

IL-507 PUBLIC INTEREST LAWYERING, LEGAL AID AND PARA LEGAL SERVICES

UNIT 1

- a. Public Interest Lawyering,
- b. Historical Background of PIL,
- c. Concept and Meaning, Origin of PIL in other countries and in India
- d. Development & Scope of PIL in India.
- e. Powers of the Courts to entertain Public Interest Litigation
- f. Powers of Courts to award compensation in PILs Precautions necessary for a lawyer before filing PILs, Gujarat High Court PIL Rules, 2010

UNIT 2

- a. Advantages, Disadvantages and Limitations of PILs:
- b. PIL: Blessings for poor and illiterate persons
- c. PIL: protecting Human Rights of Prisoners (Including Article 21), persons in police custody
- d. Judicial Activism through PIL
- e. Other advantages of PIL
- f. Problems in implementation of orders passed through PIL

UNIT 3

- a. Legal aid and international scenario
- b. Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 (National Legal Services Authority, State Legal Services Authority, District Legal Services Authority).
- c. Permanent Lok adalat
- d. Establishment and composition, cognizance of cases, procedure, award of Permanent Lok Adalat

UNIT 4

- a. Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987: Objects, Reasons, Salient Provisions
- b. Committees and Authorities under the Legal Services Authorities Act
- c. Persons entitled for the free legal Services
- d. Free Legal Aid under the Cr.P.C
- e. Provisions relating to suit by indigent persons under CPC

Suggested Readings:

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