**SC to hear petition against new criminal laws today**

The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on Monday a petition challenging the enactment of three new laws that seek to overhaul India’s penal codes claiming that they suffer from many “defects and discrepancies”. The Lok Sabha passed the Bharatiya Nyaya (Second) Sanhita, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha (Second) Sanhita, and the Bharatiya Sakshya (Second) Bill, last year. The plea, filed by advocate Vishal Tiwari, has said they were enacted without any parliamentary debate as most of the Opposition members were under suspension. The plea has sought directions from the court for the constitution of an expert committee that will assess the viability of the new laws.