

# **As Per NEP 2020**

## **University of Mumbai**



**Title of the Course Introduction to Law of  
Torts and Consumer protection Act**

**Semester – Sem I**

**Syllabus for Two Credit**

**(With effect from the academic year 2024-25)**

| <b>Introduction to Law of Torts and Consumer protection Act</b> |                                                          |
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| <b>PROGRAM</b>                                                  | <b>BA/BSC/BCom</b>                                       |
| <b>SEMESTER</b>                                                 | <b>I</b>                                                 |
| <b>COURSE TITLE</b>                                             | Introduction to Law of Torts and Consumer protection Act |
| <b>VERTICLE /CATEGORY</b>                                       | E (Value Education Course)                               |
| <b>COURSE LEVEL</b>                                             | 50                                                       |
| <b>COURSE CODE</b>                                              |                                                          |
| <b>COURSE CREDIT</b>                                            | 2                                                        |
| <b>HOURS PER WEEK THEORY</b>                                    | 2                                                        |
| <b>HOURS PER WEEK PRACTICAL/TUTORIAL</b>                        |                                                          |

| <b>COURSE OBJECTIVE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learners will be enabled with the knowledge of the branch of the law that deals with civil suits and disputes involving contracts.</li> <li>• Significantly the learners will understand consumer rights and identify the reasons for disparity in society and basics of Consumer Protection Acts.</li> <li>• The learners will be able to understand the role of Indian Judiciary in Protecting Fundamental Rights of consumer.</li> </ul> |
| <b>COURSE OUTCOME</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| CO1: Learners will be empowered to understand the basic structure, nature of Consumer rights and laws regarding consumerism.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

CO2: Learners will be able to critically analyze the principles of Tortious liability, the defenses available in an action for torts as also to study specific torts against the individual and property.

CO3: Learners will be equipped with the expensive character of judicial proceedings the students should reflect on the alternative forms, also the remedies provided under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

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| <b>ORGANISATION OF THE COURSE</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
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| <b>UNIT NO</b>                    | <b>COURSE UNITS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>HOURS PER WEEK</b> |
| 1                                 | Nature& Concept of Torts, General Principles of Liability, General Defenses to an action in Torts                                                                                                     | 10                    |
| 2                                 | The Specific Torts – Torts Affecting the Persons; Torts Affecting the Immovable & Movable Property.                                                                                                   | 10                    |
| 3                                 | The Consumer Protection Act, 2019 -<br><br>-Terminologies in Consumer Protection Act,<br><br>- Consumer Disputes Redressal Mechanism for Consumer Protection and Remedies<br><br>- Consumer case laws | 10                    |
| <b>TOTAL HOURS</b>                |                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>30</b>             |

## COURSE DESIGN

| UNIT TITLE                                      | OUTCOME                                                                                                                              | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                   | PEDAGOGICAL APPROACH                  |
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| Introduction to Torts and Liability Principles. | Learners will understand the concept of Torts and analyze the concept of liabilities.                                                | Nature& Concept of Torts, General Principles of Liability, General Defenses to an action in Torts             | Lecture and seminar method, Case laws |
| The Specific Torts –                            | Learners will be able acquire the knowledge of the fundamentals of property and judicial perspective towards persons and properties. | Torts Affecting the Persons; Torts Affecting the Immovable & Movable Property                                 | Lecture and seminar method, Case laws |
| The Consumer Protection Law -                   | Learners will be able to evaluate the process of consumer dispute redressal mechanism.                                               | Basic Concepts; Definition of Consumer Rights of the Consumer: Authorities for Consumer Protection; Remedies. | Lecture and seminar method, Case laws |

| <b>CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TESTS (CAT) &amp; SEMESTER END EXAMINATION (SEE)</b> |              |                                                                                                                                              |                       |
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| <b>NATURE OF ASSESSMENT</b>                                                   | <b>MARKS</b> | <b>METHODOLOGY</b>                                                                                                                           | <b>COURSE OUTCOME</b> |
| CAT 1 *                                                                       | 10           | Online Quiz, Open book test, Class test, Assignment and Viva                                                                                 | CO1                   |
| CAT 2 *                                                                       | 10           | Online Quiz, Open book test, Class test, Assignment and Viva                                                                                 | CO1, CO2              |
| CAT 3 *                                                                       | 10           | Online Quiz, Open book test, Class test, Assignment and Viva                                                                                 | CO3                   |
| SEE                                                                           | 30           | Four questions of 10 marks each (from each course unit), to be attempted any 3, 10 marks may be subdivided into two sub questions of 5 marks | CO1, CO2, CO3         |

\* Any Two

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| Practical Activities and Aspect of the Course | Analysis of landmark cases, Field visit to consumer courts, Visit to district forum state commission, Workshop on consumer awareness programs. |
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| <b>ESSENTIAL READINGS</b>  | Rattan Lal & Dhiraj Lal: The Law of Torts                                             |
| <b>ADDITIONAL READINGS</b> | V. K. Aggarwal: Law on Consumer Protection (student's edition 2019), Bharat Publisher |

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