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## **RGNUL Ph.D. PROGRAMME (LAW)**

### **Syllabus for Entrance Test**

#### **PART-I**

### **RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

#### **UNDERSTANDING RESEARCH**

1. Meaning of Research, Legal Research and Socio Legal Research
2. Nature and Characteristics of Legal Research
3. Objectivity and Utility of Legal Research
4. Types of Research

#### **MAJOR STEPS IN RESEARCH I**

5. Formulation of Research Problem, Literature Review
6. Research Design
7. Hypothesis Kinds of Hypothesis
8. Methods and Tools for Data Collection in Legal Research

#### **MAJOR STEPS IN RESEARCH II**

9. Sampling Techniques
10. Data Processing and Data Analysis
11. Use of Library, Internet and Legal Databases
12. Writing Techniques and Methodology – Report Writing, Article Writing, Thesis / Dissertation Writing

#### **LAW REFORMS AND LEGAL RESEARCH**

13. Research Ethics: Plagiarism, Copyright Issues
14. Legal Reform Committee: Role and Importance
15. Law Commission of India: Functions and Contribution
16. Research funding and Rights of Funding Agencies



### **Suggestive Reference Books for Part-I**

1. Bradney, A., *et. al.*, *How to Study Law*, Thomson, Sweets and Maxwell, London.
2. Gibaldi, Joseph, *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, East West Press, New Delhi.
3. Gregory, JAN, *Continuum Viva Research Methodology - Ethics in Research*, Contium, London.
4. Gupta, Sushma, *History of Legal Education*, Deep and Deep Publications, New Delhi.
5. Hart, Chris, *Doing Your Masters Dissertation*, Vistaar Publications, New Delhi.
6. Khowles, John, *Effective Legal Research*, Thomson, Sweet and Maxwell, London.
7. Koul, A.K., *Legal Education in India in 21st Century*, AILTC, Delhi.
8. Kumar, Ranjit, *Research Methodology*, Pearsons Education Limited, New Delhi.
9. Prince, Mary Miler, *The Blue Book: A Uniform System of Citation*, The Harvard Law Review Association, U.S.A..
10. Sharma, C.K., *Research Methodology*, Shree Publication, New Delhi.
11. Singh, Y.K., *Research Methodology*, APH Publication, New Delhi.
12. Sloan, E., Amy, *Basic Legal Research - Tools and Strategies*, Acpen Publishers, New York (1964).
13. Verma, R.K., *Research Methodology*, Commonwealth, New Delhi.
14. Verma, S.K. and Afzal Wani, M., *Legal Research and Methodology*, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi.
15. Walliman, Nicholas, *Your Research Project*, Vistaar Publications, New Delhi.
16. Young, P.V., *Research Techniques and Methodology*
17. Wani Afzal, *Research Methodology*, ILA, Publication, Delhi.



## **PART-II**

### **COMPARATIVE PUBLIC LAW**

#### **CONCEPT AND DIMENSIONS OF COMPARATIVE PUBLIC LAW**

1. Constitutionalism: Meaning and Relevance, Principles and Scope of Public Law
2. Public Law and Private Law: Shifting Paradigms
3. Principles of Organizations of Government: Unitary and Federal
4. Constitutional Governance under Federal Polity

#### **COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**

5. Composition and Functioning of Bicameral Legislature
6. Legislative Mechanism
7. Rule of Law
8. Amendment Process

#### **COMPARATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

9. Due Process of Law
10. Separation of Powers
11. Judiciary: Organization and Independence
12. Judicial Review of Legislative and Administrative Actions

#### **PUBLIC LAW AND LIBERTIES**

13. Public Law and Liberty
14. Public Morality and Individual Rights
15. Freedom of Speech, Expression and Privacy Rights
16. Plea Bargaining and Sentencing Policies

### **Suggestive Reference Books for Part-II**

1. Allen, Michael & Thompson Brian, *Cases & Materials on Constitutional And Administrative Law*, Oxford University Press.
2. Barnett, Hailaise, *Constitutional and Administrative Law*, Routledge – Cavendish.
3. Basu, D.D., *Commentary on the Constitution of India*, Vol. 1 & 4, Lexis Nexis, Butterworths, Wadhawa, Nagpur.
4. Basu, D.D., *Comparative Constitutional Law*, Wadhwa Nagpur.
5. De Smith's *Judicial Review*, London, Sweet & Maxwell.
6. Jain, M.P., *Indian Constitutional Law* Lexis Nexis Butterworths Wadhwa.



7. McEldowney, John F., *Public Law*, London, Sweet & Maxwell.
8. Molan, Michael T., *Constitutional Law*, Old Balley Press.
9. Parpworth, Neil, *Constitutional & Administrative Law*, (Seventh Ed.), Oxford University Press.
10. Sueur, Andrew Le, *Herberg, Javan and English*, Rosalind, *Principles of Public Law*, Cavendish Publishing Ltd., London, Sydney.
11. Vile, M.J.C., *Constitutionalism and the Separation of Powers*, (Second Ed.), Liberty Fund, Liberty Fund, Indianapolis.
12. Wheare, K.C., *Federal Government*, Oxford University Press.
13. Prasad, Anirudh, *Judicial Power and Judicial Review*, Eastern Book Company, Lucknow.