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Course Handout

Kot Bhalwal, Jammu

COURSE HANDOUT

MEDIA AND LAW (LLB-307(A)(CL1))

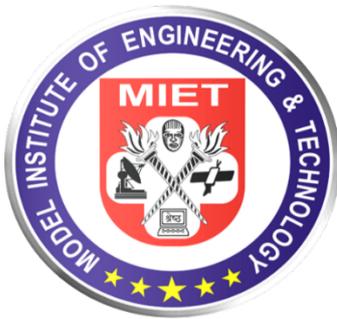
LLB – 3RD SEMESTER

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Course Code	Course Name	Course Type	Cd	L	T	P	Marks		
							Sessional	Final Exam	Total
LLB-507(A)(CL1)	Media and Law	Core	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 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.

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)

COURSE PLAN

Unit-I Introduction

S.No	Topics	Recommended Books
1	Concept of Media and Its Various Forms	Ref. Book 1, Ch.1
2	Freedom of Press – Significance	Ref. Book 1, Ch.1
3	Historical Perspectives on Media Regulation in India	Ref. Book 1, Ch.1
4	Freedom of Speech and Expression as a Fundamental Right - Scope and Ambit	Ref. Book 1, Ch.1
5	Reasonable Restrictions to Media Law	Ref. Book 1, Ch.1

Unit-II: Regulation of Broadcasting Media

6	Origin of Broadcasting Laws in India	Ref. Book 1, Ch.14
7	Censorship over Broadcasting Media	Ref. Book 1, Ch.14
8	Cinematograph Act, 1952	Ref. Book 1, Ch.14; Bare Act
9	Cable Television Network (Regulation) Act, 1995	Ref. Book 1, Ch.14; Bare Act
10	TRAI Act, 1997	Ref. Book 1, Ch.14; Bare Act

Unit-III: Protection of Reputation

11	Defamation – BNS Section 356 with Exceptions	Ref. Book 1, Ch.3; Bare Act
12	Libel and Slander	Ref. Book 1, Ch.3; Bare Act
13	Hate Speech	Ref. Book 1, Ch.3; Bare Act
14	Blasphemy	Ref. Book 1, Ch.3; Bare Act
15	Sedition	Ref. Book 1, Ch.3; Bare Act

Unit-IV: Media and Privacy



16	Obscenity and Pornography - BNS Sections 294-296	Ref. Book 1, Ch.2
17	Tests to Determine Pornography	Ref. Book 1, Ch.2
18	Privacy Law in India	Ref. Book 1, Ch.5
19	Photo Journalism, Investigative Journalism, Sting Operations	Ref. Book 1, Ch.17
20	Cyber Privacy - Data Protection in Cyber Space	Ref. Book 1, Ch.16
Unit-V: Media, Ethics and Adjudication		
21	Copyright and Trademark issues in Mass Media	Ref. Book 1, Ch.6
22	Reporting of Judicial and Legislative Proceedings	Ref. Book 1, Ch.13
23	Regulation of Commercial Speech, Protection of Journalistic Sources, Paid News and Opinion Polls	Ref. Book 1, Ch.17
24	Regulation of Media - Statutory and Self-Regulation, Government-owned media	Ref. Book 1, Ch.17
25	Regulation of Social Media	Ref. Book 1, Ch.17

ADDITIONAL WEB RESOURCES

1.	Reference Material Directorate of Distance Education, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, Reading Material for Post-Graduate Diploma in Media Laws by Prof. Madabhushi Sridhar Acharyulu, Dean, School of Law, Bennett University, available at http://nalsarpro.org/Portals/23/2_%20Media%20Law%20Paper%20201.pdf
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GRADING AND ASSESSMENT

- **Sessional Test 1:** 7.5 marks
- **Sessional Test 2:** 7.5 marks
- **Assignment:** 10 marks
- **Attendance:** 5 marks
- **Final Examination:** 70 marks

COURSE POLICIES

- **Attendance:** Minimum 75% attendance is mandatory to appear in the final examination of the course.
- **Academic Integrity:** MIET's academic integrity policies apply. Plagiarism will not be tolerated.
- **Late Submissions:** Assignments and projects must be submitted by the specified timelines.

FACULTY INFORMATION

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