



Enforcement of Criminal Laws in Haryana

Why in News?

The government of Haryana has created a plan for the enforcement of three recently introduced criminal laws: [the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023](#), [the Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita 2023](#), and [the Bhartiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023](#).

Key Points

- Haryana police department was **intensifying capacity-building initiatives** and preparations for enforcing three new criminal laws.
- Prioritizing the **training of master trainers and police officials**, the department aims to ensure the effective enforcement of these new regulations.

Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita Bill, 2023 (BNS)

- It is one of the three criminal law bills introduced by the Union Government to replace the era-old **Indian Penal Code, 1860 (IPC)**.
- BNS was passed in Lok Sabha on 20th December 2023 and in Rajya Sabha on 21st December 2023.
- Apart from amendments it **aims to add several offences in the ordinary law** which were either part of any statute or was an offspring of precedents declared by the Supreme Court of India.

Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita 2023

- The **Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha (Second) Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS2)** replaces the **Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 (CrPC)** and introduces significant alterations including:
 - **Detention Conditions:** The BNSS2 alters rules for undertrials, **restricting release on personal bond for those accused in severe offenses**, including life imprisonment cases and individuals facing multiple charges.
 - **Medical Examination:** It **broadens the scope of medical examinations**, allowing any police officer (not just a sub-inspector) to request one, making the process more accessible.
 - **Forensic Investigation:** Mandates **forensic investigation for crimes punishable by at least seven years' imprisonment**.
 - **Sample Collection:** Extends the **power to collect finger impressions and voice samples**.
 - **Timelines:** The BNSS2 introduces strict timelines: **medical reports for rape victims within 7 days, judgments within 30 days (extendable to 45)**, victim progress updates within 90 days, and charge framing within 60 days from the first hearing.
 - **Court Hierarchy:** The CrPC organizes India's criminal courts hierarchically, from Magistrate's Courts to the Supreme Court.

Bhartiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023

- The Bharatiya Sakshya (Second) Bill, 2023 (BSB2) replaces **the Indian Evidence Act, 1872**

(IEA). It retains most provisions of the IEA including those on **confessions, relevancy of facts, and burden of proof.**

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