LEGAL RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND WRITING

- Introduction: Legal Research – 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*


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