

# **LAW OF CRIMES -PAPER 1: THE BHARATIYA NYAYA SANHITA**

## ***Outcome***

*The paper enables the student to have a general understanding about the nature and concept of crime, the general principles related to crime and the scheme of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023 which replaced the Indian Penal Code 1860.*

## **Module 1**

### **NATURE, CONCEPT AND DEFINITION OF CRIME**

Nature, Concept & Definition of Crime - Elements of Criminal Liability-Actus Reus & Mens Rea- Exception to Mens Rea in Statutory Offences-Stages of Crime- Intention, Preparation, Attempt, Commission--Inchoate offences-Abetment, Criminal Conspiracy-Attempt-Parties to the Crime- Principal & Accessories- Joint Liability -Constructive liability -Common Intention-Common Object-Unlawful Assembly-Vicarious Liability.

## **Module 2**

### **PUNISHMENT AND GENERAL EXCEPTIONS**

Definitions - Jurisdiction - Punishment - General Defences and Exceptions - Mistake of fact- Judicial Acts- Accident - Necessity - Infancy - Insanity - Intoxication - Drunkenness - Consent, Compulsion, Trifles - Act done in good faith - Right of Private Defence of body and property.

## **Module 3**

### **OFFENCES AGAINST HUMAN BODY**

Offences against human body - Offences affecting life; Culpable Homicide - Murder- Causing death by negligence - Attempt and abetment of suicide - Attempt to murder and culpable homicide - Organised crime - Terrorist act - Hurt - Grievous hurt - Acid attack - Wrongful Restraint and Confinement - Criminal force and Assault - Kidnapping, Abduction, Slavery and Forced labour - Offences relating to Reputation - Defamation - Criminal intimidation - Insult.

Offences against women and child - Sexual offences - Rape - Criminal force and assault against women - Outraging the modesty of women - Voyeurism - Stalking - Sexual harassment - Criminal force to disrobe-Offences relating to marriage- Dowry



death-Bigamy-Mock marriage-Criminal elopement-Cruelty-Miscarriage of child

#### **Module 4**

#### **OFFENCES AGAINST STATE**

Offences against state-waging war-endangering sovereignty, unity and integrity-  
Offences against army, navy and air force-abetting mutiny, harboring deserter-  
offences relating to elections- bribery-undue influence-impersonation-offences  
against public tranquility-unlawful assembly-rioting-affray-promoting enmity-  
offences relating to public servants and contempt if lawful authority of public  
servant- personating public servant-furnishing false information-obstructing public  
servant-threat or injury to public servant- offences against public justice-giving and  
fabricating false evidence- harbouring offender-offences affecting public health,  
public nuisance-adulteration of food, drinks and drugs-rash and negligent driving -  
negligent conduct-obscenity- offences relating to religion-injury and defiling the  
place of worship-disturbing religious assembly

#### **Module 5**

#### **OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY**

Theft-Snatching- Extortion-Robbery-Dacoity-Misappropriation of property -  
Criminal breach of trust- Mischief-Cheating-Fraudulent deeds- Criminal Trespass-  
House breaking-Offences relating to documents-Forgery-Falsification of accounts-  
Property mark-Offences relating to coins, currency notes.

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#### **Prescribed Readings (With Amendments)**

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