

## **Syllabus**

### **PhD Entrance Exam – Law**

#### **1. Classification and Succession under Hindu Law**

- Class I heirs under the Hindu Succession Act, 1956
- Rights of daughters and gender equality in inheritance
- Relevant Amendments and Case Laws

#### **2. Schools of Jurisprudence**

- Analytical (Austin)
- Historical (Savigny)
- Sociological (Duguit, Roscoe Pound)
- **Teleological or Functional School** – Focus on law's purpose

#### **3. Legal Doctrines and Key Case Laws**

- Doctrine of Frustration
- Doctrine of Prospective Overruling
- Doctrine of Severability
- Doctrine of Basic Structure (*Kesavananda Bharati case*)

#### **4. Precedents and Judicial Hierarchy**

- Binding nature of Supreme Court decisions
- Article 141 of Constitution
- High Court decisions and stare decisis

#### **5. Environmental Legislation**

- Overview of:
  - The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981

- The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
- Amendments under Motor Vehicles Act, 2019
- Section 19 of the Environment (Protection) Act - 60-day notice for complaint

## **6. Natural Justice and Administrative Law**

- Post-decisional hearing (*Maneka Gandhi v. Union of India*)
- Arbitrary detention
- Equality as a dynamic concept (*E.P. Royappa Case*, Justice Bhagwati)

## **7. Jurisprudential Concepts**

- Hans Kelsen's Pure Theory of Law
- Ownership theory (Salmond)
- "Jus cogens" norms in international law
- Actus Reus and Mens Rea

## **8. Torts and Compensation**

- Liability for injury during cricket match (*Volenti non fit injuria* vs. Negligence)
- Dishonor of negotiable instruments - compensation to holder

## **9. Constitutional Institutions**

- Lokayukta: Role and states where not implemented

## **Suggested Readings:**

- V.D. Mahajan: Jurisprudence and Legal Theory
- M.P. Jain: Indian Constitutional Law
- P.S.A. Pillai: Criminal Law
- S.R. Myneni: Environmental Law
- Landmark Cases