TRCLAW COLLEGE

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SYLLABUS

Master of Laws (Two Year) Program



Vasudev Nagar, Satrikh, Barabanki- 225122

Schedule-A

First Semester

Compulsory Paper: Constitutional Law: New Challenges (LM-CP-101)
Optional Group I – Environmental Law

- 1. Indian Environmental Law (LM-EL-102)
- 2. International Environmental Law (LM-EL-103)
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Second Semester

Compulsory Paper: Legal Philosophy (Theory & Concept) (LM-CP-201)

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- 1. Hindu Law and Philosophical Foundation of Hindu Law (LM-EL-202)
- 2. Muslim Law and Philosophical Foundation of Muslim Law (LM-EL-203)
- 3. Christian, Parsi, and Jewis Laws (LM-EL-204)

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Compulsory Paper: Research Methodology (LM-CP-301)

Optional Group I - Criminal Law

- 1. Constitutional Dimensions of Criminal Law (LM-EL-302)
- 2. Criminal Justice Administration (LM-EL-303)
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Compulsory Paper: Law & Social Transformation in India (LM-CP-401)

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FIRST SEMESTER

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Course Title: Constitutional Law: New Challenges

Paper Code: LM-CP-101

Course Objectives:

- 1. To analyze the fundamental principles of the Indian Constitution and their relevance in contemporary times.
- 2. To explore the role of the judiciary in interpreting the Constitution in light of new challenges.
- 3. To critically examine emerging issues such as privacy, equality, social justice, and federalism.
- 4. Evaluate the interplay between fundamental rights, directive principles, and state policy.
- 5. Assess the role of the Indian judiciary in shaping constitutional governance.
- 6. To foster critical thinking and research skills in addressing constitutional challenges.

- Constitutionalism: Classical, Liberal, and Contemporary Theories
- Cooperative and competitive federalism in India.
- Federalism and Centre-State Relations: Legislative, Administrative, and Financial
- Basic structure doctrine: Evolution and contemporary relevance.
- Fundamental rights and duties: Balancing individual and collective interests.
- Expanding scope of Article 21: Right to Privacy, Right to Die
- Hate speech, sedition, and freedom of expression
- Freedom of speech and expression in the digital age.
- Secularism and Religious Freedom
- Religious freedom and anti-conversion laws
- Right to Equality and affirmative action: Reservations, EWS quota
- Gender justice and feminist constitutionalism
- Legal recognition of live-in relationships
- Gender justice and the Constitution: Triple Talaq, Sabarimala, and beyond.
- Directive Principles of State Policy: Socio-economic justice in a changing society.
- Judicial Appointments and Reforms (NJAC & Collegium System)
 - Public Interest Litigation (PIL): Achievements and criticisms.
 - Judicial review and separation of powers: Contemporary issues.
 - Emergency Provisions: misuse of emergency powers; judicial oversight.

- 1. Constitutionalism: Ancient and Modern by Charles Howard McIlwain
- 2. The Constitution of India: A Contextual Analysis by Arun K. Thiruvengadam
- 3. The Idea of Constitutional Law by Louis Michael Seidman
- 4. Federalism in India: Origins and Development by BalveerArora
- 5. Indian Federalism: Emerging Issues by M.P. Singh and RekhaSaxena
- 6. Centre-State Relations in India by Mahendra Prasad Singh
- 7. The Basic Structure of the Indian Constitution by SudhirKrishnaswamy
- 8. The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation by Granville Austin
- 9. Fundamental Rights and Constitutional Remedies by H.M. Seervai
- 10. The Right to Privacy by Daniel J. Solove
- 11. Freedom of Speech and Expression in India by Faizan Mustafa
- 12. Expanding Horizons of Right to Life and Personal Liberty by Justice R.C. Lahoti
- 13. Right to Die: A Jurisprudential Analysis by ShubhangiAgarwal
- 14. Secularism and Its Critics by Rajeev Bhargava
- 15. Religious Freedom in India by Arvind Sharma
- 16. Reservations and Affirmative Action in India by Marc Galanter
- 17. The Constitution and Social Justice in India by B.N. Sampath
- 18. Gender and Constitutionalism in India by ArchanaParashar
- 19. The Triple Talaq Debate: Constitutional and Legal Perspectives by Flavia Agnes
- 20. Directive Principles of State Policy in the Indian Constitution by B.M. Gandhi
- 21. Social Justice and the Indian Constitution by S.N. Jain
- 22. The Indian Judiciary and Politics: The Changing Landscape by A.G. Noorani
- 23. Judicial Reforms in India: Issues and Aspects by S.P. Sathe
- 24. Public Interest Litigation in India: A Renaissance by S.P. Sathe
- 25. Judicial Activism in India by S.K. Verma and Kusum
- 26. Judicial Review in India by M.P. Jain
- 27. Separation of Powers in the Indian Constitution by V.N. Shukla
- 28. The Indian Emergency: A Political and Constitutional Analysis by S.R. Maheshwari
- 29. Emergency Provisions in the Indian Constitution by H.M. Seervai
- C30. The Oxford Handbook of the Indian Constitution by SujitChoudhry,
 - Indian Constitutional Law by M.P. Jain
 - Note: -Students must prefer latest edition of above mentioned books. The above list of
 - books is not an exhaustive one.

