

**REVISITING THE DEATH PENALTY AND
LIFE IMPRISONMENT IN LIGHT OF INDIA'S
NEW CRIMINAL CODES
26TH FEBRUARY 2026 (THURSDAY)**



Gitarattan International Business School successfully organized Jurist Day: 04 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, centered on the theme “Revisiting the Death Penalty and Life Imprisonment in Light of India’s New Criminal Codes”.The event was honored by the presence of the Chief Guest, Hon’ble Justice Mr. Rajesh Tandon,Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Former Judge, High Court of Uttarakhand. The Hon’ble Guest was accorded a green welcome by Prof. (Dr.) Afzal Wani.

Hon’ble Justice Mr. RajeshTandon then delivered an insightful and thought-provoking address. He critically examined the evolving sentencing framework under India’s reformed criminal laws. He elaborated on the constitutional principles governing capital punishment and life imprisonment, with particular reference to the doctrine of the “rarest of rare” cases and the need for balancing justice with human rights considerations. He emphasized that sentencing must reflect proportionality, fairness, and judicial prudence while responding to contemporary societal concerns.

His lecture reflected on:

- The constitutional validity and judicial interpretation of the death penalty in India.
- The continuing relevance of the “rarest of rare” doctrine in light of the new criminal codes.
- The distinction between life imprisonment and capital punishment within the framework of sentencing policy.
- The broader human rights and ethical dimensions involved in awarding irreversible punishments.

As a mark of respect and appreciation, a memento and a formal letter of gratitude were also presented to the Hon’ble Speaker by Prof. (Dr.) Afzal Wani in recognition of his valuable time and enlightening deliberation.

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TYPE OF EVENT	Academic
VENUE	Auditorium, GIBS
TIME & DURATION	11:00AM-1:00PM
CONDUCTED BY	CLS-GIBS
ORGANISED FOR	Integrated BALLB (H) & BALLB (H) 4 th Semester
NAME OF THE COORDINATOR	Dr. Jyoti Gupta
ATTENDANCE	195
RESOURCE PERSON	Retd. Justice Rajesh Tandon, Former Judge in Uttarakhand

<p>OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To critically examine the evolving framework of capital punishment and life imprisonment under India's newly enacted criminal laws (Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita replacing the Indian Penal Code). 2. To analyse the constitutional principles governing sentencing, particularly Article 14 and Article 21 of the Constitution of India, in light of contemporary judicial trends. 3. To understand the 'rarest of rare' doctrine evolved in <i>Bachan Singh v. State of Punjab</i> and its continued relevance under the new criminal codes. 4. To promote academic discourse on the ethical, human rights, and penological justifications surrounding death penalty and life imprisonment in modern India.
<p>LEARNING OUTCOME</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interpret and compare the provisions relating to death penalty and life imprisonment under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and the earlier Indian Penal Code, 1860. 2. Evaluate judicial reasoning applied by the Supreme Court in awarding capital punishment, especially through landmark precedents. 3. Critically assess whether the new criminal codes strengthen, reform, or merely continue the existing sentencing framework. 4. Develop informed legal arguments for and against capital punishment from constitutional, human rights, and criminological perspectives.
<p>SHORT FALL DURING EVENT</p>	<p>Students were talking at the back.</p>

LINK OF ONLINE VIDEO

<https://youtu.be/PAya1cDP4t4>

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