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Course Title: Corporate Governance

Course Overview

This is a Corporate Honours Course paper. The Company's value is contingent upon the implementation of effective corporate governance practices, which serve to protect investors. By safeguarding shareholders, these practices contribute to better risk management, subsequently leading to a reduction in the cost of capital. As a result, the set of governance practices, rules, and regulations that foster private sector investment and job creation also enhance firm value. Corporate governance encompasses the systems and processes designed to address two distinct principal-agent (PA) challenges that arise within large corporations. These challenges emerge due to the separation of ownership of residual cash flow and control. The first PA problem arises between capital owners (shareholders) and managers, while the second occurs between dispersed shareholders and concentrated block holders of the company. The primary goal of the course is to explore and provide insights into the fundamental inquiries and solutions pertaining to corporate governance, including the relevant theories and empirical research that shed light on these matters. The course syllabus covers various aspects within the legal framework, including the roles and responsibilities of shareholders (the individuals who own the company), boards of directors (who act as representatives of the shareholders), and executive management (who act as agents). Additionally, the syllabus encompasses topics such as executive compensation policies, boardroom structure and procedures, corporate transparency and disclosure, as well as the significance of shareholder voting. The course delves into corporate pyramid structures, hostile takeovers, and the deficiencies of the corporate control market. It also explores the involvement of financial institutions and credit rating agencies in promoting corporate governance, emphasizing how transparency, accountability, responsibility, and equitable treatment of shareholders contribute to improved corporate governance and mitigate conflicts between shareholders, management, and the board of directors.

Learning Outcomes

The course aims to give students Ability to understand the key mechanisms of corporate governance, the policies influencing them and the empirical methods used in this subject.

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

- 1. Understand the core principles of Corporate Governance
- 2. develop their analytical faculties by identifying and resolving legal issues relating to the operation of companies in terms of the relationship between the board of directors and the General Meeting
- 3. develop their critical faculties by evaluating the rules, policies, and principles of Indian company law
- 4. evaluate legal materials and effectively apply them to practical corporate problems.

Detailed Syllabus

Module	Topics	Hours
Module-1 Corporate	1.1 Introduction	7 Hours
Governance	1.2 Corporate Governance in India- An	
	Overview	
	1.3 Code of Corporate Governance	
	Initiatives in India	
	1.4 Concept and Definition	
	1.5 Perspectives on Corporate Governance	
	1.6 Stakeholders Role	
	1.7 Separation of Ownership and Control	
	1.8 Corporate Governance Pillars	
	1.9 Corporate Governance Framework	
	1.10 System of Good Corporate Governance	
	1.11 Elements of Good Corporate	
	Governance	
	1.12 Disclosure and Transparency	
	1.13 Management Vs Governance	
Module-2	2. G20/OECD Corporate Governance	4 Hours
Principles of Corporate	Principles	
Governance		
Module- 3	3.1 Role of the Board	7 Hours
Board of Directors	3.2 Composition and Structure	
	3.3 A Balanced Board	
	3.4 Role of the Chairman	
	3.5 Role separation of Chairman & CEO	
	3.6 Duties & Responsibilities	
	3.7 Board Meetings	
	3.8 Board Effectiveness	

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	3.9 Dysfunctional Board	
	3.10 Information to be placed before the	
	Board	
	3.11 Role and Functions of Independent	
	Directors	
	3.12 Guidelines for Professional Conduct of	
	Independent Directors	
Module-4	4.1 Overview of Board Committees	6 Hours
Board Committees	4.2 Audit Committee	
	4.3 Nomination & Remuneration Committee	
	4.4 Stakeholders Relationship Committee	
	4.5 Strategy Planning Committee	
	4.6 Risk Management Committee	
Module-5	5.1 General Meetings	8 Hours
Corporate Governance	5.2 Corporate Finance	
Procedures	5.2.1 Financial Controls	
	5.2.2 Role of CFO	
	5.2.3 International Financial Reporting	
	Standards (IFRS)	
	5.2.4 Goods and Services Tax (GST)	
	5.2.5 Financial stewardship and	
	accountability	
	5.3 Establishment of Vigil Mechanism	
	(Whistle Blower Policy)	
	5.4 Protection of Minority Shareholders	
	5.5 Class Action Suits	
	5.6 Secretarial Audit for Bigger Companies	
	5.7 Corporate Governance requirements with	
	respect to subsidiary of Listed Entity	
	5.8 Related Party	
	5.8.1 Related Party Transactions	
	5.8.2 Disclosures – Related Party	
	Transactions	
	5.8.3 Contract or Arrangement with a	
	Related Party 5 0 Prohibition on Incides Trading of	
	5.9 Prohibition on Insider Trading of Securities	
	5.10 Prohibition & Restrictions regarding	
	Political Contribution	
	5.11 Loan and Investments	
M 11 6 Co : :	5.12 Internal Audit	
Module-6: Strategic	6.1 The Governance of Strategy	6 Hours
Leadership	6.2 Evaluating strategy delivery	
	6.3 The governance of risk: Cyber Security	
	& Enterprise Risk Management	
	6.4 Corporate Responsibility	
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Module-7: Business Ethics	7.1 Corporate Governance and Business	6 Hours
and Integrity	Ethics	
	7.2 Integrity	
	7.3 What a board can do?	

