





Course on Investigation and Prosecution under the NDPS Act and Application of New Criminal Law

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An Institution of National Importance (Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India)

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Participants	;

Higher Judicial Service Officers, Judges / Magistrates, SP / DCP & above, Prosecution officers, SSO & above from CFSLs/FSLs from all over the country

ABOUT THE COURSE

India faces a significant challenge with narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances (NDPS), impacting public health, societal stability, and national security. The country's geographical location makes it vulnerable to drug trafficking, being sandwiched between the "Golden Crescent" (Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iran) and the "Golden Triangle" (Myanmar, Laos, and Thailand), two major opium-producing regions globally. The problem of NDPS is multi-dimensional. It affects the general health and well being of the society, causes economic loss and a risk to national security.

With the advent of new criminal laws- The Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) and Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) criminal justice administration has adopted several innovative processes particularly in investigation and prosecution. These laws bring about fundamental shifts in the Criminal Justice Adjudication system, necessitating a thorough understanding of their provisions. With these comprehensive changes, arises the need of capacity building and sensitisation in this regard for better impact of envisioned and intended reforms.

Therefore, this specialized training course has been meticulously designed to enhance the capacity and effectiveness of judicial officers, police officers, public prosecutors, and other key stakeholders involved in the Criminal Justice System.

Course Objectives

- 1. To overview and provide insights into recently introduced laws, amendments, and their implications on investigation and prosecution practices.
- 2. To give the participants a detailed understanding of the NDPS Act, its amendments, and the procedural nuances associated with drug-related offenses.
- 3. To enrich the capability of Criminal Justice Functionaries pertaining to investigation and prosecution of the cases registered under NDPS Act.
- 4. To expose the participants to the recent developments in the field of crime related to Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances.

Course Content

- 1 New Criminal Laws: Overview
- 2 Investigation Procedure under BNSS
- 3 Problem of drug abuse in India and NDPS Act
- 4 Prosecution of NDPS cases: Issues and Challenges
- 5 Drug trafficking trends
- 6 Role of forensics in NDPS cases
- 7 Role of National agencies in investigation of NDPS cases
- 8 Emergence of Clandestine Labs: Trends and seizures and Abuse Patterns of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances
- 9 Role of digital forensics in detection and investigation of NDPS cases
- 10 Role of forensic psychology in the investigation of NDPS cases.
- 11 LAB VISIT- Types and classification of drugs demo on identification of drugs using drug detection kits
- 12 Victims of drug abuse.