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➔ **New criminal laws in effect ; amendments soon**

From July 1 , 0:00 hrs three new criminal laws have been implemented in the country . All police stations Has no option but to apply the three new criminal laws .

➔ **States can bring their own laws in certain provisions of BNSS .**

Several non-BJP states objected to the implementation . Government has said that states can bring their own amendments to certain provisions of Bhartiya Nyay Suraksha samhita ( BNSS ) that replaces the code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) .

Cases registered before 1 July , and case that is registered after 1 July but crime was committed before 1 July will be dealt through IPC .

So IPC and the three criminal laws will work concurrently for the time being .

The three new Criminal laws Bhartiya Nyay Samhita ( BNS ) , Bhartiya Nyaya Suraksha Samhita ( BNSS ) and Bhatiya Sakshaya ( BS ) will replace previous Indian Penal Code ( IPC ) , Code of Criminal Procedure ( Cr PC ) , and Indian Evidence Act ,1872 ( IEA ) respectively .

BNS deals with the punishment in different crimes . BNSS deals with procedures used by police and BS deals with methods and procedures of evidence collection .

Several Amendments is expected to come soon like law on sexual assault on males and Transgender .

➔ **What is new ?**

- Provision of zero FIR allowing filing of zero FIR at the police station. I , regardless of jurisdiction .
- Online Registration of police complaints and mandatory videography of crime scenes for all heinous crimes .
- A person can now report incidents by electronic communication without need to visit a police station .
- Judgement in criminal case has to come within 45 days of completion of trial
- Provision agaisnt false promoses of marriages , gang rape of minors and mob lynching .
- Statement of woman police officer will be recorded by woman police officer in the presence of her guardian or relative .
- Death sentence orn. life imprisonment for gang rape of minors .
- Sedition has to be replaced with ' secession ' or ' act against countries sovereignty, integrity and unity .

➔ **Electronic evidence**

The BNSS mandates compulsory audio visual recording of search and seizure in. each criminal case and mandatory forensic examiner in all cases that attract punishment above seven years .

Home ministry is testing me Sakshya app to help police record scene of crime searhc and seizure of criminal cases and upload files to cloud based platform .

➔ **Concern emerges over BNSS provision of police custody**

The new provisions under BNSS has changed the period of police custody .

The Code of Criminal Procedure ( CrPC ) allows jurisdictional magistrate to grant police custody for upto 15 days in case police investigation is not completed within 24 hours .

BNSS says , police custody of 15 days can be extended to 40 to 60 days during the initial period of 60 ro 90 days of judicial custody .

Human right activists are apprehensive that the provision could pave the way for police to indulge in extrajudicial measures .

→ **Indian diplomat summoned over sailor's death**

Sri Lanka's Ministry of foreign affairs summoned an official from the Indian high commissioner in Colombo, and voiced its concern over death of Sri Lankan Naval sailor on June 25.

The Naval sailor died due to "aggressive manoeuvres of a Indian trawler", that resisted directions of patrol unit, according to Sri Lankan Naval official. The accident happened in Kankesanthurai.

There is long term demand by Sri Lankan fishing community from the Indian side to stop using the destructive bottom trawling method of fishing.

India is in favour of regulating bottom trawling rather than removing it.

Bottom trawling destroys the natural seafood habitat by essential retotalling of seabed. All the bottom dwelling animals are affected.

→ **DRDO takes up study for the development of indigenous submarine**

DRDO has conducted preliminary study on the design and development of an indigenous conventional submarine under Project 76.

Under Project 76, there will be substantial Indigenisation of content, including weapons, missiles, combat management system, sonar, communication etc.

India does not build submarines Indigenously.

Currently India procures submarines from other countries and is built in Indian shipyards under the P75I program. The P75I program is going to expire soon.

Under current procurement of submarines, India is looking to procure six submarines.

The countries shortlisted are: Russia, Germany, Spain, France, South Korea.

The submarine will be built in a Indian shipyard

→ **India identified 641 fauna species and 339 taxa**

- The Ministry of Environment has released a list of newly discovered flora and fauna in India in 2023.
- A total of 641 species has – 442 entirely new to science and 199 newly recorded to country were added to the list of Indian fauna.
- Among them are 339 taxa --326 species and 13 infraspecific taxa.
- Kerala topped the list with 101 additions, followed by West Bengal 72 and Tamil Nadu 64.
- Among the new plant discoveries were :
  - *Curcuma Kachingense* : a new species of turmeric discovered in Kakching in Manipur.
  - *Asystasia Venuri* : A flowering plant discovered in Howrah botanical park
- Animal discoveries include :
  - *Miniopterus Srinii* – Bent winged in Kodagu district of Karnataka.

→ **General Dwivedi assumes the charge of Chief of army staff**

General Upendra Dwivedi took oath as Chief Of Army Staff (COAS) on Sunday after General Manoj Pande's supernatural

→ **Modi's visit to Moscow timely, say experts**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Russia on July 8 and 9.
- The visit is expected to focus on strategic, economic and military ties.
- The Modi-Putin talk is expected to focus on the rise of India-China trade. due to India's import of oil issues arising from western sanctions, building on the Chennai-Vladivostok maritime route
- And concluding of Reciprocal Exchange of Logistical arrangement (RELOS) that will pave the way for more defense exchanges.
- This will be PM Modi's first bilateral visit after Lok Sabha election results.
- Last time the two leaders met on the sidelines of the SCO summit in Uzbekistan in 2022.
- SCO meeting will be held on 4th July in Astana, Kazakhstan. PM Modi has deputed EAM S Jaishankar for this visit.

## world

### → **Taliban members meet Afghanistan UN envoy in Doha**

- Under the United Nations Strategic Framework for Afghanistan ( UNSFA ) , representatives of Afghanistan Taliban began meeting with UN envoys in Doha , Qatar .
- This was the third meeting of UNSFA . But Taliaban was invited for the first time .
- Civil society groups including women's right organisations outcried that invitation ti Taliban would legitimise their gender based oppression .
- UNSFA was formed in 2023 to resolve the issues in Afghanistan after being taken over by the Taliban .

Currently no country recognises Taliban ruled government in Afghanistan .

### → **Women bombers kill 18 in coordinated attack in Nigeria**

- women suicide bombers targetted a wedding , a funeral and a hospital in coordinated attack in North Nigeria .
- The first bombers detonated during a marriage celebration in the north eastern town of Gwozo .
- No one has claimed responsibility of the attack .
- In the past Boko haram has used women in suicide bombing .
- Boko Haram and Islamic states are two major terrorist group active in the region . Their mandate is to build Islamic state in Nigeria .



## Sports

### → **Jadeja too walks into the sunset**

- Ravindra Jadeja too has decided to hung his boots in T 20 internationals after India won World Cup .
- Earlier Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli has announced his retirement from T 20 internationals .