

SYBA
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INTERDISCIPLINARY PAPER
(OPTIONAL PAPER)
TITLE: Introduction to Law
SEMESTER III: Fundamentals of law

MODULE I: Law an Introduction [11lectures]

- 1.1 Meaning, Nature and classification of law
- 1.2 Distinction between International law and National Law
- 1.3 International Human Rights discourses

MODULE II : Constitution of India [11 lectures]

- 2.1 Provisions of Citizenship
- 2.2 Fundamental Rights Art. 14-21
- 2.3 Directive Principles, Fundamental Duties

MODULE III: Legislative Procedure [11 lectures]

- 3.1 Types of bills and law making process
- 3.2 Delegated Legislation
- 3.3 Administrative law

MODULE IV: Judiciary [12 lectures]

- 4.1 Judicial system
- 4.2 Powers and functions of Supreme Court and High Courts
- 4.3 Judicial Activism-PIL and Free Legal Aid

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MODULE I: Ordinary Law [11 lectures]

- 1.1 Indian Contract Act, 1872
- 1.2 Consumer Protection Act
- 1.3 Intellectual Property Rights

MODULE II: Family Laws [11 lectures]

- 2.1 Hindu Personal Laws: Marriage, Divorce and Succession
- 2.2 Muslim Personal Laws: Marriage, Divorce
- 2.3 Perspectives on Uniform Civil code

MODULE III : Laws regarding Women and Children [11 lectures]

- 3.1 Indian Penal Code S 354 A to D
- 3.2 Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.
- 3.3 Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act.2012

MODULE IV: Contemporary Legislations [12 lectures]

- 4.1 Cyber laws
- 4.2 Environmental Laws
- 4.3 Press Laws/ Media ethics

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Explanatory Notes
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1.2	Distinction between International law and National Law	Influence of International Legislation on National Laws
1.3	International Human Rights discourses	UDHR, UN Conventions- CCPR, ICESCR, etc. War Tribunals, International Refugee Law (UN High Commissioner on Refugees), Statutes for Migrants

MODULE II : Constitution of India

2.1	Provisions of Citizenship	Art.5 to Art.11, Citizenship Rules, Foreigners Act, 1946, NRIs, PIOs, Amendments and Case Laws
2.2	Fundamental Rights (Art. 14-21)	Amendments and Case Laws

2.3	Directive Principles, Fundamental Duties	Amendments and Case Laws
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MODULE III: Legislative Procedure

3.1	Types of bills and law making process	Money bill and non-money bill, official and non-official bill. Focus on non-money bills
3.2	Delegated Legislation	Concept, causes of growth and dangers or threats of increasing delegated legislation
3.3	Administrative law	Concept and increasing the scope of administrative legislations, Administrative Tribunals

MODULE IV: Judiciary

4.1	Judicial system	Basic hierarchical system of courts in India
4.2	Powers and functions of Supreme Court and High Courts	Art. 32 & Art. 226 Various jurisdictions of Supreme Court & High courts Special/Exclusive jurisdictions of the Supreme Court (Inter-State Disputes etc.)
4.3	Judicial Activism	Case Studies and Case Laws on: Art. 39A Public Interest Litigation Free Legal Aid

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1.1	Indian Contract Act, 1872	Types of Contracts, Essentials of a contract - Valid and Void Contract
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1.2	Consumer Protection Act,1986	Rights of Consumers, Consumer courts, Grievance handling machinery.
1.3	Intellectual Property Rights	IPR in India – Genesis and Development Concepts/ Case Laws on Patents, Copyright, Trademark, Geographical Indications

MODULE II: Family Laws

2.1	Hindu Personal Laws: Marriage, Divorce and Succession	Concept of Hindu Marriage, Essentials of a valid marriage, Grounds for divorce/Judicial separation Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 Hindu Succession Act, 1956
2.2	Muslim Personal Laws: Marriage, Divorce	Essentials of valid marriage Modes of dissolution of marriage, Dissolution of Muslim Marriage Act, 1939. Muslim Women (Protection of Rights for Divorce) Act,1986.
2.3	Perspectives on Uniform Civil code	History of Uniform Civil Code (Constituent Assembly Debates), Different viewpoints on UCC, contemporary/current debates, Supreme Courts directives.

MODULE III : Laws regarding Women and Children

3.1	Indian Penal Code S 354 A to D	Criminal Amendment Act 2013
3.2	Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act ,2013.	Vishakha Judgement and guidelines. Cases
3.3	Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act.2012	Features and cases

MODULE IV: Contemporary Legislations

4.1	Cyber laws	Salient features of the Information Technology Act, 2008 with a special emphasis on Sec.66 A
4.2	Environmental Laws	Environment Protection Act, 1986 Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 National Green Tribunals
4.3	Press Laws/ Media ethics	Press Laws in India- History and Evolution (Officials Secrets Act) Media Ethics - Sedition-incitement to violence (section 121 IPC) inflammatory writing (IPC 353), Defamation- civil and criminal defamation, Legislature: Parliamentary privileges / Articles 105 (Parliament) Article 194 (State Legislation) Press Council of India Act 1978, Contempt of Courts Act 1971 Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)