

(Political Science)
PITHAPUR RAJAH'S GOVT. COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) KAKINADA
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
COURSE TITLE: LEGAL LITERACY - RIGHTS AWARENESS
(CORE Paper XIV) SEMESTER - V 2025-26

Total Learning Hours: 75

Total Credits: 4

Course Outcomes: After Studying this course student shall be able to:

1. Acquaint student with the structure and manner of functioning of the legal system in India.
2. Understand of the laws related to rights applicable in India.
3. Provide an overview of access to courts and enforcement of rights.
4. Develop an understanding of the formal and Alternate Dispute Redressal (ADR) mechanism that exist in India.

UNIT – I:

Brief understanding of Legal Literacy-Rights and Duties of citizens-Indian Constitution Fundamental Rights and other constitutional rights and enforcement of certain rights under Article 21 with emphasis on Public Interest Litigation.

UNIT – II:

Laws relating to criminal jurisdiction-Provisions relates to FIR, Arrest, Bail, Search and Seizure Important offences under Indian Penal Code-Offences against Women-Dowry, Sexual harassment and violence, Juvenile justice.

UNIT – III:

Anti-terrorist laws-Implication of security and protection of Human Rights-Laws relating to Consumer rights and Cybercrimes.

UNIT – IV:

System of Courts and Tribunals and their jurisdiction in India-Civil and Criminal courts, Writ jurisdiction, specialized courts such as Juvenile courts, Mahila courts etc.

UNIT – V:

Legal Services Authority Act, 1987 and Right to Free Legal Aid-Alternate Dispute Resolution Mechanism (ADR), Lok Adalats and Conduct of Legal Literacy camps-Role of NGOs in promoting legal awareness.

Books Recommended:

1. Basu, D.D, Introduction to Constitution of India, Nagpur, Lexis Nexis Butter worths, 2018.
2. Kashyap, S, Our Constitution: An Introduction to India's Constitution and Constitutional Laws, New Delhi, National Book Trust, 1994.
3. D.Srivastava, Sexual Harassment and Violence against Women in India : Constitutional and Legal Perspectives in C.Kumar and C.Chockalingam (eds) Human Rights, Justice and Constitutional Empowerment, Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2015.
4. B.L.Wadhera, Public Interest Litigation- A Handbook, Universal Publications, New Delhi, 2016.
5. Aggarwal, N., Women and Law in India, New Century Publishing House, New Delhi, 2019.
6. Kamala Sankaran and Ujwal Singh (eds), Creating Legal Awareness, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2017.
7. Indian Social Institute, New Delhi, Legal Literacy Booklets.
8. P.C.Rao and William Sheffiled, Alternate Dispute Resolution: What it is and How it works, Universal Law Books and Publishers, New Delhi, 2012.
9. Parmanand Singh, Access to Justice and the Indian Supreme Court, 10& 11, Delhi Law Review, 1981-82.
10. J.Kothari, Criminal Law on Domestic Violence, Economic and Political Weekly, 2005, Vol.40 (46), pp., 4843-4849.
11. Centre for Good Governance, Right to Information Act,2005 : A Citizen's Guide
12. A.Pandey, Rights of the Consumer, New Delhi, Indian Social Institute, 2004.

Online Resources:

1. <http://egyankosh.ac.in/handle/123456789/57892>
2. <http://hdl.handle.net/123456789/23668>
3. <https://egyankosh.ac.in/bitstream/123456789/57904/1/BLOCK%202.pdf>

CO-PO Mapping:(1: Slight [Low]; 2: Moderate[Medium]; 3: Substantial[High], - : No relation)

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3	PSO4
CO1	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	2	1	1
CO2	3	3	2	2	2	1	3	2	2	1
CO3	2	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	1	2
CO4	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	3	3

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MODEL QUESTION PAPER
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Time: 2 Hours

Max Marks: 50

SECTION - I

I. Answer any THREE of the following questions. Must Attempt Atleast one question
From each part. Each question carries 10 marks **3x10= 30 Marks**

PART-A

- 1 Discuss the concept of legal literacy and its significance in empowering citizens to exercise their rights and duties under the Indian Constitution?
2. Write an essay on Public Interest Litigation(PIL)?
3. Examine the procedural safeguards under the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC)?

PART-B

4. Discuss the role of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, in safeguarding consumer rights and its impact on promoting fair trade practices?
5. Discuss the structure and jurisdiction of India's judicial system, highlighting the roles of civil, criminal, and specialized courts?
- 6 Examine the significance of legal literacy camps in bridging the gap between legal systems and citizens?

SECTION - II

II. Answer any FOUR of the following questions. Each question carries
5 marks. **4x5 = 20 Marks**

7. Fundamental Rights
8. Article 21.?
9. Indian Penal Code (IPC)?
10. Juvenile Justice Act, 2015?
11. anti-terrorism
12. Mahila Courts?
13. Lok Adalat ?

Blue Print for Semester End Exam Question Paper (Without Choice)

Sl. No:	Unit	No of Essays	No of Short Essays	Total Marks
1	I	2	1	25
2	II	1	2	20
3	III	1	1	15
4	IV	1	1	15
5	V	1	2	20
TOTAL		6	7	95