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	7.4 Ethics Committee	
	7.5 Creation of Ethical climate- Role of	
	Directors	
	7.6 Disclosure of Interest by Directors	
Module-8: Board and	8.1 Purpose of Evaluation	8 Hours
Directors' Performance	8.2 Key elements	
Evaluation	8.3 Evaluation Process	
	8.4 Individual Performance Evaluation	
	8.5 Evaluation of Non-Executive Directors	
	8.6 Evaluation of Chairperson	
	8.7 Evaluation of Independent Directors	
	8.8 Evaluation of the Committees	
	8.9 Evaluation of CEO	
Module-9: Global Trends	9.1 Introduction	7 Hours
	9.2 Corporate Governance in Emerging	
	markets	
	9.3 Global Corporate Governance Practices:	
	Japan, Australia, UK, South Africa	
	9.4 Challenges in Global trends of Corporate	
	Governance	
	9.5 Reforms to address Challenges	

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	Paper 15/06 NUS Centre for Asian Legal Studies Working Paper 15/11,
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	<u>Varottil.pdf</u>
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	Governance-Principles-ENG.pdf
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	Owned Corporation—STATEMENT OF THE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE."

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ASSESSMENT PROJECT AND PRESENTATION

The instructor will distribute a corporate governance Questionnaire to all students at the beginning of the session. The survey instrument was prepared by the instructor for the purpose of corporate governance rating of listed companies and it is currently in use in a number of locations.

Each student will be identify minimum 2 publicly traded company (preferably a BSE 500 firm) at the beginning of the session. This is the company the student will analyse and assess the corporate governance compliance and identify any weaknesses.

You will conduct research on recent corporate governance related articles about the S&P 500 company you have been assigned.

These sources may include the corporate website, SEBI, the BSE/NSE, or the Wall Street Journal or other business periodicals (FT, Fortune, Forbes, Bloomberg, CNBC, etc.).

a- About the Corporate Governance Survey and Scoring project:

- This is *an individual* project.
- You may work as a group or individually as this will facilitate your understanding of the topic. The paper is individually graded.
- Individuals or teams may request meetings with the instructor as required to clarify any issues.
- The final project will be submitted via MS Teams and Hard Copy by each individual student on due date.

The goal of this assignment is to conduct a corporate governance scoring survey, and provide the corporate governance assessment of a listed company based on the OECD principles of corporate governance.

The learning objective of this exercise is to understand how the CG Principles are operationalized.

Students will write a corporate governance assessment paper and provide recommendations. Papers will be individual.

b- Guidance on structural details of the project:

Write your paper in MEMO format to the investment committee at your company.

The paper should not exceed the maximum of 6–8 pages, excluding appendices.

There is no limit on the number of appendices you may provide.

Try to be concise in your report. Avoid using language directly from any website; make sure you properly reference all statements from any sources.

Summarize the information in your own words, and provide references when necessary.

Please use the following structure for your Corporate Governance Assessment paper:

i) <u>Executive Summary/Introduction</u>: (1–2 pages maximum) Using the data you have collected from the company website and other publicly available information, prepare the executive summary that should clearly state the objectives, background and the

- main findings of your corporate governance assessment paper on the selected company.
- ii) <u>Company Background</u>: (1 page maximum) Prepare a brief, one page maximum review of the company background, important issues reported in its US SEC filings, and other information you have collected. You may provide the following information in an attached exhibit, with proper references provided.
 - (1) The company organization, its values, vision, mission, products (keep it very short);
 - (2) Corporate financial information, revenues, capitalization, stock price, ROE, ROI, PE ratio, Book/Market ratio, its management team and corporate governance practices. Using a table in the appendix, discuss some of the highlights. (prepare a short table of information and attach it to the end in an appendix);
 - (3) Do not simply copy and paste from company web site. Summarize the information in your own words.
 - (4) Make sure you provide references properly. Provide the list of references at the end of the report.
- iii) <u>The Written Report on CG Questionnaire:</u> Using the 100-question CG survey instrument you are provided, determine your survey findings and calculate the CG score. Using the guidance in the provided survey instrument, rank this company (from 1–5) based on your survey score (if any). A suggested structure is as follows:
 - (1) Process the questions in the Excel spreadsheet survey, summarize your findings, and provide charts and exhibits. Try to keep it short.
 - (2) If and when appropriate, explain why some of the survey questions may or may not be applicable.
 - (3) Discuss your CG Scoring findings. Copy and paste the summary table and the chart into your report (from the top of the spreadsheet that automatically populates the results). (DO NOT INCLUDE THE COMPLETED EXCEL SPREADSHEET SURVEY WITH YOUR REPORT)
 - (4) Discuss specifically the corporate governance Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT), and how some of the observations you have made relate to pertinent topics covered in the course.
 - If you source any data from the company web site, provide reference.
 - For any such information, you may paraphrase and write it in your own words.
- iv) *Findings and conclusions:* (2 pages maximum) provide a small summary table of findings and discuss the SWOT. Discuss any of the available corporate governance mechanisms that are relevant to the chosen firm and the advantages and disadvantages of those mechanisms. While discussing your findings, try to bring in academic literature and/or provide practical evidence to support your argument.
 - Discuss the main CG issues that you identified given the theoretical background.

- The conclusions should summarize the main findings and discuss their implications for the particular firm, investors, regulators and the economy.
- Your recommendations should have three to five specific points the company board could do to improve a situation you have determined in the company.
- v) *Attachments:* Include references, charts figures and/or tables as evidence to support your report.
- vi) <u>Class Presentation/Discussion</u>): This is part of Project Viva- participation, in addition to the written report.

