

IL 112 Legal History

Unit I: Early Developments (1600- 1836)

- a) Charters of the East India Company: 1600, 1661, 1726 and 1753
- b) Settlements: Surat, Madras, Bombay and Calcutta
- c) Courts: Mayor's Court of 1726 and Supreme Court of 1774
- d) Statutes: Regulating Act, 1773; Pitts India Act, 1784; The Act of Settlement 1781
- e) Conflict: Raja Nanad Kumar, Kamaluddin, Patna Case, and Cossijurah
- f) Warren Hastings: Judicial Plans of 1772, 1774 and 1780
- g) Lord Cornwallis: Judicial Plans of 1787, 1790 and 1793
- h) Lord William Bentinck (With special focus on Appraisal of Criminal law)

Unit II: Evolution of Law and Legal Institutions

- a) Development of Personal Laws
- b) Development of Law in Presidency Towns
- c) Development of Civil law in Mufassil: Special Emphasis on Justice, Equity and Good Conscience
- d) Codification of Laws: Charter of 1833, The First Law Commission, the Charter of 1853, The Second Law Commission
- e) Establishment of High Courts, 1861
- f) Privy Council and Federal Court: Appeals and working of Privy Council, Appraisal of Privy Council, Features of Federal Court
- g) Evaluation: Special Reference to Racial Discrimination, Merit and Demerits

Unit III: Legal Profession and Education

- a) Early Developments though Major's Court, Supreme Court, Company's Adalat, High Court, Legal Practitioners Act of 1879, The Chamber and Indian Bar Committee of 1951
- b) The Advocates Act of 1961: Provisions and Disciplinary powers
- c) Law Reporting: Theory of Precedents, Features of Law reporting from 1773 to 1950
- d) Legal Education: History and Basic Aims of Legal Education

Unit IV: Constitutional History

- a. The Indian Councils Act, 1861
- b. The Indian Councils Act, 1892
- c. The Indian Councils Act, 1909
- d. The Government of India Act 1919
- e. The Government of India Act, 1935

Suggested Reading:

1. D.D.Basu: Introduction to the Constitution of India
2. G.N.Singh: Landmark in Indian Constitutional & National Development
3. V.D.Kulshreshtha's Landmarks in Indian Legal & Constitutional History