- 1. Explain the foundational principles of constitutionalism and its evolution from classical to contemporary theories.
- 2. Assess the challenges and opportunities in achieving a balance between central authority and state autonomy.
- 3. Analyze contemporary debates and judicial interpretations related to the basic structure doctrine.
- 4. Analyze the judicial expansion of Article 21 to include rights such as privacy and the right to die with dignity.
- 5. Analyze the evolution of reservation policies and the introduction of the EWS quota.
- 6. Analyze the tension between freedom of expression and restrictions on hate speech and sedition.
- 7. Evaluate the role of the judiciary in addressing gender-based discrimination in religious practices.
- 8. Analyze the relationship between Directive Principles and Fundamental Rights.
- 9. Evaluate the impact of judicial review on democratic governance and constitutional balance.
- 10. Analyze the historical misuse of emergency powers and its impact on democracy.
- 11. Foster a deeper understanding of the dynamic relationship between law, society, and governance in India.



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Course Title: Environmental Law

Paper- 1: Indian Environmental Law

Course Objectives:

1. To provide an in-depth understanding of the principles, policies, and legal framework governing environmental protection in India.

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- 2. To critically analyze the constitutional and statutory provisions related to environmental law.
- 3. To examine the role of judicial activism in shaping environmental jurisprudence in India.
- 4. To explore international environmental laws and their influence on Indian environmental legislation.
- 5. To develop a comprehensive understanding of contemporary environmental issues and challenges.

- Concept and Importance of Environmental Law
- Historical Evolution of Environmental Law in India
- Fundamental Rights and Environment (Article 21)
- Directive Principles of State Policy (Articles 48A and 51A(g))
- Public Interest Litigation (PIL) and Environmental Justice
- Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
- Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling, and Transboundary Movement) Rules
- Plastic Waste and E-Waste Management Rules
- Legal framework for air and water pollution control
- Environmental Crimes and Remedies-BNSS, BNS & Public Liability Insurance Act,
- Green Tribunal
- Legal framework for biodiversity conservation
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and People's Participat



- 1. Environmental Law by Elizabeth Fisher
- 2. Environmental Jurisprudence in India by Dr. N. MaheshwaraSwamy
- 3. Right to Environment in India by Dr. M.K. Ramesh
- 4. Indian Constitutional Law by M.P. Jain
- 5. Public Interest Litigation in India: A Renaissance by S.P. Sathe
- 6. Commentary on the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 by P. Leelakrishnan
- 7. Hazardous Waste Management: Law and Practice by Dr. Gurdip Singh
- 8. E-Waste Management in India: Issues and Challenges by Dr. Rakesh Kumar
- 9. Air and Water Pollution Control Laws in India by Dr. S.C. Shastri
- 10. Environmental Crimes and Enforcement in India by Dr. G.S. Bajpai
- 11. The National Green Tribunal: Law and Practice by Dr. Sanjay Upadhyay
- 12. Biodiversity Conservation and Legal Framework in India by Dr. S.K. Verma
- 13. Environmental Impact Assessment in India: Law and Practice by Dr. S. Bhatt
- 14. Environmental Law and Policy in India: A Reader by ShibaniGhosh
- 15. Judicial Activism on Environmental Issues in India by Dr. M.C. Mehta
- 16. Environmental Law and Sustainable Development in India by Dr. P. IshwaraBhat

