

**CRIMINAL LAW - I**  
**BHARATIYA NYAYA SANHITA, 2023**

**Objectives:**

The course is designed to enable the students to understand the key concepts of crime and criminal liability, methods of controlling crimes, specific offences under the Indian criminal law and to keep them abreast of the latest legislative and judicial developments in the field of criminal law.

**UNIT – I**

General Principles of Crime; Conceptions of Crime; Distinction between Crime, Morality and other wrongs.

Principles of criminal liability - Actusreus and mensrea and other related maxims, Variations in liability - Mistake, intoxication, compulsion, legally abnormal person; Possible parties to the crime, State obligation to detect/punish.

Historical background, Extent and Operation of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita; Definitions and General explanation (Ss 2-3); Trends towards Gender Neutrality, Punishments-Community Services (Ss 4 – 13); Commutation, Amount of Fine, Liability in default of payment of fine, Solitary Confinement, General exceptions (Ss 14 – 44).

**UNIT - II**

Inchoate Crimes- Abetment, Abetment of offence by a person outside India (Ss45 – 60); Criminal Conspiracy (S.61); Attempt (S.62);

Offences against women- Rape and other sexual offences, sexual intercourse by employing deceitful means (Ss63-73), Criminal force and assault against women(Ss74– 79), Offences relating to marriage-Dowry Death (S.80), Bigamy (S.82) & Cruelty (S.85 & S.86), Kidnapping (S. 87); Offences against child (Ss91-97).

**UNIT - III**

Offences against the Human Body - Offences affecting life – Culpable Homicide, Mob lynching (Ss 100, 102, 103, 105, 110), Murder, Hit and Run Cases, causing death by rash or negligent act (Ss 101, 104, 106, 109), Suicide( Ss 107– 108); Organized crimes (Ss 111– 112), Terrorist Act (S.113) ; Hurt, Grievous Hurt resulting in vegetative state or permanent disability (Ss 114 – 125); Wrongful Restraint and confinement (Ss126–127) ;Criminal force and assault (Ss128– 136);Kidnapping, including Kidnaping for beggary, abduction, slavery and forced labour (Ss137–146).

## **UNIT – IV**

Offences against State- Waging or attempting to wage war against the Government of India, Acts endangering sovereignty, unity and integrity of India. (Ss147 -158); Offences relating to elections, Coin, Currency notes etc. (Ss 168 – 188); Offences against public tranquility- Unlawful Assembly, Rioting, Affray, Promoting enmity between groups on the grounds of religion etc., imputations, assertions prejudicial to national integration (Ss189-190); Offences against public justice- False/fabricating evidence, Destruction of evidence, Harboring of Offender (Ss 227– 238); Public Nuisance (Ss.270-273); Mischief and Criminal Trespass (Ss 324-334); Forgery, Offences relating to property marks (Ss. 335 -344).

## **UNIT - V**

Offences against Property- Theft, Snatching (Ss303 – 307), Extortion (S.308), Robbery (S. 309 &S. 313), Dacoity(Ss310 – 312), Criminal misappropriation of property (Ss314–315), Criminal breach of trust (S 316), Receiving stolen property (S.317), Cheating(Ss318 -319); Defamation, Criminal Intimidation, Insult, Annoyance, etc. (Ss 351 – 356).

### **Prescribed Books :( The latest editions)**

1. J.W. Cecil Turner, Kenny's Outlines of Criminal Law, Cambridge University Press.
2. Ratanlal and Dhirajlal, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, LexisNexis (Recent edition with changed title)

### **Reference Books**

1. Bare Act- *Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.*
2. K D Guar, Text Book on The Bharatiya NyayaSanhita, 2023, Universal, LexisNexis
3. K D Gaur, Criminal Law: Cases and Materials , LexisNexis.
4. R C Nigam, Law of Crimes in India (Vol.I) Asia Publishing House.
5. K I Vibhute, P S AchuthanPillai's Criminal Law, LexisNexis.
6. Ratanlal and Dhirajlal's The Indian Penal Code LexisNexis
7. Glanville Williams,Text Book on Criminal Law, Sweet and Maxwell.

### **Important Note**

- The teachers and students have to refer the provisions as amended upto date referring the latest editions of books on the subject.