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**Report on Awareness Program Regarding New Criminal Laws**

In order to create awareness about the new three criminal laws “Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita” Department of Political Science Government Degree College organised a mega awareness program on 10-04-2025 in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Police Sub-Division Kangan and District Legal Service Authority Ganderbal. This aim of the program was to enlighten the faculty, staff, and students about the latest developments in the Indian legal framework.

Dr Mohd Younis Thoker Head Department of Urdu presided over the program and welcomed all the guests present on the occasion. Mr Manzoor Ahmad Inspector Police Station Kangan gave a detailed talk about the three new criminal laws and how they will protect the citizens and ensure transparent & speedy justice. He emphasized the need of creating awareness among the general public, so that the transformative reforms will have a positive impact on all in general and specifically on the women and children.

Mr Tanveer Ashraf Assistant legal Aid Counsellor spoke about the new code replacing CrPC, emphasizing victim-centric reforms, increased use of technology in investigation (like electronic records and digital FIRs), and stringent bail conditions for serious offenses. She praised the structural shift towards speedy and transparent justice delivery.

Prof Zahoor Ahmad Dar Head Department of Political Science through his Power point Presentation explained the key features and objectives of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, which replaces the IPC. He elaborated on the new provisions related to mob lynching, terrorism, and gender-based crimes. He also appreciated the focus on time-bound investigations and trials. He highlighted the inclusion of digital evidence, reversal of burden of proof in certain cases, and changes in admissibility rules.

The program concluded with Q&A session followed the expert talks where students and faculty members posed thoughtful questions. The experts addressed the queries with real-life examples, making the discussion highly interactive and educational. Prof. Waseem Yaseen Head of the Department of Environmental Science delivered a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the speakers and participants for making the event a great success.

The awareness program was very informative, fulfilling its objective of disseminating knowledge on India's evolving criminal justice system. It underscored the importance of legal literacy and empowered attendees to be more informed and responsible citizens.





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