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- 1. Explain the significance of environmental law in addressing ecological challenges and promoting sustainable development.
- 2. Evaluate the influence of international environmental movements and treaties on Indian environmental law.
- 3. Analyze judicial interpretations linking environmental rights to fundamental rights.
- 4. Explain the role of PIL in advancing environmental justice in India.
- 5. Describe the objectives, scope, and key provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- 6. Understand the legal framework for managing hazardous waste, including Trans boundary movement.
- 7. Explain the legal mechanisms for managing plastic and electronic waste.
- 8. Analyze key laws and regulations aimed at controlling air and water pollution.
- 9. Identify legal provisions for addressing environmental crimes under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and the Public Liability Insurance Act.
- 10. Evaluate the remedies available for victims of environmental harm.
- 11. Explain the structure, jurisdiction, and functions of the NGT.
- 12. Discuss laws and policies aimed at conserving biodiversity, including the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
- 13. Explain the EIA process and its significance in environmental decision-making.



Paper- 2: International Environmental Law

Course Objectives:

- 1. Understand the fundamental principles and concepts of international environmental law
- 2. Analyze the role of international institutions and agreements in environmental protection
- 3. Examine the intersection of international environmental law with other areas of international law, such as human rights and trade law

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- 4. Evaluate the effectiveness of international environmental law in addressing global environmental challenges
- 5. Develop skills in applying international environmental law to real-world scenarios

- Scope, and historical development of international environmental law
- Role of the United Nations (UNEP, UNDP)
- International environmental organizations (IUCN, WWF)
- Trade and environment (WTO, environmental tariffs)
- Trans boundary environmental harm and liability
- Precautionary principle, polluter pays, public trust doctrine, common but differentiated responsibilities.
- sustainable development
- Conservation of wetland- RAMSAR Convention
- = Climate Change: UNFCCC, Paris Agreement, Kyoto Protocol
- Biodiversity: Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and CITES
- Ozone Layer: Montreal Protocol
- Marine Environment: UNCLOS, MARPOL
- Hazardous Waste: Basel Convention



- 1. Environmental Law and Policy in India: Cases, Materials and Statutes by Shyam Divan & Armin Rosencranz
- 2. Environmental Law in India by P. Leelakrishnan
- 3. Environmental Law by S.C. Shastri
- 4. In the Public Interest: Landmark Judgments and Orders by M.C. Mehta
- 5. Environmental Law in India by Gurdip Singh
- 6. International Law and the Environment by Patricia Birnie, Alan Boyle, & Catherine Redgwell
- 7. International Climate Change Law by Daniel Bodansky, JuttaBrunnée, &LavanyaRajamani
- 8. Environmentalism: A Global History by RamachandraGuha
- 9. The Economics of Climate Change: The Stern Review by Nicholas Stern
- 10. The Law of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management by John Copeland Nagle & J.B. Ruhl
- 11. Environmental Law: Cases and Materials by Rita Sharma & P.B. Sahasranaman
- 12. Environmental Protection Law and Policy in India by Kailash Thakur
- 13. International Environmental Law by Philippe Sands and Jacqueline Peel
- 14. International Environmental Law and Policy by David Hunter, James Salzman, and DurwoodZaelke
- 15. International Environmental Law: A Case Study Analysis by Lakshman D. Guruswamy
- 16. CITES as a Tool for Sustainable Development by Tanya Wyatt
- 17. Protecting the Ozone Layer: The United Nations History by Stephen O. Andersen and K. MadhavaSarma
- 18. The International Law of the Sea by Yoshifumi Tanaka
- 19. The Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal by Katharina Kummer
- 20. International Environmental Law Reports by Cambridge University Press
- 21. Yearbook of International Environmental Law

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- 1. Explain the origins and evolution of international environmental law.
- 2. Discuss the functions and contributions of UN agencies such as UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme) and UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) in addressing global environmental issues.
- 3. Analyze the contributions of organizations like IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) and WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) in promoting environmental conservation and sustainable development.
- 4. Evaluate the conflicts and synergies between trade policies and environmental goals.
- 5. Explain the legal principles governing transboundary environmental harm.
- 6. Discuss mechanisms for liability and compensation in cases of cross-border environmental damage.
- 7. Discuss the integration of environmental, social, and economic dimensions in sustainable development.
- 8. Analyze its role in the conservation and sustainable use of wetland ecosystems.
- 9. Evaluate the effectiveness of these agreements in mitigating climate change.
- 10. Evaluate their role in protecting biodiversity and regulating trade in endangered species.
- 11. Explain the objectives and achievements of the Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer.
- 12. Evaluate their role in protecting marine ecosystems and regulating ocean pollution.
- 13. Analyze its role in minimizing the generation and movement of hazardous waste.



