The Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi, was established with the pious vision to transform Karnataka State into a legally conscious society. The mission is to promote research activities to create basis for making law and legal institutions socially vibrant. The University periodically organises conferences, workshops, etc., on issues that affect society, to provide a platform to the best of the legal minds to express innovative ideas that may lead to necessary law reform.

The Law Commission of Karnataka was established in 2009 by the Government of Karnataka with the avowed object, inter alia to rectify defects in existing laws and to participate in national and international forums engaged in reform of law and administration of justice.

The Indian Penal Code, 1860 has completed 160 years. It has undergone amendments periodically to respond to the needs of the society. Much of the criminal law has evolved outside the Indian Penal Code to tackle new types of social, economic and socio-economic crimes. Special laws are enacted providing for presumption of guilt, mandatory minimum punishment, admissibility of confessions, shifting the burden of proof, etc. Some of these dimensions have found place in IPC also. Does it mean that it was not possible to provide for these situations in IPC or was it desirable to provide for those crimes by special legislation?

In this context, the Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi in association with the Law Commission of Karnataka, Bengaluru is organising a National Conference on the theme “Revisiting Indian Penal Code, 1860 after 160 Years” in April/ May 2020. The date will be intimated in due course.

The interested academicians, lawyer, research scholar, representatives of non-governmental organisations and public spirited individuals are invited to present research papers on any of the following themes.

- Sentencing policy
- Quantum of penalty
- Death sentence
- Sexual offences
- Sedition
- Any related issues.
Interested persons may email abstract of their paper to dean@kslu.ac.in by 25th April 2020. Only those whose abstracts are accepted will be allowed to present the papers. The University proposes to publish the selected papers.

It is to be noted that the paper presenters’ will be provided with accommodation and other local hospitality on the day of the conference. However, the University will not defray their travelling expenses. There is no registration fee. The Principals are invited participate in the conference and are requested to circulate this brochure amongst their faculty members and encourage participation.

Registrar