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Media Laws and Ethics (PSOE-002)

OBJECTIVE

- To familiarize students about Right to communicate.
- To help the students to understand the legal aspects of Journalism profession.

Unit-I

- Media & Freedom: Concept of media freedom,
- Rights and obligation of the media,
- Fundamental rights.

Unit -II

- Right to Information: Evolution of articles of 19 (1);
- Universal declaration of human rights.
- Right to Information Act 2005 and its implication,
- Right to be forgotten

Unit -III

- Important Laws: Defamation, Contempt of Court, Parliamentary privileges, Official Secrets Act, copyright Act, working journalists Act.
- Protection of Publication Act

Unit- IV

- Ethics: Sting operation and its impact; Right to privacy; Obscenity;
- Concept of self-regulation; Revealing sources;
- Code of ethics; Code of professional organizations;

- A critical study of functions and performance of the Press Council of India.

Unit-V

- Cyber Laws: Laws regulating FDI in media;
- Cyber-crimes and cyber laws in India; Cyber security concerns preventive measure, penalties, adjudication and offences;
- IT Act; IPC.

Suggested Readings:

1. Law and the Media – An Everyday Guide for Professionals – Crone
 2. Media and Ethics – S K Aggarwal
- Mass Media Laws and Regulations in India – K S Venkataramaiah