Evaluation Criteria

Components	Description	Weightage in %
Attendance	Maximum of Five (5) marks, in each course, shall be assigned to regularity in attendance.	5%
Project Report	Maximum of Twenty (20) marks shall be assigned for Project Work in Each Course, out of which a maximum of Sixteen (16) marks for	16%
	written project The assignment on a problem shall be allotted by the teacher concerned at the beginning of the Semester and students are expected to write the same within the prescribed time frame. The modalities of the assignment including evaluation shall be decided by the teacher. The project assignment is intended to develop skills of inquiry, analysis, interpretation, legal writing and critiquing.	
Presentation	Four (4) marks, in each course, will be allotted to oral presentation.	4%
Mid-Semester Examination	Fifteen (15) marks shall be assigned for the Mid Semester Examination. No repeat Mid Semester Examination will be conducted.	15%
End-Semester Examination	Sixty (60) marks shall be assigned for the End Semester Examination of a comprehensive nature conducted by the end of the Semester	60%

Recommended/Reference Text Books and Resources:

Text Books

One or any of the following books:

- 1. Dignam, A. and J. Lowry Company law. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022) 12th edition [ISBN 9780192865359].
- 2. A. Ramaiya Guide to Companies Act, Lexis Nexis Butterworths, Wadhwa, Nagpur
- 3. Dr.Avtar Singh Company Law, EBC, Latest edition.
- 4. Pettet's Company Law and Corporate Finance J. Lowry and A. Reisberg (Harlow, Longman, latest ed)
- 5. Gower and Davies' Principles of Modern Company Law (latest ed)
- 6. Hannigan's Company Law (Oxford: OUP, latest ed)
- 7. L.S. Sealy and S. Worthington Cases and Materials in Company Law (Oxford, OUP latest edition)

Web Resources

https://www.mca.gov.in/content/mca/global/en/acts-rules/ebooks.html

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CRIMINOLOGY, PENOLOGY AND VICTIMOLOGY (Hons)

BA.LL.B (H) &BBA.LL.B. (H)

Syllabus.

CRIMINOLOGY:

Unit I

Concept of Crime, Causes of Crime, Crime -legal, social and psychological aspects of crime, multiple causation of crime, Positivism and Radicalism, Crime against person and property, Modern crimes,

Unit II

Criminology: Definition and scope with other social science, Criminology vs Criminal justice system; significance of the study of criminology; Schools of Criminology,: Demonological; Classical ,Neoclassical, positive school, Psycho-analysis theories, economic theories ,Hereditary theries,organic deficiency theories, Mental deficiency, Differential Association theories ,Anomie theories ,Conflict theories, Social disorganisation theories, Ecological theories ,Social control theory, Social conflict theory, Critical Criminology ,Green Criminology ,Cultural criminology ,Cyber criminology ,Radical criminology ,

Unit III

Social Problems and crime: Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Justice (Justice J S Verma Committee), Alcoholism and Drug Addiction (NDPS Act 1985), Sex crime (Human trafficking, Rape, Homosexuality, Prostitutions, Immoral Traffic Act 1956, pornography and indecency), Women and Crime, Domestic violence Act. Dowry, Child marriage and Child Labour. Sexual Harassment at work place.

Unit IV

Organised Crime: Predatory crime, Racketeering (Vohra Committee Report), Terrorism.

Unit V

White Collar Crime: Economic crime, Crime syndicate, Enforcement directorate(ED), Prevention of Corruption Act, Money Laundering.

PENOLOGY:

Unit VI

Administration of Criminal Justice System, Theories of Punishment , Types of Punishment , Capital punishment vs Life imprisonment ,The Prison system ,Open prison , Prison manuals and rules, Prison Reform in India ,Prisoners and their corrections ,Sentencing of offenders ,Probation and parole. (Probation of offenders Act), Recidivism.

Unit VII

Police Administration: Ancient, medieval and modern policing, Powers of police, Custodial offences, Role of police in crime control and mitigation, Human Rights of Accused and police Administration.

Unit VIII:

VICTIMOLOGY

Victim jurisprudence (Historical development of Victimology), Basic Concept of victimology, Victim offenders, Impact of victimisation-physical ,financial and psychological ,Rights tool the victim under the Cr.P.C Code , Justice to the victim, Victim compensation, Compensation under Art. 21 and 300A.

Reading Material:

- 1. Edwin H. Sutherland and Cressey–Principles of Criminology
- 2. Ahmad Siddiqui- Criminology problems and perspectives.
- 3. S.S. Srivastava Criminology and Criminal Administration.
- 4. J P S Sirohi-Criminology and Criminal Administration.
- 5. Bushan Tilak Kaul-Criminal Law XXXVIII, Annual Survey of Indian Law.
- 6. S.C. Raina-Probation Philosophy Law and Practice (1996)
- 7. N V Paranjape-Criminology and Penology.
- 8. Taft -Criminology
- 9. Criminology and Criminal Justice System-Asia Law House Hyderabad.
- 10. K D Gaur Criminal Law Criminology and Administration
- 11. Police Investigation Compendium- Asia Law House, Hyderabad
- 12. Girish Kathopalia-Criminology and Prison Reform.
- 13. Umesh Sarraf IPS-Criminology and Crime Prevention-
- 14. Richard Wortley-Psychological Criminology.
- 15. Dr. B. Vijay Lakshmi Victimology and Criminal Justice system-
- 16. Journal of Victimology and Victim justice
- 17. AIR
- 18. Cr.L.J. 19. Abnormal Psychology, 20. Psycho-pathology, 21. Social Pathology.

