

A Session on Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023

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The ICAFI University Sikkim, in collaboration with the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority (SLSA), successfully organized an enlightening session on the *Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) 2023*. The session aimed to enhance participants' understanding of India's evolving criminal justice system, address existing gaps and inefficiencies, and highlight the justice-centric approach embedded in the recent legal reforms.

The event was graced by Miss Sanskriti Giri, a BA LLB II student, who extended a warm welcome to the distinguished resource person, *Advocate Zola Megi an esteemed legal practitioner with 16 years of experience handling civil, criminal, and family cases across various courts in Sikkim, including the Hon'ble High Court*, was joined by Dr. Khina Maya Rimal, Dean Academics, and Ms. Soni Subedi, Head of the Law Department, along with faculty members and law students.

The session commenced with a warm welcome extended to the guest speaker, Advocate Zola Megi, by Dr. Jagannath Patnaik, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Rohit Rathi, Registrar, and Dr. Khina Maya Rimal, Dean Academics, who presented her with a khada as a token of respect.

Key Highlights of the Session :

Advocate Zola Megi's address was the highlight of the session, where she provided a comprehensive overview of the BNSS 2023 and its significance in streamlining criminal justice processes. She elaborated on the law's role in strengthening individual rights, ensuring transparency, and enhancing efficiency within the legal framework.

Some of the key points discussed during the session were:

- **Time-bound investigations and trials:** The BNSS aims to reduce prolonged legal proceedings, which have historically led to significant case backlogs.
- **Faster delivery of justice:** By eliminating delays, the new law ensures that justice is served in a timely manner, thereby strengthening public trust in the legal system.

- **Reforms for a better justice system:** The BNSS 2023 introduces significant legal changes, prioritizing victim rights, accountability, and procedural efficiency in criminal investigations and trials.

The session was highly interactive, with students and faculty engaging in discussions on various aspects of the BNSS, including its implementation, potential challenges, and the broader impact on India's criminal justice system. Advocate Megi patiently addressed the queries, further enriching the participants' understanding.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Doram Sangbia, a BA LLB student, who expressed sincere gratitude to Advocate Zola Megi for her insightful presentation. Appreciation was also extended to the faculty members and students for their active participation, making the event a resounding success.

The event was widely regarded as a significant learning experience, offering students and faculty a deeper understanding of the BNSS 2023 and its implications.

ICFAI University Sikkim was honoured to host Advocate Zola Megi, whose expertise greatly contributed to the success of the program. The University reaffirmed its commitment to promoting legal literacy within the academic community, marking this event as a crucial step in fostering awareness of India's evolving legal landscape.