

# REVISED CRIMINAL LAWS (BNS, BNSS, AND BSA): LIFE SENTENCES, DEATH PENALTY FOR HATE CRIMES & MOB LYNCHING, TERRORISM

21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2025 (MONDAY)



CLS-GIBS organized a guest lecture for the students of Integrated BBA LLB (H) 4A and Integrated BA LLB (H) 4A on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025 as part of Jurist Day-9, on the topic “Revised Criminal Laws (BNS, BNSS, and BSA): Life Sentences, Death Penalty for Hate Crimes & Mob Lynching, Terrorism.”

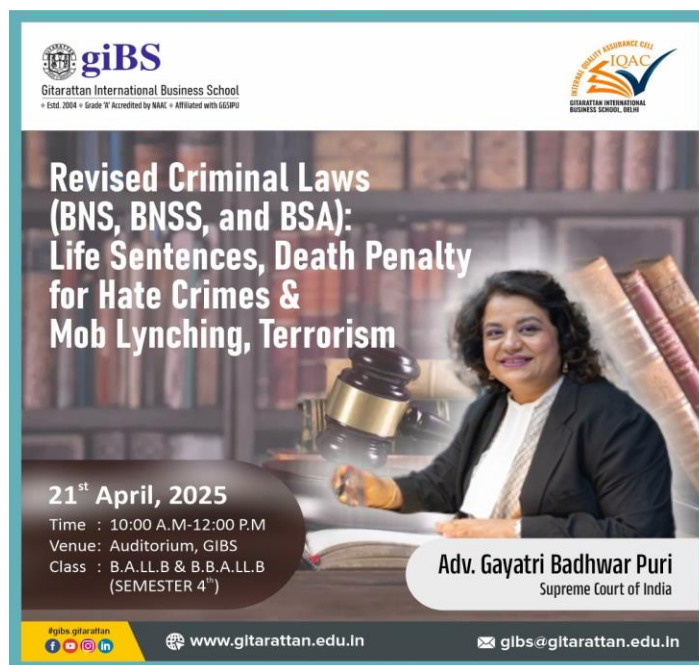
The session featured Advocate Gayatri Badhwar Puri, a distinguished legal expert practicing in the Supreme Court of India, as the keynote speaker. Her extensive experience and expertise in constitutional and criminal law enriched the lecture, making it a highly informative and thought-provoking experience for all attendees. The lecture began with an insightful introduction to the newly enacted criminal law frameworks—Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA). Adv. Puri explained how these reforms mark a historic shift in India’s legal system, aimed at making justice delivery more efficient and equitable.

She focused on the revised provisions for life imprisonment and the death penalty, particularly in the context of hate crimes, mob lynching, and terrorism-related offenses. Drawing from case laws and ongoing debates in the legal fraternity, Adv. Puri elaborated on how these reforms are designed to curb violent crimes and promote a more structured approach to criminal trials.

A major highlight of the lecture was her discussion on the balance between human rights and national security, and how the legal system can evolve to meet both domestic and global expectations. She also provided clarity on procedural advancements and addressed concerns around the admissibility of evidence, burden of proof, and safeguards against misuse under the new laws. The session ended with a vibrant Q&A session, where students asked compelling questions about the ethical boundaries of the death penalty, judicial discretion in sentencing, and challenges in prosecuting terrorism under the new legal regime. Adv. Puri responded with legal precision and practical wisdom, engaging the audience deeply.

This session was a valuable academic enrichment opportunity that provided students with a comprehensive understanding of contemporary criminal law reforms and their broader implications on India’s justice system.

## FLYER OF THE EVENT



<b>TYPE OF EVENT</b>	Jurist Day
<b>VENUE</b>	Auditorium, GIBS
<b>TIME &amp; DURATION</b>	10:00 A.M to 12:00 P.M
<b>CONDUCTED BY</b>	CLS GIBS
<b>ORGANISED FOR</b>	Integrated BALLB (H) and Integrated BBALLB (H) 4 <sup>th</sup> Semester
<b>NAME OF THE COORDINATOR</b>	Ms. Nikita
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	73
<b>RESOURCE PERSON</b>	Advocate Gayatri Badhwar Puri, Supreme Court of India

<p><b>OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To emphasize the significance of the revised criminal laws—BNS, BNSS, BSA in addressing serious offenses such as life imprisonment, the death penalty for hate crimes and mob lynching, and terrorism.</li> <li>• To demonstrate how these legal reforms strengthen India’s justice system by ensuring stricter punishments, enhancing procedural safeguards, and promoting faster, fairer adjudication of criminal cases.</li> <li>• To analyze the gaps in the earlier criminal justice framework and highlight how the new legal provisions aim to bridge these gaps by improving clarity, enforceability, and victim protection.</li> <li>• To provide practical insights into the application of the revised laws, enabling students to understand their real-world implications on investigation, prosecution, and judicial decision-making.</li> <li>• To examine the legal, ethical, and procedural considerations surrounding the use of capital punishment, counter-terrorism laws, and trial mechanisms within the framework of the revised criminal codes</li> </ul>
<p><b>LEARNING OUTCOME</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students understood the impact of the revised criminal laws on serious offenses such as life sentences, the death penalty, and terrorism-related crimes, and how these laws contribute to</li> </ul>

	<p>effective law enforcement in India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students understood how they aim to strengthen India’s justice system by improving legal clarity, enforcement mechanisms, and procedural efficiency.</li> <li>• Students were able to identify the shortcomings in the previous legal framework and analyze how the updated provisions address those gaps to ensure timely and just adjudication of serious criminal offenses.</li> <li>• Students understood the legal, ethical, and procedural challenges associated with implementing stricter punishments, handling terrorism cases, and ensuring due process in accordance with constitutional principles.</li> </ul>
<b>SHORT FALL DURING EVENT</b>	A few students arrived late to the session, which caused minor disruption at the beginning.
<b>LINK OF ONLINE VIDEO</b>	<a href="https://youtu.be/pTzIShZPlgM">https://youtu.be/pTzIShZPlgM</a>

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