Learning out come and scope:

The Study of criminology with sharpen the understanding towards law of crime \ and the basic philosophy behind crime. The subject has scope in the employment sector as crime analyst, teacher lawyer and jurists.

CHANAKYA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, PATNA Course Title: ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

B.A., LL.B. (H) & B.B.A., LL.B. (H) (Semester VII) (Academic Year 2023-24)

Course Overview

Over the past few decades, there has been a growing recognition among people worldwide about the deteriorating state of the environment. The uncontrolled and thoughtless pursuit of economic growth has begun to manifest harmful consequences on Earth. Environmental law encompasses legal measures aimed at safeguarding the environment, covering issues such as climate change, the preservation of natural resources, and the evaluation of environmental impacts.

The course will take into consideration the socio-political circumstance that environmental law operates in and it will also explore the complex and ever-expanding case law and legislation on the subject. Students will examine how law can be used to develop a cleaner, safer and more stable economy to protect the health and the natural resources of present and future generations. By the end of this course, students will be able to understand the various aspects of environmental law and determine whether and how to use legal tools to resolve environmental issues.

Learning Outcomes

- To understand the evolution and relevance of current environmental law and policy.
- In this course students will examine and develop an understanding of major environmental challenges facing India and the international community.
- This course will provide students with an understanding of the major environmental statutes and the constitutional law and common law principles that are relevant to environmental protection.
- Understanding the theory and concept of sustainable development, including its applicability to many disciplines and its many definitions.
- Explore the tools and approaches necessary to identify, analyze, and apply the theory of sustainability to real world legal situations.
- Understanding of the Constitutional powers, roles, and responsibilities of the Central and State governments in the field of environmental law.
- Acquiring the skills needed for interpreting laws, policies and judicial decisions.

Module – I

Introduction to Environmental Laws

[5 Lectures]

- a) Environment Meaning and Scope
- b) Pollution Air, Water, Environmental Meaning, Causes and Effects
- c) Dimensions and Magnitude of the Problem of Environmental Degradation and the need for Legal Control of Pollution
- d) International and National Efforts for Environmental Protection
- e) Constitution of India and Environment
- f) Environmental Policy Resolution, Objects and Schemes

Module - II

Judicial Remedies and Procedures

[6 Lectures]

- a) Law of Tort and Environment
- b) Law of Crimes and Environment
- c) Public Interest Litigation and Environmental Protection
- d) The Bhopal Gas Leak Case
- e) National Green Tribunal

Module - III

Sustainable Development and Basic Environmental Principles

[8 Lectures]

- a) Concept and Scope
- b) Precautionary Principle
- c) Polluter Pays Principle
- d) Intergenerational Equity
- e) Intragenerational Equity
- f) Public Trust Doctrine
- g) Public Participation in Environmental Decision Making

Module - IV

International Concern for Environment Protection

[7 Lectures]

- a) Stockholm Declaration of 1972
- b) Earth Summit: The Rio-Declaration on Environment and Development, 1992
- c) Convention on Biological Diversity, 1992
- d) Aarhus Convention, 1998
- e) Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, 2000
- f) World Summit on Sustainable Development, 2002
- g) Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing, 2010
- h) United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD), Rio 2012 (Rio+20)

Module-V

The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974

[5 Lectures]

- a) Salient Features of the Act
- b) Pollution Control Boards and their Functions
- c) Mechanism to Control the Pollution with reference to Sampling, Consent Mechanism and power to give directions
- d) Procedure and Penalties

Module-VI

The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981

[5 Lectures]

- a) Salient Features of the Act
- b) Pollution Control Boards and their Functions
- c) Mechanism to Control the Pollution with reference to Sampling, Consent Mechanism and Power to give directions
- d) Procedure and Penalties

Module-VII

The Environment Protection Act, 1986

[5 Lectures]

- (a) Salient Features of the Act
- (b) Definitions
- (c) Central Government's powers to take Environmental Measures.
- (d) Mechanism to Control the Pollution
- (e) Procedure and Penalties
- (f) Environmental Impact Assessment
- (g) Regulation of Hazardous Substances

Module-VIII

Control of Noise Pollution

[3 Lectures]

- a) Effects of Noise on Human Health
- b) Legal Measures to Control Noise Pollution

Module-IX

Forests, Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation

[6 Lectures]

- a) Indian Forest Act, 1927
- b) Wildlife Protection Act, 1972
- c) The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
- d) The Biological Diversity Act, 2002
- e) The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006

Module-X

Climate Change Law

[5 Lectures]

- a) Evolution of International Regime of Climate Change
- b) UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, 1992
- c) Kyoto Protocol 1997
- d) United Nations Conference on Climate Change, Paris 2015
- e) Mitigation and Adaptation under the Climate Change Regime
- f) National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC)
- g) Human Rights Approaches to Climate Change
- h) Climate Change Litigation
- i) Sixth Assessment Report of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

Module-XI

Contemporary Issues Pertaining to Environment

[5 Lectures]

- a) Urbanisation
- b) Waste Management
- c) Disaster Management
- d) Wetland Conservation
- e) Groundwater and Law in India
- f) Protection of Coastal Zones
- g) Trade, Investment and Challenges to Sustainable Development
- h) Energy Law and Policy

