

Value-added Course

Xavier's Law School

Subject- Law and Governance

Semester-

Module-I: Local Governance and Constitutional Amendment in India

(12 Lectures)

Historical Background: Content and consequences- Basic features of 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992 - 74th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992- Women in urban rural local bodies- Critical evolution of the current status of the Local Government institutions in India.

Module-II: Judicial Activism in India: A Critique

(10 Lectures)

Judicial activism: nature, meaning and scope- Reasons for growth and development-Impact of judicial activism on democratic institutions like Parliament-Critical evaluation.

Module-III: Regulatory Administration in India

(8 Lectures)

Regulatory administration in India: conceptual issues- rise of regulatory agencies like Insurance Regulatory agencies, Electricity Regulatory authorities.

References:

- D. Rajasekhar (ed.) (2022), Handbook of Decentralised Governance and Development in India, Routledge, South Asia edition.
- John Felix Raj and Prabhat Kumar Dutta (2023), Development, Decentralization and Democracy, Dasgupta and co. publishers.
- OECD (2010), Regulatory Policy & Road to Sustainable Growth, OCED Publishing.
- Prabhat Kumar Dutta & Sushanta Mazumder (2018), Role of Regulatory Agencies India's Governance, Journal of Public Administration.

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Course Name: Reproductive Technologies and Law

Course Coordinator(s): Dr. Ranjeeta Mukherjee

Credit: 2

No of Hours: 30

Modules

Module 1: Introduction

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Concept of reproductive rights as Human rights. The legislation and regulatory body.

Module 2: Access to Assisted Reproduction

[10 L]

The statutory scheme; welfare of the child requirement; human right issues; other issues concerning treatment; Donation: selecting a donar, paying donors, donor anonymity, aborted fetuses; storage; import/export; Surrogacy: the law and ethics

Module 3: The Ethics of Assisted Reproduction

[10 L]

Moral status of the in vitro embryo; reproductive tourism, dignitarian concerns; Gender selection: the laws and ethics of gender selection; the ethics of donor delection; selecting other traits

Module 4: Parentage

[5L]

The mother; the other legal parent; the children without another parent.

Invited Resource Persons: Eminent Professionals / Faculties from relevant fields shall be invited to take few sessions.

References:

Prescribed Legislation:

- Pre-conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of misuse) Act, 1994
- The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971
- The Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Act, 2021
- The Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021

Prescribed Books:

B. Sandeepa Bhat, Reflections on Medical Law and Ethics in India, Eastern Law House (2016)

Herring, Jonathan. Medical Law and Ethics. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 2006.

Shaun D. Pattinson, Medical Law and Ethics, Sweet and Maxwell: South Asian Edition, 2017

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CHILDREN & HEALTH LAWS

Module 1

5 Hours of Lecture

International Aspects and Constitutional Mandates relating to Health of Children

International Aspects:

1. UN for Children
2. International Red Cross Society
3. International Labour Organisation

Constitutional Mandates:

1. Right to life
2. Right to equality
3. Right against exploitation
4. Directive Principles of State Policy
5. Fundamental Duties

Module 2

15 Hours of Lecture

Legislative Paradigm

1. Children Pledging of Labour Act, 1933- Overview
2. Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986
3. The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1987
4. Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006
5. Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012
6. Juvenile Justice Act
7. The Infant Milk Substitutes, Feeding Bottles and Infant Foods Act, 1992
8. Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostics Techniques Act, 1994.

Module 3

10 Hours of Lecture

Policies regarding Health of Children

National Level:

1. The National Policy for Children, 2013
2. National Policy on Child Labour, 1987
3. National Nutrition Policy, 1993
4. National Charter for Children, 2003
5. National Plan of Action, 2005
6. National Health Policy, 2017
7. India New Born Action Plan (INAP), 2014
8. Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahayog Yogana

9. Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram

10. Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)

State Level:

1. Sishu Sathi
2. State Plan of Action for Children, 2014.

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VALUE ADDED COURSE (VAC) SYLLABUS

FORENSIC SCIENCE FOR LAWYERS

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- ✓ To create sensitization and awareness about forensic science and its basics involved in criminal investigation and produced before the courts for appreciation.
- ✓ To analyze the reasons that contribute to the failure in appreciation of forensic evidence by the Judiciary.
- ✓ To fill up the vacuum of Forensic Lawyers in the re-defined legal landscape with increasing trends in Forensic Scientists and Behavioral Scientists.

