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Q5(b)

The soul of the new law, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) is Justice, Equality and Impartiality based on Indian culture and ethos. Discuss this in the light of major shift from a doctrine of punishment to justice in the present judicial system.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 • GS IV • 10 marks • Probity in Governance

Probity in Governance: Concept of public service; Philosophical basis of governance and probity; Information sharing and transparency in government, Right to Information, Codes of Ethics, Codes of Conduct, Citizen's Charters, Work culture, Quality of service delivery, Utilization of public funds, challenges of corruption.

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CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964

The principal Union code of conduct for civilian employees: gifts, politics, criticism, property, sexual harassment and related duties.

Nolan principles

Seven principles of public life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty, leadership.

Second ARC

The commission that pressed ethics in governance, codes, and institutional integrity beyond mere conduct lists.

BNS, 2023

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita replaced the IPC; it came into force in 2024 with community service and several newly named harms.

Community service

A sentence meant to repair and reintegrate rather than only warehouse; ethically it must not become public shaming of the weak.

Sedition recast

The old IPC sedition clause was a colonial speech crime; BNS uses a sovereignty-endangerment frame that still needs strict, impartial use.

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