Law relating to Women and Children

Course Objective:

The course will sensitise the students about the position of Women in the Indian society. The students will gain an understanding of the various aspects related to the personal laws, criminal laws and the constitutional protection accorded to the women in India. The course will also develop an understanding about the various Welfare legislations related to women in India.

Module – I  Introduction

1. Status of Women in India
2. Status of Women – Position abroad
3. Constitution of India and Women

Module – II  Personal Laws and Women

1. Unequal position of women – different personal laws and Directive principles of State Policy
2. Uniform Civil Code towards gender justice
3. Sex inequality in inheritance
4. Guardianship

Module – III  Criminal Laws and Women

1. Adultery
2. Rape
3. Outraging Modesty
4. Domestic Violence

Module – IV  Women Welfare Laws

1. Pre-conception and pre-natal diagnostic techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994
2. Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986
4. Domestic Workers Welfare and Social Security Act, 2010
5. Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1987
6. Family Courts Act, 1984
Course Outcome: After the completion of the course the students will be able to:

1. Understand the social position of women in India and the constitutional protection accorded to them.
2. Understand the nature of the various personal laws on women’s rights and obligations.
3. Understand the various aspects of the criminal law relating to women.
4. Develop an understanding and ability to appreciate the various welfare legislations related to the women in India.

Suggested Reading:

5. BN Chattoraj, Crime against Women: A Search for Peaceful Solution, LNJN-NICFS, 2007