

### 13) Certificate Course on Information Literacy and Legal Research Summary Report (2022-2023)

#### Introduction:

The Certificate Course on Information Literacy and Legal Research was designed to enhance students' ability to locate, evaluate, and utilize legal information effectively from 14th October to 5th November 2023. This 30-hour course aimed to provide participants with the essential tools and methodologies required for effective legal research, equipping them to navigate the complexities of modern legal practice and academia.

**Course Outcomes:** The course aimed to achieve the following outcomes:


- **Understanding Research Methodologies:** Students gained proficiency in various legal research methods, including doctrinal, empirical, and socio-legal approaches.
- **Effective Use of Research Tools:** Participants were introduced to online and offline legal research platforms, databases, and libraries, ensuring they could access and analyze relevant legal materials efficiently.
- **Critical Analysis Skills:** Students developed the ability to critically evaluate legal sources for reliability, accuracy, and relevance.
- **Information Literacy Competence:** The course emphasized ethical research practices and the proper citation of sources in legal writing.

**Evaluation:** The course enrolled 24 students who participated in a blend of theoretical instruction and practical exercises. Key evaluation components included:

- **Research Assignments:** Students were tasked with identifying and analyzing primary and secondary legal sources.
- **Database Navigation Exercises:** Participants demonstrated their ability to use online legal databases effectively, such as SCC Online, Manupatra, and Westlaw.
- **Written Reports:** Students submitted research reports based on case studies and real-world legal problems.
- **Interactive Discussions:** Group discussions on research challenges fostered collaborative learning.

**Conclusion:** The Certificate Course on Information Literacy and Legal Research successfully equipped students with essential skills for conducting efficient and accurate legal research. Through hands-on training and guided exercises, participants gained confidence in navigating complex legal materials and databases. The course's emphasis on ethical research and critical analysis has prepared students for both academic pursuits and professional practice, ensuring their readiness to address the demands of modern legal research.



  
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