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Media Laws & Ethics | JC 1411 | 4 Credits | 3 | 0 | 4

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Course Outcomes: At the end of the course, students will be able to:

[1411.1] Recall the basic characteristics, preamble and other features of India Constitution.

[1411.2] Discuss the concept and scope of media freedom.

[1411.3] Describe media laws in India.

[1411.4] Analyse the practice of media ethics in Indian media context.

[1411.5] Appraise various cases related to Media laws and ethics in India courts enhancing employability opportunities

SYLLABUS

Introduction to Constitution of India- Introduction of Indian Constitution, Characteristics, preamble, Directives of state policy, citizenship, Fundamental rights, fundamental duties. **Concept and Scope of Media Freedom-** Concept and scope of media freedom, Constitutional guarantees on press Freedom; their limitations, reasonable restrictions, Media freedom and pressures on media-internal economic, Pressure groups, advertisers, political groups, extremist elements. **Media Laws:** Press and registration of books Act, 1867, law on defamation, contempt of courts, official secrets Act (1923), Right to information Act., Cinematography Act 1953, cable television Act., working journalist Act, Prasar Bharti Act., Press Council and Press Commission. **Media Ethics-** Media's ethical problems including privacy, right to reply, Sensational and yellow journalism, Ethical issues related with ownership media, Codes suggested for the press by the press council and press commission. **Case Study-** PUCL vs. Union of India (Telephone Tapping case) SC AIR 1997; Murli Deora vs. Union of India SC AIR 2002; Association for Democratic Reforms vs. U of I SC AIR 2002; . Romesh Thaper vs. State of Madras SC AIR 1959; Prabhu Dutt vs. U of ISC AIR 1982; P. N. Duda v. P. Shiv Shanker (1988) 3 SCC 167 : 1988 SCC (Cri) 589

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