Cyber Law

About the course: Development of Cyber law is a recent phenomenon. It is still in a nascent stage and continuously evolving every passing day. Even the most learned legal luminaries find it difficult to solve the legal problems posed by technology. India has emerged as a hub of the IT industry due to the phenomenal growth of the IT sector. However, this huge growth rate has brought with it the inevitable legal complications due to a switch over from paper-based commercial transactions to e-commerce and e-transactions.

The purpose and object of the course:

To introduce the cyber world and cyber law in general

To explain about the various facets of cyber crimes

To enhance the understanding of problems arising out of online transactions and provoke them to find solutions

To clarify the Intellectual Property issues in the cyber space and the growth and development of the law in this regard

To educate about the regulation of cyber space at national and international level

Syllabus:

The syllabus is divided in four units:

Unit 1: Internet, E-Commerce and E-Governance with Reference to Free Market Economy

- Modern Era: The scene and problems
- Need for Cyber Laws
- What is E-commerce? Various Modes of E-commerce
- Illustrative cases about cyberspace jurisdiction
- Basic laws of Digital and Electronic Signature in India

Unit II: Law Relating to Electronic Records and Intellectual Property Rights in India

- Legal aspects of electronic records/ digital signatures
- The roles and regulations of certifying authorities in India
- Protection of intellectual property rights in cyberspace in India

Unit III: International efforts relating to cyberspace laws and cyber crimes

- International efforts related to cyberspace laws
- Council of Europe convention on cyber crimes

Unit IV: Penalties, compensation and offences under the cyberspace and Internet in India

- Penalties, compensation and adjudication of violations of provisions of IT Act and judicial review
- Some important offences under the cyberspace law and the internet in India

- Miscellaneous provisions of IT act and conclusions

Textbook:

Cyber Laws and IT Protection by Harish Chander

Publication: PHI Learning PVT LTD

Reference Books:

1) Textbook on Cyber Law by Pavan Duggal

Publication: Universal Law Publishing

2) Cyber Law: Law of Information Technology and Internet by Anirudh Rastogi

Publication: LexisNexisa