Paper- 3 Law of Natural Resources

Course Objectives:

- 1. To examine the legal and regulatory frameworks governing natural resources at national.
- 2. To analyze the interplay between natural resource management, environmental protection, and sustainable development.

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- 3. To explore the rights of indigenous communities, states, and private entities in natural resource exploitation.
- **4.** To critically assess the role of international treaties, domestic laws, and judicial decisions in shaping forest laws.
- 5. To understand the challenges of balancing economic development with environmental conservation.
- 6. To explore the rights of indigenous communities, states, and private entities in natural resource management.
- 7. Evaluate legal mechanisms for establishing and managing protected areas like national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, and biosphere reserves.
- 8. Assess the effectiveness of wildlife laws in protecting endangered species, preventing habitat destruction, and addressing threats like poaching and illegal trade.
- 9. Examine the role of wildlife legislation in supporting broader ecological goals, such as biodiversity preservation and ecosystem stability.

- 1. The Indian Forest Act, 1927-
- Objectives and Scope
- Classification of Forests: Reserved Forests, Protected Forests, Village Forests
- Powers of Forest Officers
- Regulation of Forest Produce and Transit Rules
- Offenses and Penalties under the Act
- 2. The Forest Conservation Act, 1980:
- Need for Conservation and Background of the Act
- Restrictions on the De-reservation of Forest Land
- Process for Obtaining Permission for Non-Forest Use
- Role of Central Government in Forest Conservation
- Penalties and Punishments for Violation
- 3. The Wildlife Protection Act, 1972:
- Objectives and Scope of the Act
- National Board for Wildlife (NBWL)
 - State Board for Wildlife (SBWL)
- Chief Wildlife Warden and Other Officials

- Powers and Functions of Authorities
- National Parks Definition, Rules, and Regulations
- Wildlife Sanctuaries Difference from National Parks
- Conservation Reserves & Community Reserves-Role of Local Communities
- Tiger Reserves Project Tiger and Legal Provisions
- Prohibition of Hunting and Exceptions under the Act
- Protection of Endangered Species Schedules I to VI
- Trade and Trafficking of Wildlife and Wildlife Products

4. Biological Diversity Act, 2002

- Conservation of biodiversity
- Promotion of sustainable use of biodiversity
- Equitable sharing of benefits from biological resources
- Judicial Approaches to protection of Natural Resources

Recommended Books:

- 1. Environmental Law and Policy in India: Cases, Materials, and Statutes by UshaTandon
- 2. Environmental Law in India by P. Leelakrishnan
- 3. Environmental Jurisprudence in India by Dr. N. MaheshwaraSwamy
- 4. Forest Laws and Conservation in India by Dr. S.C. Shastri
- 5. Commentary on the Indian Forest Act, 1927 by P. Leelakrishnan
- **6.** Forest Conservation and the Law: A Legal Framework for Sustainable Development by Dr. Gurdip Singh
- 7. Environmental Law and Policy in India by Shyam Divan and Armin Rosencranz
- 8. Wildlife Protection Law in India by Dr. M.K. Ramesh
- 9. Wildlife Law and Conservation in India by Dr. S.K. Verma
- 10. Project Tiger: The Indian Experience by ValmikThapar
- 11. Biological Diversity Act, 2002: A Commentary by Dr. S. Bhatt
- 12. Biodiversity Conservation and Legal Framework in India by Dr. S.K. Verma
- 13. Judicial Activism on Environmental Issues in India by Dr. M.C. Mehta
- 14. Environmental Law and Sustainable Development in India by Dr. P. IshwaraBhat

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- 1. Analyze its role in forest management and conservation.
- 2. Differentiate between Reserved Forests, Protected Forests, and Village Forests.
- 3. Analyze their authority in regulating forest use and enforcing penalties.
- 4. Describe the legal framework for the regulation of forest produce and transit.
- 5. Discuss the environmental and ecological significance of forest conservation.
- 6. Describe the legal restrictions on the de-reservation of forest land.
- 7. Analyze its role in wildlife conservation and protection.
- 8. Analyze their powers in enforcing wildlife protection laws.
- 9. Explain the provisions of Project Tiger and its legal basis.
- 10. Analyze the role of tiger reserves in conserving endangered species.
- 11. Explain the legal provisions for regulating trade and trafficking of wildlife and wildlife products.
- 12. Explain the rules focus on conservation of biodiversity, sustainable use, and equitable benefit-sharing.
- 13. Evaluate the role of the judiciary in interpreting and enforcing environmental laws.



