

# New Criminal Laws 2024 Complete Section Mapping

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Every old provision matched to its replacement — in one reference

**CrPC 1973 → BNSS 2023** 539 provisions

**IPC 1860 → BNS 2023** 577 provisions

**IEA 1872 → BSA 2023** 188 provisions

**1304 provisions mapped**

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# Code of Criminal Procedure → Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita

CrPC 1973 → BNSS 2023 · 539 provisions mapped

| CRPC 1973      | BNSS 2023 | SUBJECT                                                                                  | WHAT CHANGED                                                                                                   |
|----------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Not Applicable | 37(c)     | <b>Designated Officer Info</b><br>Designated officer to maintain information of arrests  | New provision for digital information flow                                                                     |
| Not Applicable | 356       | <b>Trial in Absentia</b><br>Inquiry, trial or judgment in absence of proclaimed offender | NEW REVOLUTIONARY SECTION: Allows full trial and conviction of absconders in their absence                     |
| Not Applicable | 398       | <b>Witness Protection Scheme</b>                                                         | New Section: Mandates State Govt to prepare Witness Protection Scheme                                          |
| Not Applicable | 472       | <b>Mercy Petition</b><br>Mercy petition in death sentence cases                          | NEW SECTION: Strict timelines for filing mercy petition (30 days) and disposal by Governor/President (60 days) |
| Not Applicable | 530       | <b>Electronic Trial</b><br>Trial and proceedings to be held in electronic mode           | REVOLUTIONARY: Allows all trials, inquiries, and proceedings to be conducted electronically                    |
| 1              | 1         | <b>Short Title</b><br>Short title, extent and commencement                               | Name changed to Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023                                                       |
| 2              | 2         | <b>Definitions</b><br>Definitions of legal terms used in the Code                        | Added definitions for 'Audio-video electronic means', 'Electronic communication'                               |
| 3              | 3         | <b>Construction of References</b><br>Construction of references                          | References updated/removed as per new definitions                                                              |
| 4              | 4         | <b>Trial of Offences</b><br>Trial of offences under the Indian Penal Code and other laws | Refers to Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) instead of IPC                                                         |
| 5              | 5         | <b>Savings</b><br>Saving                                                                 | Moved to Repeal and Savings section                                                                            |
| 6              | 6         | <b>Classes of Courts</b><br>Classes of Criminal Courts                                   | Metropolitan Magistrates removed (Metropolitan areas concept abolished)                                        |
| 7              | 7         | <b>Territorial Divisions</b><br>Territorial divisions                                    | Concept of Sessions Divisions simplified                                                                       |
| 8              | Removed   | <b>Metropolitan Areas</b><br>Power to declare metropolitan areas                         | Concept of 'Metropolitan Area' abolished entirely in BNSS                                                      |
| 9              | 8         | <b>Court of Session</b><br>Establishment of Court of Session                             | No significant change                                                                                          |
| 10             | Removed   | <b>Subordination of Judges</b><br>Subordination of Assistant Sessions Judges             | No significant change                                                                                          |
| 11             | 9         | <b>Judicial Magistrates</b><br>Establishment of Courts of Judicial Magistrates           | Reference to Metropolitan areas removed                                                                        |
| 12             | 10        | <b>CJM Appointment</b><br>Appointment of Chief Judicial Magistrate                       | Term 'Chief Metropolitan Magistrate' removed                                                                   |
| 13             | 11        | <b>Special JMs</b><br>Appointment of Special Judicial Magistrates                        | No significant change                                                                                          |
| 14             | 12        | <b>Local Jurisdiction (JM)</b><br>Local jurisdiction of Judicial Magistrates             | No significant change                                                                                          |
| 15             | 13        | <b>Subordination (JM)</b><br>Subordination of Judicial Magistrates                       | CMM subordination clause removed                                                                               |
| 16             | Removed   | <b>Metropolitan Courts</b><br>Courts of Metropolitan Magistrates                         | Abolished. Replaced by Judicial Magistrates                                                                    |

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| 17        | Removed   | <b>CMM Appointment</b><br>Chief Metropolitan Magistrate and Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate | Abolished. Now designated as Chief Judicial Magistrates (CJM)                          |
| 18        | Removed   | <b>Special MM</b><br>Special Metropolitan Magistrates                                                | Abolished                                                                              |
| 19        | Removed   | <b>MM Subordination</b><br>Subordination of Metropolitan Magistrates                                 | Abolished                                                                              |
| 20        | 14        | <b>Executive Magistrates</b><br>Appointment of Executive Magistrates                                 | No significant change                                                                  |
| 21        | 15        | <b>Special Exec. Magistrates</b><br>Appointment of Special Executive Magistrates                     | No significant change                                                                  |
| 22        | 16        | <b>Jurisdiction (EM)</b><br>Local jurisdiction of Executive Magistrates                              | No significant change                                                                  |
| 23        | 17        | <b>Subordination (EM)</b><br>Subordination of Executive Magistrates                                  | No significant change                                                                  |
| 24        | 18        | <b>Public Prosecutors</b><br>Appointment of Public Prosecutors                                       | Clarified experience requirements and appointment process                              |
| 25        | 19        | <b>Asst. Public Prosecutors</b><br>Appointment of Assistant Public Prosecutors                       | No significant change                                                                  |
| 25A       | 20        | <b>Directorate of Prosecution</b><br>Structure of Directorate of Prosecution                         | Clarified administrative control                                                       |
| 26        | 21        | <b>Triable Courts</b><br>Courts by which offences are triable                                        | Updated references to BNS sections                                                     |
| 27        | Removed   | <b>Juvenile Jurisdiction</b><br>Jurisdiction in case of juveniles                                    | No significant change                                                                  |
| 28        | 22        | <b>Sentences (High Court)</b><br>Sentences which High Courts and Sessions Judges may pass            | No significant change                                                                  |
| 29        | 23        | <b>Sentences (Magistrates)</b><br>Sentences which Magistrates may pass                               | JM 1st Class fine up to ₹50,000 (was ₹10,000); JM 2nd Class up to ₹10,000 (was ₹5,000) |
| 30        | 24        | <b>Default Imprisonment</b><br>Sentence of imprisonment in default of fine                           | No significant change                                                                  |
| 31        | 25        | <b>Several Offences</b><br>Sentence in cases of conviction of several offences at one trial          | Clarified consecutive vs concurrent sentencing                                         |
| 32        | 26        | <b>Conferring Powers</b><br>Mode of conferring powers                                                | No significant change                                                                  |
| 33        | 27        | <b>Powers of Officers</b><br>Powers of officers appointed                                            | No significant change                                                                  |
| 34        | 28        | <b>Withdrawal of Powers</b><br>Withdrawal of powers                                                  | No significant change                                                                  |
| 35        | 29        | <b>Successor Powers</b><br>Powers of Judges and Magistrates exercisable by their successors          | No significant change                                                                  |
| 36        | 30        | <b>Police Superior Powers</b><br>Powers of superior officers of police                               | No significant change                                                                  |
| 37        | 31        | <b>Public Assistance</b><br>Public when to assist Magistrates and police                             | No significant change                                                                  |