Essential Case Law:

- Indian Council for Enviro-Legal Action v. Union of India, AIR 1996 SC 1446 (Bichhri Village case)
- Vellore Citizens' Welfare Forum v. Union of India, AIR 1996 SC 2715
- A.P. Pollution Control Board v. M.V. Nayudu, AIR 1999 SC 812
- Narmada Bachao Andolan v. Union of India, AIR 2000 SC 3751
- T.N. Godavarman Thirumulkpad v. Union of India, AIR 2005 SC 4256
- Subash Kumar v. State of Bihar, AIR 1991 SC 420
- Rural Litigation and Entitlement Kendra v. State of U.P., AIR 1982 SC 652 (Dehradun-Mussorie Hills quarrying case)
- M.C. Mehta v. Union of India, AIR 1997 SC 734 (Taj Trapezium case)
- M.C. Mehta v. Kamal Nath (1997) 1 SCC 388
- Sachidanand Pandey v. State of West Bengal, AIR 1987 SC 1109
- Tarun Bharat Sangh v. Union of India, AIR 1992 SC 514 (Sariska Case)
- M/s. Abhilash Textiles v. Rajkot Municipal Corpn, AIR 1988 Guj. 57
- M.C. Mehta v. Union of India, AIR 1988 SC 1037 (Kanpur Tanneries case)
- M.C. Mehta v. Union of India, AIR 1988 SC 1115 (Municipalities case)
- M/s. Delhi Bottling Co. Pvt. Ltd. v. Central Board for the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution, AIR 1986 Del. 152
- Municipal Council, Ratlam v. Vardichand, AIR 1980 SC 1622

- M.C. Mehta v. Union of India, AIR 2002 SC 1696 (CNG Vehicles case)
- Orissa State Prevention and Control of Pollution Board v. M/s. Orient Paper Mills, AIR 2003 SC 1966
- Church of God (Full Gospel) in India v. K.K.R. Majestic Colony Welfare Association, AIR 2000 SC 2773
- S. Jagannath v. Union of India, AIR 1997 SC 811 (Shrimp Culture case)
- M.C. Mehta v. Union of India, AIR 1987 SC 965 (Oleum Gas Leakage)
- Union of India v. Union Carbide Corporation, AIR 1990 SC 273; AIR 1992 SC 248
- Charan Lal Sahu v. Union of India, AIR 1991 SC 1480
- Moulana Mufti Syed Md. Noorur Rehman Barkati v. State of W.B., AIR 1999 Cal 15
- Vijayanagar Educational Trust v. KSPCB, AIR 2002 Kar 123
- Trail Smelter Arbitration (United State/Canada), 3 U.N. Rep. Int'l Arb Awards 1905 (1941)
- Sansar Chand v State of Rajasthan, 2010 (10) SCC 604
- Case Concerning Pulp Mills on the River Uruguay (Argentina/Uruguay), International Court of Justice, Judgment of 20 April 2010
- Jitendra Singh v. Ministry of Environment & Ors., Supreme Court, Civil Appeal No. 5109/2019, decided on 25 November 2019
- Perumatty Grama Panchayat v. State of Kerala, C.A. No. 4033 of 2009

Prescribed Legislations:

- The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974
- The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981
- The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
- The Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991
- The Biological Diversity Act, 2002
- The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972
- The Indian Forest Act, 1927
- The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
- The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.
- National Green Tribunal Act, 2010
- The Energy Conservation Act, 2001

Suggested Readings:

- Shyam Divan & Armin Rosencranz: Environmental Law and Policy in India
- Stuart Bell & Donald McGillivray: Environmental Law
- Gurdip Singh: Environmental Law
- Sukanta K Nanda: Environmental Law
- S C Shastri: Environmental Law
- P. Leelakrishnan: Environmental Law in India
- P. Leelakrishnan: Environmental Law Case Book
- Daniel Bodansky, Jutta Brunnee, and Lavanya Rajamani: *International Climate Change Law*

Important Note:

- The topics, legislations and cases mentioned above are not exhaustive. The teacher teaching the course shall be at liberty to add new topics/legislations/cases.
- The students are required to study the legislations as amended up-to-date and consult the latest editions of books.

Evaluation Criteria

Total Marks: 100

Components	Marks
Attendance	05
Project Report	16
Presentation	04
Mid-Semester	15
Examination	
End-Semester	60
Examination	

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Course Title: Indian Federalism

Course Overview

Federalism is a form of government in which the power is shared between a central authority and the many parts of the nation. A federation often has two levels of governance. One is the national government, which oversees a few issues of general importance to the entire nation. The others are provincial or state governments that handle much of the day-to-day management of their respective states. These two tiers of government each enjoy their own independence in authority. Thus, the federal system aims to preserve and advance national unity while also considering regional variety. Therefore, two factors are essential for the federalist institutions and system of government. Power-sharing guidelines should be agreed upon by all levels of government. They should have faith that everyone will uphold their end of the bargain. Both of these elements—mutual trust and consent to coexist—are present in an ideal federal system.