SECOND SEMESTER

T.R.C. LAW COLLEGE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Legal Philosophy (Theory & Concept)

Paper Code: LM-CP-201

Course Objectives:

- 1. To provide students with a thorough understanding of the fundamental concepts, theories, and schools of jurisprudential thought
- 2. To develop critical thinking skills in analyzing various philosophical approaches to law and legal systems
- 3. To enable students to understand the relationship between law, justice, morality, and society
- 4. To familiarize students with the evolution of legal philosophy from classical natural law to modern jurisprudential theories
- 5. To help students appreciate the practical implications of different jurisprudential approaches in contemporary legal systems

- Nature and scope of jurisprudence
- Relationship between law and justice, law and morality
- Natural law theory-Classical natural law theory, Hugo Grotius, Kant, Lock, Hobbs' revival of natural law; Fuller's procedural natural law; Finnis and new natural law theory, Rudolf Stammler and Kohler,
- Analytical School-Austin's theory of law, Bentham' Utilitarian theory, Salmond's Imperative theory, Hans Kelsen's pure theory of law, H.L.A. Hart's rule of recognition
- Historical School- Savigny's Theory, criticism of this theory, Hegal, English historical school and Sir Henery Maine,
- Sociological School- August Compte's Scientific Positivism, Rudolf Von Ihring, Leon Duguit, Eugen Ehrlich's views, Pound's principle of Social Engineering, Marxist theory



 Realistic School: Karl Llewellyn, Jerome Frank, Justice Holms, ChipmanGray, John Rawls, K. Olivecroma, Axel Hagerstorm

Recommended Books:

- 1. Salmond *Jurisprudence*
- 2. H.L.A. Hart The Concept of Law
- 3. Ronald Dworkin Law's Empire
- 4. Roscoe Pound Interpretations of Legal History
- 5. UpendraBaxi The Crisis of the Indian Legal System
- 6. John Finnis Natural Law and Natural Rights
- 7. Amartya Sen The Idea of Justice
- 8. N.E. Simmonds Central Issues in Jurisprudence
- 9. Duncan Kennedy Legal Education and the Reproduction of Hierarchy
- 10. "Jurisprudence" by S.N. Dhyani
- 11. "Jurisprudence and Legal Theory" by V.D. Mahajan
- 12. "Jurisprudence" by R.W.M. Dias.
- 13. "Jurisprudence" by G.W. Paton (Edited by David P. Derham)
- 14. "Law's Empire" by Ronald Dworkin
- 15. "Justice as Fairness: A Restatement" by John Rawls
- 16. "Legal Theory" by W. Friedmann
- 17. Marc Galanter Law and Society in Modern India



Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Analyze and explain the nature and scope of jurisprudence as a discipline, including its importance in legal education and practice
- 2. Critically examine the relationship between law and justice, and law and morality, demonstrating understanding of their interconnections and distinctions
- 3. Compare and contrast different schools of jurisprudential thought
- 4. Demonstrate the ability to apply jurisprudential concepts to contemporary legal issues and problems
- 5. Evaluate the strengths and limitations of different jurisprudential approaches in addressing modern legal challenges
- 6. Develop and articulate well-reasoned arguments about the nature of law and its relationship with society, drawing from various jurisprudential perspectives
- 7. Understand how different jurisprudential theories influence legal systems, judicial decision-making, and law reform
- 8. Synthesize complex philosophical concepts and communicate them effectively



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Course Title: Family Law

Paper 1: Hindu Law and Philosophical Foundations of Hindu Law

Paper Code: LM-EL-202

Course Objectives:

- 1. To provide an in-depth understanding of the principles, concepts, and evolution of Hindu Law.
- 2. To critically analyze the sources, nature, and applicability of Hindu Law in contemporary India.
- **3.** To examine the role of Hindu jurisprudence in shaping personal laws and its interaction with constitutional principles.
- 4. To explore the judicial interpretation and reforms in Hindu Law.
- 5. To develop a comparative perspective on Hindu Law with other personal laws in India.

