

## **IL – 402: Media Law**

### **Unit I**

- a. Understanding the concept of Media
- b. History of Media
- c. Theories of Media
- d. Evolution of Media
- e. Types of Media – (i) Print, (ii) Electronic, (iii) Mass, (iv) Visual and non- visual media – difference
- f. Code of Ethics of Legal Journalism laid down in Stockholm Symposium, 1991

### **Unit II**

- a. Constitutional Perspectives
- b. Legal Dimensions of Media:
  - a. Media & Criminal Law (Defamation / Obscenity/Sedition)
  - b. Media & Tort Law (Defamation & Negligence)
  - c. Media & Legislature – Privileges of the Legislature
  - d. Media & Judiciary – Contempt of Court
  - e. Media & Executive – Official Secrets Act
  - f. Media & Journalists – Working Journalists (Conditions of Service) Act & Press Council Act
- c. Self-Regulations and Other Issues:
  - a. Media and Ethics
  - b. Self-Regulation Vs Legal regulation
  - c. Media & Human Rights
  - d. Issues relating to entry of Foreign Print Media

### **Unit III**

- a. Evolution of Broadcast Sector
- b. Prashar Bharti Act 1990
- c. Cinematography Act 1952
- d. Cable T.V. Networks (regulation) Act of 1995
- e. Newspaper Act, 1956
- f. Press council Act, 1978

## **Unit IV**

### **a. Concept of Advertisement**

- Advertisement and Ethics – Misleading advertisements Vs. Consumer rights
- Advertisement Act, 1954
- ASCI

### **b. The New Media of Internet**

- Evolution of Internet as new media□
- Regulating the Internet - IT Act of 2000□
- Media Convergence Bill (to be enacted)□
- Regulatory commissions of new media□

## **Suggested Readings:**

1. M.P. Jain, Constitutional Law of India
2. H.M. Seervai, Constitutional Law of India
3. Geoffrey Roberson, Media law, Penguin books, 4th edition 2012
4. David Kohler, Media and the Law, Lexisnexis, 2009
5. D.D. Basu, The Law of Press India (1980)