Learning Outcomes

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

- 1) Know the provisions of Indian constitution.
- 2) Understand the rights and duties of Indian citizens.
- 3) The working of executive and legislative organs of the government.
- 4) Understand the major issues which the Indian government is facing

List of Topics/ Modules

Topic/ Module	Contents/ Concepts	Sessions
Wioduic		Lectures
Module I:	THE CONCEPT OF FEDERALISM: INDIAN PERSPECTIVE	1-10
	1. 1 The Form of Government in Indian Constitution.	
	1. 2 Federalism: Concepts/ Theories	
	1.3 Patterns of Federal government - U.S.A., Australia, Canada,	
	India.	
	1.4 Indian Practices - Centralization vs. State Autonomy	
	1. 5 Dynamics and Trends of federalism in India	
Module II:	THE EXECUTIVE (GOVERNMENTS)	11-21
	2.1 Nature and extent of executive powers of Union	
	2.2 Nature and extent of executive powers of States	
	2.3 Parliament: Structural and Functional Dimensions	
	2.4 Position of the Presidents	
	2.5 Position of Governor	
Module	LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS AND DOCTRINES TO	21-31
III:	INTERPRET CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS	
	3.1 Distribution of legislative power	
	3.2 Territorial Nexus/ jurisdiction	
	3.3 Comparative study of distributions of power in other Federations:	
	Canada, USA, Australia	
	3.4 Principles of Interpretations: Doctrines of Harmonious	
	Construction, Pith and Substance, Colourable Legislation, and	
	Repugnancy	
	3.5 Residuary Power of Legislations.	
Module IV:	EMERGENCY PROVISIONS & AMENDMENT TO THE	31-45
	CONSTITUION	
	4.1 Emergency provisions: Comparative Study of US, Australia &	
	India. 4.2 National Emergency	

- 4.3 Financial Emergency
- 4.4 Failure of Constitutional Machinery in a State
- 4.5 Amendment to the Constitution & Basic Structure Doctrine

Recommended/Reference Textbooks and Resources:

Suggested Readings:

- 1 M.P. Jain, Constitutional Law of India (2016) pp.1-16.
- 2. H.M. Seervai, Constitutional Law of India (4th edn. Vol ,1 2015) pp. 172-259. 3. Geoffrey R. Stone, at. el., Constitutional Law (7th edn. 2013)pp. 1-7.
- 4. K.C. Wheare, Federal Governments (1963) pp. 1-52.
- 5 Douglas V. Verney, Federalism, Federative Systems, and Federation: The United States, Canada, and India, 25 Publius, The Journal of Federalism 81-97 (1995).
- 6. K.L. Bhatia, Federalism and Frictions in Centre-State Relations: A Comparative Review of Indian and German Constitution (2001).
- 7. Report of The Sarkaria Commission, (1987) Chap ,I pp. 1-20, Chap I, pp. 22-92, Ch. VI. Pp. 172-189.
- 8. Report of the National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution. (2003) Vol I, Chap. 2, Vol ,I Chap. 8.
- 9. Gopal Subramaniam, Emergency Provisions under the Indian Constitution in B N Kripal ed. Supreme, but not infallible (2000). Pp. 134-158.
- 10. Report of the National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution (2002) and Consultation Papers. Vol ,2 Book 2, pp. 891- 903, pp 927- 946.

Prescribed Readings:

- 1 D.D. Basu, Comparative Federalism (Lexis Nexis, 2007).
- 2. D.D.Basu, Introduction to the Constitution of India (Lexis-Nexis-Butterworth-Wadhwa, 2008).
- 3. M.P. Jain, Indian Federalism: A Background Paper in Alice Jacob ed., Constitutional Development since Independence 205-54 (1975).

- 4 Granville Austin, The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation (OUP, 2008).
- 5. Petr Hogg, Constitutional Law of Canada (Student Edition, 2010).
- 6. Geoffrey R. Stone, a.t el., Constitutional LawTM7(edn. 2013).
- 7. M.P. Jain, Indian Constitutional Law 6(m ed., Wadhwa, Nagaur).
- 8. Vikram David Amar, Mark Tushnet, Global Perspectives on Constitutional Law) OUP, 2009).
- 9. Zachery Elkins, Tom Ginsburg, James Melton, The Endurance of National Constitutions (Cambridge University Press, 2009).
- 10. Erwin Chemerinsky, Constitutional Law, Principles and Policies (3« ed., Aspen, 2006).

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Course Title: Interpretation of Statutes and Principles of Legislation

Course Overview

Legislation is the major source of law of the modern era. Legislatures enact laws after much deliberation. No doubt in this process they have to take into account the present and future needs of the people. What are the matters to be reckoned with by legislature while enacting laws? The two basic reasons for the need of interpretation of statutes are to understand in the true spirit the Legislative Language and the Legislative Intent. While the legislative language may be complicated for a layman, legislative intents assimilates the concept of meaning and the concept of purpose and object or the reason or the spirit pervading through the statute.

With the emergence of legislation, interpretation of statutes has become a method by which judiciary explores the intention behind the statutes. Judicial interpretation involves construction of words, phrases and expressions. In their attempt to make the old and existing statutes contextually relevant, courts used to develop certain rules, doctrines and principles of interpretation. Judiciary plays a highly creative role in this respect. What are the techniques adopted by courts in construing statutes? How far are they successful in their strategy? With the above problems and perspectives in view, this subject has been arranged in the following modules.

Learning Outcomes

The course aims to inculcate the students with the skills of interpretation of statutes by knowing the principles of interpretation as accepted by the legal fraternity.

On completion of the course, students will be able to identify the problems as to what techniques adopted by courts in construing statutes.

