Integration of Artificial Intelligence in New Criminal Laws in India: Challenges Ahead

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Abstract*: Artificial Intelligence (AI) is traversing through various sectors including the field of law enforcement. Legal processes, policing, surveillance, collection of evidences, data gathering can be done easily by the Artificial intelligence. AI has the potential to transform the Indian Criminal Justice System into a technologically driven justice delivery system. India has moved forward into the digital era with the introduction of new criminal laws which came into force from July 2024. The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha sanhita (BNSS) and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) are the three new criminal legislations which emphasizes the use of technology in criminal justice system. The legal system in India is thereby undergoing a paradigm shift with these three new laws which aims at modernizing the criminal justice system by replacing the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) and the Indian Evidence Act. Integration of AI in to criminal justice system is an inevitable fact now and therefore it becomes very important to know its implications. This paper attempts to examine the interface of AI with the new criminal laws while balancing the efficiency, transparency and effectiveness of criminal justice system while upholding the rights and ethical standards intact.*

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