GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND
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N O T I F I C A T I O N

Dated Kohima, the 8th August, 2025.

No. CON/MISC/2024(Pt-II)(VOL-I) :: In exercise of the powers conferred under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA), the Governor of Nagaland is pleased to notify herewith the Nagaland eSakshya Management Rules, 2025: -

1. Short title and commencement:

(1) These rules may be called the Nagaland eSakshya Management Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force from the date of publication in the Nagaland Gazette.

2. Definitions. -

(1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,

(a) "CCTNS" means Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems, a system software used by the Police for collection of data and execution of instructions;

(b) "CIS" means Case Information System , a system software used by the District Judiciary and High Courts for the collection of data of instructions;

(c) "eSign" means authentication of any electronic record by a subscriber or court, by means of the electronic technique specified in the Second Schedule of the Information Technology Act, 2000 (21 of 2000), and includes digital signature.

(d) "High Court" means the High Court of Judicature.

(e) "ICJS" shall mean Inter-operable Criminal Justice System, a software presently in operation for transfer of information among various pillars of the criminal justice system, which includes investigating agencies, courts, correctional homes, forensic laboratories, prosecution; and any other stakeholder as notified by the central government.

(f) "Investigating Officer" means any police officer or any other person authorized by a competent authority or empowered to undertake investigation for any offence.

(g) "Sakshya" means any evidence collected or recorded as a document through eSakshya Mobile Application. Sakshya consists of video recording(s), photograph(s), photograph(s) of witness(es), and photograph of the investigating/recording officer. [All evidence recorded through eSakshya Mobile Application shall generate a secure packet of the event (hereinafter referred to as "eSakshya Packet" with 2 unique ID called SID, a unique 16 digit ID(SID) with opening, closing time stamp and geo-location. Each SID and its contents will have a unique hash value to ensure integrity. Sakshya will be stored in immutable storage.

(h) "Sanhita" means the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (46 of 2023).

(2) Words and expressions used but not defined in these rules shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (46 of 2023); the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (45 of 2023); the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 (47 of 2023) and the Information Technology Act, 2000 (21 of 2000).

3. Every Investigating Officer shall record all video and photo evidence as required under sections 105, 173, 175, 180, 185, and 497 of the Sanita through the eSakshya Mobile Application.

4. The Investigating Officer shall generate a certificate 63 (4) (c) Part A of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 (47 of 2023) through the eSakshya Mobile Application, certificates will be eSigned.

5. The investigating Officer shall link SID with the concerned FIR number/GD number generated through CCTNS.

6. The Sakshya uploaded to immutable storage shall be construed to be forwarded to the Magistrate as required under sections 105 and 185 of the Sanhita.

7. The courts can view and manage all Sakshya concerning their jurisdiction CIS application/Sakshya portal on ICJS.

8. The court may permit sharing of Sakshya with the accused and the victim (if represented by an advocate) as per the provisions under section 230 of the Sanhita.

9. eSakshya packet will be archived after completion of trial and will be moved to archival mode.

10. Nothing in these rules shall be deemed to limit the power of the Courts to view the Sakshya by the Court.

11. These rules shall be in addition to, not in derogation of any other law or rules for the time being in force for accepting and managing Sakshya by the Court in the form of the provisions of Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinlyam, 2023 (47 of 2023).

Sd/-
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