COURSE OUTCOMES:

- ✓ The students learn the fundamentals of forensic science and behavioral science and the resultant pieces of evidence produced in criminal trials.
- ✓ The students are aware of the loopholes in forensic evidence that may fail the forensic evidence in criminal trials.
- ✓ The students know the recent developments and legal challenges in the evolving subject domain.

MODULE I: Introduction to Forensic Science and Behavioral Science

1. Definitions, meaning, and historical development of Forensic Science and Behavioral Science in India.
2. Inquest: Police, Magistrates and Medical Examiners System.
3. Personal identification of the living.
4. Behavioral Science Techniques useful in Criminal Investigation

MODULE II: Wounds & Injuries

1. Meaning & types of Wounds and injuries
2. Characteristics and Medico-legal importance of wounds and injuries
3. Examination of Human Skeleton determination of Age & Sex

MODULE III: Death

1. Meaning and modes of death
2. Changes after death.
3. Asphyxial death: Meaning, types & Medico-legal importance.
4. hanging, Strangulation and drowning

MODULE IV: Body Fluids and DNA.

1. Blood.
2. Appreciation of Body Fluids evidence in the cases of crime against women
3. D N A Profiling.

MODULE V: Toxicology

1. Poisons-Meaning and Definition.
2. Classification of poisons – Origin based.
3. Signs, symptoms and Medico legal importance of Arsenic,
4. Alcohol, Barbiturates, Cyanide, Datura, Opium and Organo - Phosphorus poisons: Advance Methods of Interrogation

BOOKS FOR REFERENCE:

- Modi Dr.: Medical Jurisprudence and Toxicology.
- Narayana Reddy Dr.: Synopsis of Forensic Medicine.
- Parikh. Dr.: Medical Jurisprudence and Toxicology
- Pillai V. V. Dr.: Toxicology.

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Course Name: Empowering Communities: Learning by Doing

Course Coordinator(s): Dr. Debolina Chatterjee and Dr. Dipparna Jana

Credit: 2

No of Hours: 30

Course Objectives:

- To understand the key aspects of community engagement and empowerment
- To appreciate how legal knowledge can be linked to empowering communities
- To receive exposure to practical scenarios, research highlights, and critical reflections on child rights, youth development and gender equity
- To gain knowledge and skills to plan, implement, monitor, and document community-based interventions

Modules

Module Number	Module Title	Topics	Credit Hours
1	Theory-Based, Model-Based Community Practice	Social Dimensions of Community; Experiential Learning Model; Law Students as Community Connectors	6
2	Extension Activities with Vulnerable Children and Youth	Constitutional Rights & Legal Entitlements; Tools for Planning Community Partnerships and Assessment; Developing Frameworks for Engagement	8
3	Strategies for Gender Mainstreaming	Constitutional Rights & Legal Entitlements; Advocacy and Action; Project Planning; Budgeting	8
4	Field Visits and Programme Assessment	Implementation of Sensitization & Mobilization Activities in select NGO and community	8

Chatterjee 31/1/24
Diparna 31/1/24

References:

- Community Practice: Theories and Skills for Social Workers, David A. Hardcastle, Patricia R. Powers, Stanley Wenocur, 2004
- Child, Youth and Family Health Strengthening Communities Margaret Barnes and Jennifer Rowe, 2013
- Legal Empowerment for Women and Disadvantaged Groups, Asian Development Bank, 2009

Shettyee 31/1/24

Qdama 31/1/24