- Definition and applicability of Hindu Law.
- Schools of Hindu Law: Mitakshara and Dayabhaga.
- Ancient sources: Shrutis, Smritis, Dharmashastras, and Commentaries.
- Custom as a source of Hindu Law.
- Modern sources: Legislation and judicial precedents.
- Dharma as a guiding principle in Hindu jurisprudence.
- Relationship between Dharma, Artha, Kama, and Moksha.
- Vedic and Upanishadic influences.
- Role of Manusmriti and other Dharmashastras.
- Natural law, positivism, and Hindu jurisprudential thought.
- Concept of sacramental marriage.
- Conditions for a valid Hindu marriage.
- Void and voidable marriages, Judicial analysis
- Restitution of conjugal rights and Judicial Separation: Challenges
- Grounds for divorce under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955.
- Alimony and maintenance: Legal provisions and judicial trends.
- Rights of daughters: Pre- and post-2005 Amendment.
- General rules of succession, ancestral property vs self-acquired property
- Coparcenary and its evolution.
- Hindu Succession (Amendment) Act, 2005.-Impact on gender equality and women's rights.



- Conditions for valid adoption.
- Rights and liabilities of adopted children.
- Obligations under the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956.
- Guardianship under the Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, 1956.
- Fundamental rights vs. personal laws.

- Principles of HinduLaw byMulla
- Modern Hindu Law byParasDiwan
- Hindu Law byS.V. Gupta
- History of Dharmashastra by P.V. Kane
- The Classical Law of India byRobert Lingat
- The Laws of Manu (Manusmriti) by Wendy Doniger and Brian K. Smith (Translators)
- The Principal Upanishads byS. Radhakrishnan
- Hindu Law (Family Law) by Dr. S.R. Myneni
- Hindu Law by B.M. Gandhi
- Hindu Succession Act, 1956 byMulla
- Family Law Lectures: Hindu Law byDr. Kusum
- Law of Adoption, Maintenance, and Guardianship byDr. S.R. Myneni
- Family Law in India by B.M. Gandhi
- Family Law Volume 1: Family Laws and Constitutional Claims by Flavia Agnes
- Women and Family Law Reform in India by ArchanaParashar
- The Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 by Ratanlal&Dhirajlal
- The Hindu Succession Act, 1956 by Ratanlal&Dhirajlal

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- 1. Define Hindu law and explain its scope and applicability.
- 2. Differentiate between the Mitakshara and Dayabhaga schools of Hindu law.
- 3. Explain the historical and geographical significance of these schools.
- 4. Analyze ancient sources such as Shrutis, Smritis, Dharmashastras, and Commentaries.
- 5. Discuss modern sources, including custom, legislation and judicial precedents.
- 6. Evaluate the role of Manusmriti and other Dharmashastras in shaping Hindu legal thought.
- 7. Identify the conditions for a valid Hindu marriage under the law.
- 8. Evaluate legal provisions and judicial trends related to alimony and maintenance.
- 9. Explain the concept of coparcenary and its evolution.
- 10. Discuss the general rules of succession under Hindu law.
- 11. Analyze the rights and liabilities of adopted children.
- 12. Discuss the obligations of maintenance under Hindu law.
- 13. Analyze the rights and responsibilities of guardians.
- 14. Examine the modernization of Hindu personal laws and its implications.



Paper 2: Muslim Law and Philosophical Foundations of Muslim Law

Paper Code: LM-EL-203

Course Objectives:

- 1. To provide an in-depth understanding of the principles, sources, and evolution of Muslim Law.
- 2. To critically analyze the applicability of Muslim Law in contemporary India.
- 3. To examine the role of Islamic jurisprudence (Fiqh) in shaping personal laws and its interaction with constitutional principles.
- 4. To explore judicial interpretations and reforms in Muslim Law.
- 5. To develop a comparative perspective on Muslim Law with other personal laws in India.

