and protecting individual liberties. Civil society organizations play a crucial part in public education on legal matters, offering support for legal issues, and advocating for a just and equitable legal system.

SUB-THEMES

- Civil Society in the Era of Legal Transformation
- Awareness among Civil Society about Recent Legal Reforms
- Critical Appraisal of the New Legal Frameworks
- Comparative Insights into Global Criminal Justice Systems
- Implications of New Criminal Laws for India's Global Standing
- Investigative Advances through Technology
- Roles and Influence of Stakeholders in Shaping Legal Reforms
- Successful Models of Reform Implementation: A Comparative Study
- Opportunities for Exporting the Indian Legal Reform Model Internationally

This seminar invites participants to critically engage with these epochal changes, assessing their impact on civil liberties, justice, and India's position on the global stage. It calls for a dialogue on how civil society and stakeholders can shape a progressive, inclusive, and equitable criminal justice system.