

Chanakya National Law University, Patna
GROUP-E, LL.M. 2022-23; SEMESTER- II

Course Title: Privileged Class Deviance

Course Overview

This course focuses on the “Deviance by the Privileged Classes”. The definition of “Privileged Classes” in a society like India should not pose major problems at all; the expression nearly includes wielders of all forms of state and social (including religious) power. Accordingly, the course focuses on the relation between privilege, power, and deviant behaviour. The traditional approaches which highlight “white-collar offences”, “socio-economic offences” or “crimes of the powerful” deal mainly with the deviance of the economically resourceful. The dimension of deviance associated with bureaucracy, the new rich (nouveau riche), religious leaders and organizations, professional classes and the higher bourgeoisie are not fully captured here

Learning Outcomes

On completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Dispel the commonly held belief that deviance and crimes are usually associated with the impoverished and understand the theories behind deviance.
2. Construct a model to understand the reality of middle and upper-middle class deviance in India.
3. Understand the concept, basis, and forms of deviance by several Privileged classes.
4. Critically analyse the Indian legal system’s response,
5. Gain better understanding of issues and dilemmas in penal and sentencing policies.

List of Topics/ Modules

Topic/ Module	Content	Sessions / Lectures
Module I: Introduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Meaning of Deviance and Deviant Behaviour2. Theories of Deviance: physiological, psychological, sociological, structural, sub-cultural, ecological etc.3. Functionalist approach of Deviance,4. Privileged Class Deviance: Concept and Nature5. Gender based aggression	1-10

	6. Class based aggression with special reference to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.	
Module II: Official Deviance	1. Concept of Official Deviance – Permissible Limits of Discretionary Powers. 2. The Chagla Commission Report on LIC –Mundra Affair 3. The Das Commission Report on Pratap Singh Kairon 4. The Grover Commission Report on Dev Raj Urs 5. The Maruti Commission Report 6. The Ibakkar – Natarajan Report Commission Report on Fairfax	11-20
Module III: Police Deviance	1. Introduction and meaning 2. Forms of Police Deviance 3. Use of fatal force and the underlying cause 4. Restraints on the Powers of Police in Indian legal system 5. Police Accountability Mechanism in India	21-30
Module IV: Professional Deviance	1. Deviance by Lawyers: Unethical Practices at the Indian Bar, 2. Deviance by Press: The Press Council, Unprofessional and unethical Journalism. 3. Deviance by Medical Practitioners and Medical Malpractice.	31-40
Module V: Legal and Judicial Response to Privileged Class Deviance	1. Right to Information 2. Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. 3. Vigilance Commission, Ombudsman, Public Accounts Committee	41-50

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