

Syllabus

B.A. (MULTIMEDIA AND MASS COMMUNICATION)

(Sem.- IV)

Title of Paper: INDIAN LEGAL ENVIRONMENT & ETHICS

Sr. No.	Heading	Particulars
1	Description the course : Including but Not limited to :	The course of Indian Legal Environment & Ethics is essential for media students to understand the legal frameworks and ethical responsibilities that govern media practices and personnel. It is highly relevant for ensuring responsible journalism, protecting freedom of expression, and avoiding legal pitfalls. This subject complements courses like journalism, media law, and public policy, and is crucial for careers in media regulation, legal journalism, compliance, and content moderation.
2	Vertical :	MAJOR
3	Type :	THEORY
4	Credit:	2 credits (1 credit = 15 Hours for Theory or 30 Hours of Practical work in a semester)
5	Hours Allotted :	30 Hours
6	Marks Allotted:	50 Marks
7	Course Objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To familiarize students with the key laws, regulations, and legal institutions that govern media and communication in India. 2. To develop an understanding of ethical principles and professional standards essential for responsible media practice and decision-making. 	
	Course Outcomes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide the learners with an understanding of laws those impact the media. 2. To sensitize them towards social and ethical responsibility of media. 	
9	Module 1: Constitution and Media (5 Lectures) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Core values of the Constitution - Refreshing Preamble, unique features of the 01 Indian Constitution 2. Freedom of Expression - Article 19 (1) (a), Article 19(2) 	

	Module 2: Regulatory Bodies (5 Lectures)	
	1. Press Council - Brief history: Statutory status; Structure; Powers and limitations 2. TRAI - Role of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India	
	Module 3: Media Laws (10 Lectures)	
	1. Defamation – 1. Definition. 2. Civil, Criminal 3. Exceptions 4. Recent case studies 2. Contempt - Contempt of Court; Contempt of Parliament 3. Right to Privacy – Evolution; Right to Privacy a Fundamental Right 4. Morality and Obscenity – 1. Indecent Representation of Women’s Act; 2. 19.2, IPC 292 , 293; 3. Change in perception with time	
	Module 4: Media Ethics & Social Responsibility (10 Lectures)	
	1. Why Ethics - What is ethics? And why do we need ethics? 2. Ethical responsibility of journalist - 1. Code of conduct for journalist 2. Conflict of interest; 3. Misrepresentation, 4. Shock Value 3. Ethical responsibility of advertisers - Violation of ethical norms by advertisers; Case Studies	
10	Books / References: 1. Basu, D.D. (2005). Press Laws, Prentice Hall. 2. Iyer, V. (2000), Mass Media Laws and Regulations in India, AMIC Publication. 3. Thakurta, P.G. (2009).Media Ethics, Oxford University Press. 4. Duggal, P. (2002). Cyber law in India, Saakshar Law Publications 5. P. B. Sawant and P.K. Bandhopadhyaya- Advertising Laws and Ethics – Universal Law Publishing Co 6. Media Laws: By Dr S R Myneni, Asian Law	
11	Internal Continuous Assessment: 40%	External, Semester End Examination 60% Individual Passing in Internal and External Examination
12	Continuous Evaluation through: 1. Group Projects based on field visits (Eg. Visit to court) 2. Group Discussion on contemporary issues relating to media laws 3. Test	

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