

B.A.LL.B (Hons.) 5 YEARS INTEGRATED COURSE

SEMESTER-VII

Course Code	BAL705
Course Title	Media Law
Type of Course	Core
L T P	5 1 0
Credits	6
Course Prerequisites	12 th
Course Objectives (CO)	The present course seeks to establish a co-relationship between constitutional objective of free speech and expression with that of media, which is deemed to be fourth pillar of democratic governance. In addition to this, the course also includes the idea of Right to Information Act which enshrines within itself right to know which is considered by Apex Court as an imperative right in democracy. The digitization of media results in manifold issues owing to the large audience that it caters to. This course herein discusses these issues extensively in form of broadcasting and censorship criterions. At the same time the course herein caters to the emerging trends in media in the wake of Information and Communication technology and its impact on the changing media structures.

UNIT-I

Freedom of speech and expression and its expanding scope including Right to Information: Constitutional Mandate
Right to Information as prerogative of good governance
Constitutional Restrictions on Media

UNIT –II

Privacy vis-a-vis Media
Media Trial and Judiciary
Media and ethics

UNIT –III

Media and Censorship with reference to Cinematograph Act, 1952 and Press Council Act 1978

Broadcasting Media with reference to the Cable TV Network (Regulation) Act 1995 and Role of BCCC
Satellite Communication and Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995

UNIT –IV

Right to Information with special reference to Right to Information Act, 2005

Online Media and Information Technology Act, 2002

Commercial speech and The Advertising Standards Council of India, 1985

Suggested Readings:

Durga Dass Basu, Commentary on the Constitution of India, Lexis Nexis Butterworths Wadhwa, (2011).

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H.M. Seervai, Constitutional Law of India, Universal Law Publishers, (2005).

Eric Barendt, Freedom of Speech, Oxford University Press, (2006).

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P.K. Saini, R. K. Gupta, Right to Information Act, 2005: Implementation and Challenges, Deep and Deep Publications, (2009).

Madhavi Divan, Facets of Media Law, Eastern Book Company, Lucknow(2006)

Dr. Umar Sama, Law of Electronic Media, Deep & Deep Publication Pvt. Ltd., (2007)

Vikram Raghavan, Communications Law in India (Legal Aspects Of Telecom,

Broadcasting And Cable Services), Lexis Nexis, (2007).

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Soli. J. Sorabjee, The Law of Press Censorship in India, N.M. Tripathi Pvt Ltd.,
(1976)

V.Nelson, TheLaw of Entertainment and Broadcasting, Sweet & Maxwell, 2nd
Edition, (2000)

Bare Acts

Right to Information Act, 2005

The Cable Television Network (Regulation) Act, 1995

Cinematograph Act, 1952

Information Technology Act, 2002

Press Council Act 1978