



HIMACHAL PRADESH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, SHIMLA

Semester: III

B.A./B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.)

Paper Code: LB-302

Law of Crimes - I (Indian Penal Code)

Credit - 04

Introduction:

Crime and punishment have always been the most important aspect of rule of law. A proper understanding of crimes, methods of controlling them and the reasons for their existence is extremely important to build a just and humane society. The course envelops an in-depth knowledge about the structure of Indian Penal Code which includes content on criminal liability, abetment, offences against body, property and sexual offences. The course deliberates every diverse concept of the substantial criminal law to its crux.

Course Objectives:

1. To give an overview of all the offences and punishments with the help of various provisions and recent amendments in Criminal Law.
2. To introduce the substantive law of crimes, including essential elements of crimes, responsibility and defenses.
3. To comprehend important cases and legal terms in criminal law.
4. To articulate informed opinion over important controversial issues in criminal law.

Learning Outcomes:

On the successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the legal concepts involved in dispensing justice.
2. Demonstrate a high level of understanding both in theory and practice of the crucial fundamental principles involved in the practice of criminal law in courts.
3. Analyze and interpret various judicial decisions of High Courts and Supreme Court.
4. Analyze the applicability of recent amendments in criminal law and to find out lacunae, if any.

Module - I
Law of Crimes: Introduction

- 1.1. Introduction; nature and scope of Criminal Law;
- 1.2. Definitions;
- 1.3. Mens rea. Strict Liability, Group Liability;
- 1.4. General Exceptions;
- 1.5. Right to Private Defense.

Module - II
Inchoate Crimes

- 2.1. Punishments;
- 2.2. Common Intention (Section 34-38) & Common Object (Sections 141-149);
- 2.3. Riot & Affray;
- 2.4. Attempt (Section 511, 307, 309);
- 2.5. Abetment & Conspiracy.

Module - III
Offences Against Human Body

- 3.1. Culpable Homicide: General; Culpable Homicide & Murder, Exception to S. 300;
- 3.2. Hurt and Grievous Hurt;
- 3.3. Kidnapping & Abduction (Sections 359, 360, 361-366);
- 3.4. Sexual offences (Sections 354, 354A-354D, 375-376A-376E);
- 3.5. Defamation.

Module - IV
Offences Against Property

- 4.1. Theft (Sections 378-382 read with section 23-24) & Extortion (Section 383);
- 4.2. Robbery & Dacoity (Sections 390-391);
- 4.3. Dishonest misappropriation of Property & Criminal breach of trust (Section 403-405);
- 4.4. Cheating (415-416 and 420 read with sections 29-30);
- 4.5. Criminal Trespass.

Prescribed Legislations:


1. The Indian Penal Code, 1860.
2. The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000.
3. The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.
4. The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.

Prescribed Books:

1. K. D. Gaur, CRIMINAL LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS, (Universal, 2015).
2. K. I. Vibhute, P. S. A. PILLAI'S CRIMINAL LAW, (Lexis Nexis, 2017).

Reference Books:

- 1 K. N. C. Pillai, GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF CRIMINAL LAW, (EBC, 2011).
- 2 K. N. C. Pillai and Shabistan Aquil, ESSAYS ON THE INDIAN PENAL CODE, (ILI, 2005).
- 3 K. T. Thomas and M. A. Rashid, RATAN LAL & DHIRAJ LAL'S THE INDIAN PENAL CODE, (Lexis Nexis, 2014).
- 4 R. C. Nigam, LAW OF CRIMES IN INDIA, (Asia Publishing House, 1965).
- 5 Syed Shamsul Huda, THE PRINCIPLES OF THE LAW OF CRIMES IN BRITISH INDIA, (EBC, 2011).
- 6 V. B. Raju, COMMENTARY ON INDIAN PENAL CODE, 1860, (EBC, 1982).


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