

Course I: Introduction to Legal Process

This course intends to provide an idea regarding the role of the law in maintaining social control and making social change. It also intends to provide a clear picture regarding sources of law, legal systems, law and ethics, constitutional system of governance and administration of justice

Unit I- Law and Society

- Law as a means of Regulation of Human Conduct
- Social Functions of Law – Social Control, Social Change
- Society, polity and Legal system
- Law and Justice
- Law and Ethics

Unit II- Classification of Law

- Municipal Law and International Law
- Public Law and Private Law
- Civil Law and Criminal Law
- Substantial Law and Procedural Law

Unit III- Sources of Law

- Legislations
- Law making in Parliamentary Democracy- law Making Process
- Custom - Essential conditions for valid test
- Precedent-Ratio Decidendi -Obiter Dicta-Binding nature of Precedent
- Judicial Creativity and Judicial Activism

Unit IV- Legal Systems

- Common Law System
- Civil Law System
- Other legal System

Unit V- Constitutional system of governance and Administration of Justice

- Court System in India
- Supreme Court
- High Courts
- Subordinate Judiciary
- Tribunals
- Legal Profession in India

Books for reference

- D. Bark and Colin Padfield, Law Made simple (Twelfth Edition)
Granville Williams, Learning the Law (Fifteenth Edition)
N.K., Jayakumar Lectures in Jurisprudence (Third edition)

Course II: Introduction to NRI Laws

This course aims at giving the students an insight into the basic concepts related to NRI like nationality, citizenship, domicile. It also intends to trace the history of migration of Indian Population to Foreign countries and different status assigned by India to the migrants like Overseas Citizens, Non Resident Indians and the legal issues in relation to the migrants.

Unit I- Introduction

- Emergence of National States and Migration of People
- Concept of Citizenship
- Nationality, Domicile and Citizenship

Unit II- Identity Issues of Migrant Populations

- Identity attached to Domicile
- Domicile of Origin
- Domicile of Choice
- Nationality and Domicile

Unit III- Concept of Residence of a Nation and Non-Residence of a Nation

- Concept of Alien and enemy alien
- Concept of Dual Citizenship
- Overseas Citizenship
- Diaspora Studies
- Non Residence and Overseas Citizens of India

Unit IV- Migration of Indian People

- Migration in Colonial Period
- Migration as a result of Partition
- Migration after Independence
- Migration in the globalized era

Unit V-NRI laws in India

- Recognition of Persons of Indian Origins (PIOs)
- Overseas Corporate Bodies (OCBs)
- Laws governing NRIs in India
- Law relating to Immovable property in India by NRIs
- - Application of Provisions under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) and the Income Tax Act-
- NRIs and Issues Related to Family

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1. THE OTHER INDIANS, Lal, Vinay, HarperCollins India
2. Investing and Taxation for NRI's Made Easy, Subhash Lakhotia, 2012
3. NRI: Now, Returned to India, Amar Vyas
4. Migrant Integration between Homeland and Host Society Volume 2: edited by Anna Di Bartolomeo, Sona Kalantaryan, Justyna Salamońska, Philippe Fargue
5. Migration, Citizenship, and Development: Diasporic Membership Policies and Overseas Indians in the United States, Daniel Naujoks OUP India, 25-Jul-2013

Course V: Law relating to NRI investments

This course aims at giving the students an insight into the basic concepts and legal provisions dealing with NRI Investment Laws. It also intends to provide a clear picture regarding types of investment available for NRIs, banking accounts, real estate investment, taxation and agencies facilitating NRI investment.

Unit I NRI Investments

- Non Resident Indians, Person of Indian Origins (PIOs), PIO Scheme, Overseas Corporate Bodies (OCBs)
- Repatriable investments-FDIs: Investments in Indian companies under Automatic Route and Government route, Foreign Portfolio Investment Scheme, Transfer or Issue of Security by a Person Resident Outside India Regulations 2000, FDI Prohibitions
- Non Repatriable investment – Investment in immovable property, Partnership, Gift, Loan, Inheritance, RBI Guidelines Nature of Foreign Exchange Management Act 1999, Notifications issued under the Act, Restrictions on citizens of certain countries

Unit II- Banking Laws

- Types of Bank Accounts
- NRE or Non Resident External Accounts
- NRO or Non Resident Ordinary Accounts
- FCNR or Foreign Currency Non Resident

Unit III- Real estate sector

- Types of properties to invest in,
- Permission for purchase of residential/commercial property,
- Loans/funding,
- Sale of properties and repatriation,
- Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) and real estate

Unit IV- Taxation

- Taxation rules for NRIs-
- Income Tax Act 1961
- Exemptions from Tax
- Tax deductions
- Tax returns
- Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets Bill, 2015
- Double tax avoidance agreements (DTAAs)