- Definition and applicability of Muslim Law.
- Who is a Muslim? (Sunni and Shia schools).
- Sources of Muslim Law: Quran, Sunnah, Ijma, Qiyas, and customs.
- Development of Islamic jurisprudence (Figh).
- Influence of schools of Islamic law: Hanafi, Maliki, Shafi'i, and Hanbali.
- Sharia as a divine law and its principles.
- Objectives of Sharia (Magasid al-Sharia).
- Quranic injunctions and Prophetic traditions.
- Role of Ijtihad (independent reasoning) in Islamic jurisprudence.
- Natural law, positivism, and Islamic jurisprudential thought.
- Concept of marriage as a civil contract.
- Conditions for a valid Muslim marriage.
- Void (Batil) and irregular (Fasid) marriages.
- Forms of divorce: Talaq, Khula, and Mubarat.
- Judicial and legislative interventions in triple talaq.
- Maintenance under Muslim Law: Legal provisions and judicial trends.
- Heirs and their shares under the Quranic scheme.
- Distinction between Sunni and Shia laws of inheritance.
- Rules governing wills and gifts under Muslim Law.
 - Limitations and conditions for valid wills and gifts.
 - Types of guardianship: Natural, testamentary, and appointed by court.
 - Rights and duties of guardians.
- Principles governing custody of minor children.
- Judicial interpretation of custody rights.

- Definition and essentials of a valid Wakf.
- Types of Wakf: Public and private.
- Role of Wakf boards and judicial oversight.
- Recent reforms and challenges in Wakf management.
- Fundamental rights vs. personal laws.
- Uniform Civil Code: Debates and challenges.
- Gender justice and equality.
- Modernization of Muslim personal laws.

- 1. Outlines of Muhammadan Law by Asaf A. A. Fyzee
- 2. Mohammedan Law by Syed Khalid Rashid
- 3. Muslim Law in India and Abroad by TahirMahmood
- 4. Principles of Mohammedan Law by Mulla
- 5. Islamic Jurisprudence by Imran Ahsan Khan Nyazee
- 6. The Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence by Mohammad HashimKamali
- 7. Shariah: Theory, Practice, Transformations by Wael B. Hallaq
- 8. The Philosophy of Islamic Law by Anver M. Emon
- 9. Muslim Law of Marriage, Divorce, and Maintenance by Aquil Ahmed
- 10. Family Law in Islam: Divorce, Marriage, and Women in the Muslim World by MaaikeVoorhoeve
- 11. The Islamic Law of Inheritance by Hamid Khan
- 12. Islamic Law of Inheritance: A Comparative Study by Ali Adnan Ibrahim
- 13. The Law of Wakfs: A Comparative Study by S. S. HussainJafri
- 14. Guardianship and Custody in Islamic Law by Ziba Mir-Hosseini
- 15. Muslim Personal Law: Role of the State by TahirMahmood
- **16.** Gender and Justice in Family Law Disputes: Women, Mediation, and Religious Arbitration by Samia Bano
- 17. Reformulating Islam: The Role of Ijtihad in Modern Islamic Legal Thought by Muhammad Khalid Masud
- 18. Magasid al-Sharia: The Objectives of Islamic Law by JasserAuda
- 19. Sharia: Theory, Practice, Transformations by Wael B. Hallaq
- 20. Islamic Law and Legal Theory by Ian Edge
- 21. Islamic Natural Law Theories by Anver M. Emon
- 22. Cases and Materials on Muslim Law by A. M. Bhattacharjee
- 23. Judicial Activism in Islamic Law by Sami Zubaida

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- 1. Evaluate the role of Quran, Sunnah, Ijma, Qiyas, and customs in the development of Islamic jurisprudence (Fiqh).
- 2. Compare the influence of the major schools of Islamic law: Hanafi, Maliki, Shafi and Hanbali.
- 3. Analyze the objectives of Sharia (Magasid al-Sharia) and their relevance in modern contexts.
- 4. Explain the concept of marriage as a civil contract under Muslim Law.
- 5. Analyze the forms of divorce: Talaq, Khula, and Mubarat, and evaluate judicial and legislative interventions in triple talaq.
- 6. Discuss the legal provisions and judicial trends related to maintenance under Muslim Law.
- 7. Explain the rules of inheritance under the Quranic scheme and distinguish between Sunni and Shia laws of inheritance.
- 8. Analyze judicial interpretations of custody rights and their implications.
- 9. Discuss recent reforms and challenges in Wakf management.
- 10. Evaluate the debates and challenges surrounding the implementation of a Uniform Civil Code.
- 11. Discuss issues of gender justice, equality, and the modernization of Muslim personal laws.



