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Course Name –

INTERDISCIPLINARY
APPROACHES TO SEXUAL
VIOLENCE AND LAW

Course Code –BE-E-0099

Credits: 4

Course Description-

The purpose of this course is to consider the intersection of law and sexual violence within India and in the global context. The focus of the course is the definition, explanation and interpretation of rape, sexual harassment, sex work, sexual conduct, treatment of sex offenders, marital rape, sex trafficking, criminalisation of consensual sexual conduct, and evidential issues in the proof of sexual offences. This will be dealt with while examining a range of regulations and regulatory frameworks. We will also consider how landmark court decisions are changing the current landscape. While such crimes can be described as violent in nature, they do go a little deeper than that. What's incredibly difficult in the case of sexual violence suffers from a lack of 'shared societal understanding'. Challenging the societal preconceptions and myths of sexual violence we will try to understand why we need to redefine sexual violence. Additionally, this course will include critically examining contemporary issues, debates and controversies surrounding sexual violence such as sexual assaults in cyberspace & virtual realities and what we learned from the me-too movement.

Key takeaways

1. Understand developments in the substantive law of sexual offences in India and some international jurisdictions, and some aspects of the law of evidence and proof.
2. Explain and critically analyse the policy, theoretical and doctrinal underpinnings of such developments, as well as the empirical research relating to sexual offences.
3. Critically assess proposals for further reform of the law and policy.
4. The role of law in responding to sexual violence, including criminal and civil legal remedies, as well as the limitations of legal interventions.