Unit V- Agencies facilitating NRI investment

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI),
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI),
- Authority for Advance Rulings (AAR),
- Secretariat for Industrial Assistance (SIA),
- Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- Office of the Chief Commissioner (Investments & NRIs)

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1. Jigar Patel, NRI Investments and Taxation: A small guide for Big Gains
2. Subhash Lakhota, Tax Planning for NRIs
3. A N Shanbagh, In the wonderland of investment for NRIs
4. V.S Datey, FEMA & FDI: Ready Reckoner
5. S. Rajaratnam & B.V. Venkataramaiah, Treatise on Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements
6. Dr. D.K. Jain & CS. Ishan Jain, Guide to NRIs & PIOs (Non Resident Indians & Persons of Indian Origin) - Policies, Procedures & Taxation

Course IV: NRI and Family Law

This course aims at giving the students an insight into the basic concepts and legal provisions dealing with Family Law applicable to NRIs. It mainly deals NRI laws relating to marriage, divorce, maintenance, custody of children and adoption.

Unit I- NRI Marriage

- Concept and meaning of Marriage
- Non- Residence Marriages
- Marital laws and Validity of NRI Marriages
- Private International Laws
- Law Commission Report
- Choice of Law Rules
- Doctrine of *Lex loci celebration*
- Doctrine of *Lex domicile*
- Rule of Renvoi
- Jurisdiction of Courts- Recognition and enforcement of foreign judgment –Conflict of laws- Role of National Women’s Commission- NRI Cells-

Unit II- Divorce and Maintenance

- Issues and Challenges
- Grounds for divorce
- Divorce and maintenance under personal laws
- Family courts-ex parte decree and foreign courts
- validity of ex- parte decree in India courts
- Property rights
- NRI divorce legal consultancy
- Role of NGO’s

Unit III- Custody of Children

- Definition of Children
- Citizenship of a child
- Rights of women and custody of child
- Maintenance of Child-
- Conflict of laws
- Guardianship under personal law
- Role of Courts

Unit IV- Adoption

- Definition and meaning of adoption
- International conventions
- Personal Laws and adoption
- Child Welfare Committee
- GOI’s guidelines
- Central Adoption Resource Authority
- Ministry of women and Child Development
- Role of NGO’s

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1. Usha Tandon, Validity of Marriage under International Private Law, [http:// papers.ssrn.com](http://papers.ssrn.com)
2. Marriage to Overseas Indians a Guidance Booklet, Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (2007)
3. Report of National Women’s Commission on Problems relating to NRI Marriages

Course III: Law Relating to NRI Emigration

This course aims at giving the students an insight into the basic concepts and legal provisions dealing with NRI, the basic constitutional provisions of the country read along with the recent legal development and related legal matters of Indian Diaspora.

Unit-1. Basic concepts and origin.

- Historical Evolution of Migration of Indians
- Migration of Indians in Ancient, Medieval and Modern Era
- Social Factors leading to Migration of Indians
- Economic Aspects of Migration of Indians

Unit-2. Indian Constitution and Migration

- Constitutional Provisions on Citizenship and Migration
- Changing Dimensions of Migration of Indians
- Migration as a Means of the Nation's tolerant Tradition
- Sovereignty, Rule of Law and Migration

Unit- 3. Legal Framework on Migration of Indians

- Origin and Development of Migration Laws
- The Emigration Act, 1983, the Foreigners Act of 1946 and the *Passports Act, 1967*
- Powers and Functions of the Protector of Emigrants
- Judicial Response to Migration Laws in India
- Need for Reforms in Law relating to Migration

Unit- 4. Recent Developments on Migration of Indians

- Developments on Educational Migration
- Development on Employment Migration
- Consequences of Illegal Migration
- Social Economic and Political Problems of Migration
- Migration and Family Disputes.

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2. Immigration Law Handbook, [Phelan](#) and [Gillespie](#), 1st Ed. 2015
3. Jain, Prakash, C (1990). Racial Discrimination against Overseas Indians: A Class Analysis, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company.
4. Jain, Ravindra K. (1993), Indian Communities Abroad. New Delhi: Manohar
5. N. Jayaram and Yogesh Atal (eds), The Indian Diaspora: Dynamics of Migration, pp.15-43. Delhi: Sage Publications.
6. Khadria, Binod. 2009. India Migration Report 2009: Past, Present and the Future. New Delhi: Cambridge University Press.
7. Sociological Bulletin. (1989), Special Issue on 'Indians Abroad'(Guest ed.: S.L. Sharma), 38(1).
8. Emigration, Immigration, and Diaspora Relations in India, By Daniel Naujoks, Indian Emigration/Immigration