

**CHANAKYA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, PATNA**

**Syllabus: Media, Press and Telecommunications Law**

**SEMINAR-I**

**SEMESTER IX**

➤ **Media and Press Law**

**Unit I: Historical background of Freedom of Speech and expression in India** (Lectures-02)

**Unit II: Constitutional framework of freedom of Speech and expression in India** (Lectures-12)

- Right to circulation
- Right to publication
- Right to advertisement
- Broadcasting
- Right to conduct interviews
- Publication of parliamentary proceedings

**Unit III: Restrictions on freedom of Speech and expression** (Lectures-08)

- Public order
- Security of state
- Defamation
- Contempt of Court
- Morality and Decency

**Unit IV: Right to Privacy** (Lectures-07)

- Defining Privacy
- Privacy and the right to free speech
- The law on privacy in India

### **Unit V: The Official Secrets Act and Right to Information Act**

(Lectures-07)

- The Official Secrets Act, 1923
- Judicial recognition of the Right to Information Act, 2005
- Salient features of The Right to Information (Amendment) Act, 2019

### **Unit VI: Print Media: Power, Functions and Its Liability under:**

(Lectures-07)

- The Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867
- The Press (Objectionable Matters) Act, 1951
- The Working Journalists and other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1955
- The Newspaper (Price and Pages) Act, 1956
- The Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867
- The Press Council Act, 1978

#### ➤ **Telecommunications Law**

### **Unit VII: Jurisprudence of Telecommunication**

(Lectures-06)

- Telecommunications Law and Regulation : An Introduction
- Distinctions between the Old and the New Telecommunication Policy
- The Economics of Telecommunications Regulation: Marketing Strategies

### **Unit VIII: Regulatory Regimes**

(Lectures-12)

- *Indian Telecommunications Law*

- i. History, Evolution and Growth of Indian Telegraph Act 1885.
  - ii. TRAI—Relationship of TRAI with ITA
  - iii. TDSAT-Power, Functions, Roles & Responsibilities
  - iv. Department Of Telecommunications--Roles & Responsibilities in relations with Case Laws
- The Telecommunications regime in the U.K
  - European Union Communications Law
  - US Telecommunications Law

**Unit IX: Key Regulatory Issues**

**(Lectures-08)**

- Authorization and Licensing
- Spectrum Management
- Access and Interconnection
- Consumer Protection and Telecommunication

**Unit X: Communications Content**

**(Lectures-08)**

- Communication Privacy
- Convergence: The Impact of Broadband Regulation on Telecommunication
- Internet Service Providers: Content Liability, Control, and Neutrality.

**Part XI: International Regulatory Regimes**

**(Lectures-05)**

- International Regulatory Law
- Telecommunications Reforms in Emerging Markets

**SUGGESTED READINGS**

1. Facets of Media Law by Madhavi Goradia Divan
2. Laws of the Press in India by Durga Das Basu Prentice Hall, Delhi
3. Indian Press Laws by Radhakrishna murthi India Law House)
4. Media & Press Laws by Gaurav Oberoi
5. Press Laws & Media Ethics by Anil K Dixit Reference Press
6. Media & Ethics by S. K Aggarwal Shipra Publication

7. EU Electronic Communication Law:

Competition & Regulation in the European Telecommunication Market,  
Oxford

University Press by Paul L. Nihoul, Peter B. Roadford

8 Telecommunication Law and Regulations, Oxford University Press by Ian  
Walden

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