



# MANIPAL UNIVERSITY JAIPUR

Faculty of Arts and Law

School of Law

Class: BA LLB (Hons) Semester V

Interpretation of Statutes LA1505 | 3104

4 Credits-56 Sessions (60 Minutes each Session)

Session: July– Dec 16 | Faculty: D. Vijay Laxmi Sharma

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

**LA1505.1** Understand the Meaning, Purpose and Scope of Interpretation of Statutes.

**LA1505.2** Understand the Nature of Statutes and their Classification, Internal Aids to Interpretation: Title, Preamble, Headings and Marginal Notes, External Aids to Interpretation.

**LA1505.3** Get an insight of Parliamentary History: Stare Decisis (Judicial Precedents), Dictionaries, Rules of Statutory Interpretation: Primary (Basic) Rules; Secondary (Subsidiary) Rules, Literal Rule, Golden Rule, Mischief Rule, Judicial Activism: Nature and Scope.

**LA1505.4** know about the Maxims of Statutory Interpretation: Eiusdem Generis, Expressio Unius Est Exclusio Alterius, Ut Res Magis Valeat Quam Paraeat.

**LA1505.5** Understand Interpretation of statute with Reference to the Subject Matter and Purpose of Statutes: Penal Statutes, Taxing Statutes.

**LA1505.6** Develop interpretation skills of legislative documents through principles of Constitutional Interpretation: Harmonious Construction, Doctrine of Pith and Substance, Doctrine of Colourable Legislation, Occupied Field, Repugnancy.

## A. SYLLABUS

Introductory: Meaning, Purpose and Scope of Interpretation of Statutes; Nature of Statutes and their Classification, Internal Aids to Interpretation: Title; Preamble; Headings and Marginal Notes, External Aids to Interpretation; Parliamentary History; Stare Decisis (Judicial Precedents); Dictionaries, Rules of Statutory Interpretation: Primary (Basic) Rules; Secondary (Subsidiary) Rules; Literal Rule; Golden Rule; Mischief Rule, Judicial Activism: Nature and Scope. Maxims of Statutory Interpretation: Eiusdem Generis; Expressio Unius Est Exclusio Alterius; Ut Res Magis Valeat Quam Paraeat, Interpretation with Reference to the Subject Matter and Purpose of Statutes: Penal Statutes; Taxing Statutes, Principles of Constitutional Interpretation: Harmonious Construction; Doctrine of Pith and Substance; Doctrine of Colourable Legislation; Occupied Field; Repugnancy.

## B. Text Books/ Reference Books:

1. Dr. S. R. Myneni, Interpretation of Statute, 2016
2. Avtar Singh & Harpreet Kaur, Introduction to Interpretation of Statute, 2015
3. Prof. T. Bhattacharya, The Interpretation of Statutes, 2014
4. Vepa P. Sarathi, Interpretation of Statute, 2015
6. Justice G P Singh, Principles of Statutory Interpretation, 2016
7. N S Bindra's, Interpretation of Statute by Amita Dhanda, 12<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2017

