

JURIST DAY

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY AND CUSTODIAL JUSTICE: NEW SAFEGUARDS UNDER BNSS

13th OCTOBER 2025 (MONDAY)



Gitarattan International Business School (GIBS) organized a guest lecture for 5th-semester students of Integrated BALLB (H) and Integrated BALLB (H) on 13.10.2025, focusing on the topic of “Police Accountability and Custodial Justice: New Safeguards under BNSS.” The event featured Shri Sukhdev Singh, Retired Additional & Sessions Judge as the key speaker, who provided an in-depth analysis of this evolving legal area.

The lecture began with an introduction to the topic, highlighting the increasing importance of police accountability and custodial justice in light of the recent legislative shift from the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), 1973 to the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023. As India undertakes major criminal law reforms, understanding the evolving framework governing law enforcement practices has become essential for future legal professionals.

Shri Sukhdev Singh conducted the session, focusing on the statutory changes introduced under the BNSS and how these impact the mechanisms of accountability in policing and the protection of custodial rights. He explained the key provisions that aim to enhance transparency in police functioning, including mandatory videography of search and seizure operations, timelines for filing chargesheets, and measures to prevent custodial abuse.

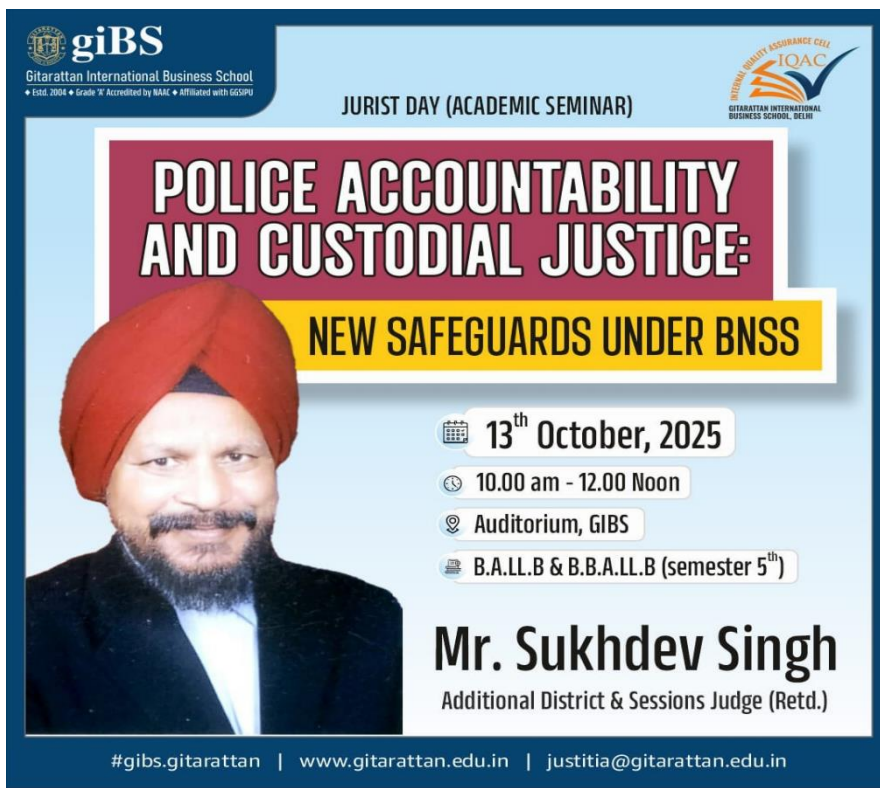
The lecture also addressed the broader issues of human rights in the criminal justice system, emphasizing the need for legal safeguards to prevent misuse of power and ensure procedural fairness. Shri Sukhdev highlighted the critical role of legal practitioners, civil society, and oversight bodies in holding law enforcement agencies accountable.

He further explored career opportunities in the field of criminal law, human rights advocacy, and public interest litigation, encouraging students to engage with legal reform and institutional accountability through both litigation and policy work.

The event concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session, where students raised queries about the practical implementation of BNSS provisions and the scope for judicial review in cases of custodial injustice. Shri Sukhdev addressed these queries with clarity, offering practical insights drawn from his professional experience.

The session proved to be an invaluable opportunity for students to gain a deeper understanding of how the new criminal procedure framework under BNSS aims to reshape the landscape of police accountability and custodial justice in India.

FLYER OF THE EVENT



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13th October, 2025
 10.00 am - 12.00 Noon
 Auditorium, GIBS
 B.A.LL.B & B.B.A.LL.B (semester 5th)

Mr. Sukhdev Singh
 Additional District & Sessions Judge (Retd.)

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TYPE OF EVENT	Co-curricular
VENUE	Auditorium, GIBS
TIME & DURATION	10:00 A.M to 12:00 P.M
CONDUCTED BY	IQAC and CLS GIBS
ORGANISED FOR	Integrated BALLB (H) and Integrated BALLB (H)5 th Semester
NAME OF THE COORDINATOR	Mr. Raghav Budakoti
ATTENDANCE	89
RESOURCE PERSON	Shri Sukhdev Singh, Retired Additional & Sessions Judge

OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT	1. To raise awareness among law students about the key safeguards under BNSS, such as designated officers for custodial complaints and mandatory audio-video recordings, equipping them with foundational knowledge for future legal practice. 2. To facilitate student dialogues to develop implementation guidelines and monitoring mechanisms for custodial justice, while evaluating early challenges and encouraging recommendations for policy reforms to enhance police accountability.
LEARNING OUTCOME	1. Students will build capacity through targeted sessions on ethical arrest procedures, medical examinations upon detention, and protocols to prevent torture, fostering critical thinking in constitutional law. 2. Students will engage in interactive dialogues for developing implementation guidelines and monitoring mechanisms tailored to custodial justice. 3. Victim-centric approaches will be developed by the students, including compensation for malicious arrests and protections for vulnerable groups like women, the elderly, and the infirm, through case study analyses. 4. Students will be made aware about BNSS's vital protections like dedicated personnel for custody issues and required electronic logs, preparing them with key basics for their careers.

	5. Students will evaluate early implementation challenges and encourage recommendations for policy reforms to strengthen police accountability.
SHORT FALL DURING EVENT	Students were talking at the back.
LINK OF ONLINE VIDEO	https://youtu.be/I0CqmQHm8kY

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