

CORE COURSE – IX - MEDIA LAWS AND ETHICS

Objective:

To enlighten the students of the history of existing media laws and teach them the ethics of media.

Unit – I

Overview of the constitution of India. Freedom of media and restriction thereupon; Fundamentals rights; Directive Principles of state policy; provisions for amending the constitution; provisions for legislature reporting; parliamentary privileges; Center – State relations.

Unit – II

History of press/Media laws in India; Contempt of Court Act 1971; civil and Criminal law of defamation.

Unit – III

Relevant provisions if the Indian Penal Code with reference to sedition, obscenity, crime against women, children etc; laws dealing with Official Secrets Act 1923.

Unit – IV

Cinematography Act, 1953; Prasar Bharathi Act; GATT and Intellectual property right legislation including Copy Right Act, Trade Mark Act and patent Act. Press Council of India and Legal and Ethical aspects of Broadcasting and Telecasting, Photography and Cyber laws; Media ombudsmen in the world.

Unit – V

Examination of Broadcasting industry, self-regulatory course of ethics and responsibility; Analysis of concepts of freedom and responsibility, as they relate to broadcaster, the government and the public.

Books and Journal for Study and Reference:

1. Durga Das Basu, Indian Constitution and media laws
2. Dr.N.K.Trikha, The press council A Self – Regulatory mechanism for the Press
3. The Article 19 World report by Longman Group UK, Information, Freedom and Censorship
4. K.S.Venkateswaran, Mass Media Laws & Regulations in India
5. Crone Law and the Media, An everyday guide for professional
6. S.K.Aggarwa, Media and The Ethics