

**Chanakya National Law University, Patna**  
**B.A., LL.B. (H) & B.B.A., LL.B. (H) 2022-23; SEMESTER- III**

**Criminal Law – I**

**Indian Penal Code, 1860, The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace  
(Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 & The Prevention of  
Corruption Act, 1988**

**Course Overview**

Criminal Law is one of the most basic and traditional areas of law that moulds one's understanding about the entire legal system. This is an area of law that every single member of the society can relate to in some way or the other. This is an introductory course on criminal law designed to develop the ability to understand the meaning of crime and the essential principles of criminal liability and apply the same to factual life situation. It is designed to cover the relevant principles and provisions of the Indian Penal Code, 1860. The course aims to equip students to be able to read legal text and apply them to factual situations and to scrutinize certain areas of criminal law critically to develop ideas for reforming the present criminal justice system. It is designed to discuss the relevant amendments and judgments to acquaint the students with the recent developments in the field.

- Module one deals with the introductory content on criminal law such as essential elements of crime, stages of crime etc. It is designed for the better understanding of the following modules.
- Module two focuses on general exceptions that shapes understanding about criminal liability. It covers all the excusable and justifiable grounds based on which criminal liability can be set aside.
- Module three deals with preliminary/ inchoate offences which is more like an exception to the general rule regarding essential elements of criminal law. A variety of offences that is incomplete in nature is covered.
- Module four covers all the offences against human body under the Indian Penal Code, 1860.
- Module five covers all the offence against property under the Indian Penal Code, 1860.
- Module six deals with a set of crimes against women. Major offences such as rape, sexual harassment, acid attacks etc. are covered.
- Module seven covers anti-corruption law in India.

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the course, the students shall be able to:

1. Have a basic understanding of the general principles, concepts, and the key elements in the area of law of crimes.
2. Understand that this area of law is quite vast and dynamic and keep abreast with latest developments.
3. Exhibit the ability to read and interpret the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and evaluate judgments in law of crimes critically.
4. Critically examine the prevailing criminal law and propose reformative ideas.

## List of Topics/ Modules

Topic/ Module	Contents/ Concepts	Sessions / Lectures
<b>Module I: Introduction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crime: Meaning and Definition, Difference between crime and other wrongs</li><li>• Elements of crime: <i>mens rea</i> and <i>actus reus</i></li><li>• Stages of crime</li><li>• Crime Causation</li><li>• Extent and Scope of application of IPC</li><li>• Important Definitions</li><li>• Joint and Constructive Criminal Liability: Common Intention and Common Object</li><li>• Punishment: Meaning, Types and Purpose (<i>R v Dudley and Stephens</i>)</li><li>• Constitutionality of Death Penalty.</li></ul>	1-10
<b>Module II: General Exceptions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mistake of Fact &amp; Judicial Acts</li><li>• Accident and Misfortune</li><li>• Necessity</li><li>• Infancy</li><li>• Insanity or Mental Abnormality</li><li>• Intoxication</li></ul>	11-20

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consent and Compulsion</li> <li>• Trivial Act</li> <li>• Good Faith</li> <li>• Right of Private Defence of Body and Person</li> </ul>	
<b>Module III: Inchoate/ Preliminary Offences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• Possible Parties to a Crime</li> <li>• Inchoate Offences under IPC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Abetment</li> <li>○ Criminal Conspiracy</li> <li>○ Attempt (506-511)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	21-25
<b>Module IV: Offences against Human Body</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Culpable Homicide and Murder</li> <li>• Criminalisation of Attempt to Suicide</li> <li>• Constitutional Validity of Section 303</li> <li>• Hurt and Grievous hurt</li> <li>• Wrongful Restraint and Wrongful confinement</li> <li>• Criminal Force and Assault</li> <li>• Kidnapping and Abduction</li> <li>• Unnatural Offences</li> </ul>	26-35
<b>Module V: Offences against Property</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theft, Extortion, Robbery &amp; Dacoity</li> <li>• Criminal misappropriation of Property &amp; Criminal Breach of Trust</li> <li>• Receiving of stolen property</li> <li>• Cheating</li> <li>• Mischief</li> <li>• Criminal trespass</li> </ul>	36-45
<b>Module VI: Crime against Women under IPC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obscenity and Women (s. 292, 294)</li> <li>• Dowry Death (s. 304B)</li> <li>• Miscarriage (s. 312-316)</li> <li>• Acid Attacks</li> <li>• Assault or criminal force to outrage the Modesty of a Woman (s.354)</li> <li>• Sexual Harassment, Voyeurism, Disrobing a</li> </ul>	46-50

	<p>woman, Stalking (s. 354A-D)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rape (s. 375, 376)</li> <li>• Cruelty (s. 498A)</li> <li>• Insult the modesty of a woman (s. 509)</li> <li>• The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013: A brief overview</li> </ul>	
<b>Module VII: The Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History and background</li> <li>• Salient features</li> <li>• Meaning of Public Servant and Public Duty</li> <li>• Offences and Penalties</li> </ul>	51-53

#### **Recommended/Reference Textbooks and Resources:**

1. Glanville Williams, Text Book of Criminal Law, Universal Law Publishing Co., New Delhi, 2012.
2. Ratanlal and Dhirajlal, The Indian Penal Code, Lexis Nexis, Butterworths Wadhwa, Nagpur, 2012
3. K I Vibhuti, P S Achutham Pillai's Criminal Law, Lexis Nexis, Butterworths Wadhwa, Nagpur, 2012
4. K. D. Gaur, A Textbook on the Indian Penal Code, Universal Law Publishing Co., New Delhi, 2012.
5. J. W Cecil Turner, Kenny's Outlines of Criminal Law, 18<sup>th</sup> ed, Cambridge University Press, 1962.
6. Andrew Ashworth, Principles of Criminal Law, Oxford University Press, US, 2009.
7. Dr. H.S. Gaur, Penal Law of India, Law Publishers, Allahabad, 2013.

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