

## LEGAL RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND WRITING

- Introduction: Legal Research ó Evolution, Changing Emphasis and Contemporary Trends in general and specific to India
- Different Kinds of Legal Research: Doctrinal, Non-Doctrinal/Empirical/Socio-Legal , Inter/Multidisciplinary, Historical.
- Research: Meaning, Objectives, Motivations, Types and Significance, Method and Methodology, Scientific Method, Research Process
- Formulating Research Problem: Literature Review, Hypothesis, Research Design
- Sampling Procedures: Probability and Non-Probability Sampling
- Methods of Data Collection: Observation, Interview, Questionnaire, Schedules, Case Study
- Organisation, Interpretation and Analysis of Data
- Report Writing: Use of Citations, Foot Notes, Reference, Bibliography, Indexes, Appendixes
- Tools of Legal Research: Library, Books, Law Reports, Law Commission Reports, Legislative and Constitutional Assembly Reports, Computer/Internet
- Legal Research and Law Reforms: Role of Judges and Jurists, Recommendations of Commissions and Committees etc.
- Plagiarism and Copyright Infringement
- How to write a Dissertation/ Thesis

### SUGGESTED READINGS\*

1. Bruce L. Berg, *Qualitative Research Methods For The Social Sciences* (London: Allyn and Bacon, 2001).
2. C.R. Kothari, *Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques* (New Delhi: Wiley Eastern Ltd., 1985).
3. Dennis P. Forcese and Stephen Richer (ed.), *Stages of Social Research – Contemporary Perspectives* (New Jersey, Prentice Hall Inc., Englewood Cliffs, 1970).

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\* Suggested Readings are not exhaustive. Need to be supplemented with additional readings.

4. Goode and Hall, *Methods in Social Research* (Singapore: MacGraw Hill Book Co., 1985).
5. Johan Galtung, *Theory And Methods of Social Research* (London: George Allen & Unwin Ltd., 1970).
6. Pauline V. Young, *Scientific Social Surveys and Research* (New Delhi: Prentice Hall of India Pvt. Ltd., 1984).
7. S K Verma & M Afzal Wani (eds), *Legal Research and Methodology* (Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, 2nd ed., 2001).
8. Vijay K. Gupta, *Decision Making In The Supreme Court of India (A Jurimetric Study) – Alternatives in Judicial Research* (Delhi : Kaveri Books, 1995).