Paper 3: Christian, Parsi, and Jewish Laws

Paper Code: LM-EL-204

Course Objectives:

- 1. To provide an in-depth understanding of the principles, sources, and evolution of Christian, Parsi, and Jewish Laws in India.
- 2. To critically analyze the applicability of these personal laws in contemporary India.
- 3. To examine the role of religious jurisprudence in shaping personal laws and their interaction with constitutional principles.
- 4. To explore judicial interpretations and reforms in Christian, Parsi, and Jewish Laws.
- 5. To develop a comparative perspective on these laws with other personal laws in India.

- Definition and applicability of Christian, Parsi, and Jewish Laws.
- Historical evolution and sources of these laws.
- Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872: Conditions for a valid Christian marriage.
- Divorce Act, 1869: Grounds for divorce and judicial separation.
- Indian Succession Act, 1925: General principles and applicability to Christians.
- Rights of widows, widowers, and children under Christian law.
- Gender justice and equality in Christian personal laws.
- Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1936: Conditions for a valid Parsi marriage.
- Grounds for divorce and judicial separation under Parsi Law.
- Indian Succession Act, 1925: Special provisions for Parsis, Rights of heirs and distribution of property.
- Gender justice and equality in Parsi personal laws.
- Jewish Law's Customary practices and legal recognition in India.
- Grounds for divorce and dissolution of marriage under Jewish Law.
- Succession and Inheritance- Rights of heirs and distribution of property.
- Christian, Parsi, and Jewish Law's Interaction with constitutional principles and fundamental rights.



- 1. Family Law Lectures: Family Law-I by Dr. ParasDiwan
- 2. Family Law in India by Flavia Agnes
- 3. Indian Christian Law by K. S. N. Sastri
- 4. Parsi Law in India by S. J. Sorabjee
- 5. Jewish Law in India by Ezekiel Isaac Malekar
- 6. Christian Law of Divorce in India by A. S. Mathew
- 7. Christian Law of Succession in India by K. T. Philip
- 8. Gender Justice and Christian Personal Laws by Mary E. John
- 9. Parsi Law: A Comprehensive Study by M. J. Framjee
- 10. Parsi Law of Succession by D. F. Mulla
- 11. Gender Justice in Parsi Personal Laws by CoomiKapoor
- 12. Jewish Law in India: A Historical and Legal Perspective by Ezekiel Isaac Malekar
- 13. Jewish Law of Divorce and Succession by Rachel Simon
- 14. Personal Laws and Constitutional Rights in India by TahirMahmood
- 15. Uniform Civil Code: A Critical Analysis by Flavia Agnes
- 16. The Indian Succession Act, 1925 (Bare Act)
- 17. The Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 (Bare Act)
- 18. The Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act. 1936 (Bare Act)
- 19. The Divorce Act, 1869 (Bare Act)
- 20. Gender Justice and Family Law Reform in India by ArchanaParashar
- 21. Women and Family Law Reform in India by Flavia Agnes
- 22. The Evolution of Personal Laws in India by Narendra Subramanian
- 23. Religious Personal Laws in India: A Historical Perspective by TahirMahmood

Note: -Students must prefer latest edition of above mentioned books. The above list of books is not an exhaustive one.



- 1. Define Christian, Parsi, and Jewish Laws and explain their applicability in India.
- 2. Explain the conditions for a valid Christian marriage under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872.
- 3. Identify the grounds for divorce and judicial separation under the Divorce Act, 1869.
- 4. Analyze the general principles of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 and its applicability to Christians.
- 5. Discuss the rights of widows, widowers, and children under Christian law.
- 6. Evaluate issues of gender justice and equality in Christian personal laws.
- 7. Explain the conditions for a valid Parsi marriage under the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1936.
- 8. Identify the grounds for divorce and judicial separation under Parsi Law.
- 9. Analyze the special provisions for Parsis under the Indian Succession Act, 1925, including the rights of heirs and distribution of property.
- 10. Evaluate issues of gender justice and equality in Parsi personal laws.
- 11. Explain the customary practices of Jewish Law and their legal recognition in India.
- 12. Identify the grounds for divorce and dissolution of marriage under Jewish Law.
- 13. Analyze the rules of succession and inheritance, including the rights of heirs and distribution of property.
- 14. Analyze the interaction of Christian, Parsi, and Jewish Laws with constitutional principles and fundamental rights.

