

**Media Law & ethics**

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**Curriculum:**

- Unit I** Constitution of India: Fundamental Rights – Freedom of Speech and Expression and their Limits, Provisions of Declaring Emergency and their Effects on Media, Union and States; and Election Commission and its Machinery.
- Unit II** Specified Press Laws: History of Press Laws in India – Contempt of Courts Act 1971 – Civil and Criminal Law of Defamation – Relevant Provisions of Indian Penal Code with Reference of Sedition, Crime Against Women and Children; Laws Dealing with Obscenity; Official Secrets Act, 1923, Right to Information.
- Unit III** Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867. Working Journalists and Other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service & Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1955; – Cinematograph Act, 1953; Prasar Bharati Act; WTO Agreement And Intellectual Property Right Legislations, Including Copyright Act, Trade Marks Act And Patent Act – Information Technology, Convergence Legislations Including Cyber Laws and Cable Television Act and Media and Public Interest Litigation.
- Unit IV** Media's Ethical Problems Including Privacy, Right to Reply, Communal Writing and Sensational and Yellow Journalism; Freebies, Bias, Coloured Reports; Ethical Issues Related with Ownership of Media, Role of Press Council of India and its Broad Guidelines for the Press – Codes Suggested for The Press by Press Council and Press Commissions, Accountability and Independence of Media.

**Reference Books :**

1. An Grover: Press and the Law.
2. B Basu: Laws of Press in India.
3. Basu D.D: Press Laws; Wadhwa and company, Nagpur Publication.
4. K S Padhy: Battle for Freedom of Press in India.
5. S K Aggarwal: Media and Ethics.