List of Topics/ Modules

Topic/ Module	Contents/ Concepts	Sessions / Lectures
Module I: Meaning and Object of Interpretation, andPrinciples of Legislation	 Law-making - the legislature, executive and the judiciary Principle of utility- Relevance of John Rawls and Robert Nozick - individual interest to communityinterest Operation of these principles upon legislation Distinction between morals and legislation 	1-8
Module II: Interpretation of Statutes	 Meaning of the term 'statutes' Commencement, operation and repeal of statutes Purpose of interpretation of statutes. 	8-12
Module III: Aids to Interpret ation	 Internal aids Title Preamble Headings and marginal notes. Sections and sub-sections Punctuation marks. 	12-25

	 Illustrations, exceptions, explanation, provisos and saving clauses Schedules Non-obstante clause External aids Dictionaries Translations Travaux Preparatiores Statutes in pari materia Contemporanea Exposito Debates, inquiry commission reports and Law Commission reports 	
Module IV: Rules of Statutory Interpretation	 Primary Rules Literal rule Golden rule Mischief rule (rule in the Heydon's case) Rule of harmonious construction Principles of liberal or beneficial construction Secondary Rules Noscitur a sociis Ejusdem generis Reddendo singula singulis 	25- 35
Module V: Presumptions in statutory interpretation	 Statutes are valid Statutes are territorial in operation Presumption as to jurisdiction Presumption against what is inconvenient or absurd Presumption against intending injustice Presumption against impairing obligations or permitting advantage from one's ownwrong Prospective operation of statutes 	35-45
Module VI: Maxims of Statutory Interpretation	 Delegatus non potest delegare Expressio unius exclusio alterius Generalia specialibus non derogant In pari delicto potior est conditio possidentis Utres valet potior quam pareat Expressum facit cessare tacitum In bonam partem 	45-55

Recommended/Reference Text Books and Resources:

- 1. G.P.Singh, Principles of Statutory Interpretation, (15h Edition) 2021, Wadhwa, Nagpur.
- 2. K.Shanmukham, N.S.Bindras's Interpretation of Statutes, (12th Edition),2016The Law BookCo. Allahabad.
- 3. M.P.Jain, Constitutional Law of India, (8th Edition), 2018 Wadhwa & Co.
- 4. Narotam Singh Bindra, N.S. Bindra's Interpretation of Statutes, 2007, LexisNexisButterworths.
- 5. Rupert Cross, Statutory Interpretation, 1995, LexisNexis, London Butterworth's.
- 6. Sandeep Bhalla, Principles of Interpretation in India: (with Legal Maxims), IEbooksInc., 2015.
- 7. U.Baxi, Introduction to Justice K.K.Mathew's, Democracy Equality and Freedom (1978)Eastern, Lucknow.
- 8. Avtar Singh and Harpreet Kaur, Introduction to Interpretation of Statutes, (4th Edition), 2018,LexisNexis.

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Course Title: Land Laws

Course Overview

The curriculum is designed to focus on the laws related to land reform and acquisition of land etc. The land laws have acquired a newperspective today because of developmental agenda. The land holders' relationship with land is undergoing a change due to several new factors coming into play. Large scale development projects haveaffected the land sector in many ways. This includes acquisition for public purposes, Public Private Partnership Project, for Private companies etc. All these have resulted in renewed focus on every aspect of use of land and development. The syllabus has been broadly divided into six units dealing with various aspects of landlaws.

Module one deals with Right to Fair Compensation; Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act, 2013 (Relevant Provisions)

Module two focuses on Bihar Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling Area and Acquisition of Surplus Land) Act, 1961 and Bihar Tenancy Act and Bihar Consolidation of Holding and Prevention of Fragmentation Act, 1956 (Relevant Provisions only)

Module three deals with Bihar Public Land Encroachment Act, Bihar Land Mutation Act, 2011, Bihar Land Disputes Resolution Act, 2009 and Bihar Land Tribunal Act, 2009.

Module Four – Drafting of applications, petitions, Memo of appeal, Revision, writ, SLP etc with respect to matters arising out of aforementioned Act

Module Five – Oral Argument / Interview

Module Six – PROJECT REPORT

Sl No.	Particulars Particulars	Number
1.	Right to Fair Compensation; Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation &	
	Resettlement Act, 2013	<u>20</u>
2.	Bihar Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling Area and Acquisition of Surplus Land) Act,	20
	1961 and Bihar Tenancy Act and Bihar Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling Area and	
	Acquisition of Surplus Land) Act, 1961 and Bihar Tenancy Act and Bihar	
	Consolidation of Holding and Prevention of Fragmentation Act, 1956	
3.	Bihar Public Land Encroachment Act, Bihar Land Mutation Act, 2011, Bihar Land	<u>20</u>
	Disputes Resolution Act, 2009 and Bihar Land Tribunal Act, 2009.	
4.	Drafting of applications, petitions, Memo of appeal, Revision, writ, SLP etc with	<u>10</u>
	respect to matters arising out of aforementioned Ac	
5.	Interview	<u>5</u>
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5.	Project	<u>20</u>
7.	Attendance	<u> 5 Number</u>

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Taxation Laws -I

Course Overview

The taxation laws syllabus is designed in such a way so as to expose the students to general principles of laws applicable to different circumstances. The basic idea is to equip the students with necessary knowledge and tools to understand the concepts and application of those concepts through leading case laws. The importance of taxation laws cannot be overemphasized. Suffice is to say that the knowledge of taxation laws is a must for any student of law. This helps them understanding the constitutional principles and relate them to the State's power to levy tax on residents and non-residents within the powers provided under the Constitution. With this objective in mind, the syllabus has been designed so that at the end of the course, the students will be able to understand the nuances of tax laws and have a better perspective about the relation of tax laws and Constitution.

