



Review Meeting on New Criminal Laws Implementation in J&K

Why in News?

Recently, **the Union Home Minister** chaired a review meeting in New Delhi to assess the implementation of [three new criminal laws](#) in Jammu and Kashmir.

- [The Lieutenant Governor](#) and [Chief Minister](#) of [the Union territory](#) attended the meeting.

Key Points

▪ Key Areas of Review:

- The meeting evaluated the implementation and current status of various new provisions related to:
 - Police reforms
 - Prison management
 - Judicial processes
 - Prosecution and forensic advancements
- Senior officials from [the Ministry of Home Affairs \(MHA\)](#), including the Union Home Secretary, Chief Secretary, **Director General of Police (DGP)** of Jammu and Kashmir, Director General of [the Bureau of Police Research and Development \(BPRD\)](#), and Director General of [the National Crime Records Bureau \(NCRB\)](#) participated in the discussions.

▪ Implementation Deadline:

- The Union Minister directed the Jammu and Kashmir administration to ensure full implementation of the three new criminal laws by April 2025.
- He emphasized optimal use of technology to **facilitate speedy justice under the new legal framework.**
- He also called for the urgent implementation of the [‘Trial in Absentia’ provision](#) in the union territory.

▪ Strengthening Police Accountability:

- He **directed the administration to hold police officers accountable** for expediting charge sheet filings.
- He instructed that every police station in Jammu and Kashmir should maximize the use of [the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System \(NAFIS\)](#).
- He **mandated 100% training of investigating officers on the new legal provisions.**

▪ Monitoring Provisions on Terrorism and Organized Crime:

- The Union Minister emphasized that decisions regarding [terrorism](#) and [organized crime cases](#) should undergo thorough **scrutiny at the Superintendent of Police (SP)** level.
- He stressed the need for **strict monitoring to prevent misuse of the provisions** under the new laws.

▪ Periodic Review of Implementation:

- He directed that the progress of implementation should be reviewed at three levels:
 - Weekly by the Director General of Police (DGP)
 - Fortnightly by the Chief Secretary
 - Monthly by the Chief Minister

National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS)

- NAFIS, a nationwide database managed by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), swiftly stores crime-related fingerprints and assigns a **unique 10-digit National Fingerprint Number (NFN)** to apprehended criminals within 24 hours.
 - NFN remains with the offender for life, connecting various crimes under different FIRs to the same ID.
 - ID comprises state code (first two digits) and sequential number, specific to states.
 - NAFIS swiftly identifies persons of interest, linking their names to warrants, warnings, and related criminal data in police reference systems.
- It operates from **New Delhi's Central Fingerprint Bureau(CFPB)**.
- It aims to collect fingerprint data of criminals from all Indian states and Union Territories, offering a web-based platform for real-time uploading, tracking, and retrieval of information by law enforcement agencies.

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