



U. G. SYLLABUS - NEP 2020

Political Science

TDC (NEP) 3rd Semester

PLS: SEC 201: DEMOCRATIC AWARENESS & LEGAL LITERACY

Full marks- 100

(ESE- 50 Internal- 30 Project/Field work- 20)

Credit-3

Course Objectives:

1. To create awareness and understanding of the Constitution of India, with a focus on fundamental rights, fundamental duties, and the significance of public interest litigation.
2. To familiarize students with the structure and jurisdiction of courts and tribunals in India, and their role in administering justice. This includes specialized courts such as juvenile courts and Mahila courts.
3. To provide knowledge of laws relating to criminal jurisdiction, including provisions related to filing an FIR, arrest, bail, and the juvenile justice system.
4. To understand and analyze laws pertaining to offenses against women, such as sexual harassment at the workplace, dowry, and domestic violence.
5. To explore laws related to consumer rights, the right to information (RTI), and cyber crimes.

Units	Topics	Lectures
1	Constitution – Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties, Public Interest Litigation.	
2	Structure and Jurisdiction of Courts/Tribunals and their Jurisdiction in India, Specialized Courts: Juvenile Courts, Mahila Courts.	
3	Laws Relating to Criminal Jurisdiction: Provision Relating to Filing an FIR, Arrest, Bail, Juvenile Justice.	
4	Laws relating to offences against women: Sexual Harassment at Workplace, Dowry, Domestic Violence.	
5	Laws Relating to Consumer Rights, Right to Information (RTI), Cyber Crimes.	

Course Outcomes:

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate awareness and understanding of the Constitution of India, including fundamental rights, fundamental duties, and the significance of public interest litigation in safeguarding democratic values.
2. Identify and understand the structure and jurisdiction of courts and tribunals in India, and appreciate their role in the administration of justice.
3. Explain the laws and procedures related to criminal jurisdiction, including filing an FIR, arrest, bail, and the functioning of the juvenile justice system.
4. Analyze and evaluate laws pertaining to offenses against women, such as sexual harassment at the workplace, dowry, and domestic violence, and understand the legal remedies available.
5. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of laws related to consumer rights, the right to information (RTI), and cyber crimes, and understand their implications in protecting individual rights and ensuring accountability.
6. Apply legal literacy and democratic awareness to analyze and understand contemporary legal issues and challenges.
7. Recognize and appreciate the importance of legal literacy and democratic values in promoting justice, equality, and human rights in society.

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