PAPER – V INDIAN LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY (Optional Paper) (Paper Code : K-205)

This course is intended to introduce students to the Legal and Constitutional History of India (1600-1950). Emphasis will be laid on the following :

I. Legal History :

The Early Charters and the Administration of Justice by the East India Company, the Mayor's Courts; Judicial Reforms of Warren Hastings and the Advent of Adalat System; the Regulating Act and the Act of Settlement; Judicial Reforms of Cornwallis; the High Courts; Privy Council; the Supreme Court of India; the Law Commissions and Codification, Development of Criminal Law, Law of Contract and Law of Evidence in India; Personal Laws of Hindu and Mohammedans.

II. Constitutional History :

Position of Native States and the development of the Doctrine of Paramountcy, Development of Legislative Institutions, Indian Council Act 1861, Government of India Act 1909, Government of India Act 1919, Government of India Act 1935, The story of Framing of Indian Constitution.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED

Jain, M.P., Outlines of Indian Legal History Kulshreshtha, V.D., Landmarks in Indian Legal and Constitutional History Pranjpe, N.V., Legal and Constitutional History of India Puri, S.K., Legal and Constitutional History of India Ramajois, M., Legal and Constitutional History of India, Volume-I,II Shilwant, S.S., Turning Points in Indian Legal and Constitutional History Singh, M.P., Outlines of Indian Legal and Constitutional History