

S. No.	Course Code	Course Name	Course Type	Cd	L	T	P	Marks		
								Sessional	Final Exam	Total
1	LLB-307(A) (CL1)	Media and Law	Core-CL	4	4	0	0	30	70	100

Course Outcomes

At the end of the course the student will be able to: -	
CO1	Describe the constitutional perspectives relating to the media.
CO2	Examine the origin of broadcasting laws, censorship, and relevant regulatory acts.
CO3	Identify the application of defamation, hate speech, and sedition laws.
CO4	Analyse laws on obscenity, privacy, and cyber privacy implications.
CO5	Evaluate copyright, reporting standards, and media regulation mechanisms thoroughly.

Detailed Syllabus**Unit-I: Introduction**

- 1.1 Concept of Media and Its Various Forms
- 1.2 Freedom of Press – Significance
- 1.3 Historical Perspectives on Media Regulation in India
- 1.4 Freedom of Speech and Expression as a Fundamental Right - Scope and Ambit
- 1.5 Reasonable Restrictions to Media Law

(08 Hrs)**Unit-II: Regulation of Broadcasting Media**

- 2.1 Origin of Broadcasting Laws in India
- 2.2 Censorship over Broadcasting Media
- 2.3 Cinematograph Act, 1952
- 2.4 Cable Television Network (Regulation) Act, 1995
- 2.5 TRAI Act, 1997

(10 Hrs)**Unit-III: Protection of Reputation**

- 3.1 Defamation – BNS Section 356 with Exceptions
- 3.2 Libel and Slander
- 3.3 Hate Speech
- 3.4 Blasphemy
- 3.5 Sedition

(08 Hrs)**Unit-IV: Media and Privacy**

- 4.1 Obscenity and Pornography - BNS Sections 294-296
- 4.2 Tests to Determine Pornography
- 4.3 Privacy Law in India
- 4.4 Photo Journalism, Investigative Journalism, Sting Operations
- 4.5 Cyber Privacy - Data Protection in Cyber Space

(10 Hrs)**Unit-V: Media, Ethics and Adjudication**

- 5.1 Copyright and Trademark issues in Mass Media
- 5.2 Reporting of Judicial and Legislative Proceedings
- 5.3 Regulation of Commercial Speech, Protection of Journalistic Sources, Paid News and Opinion Polls
- 5.4 Regulation of Media - Statutory and Self-Regulation, Government-owned media
- 5.5 Regulation of Social Media

(12 Hrs)

Textbooks

S. No.	Name of the Books	Name of the Author	Publisher Name	Edition (Pub. Yr.)
1	Law of the Press	D.D. Basu	LexisNexis	5 th (2010)
2	Media Law in India	Dr. Sohini Mahapatra	LexisNexis	1 st (2023)

Reference Books

S. No.	Name of the Books	Name of the Author	Publisher Name	Edition (Pub. Yr.)
1	Facets of Media Law	Madhavi Goradia Divan	Eastern Book Company	3 rd (2023)
2	Media Law	Dr. S.R. Myneni	Asia Law House	3 rd (2022)

Statutory References

S. No.	Name of the Books	Publisher Name	Edition (Pub. Yr.)
1	Cinematograph Act, 1952 along with The Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, 1983 – Bare Act	LexisNexis	2023
2	Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 along with allied Rules & Regulations – Bare Act	LexisNexis	2023
3	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997 - Bare Act	Eastern Book Company	17 th (2024)
4	Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 – Bare Act	Eastern Book Company	2 nd (2024)