F. No. AICTE/P&AP/Circular/2024

Date: 20th June, 2024

CIRCULAR

To,
All Vice Chancellors of Technical Universities
Directorates of Technical Education (All States /UTs) and
All Directors/Principals of AICTE Approved Institutions

Subject: Commencement of the new Criminal Laws on 1st July, 2024

Respected Sir/Madam,

Please refer to D.O letter D.O. No. A.44011/05/2024-E.1 dated 13th June, 2024 from Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India to the Chairman, AICTE (Copy enclosed).

As informed in our previous circular issued and uploaded on the AICTE’s website on 16th February, 2024, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023, replaced the British era colonial laws, namely, the Indian Penal Code, 1860, the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 respectively.

The three new Criminal Laws come into effect on 1st day of July, 2024. Therefore, it is requested that coinciding with the commencement of the new Criminal Laws on 1st July, 2024, all HEIs organize day-long activities including focused group discussions, workshops, seminars, Q&A sessions, quizzes on various provisions of new Criminal Laws highlighting the major transformation intended to achieve the ends of Justice or Nyaya. HEIs are requested to ensure wider participation of students, faculty members, non-teaching staff and other stakeholders.

We deeply appreciate your time and engagement.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. Mamta Rani Agarwal)
D.O. No. A.44011/05/2024-E.I (pt.)

Date: 13th June, 2024

Dear Sir,

Please refer to my D.O letter of even no. dt. 5th March, 2024 regarding publicity for creating awareness of the three new Criminal Laws, namely, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023, which will replace the British era colonial laws, namely, the Indian Penal Code, 1860, the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 respectively.

2. The Central Government has appointed the 1st day of July, 2024 as the date on which the provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (45 of 2023), the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (46 of 2023) and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 (47 of 2023) shall come into force. A copy of the Gazette Notifications dated 24th February, 2024 in this regard are enclosed for your reference.

3. It is noted with appreciation that HEIs have organized seminars, workshops, lecture series on various provisions of 3 new Criminal Laws for dissemination amongst students, staff and wider community. It is requested that a repeat of activities during the next fortnight may also be taken by way of reinforcement and as build-up to the commencement of new Criminal Laws on 1st July, 2024.

4. It is further requested that coinciding with the commencement of the new Criminal Laws on 1st July, 2024, all HEIs may be directed to organize a day - long activity including focused group discussions, workshops, seminars, Q&A sessions, quizzes on various provisions of new Criminal Laws highlighting the major transformation intended to achieve the ends of Justice or Nyay and ensure wider participation of students and faculties and other staff.

Regard,

Yours sincerely,

(K. Sanjay Murthy)

Encl.: As above.

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