Module 1 deals with Constitutional and Legislative Provisions

Module 2 deals with Basic concepts of income.

Module 3 deals with Agricultural Income and Module 4 deals with Residence and Scope of Total Income

Module 5 deals Heads of Income while Module 6 deals Capital Gains

Module 7 is about concepts related to Clubbing of income while

Module 8 deals with Income Assessment.

The last module i.e Module 9 deals Taxation of international transactions:

Learning Outcomes .Though the emphasis of this course would be on understanding the basic principles related to taxation laws but the syllabus and course would broadly cover the Constitutionla aspects too.

- 1. On completion of the course, students will be able to understand in a better way the State,s power to impose taxation and the Constitutional limitations on such powers.
- 2. Would be in a position to analyse crucial aspects relating to taxation and the principles realted to taxation.
- 3. Critically analyse various aspects of taxation laws and its relation with other laws.

List of Topics/ Modules

Topic/ Module	Contents/ Concepts	Sessions / Lectures
Module I:	Introduction . Constitutional and Legislative Provisions: (a) Distribution of Legislative Powers with special reference to Taxing Powers. (b) Lists under VIIth Schedule.	1-5
Module 2:	Module 2: Basic concepts of income. (a) General Scheme of Income Tax Act, 1961	6-10

	 (b)Definition of Income [Section 2(24)] (c) Application of Income or diversion by overriding title (d) Capital Receipt 	
	v. Revenue Receipt .	
Module 3:	Module-3 : Agricultural Income –	11-16
	Concept and definition of agriculture income, persons who are entitled to claim exemption, rationale for exemption from tax etc. will be discussed.	
Module 4:	Module-4: Residence and Scope of Total Income (a) Tests for the determina tion of residential status of Assessee (section 6); (b) Total income of assessee (sections 4 and 5);	12-25

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	(c) Income	
	deemed to	
	accrue or	
	arise in	
	India	
	(section	
	9);	
	Provisions relating	
	to concept and	
	scope of total	
	income, residence	
	in India in context	
	of HUF,	
	Individuals and	
	Companies and	
	concept of	
	notional income	
	deemed to accrue	
	or arise in India	
	under provisions	
	of Section 9 will	
	be discussed.	
Module 5:	Module5 :	26 -35
Module 5.		20 -33
	Heads of	
	Income	
	(Sections 14-59)	
	I. (b) Salaries –	
	Chargeability .	
	(c) Meaning of	
	Salary;	
	(d) Perquisites;	
	II : Income from	
	House Property	
	(Sections 22 to 27)	
	-	
	(a)Ingredients of	
	section 22 -	
	(b)Annual Value	
	li e i	
	how to be	
	determined –	
	determined —	
	determined — (c) Deductions under section 24 —	
	determined — (c) Deductions	

III: Profits and Gains of Business and Profession (Sections 28 to 44)

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(a)Applicability

(b) Deductions

(c) Business

Expenditure -

Allowability

(d) - Tests of

distinctions

between Business

expenditure and

Capital

expenditure

[section 37(1)] .

15 Lectures.

Heads of income will be discussed in detail. Income pertaining to salary, income from house property, income from profession, business income and income from other sources will be broad topics of discussion. Allowable deduction from various heads of income and particularly concept of revenue expenditure and

capital

detail .

expenditure will be discussed in

Module 6:	Module 6: Capital Gains (Sections 45 to 55). (a) Definition of capital assets [section 2(14)]; (b) Short term capital assets [section 2(42A)]; (c) Short term capital gains [section 2(42B)]; (d)Long term capital assets and Long term capital gain [section 2(29A) and 2(29B)]; (e) Meaning	36-40
Module 7:		41-46

	Concept of clubbing of income, what are the circumstances under which income can be clubbed for assessment so as to claim exemption, persons who are entitled for benefits will be broad topics of discussion.	
Module 8:	Module 10: Assessment. (Sections 139, 142, 143, 144, 145(2), 147, 148, 149, 150, 151 and 153) (a) Best Judgment Assessmen t;	46-50
	(b) Income escaping assessmen t. Provisions relating to assessment, income escaping assessment, provision for re assessment and other related issues will be discussed.	

Module 9.	Module11.	51-60
	Taxation of	
	<u>international</u>	
	transactions:	
	(a)Non resident	
	and foreign	
	companies.	
	(b) Transfer Pricing	
	Provisions relating	
	to taxation of	
	foreign companies	
	will be broad	
	topic of	
	discussion.	
	Double taxation ,	
	Tax Residency	
	Certificate ,	
	General Anti	
	Avoidance Rules,	
	Judicial Anti	
	Avoidance Rules ,	
	Transfer Pricing	
	and other issues	
	related to	
	taxation of Trans	
	National	
	Companies	
	operating in India	
	will be discussed.	
	Issues related to	
	tax evasion by	
	MNC's and Indian	
	Legal response	
	along with latest	
	developments will	
	be discussed in	
	detail.	

Recommended/Reference Text Books and Resources:

Text Books.

- 1. Income Tax. Palkiwala and Kanga. Matthew Lippman. Sage Publication.
- 2. The Income Tax Act. Taxmann Publications..

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• Constitution of India. Readings on Tx Laws

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