



**HIMACHAL PRADESH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY,
SHIMLA**

Semester: I

LL.M. (One Year Programme)

Paper Code: LM-106

Victimology

Credit - 02

Introduction:

Victimology is a relatively young branch of academic research. Its objective is to gain knowledge about victims of crime and abuse of power. Victimology has from its inception adopted an interdisciplinary approach to its subject matter. The main idea is to present an overview of the history and theory of victimology, analysis of victimization patterns with special emphasis on types of victims and crimes, the interaction between victims of crime and the criminal justice system with respect to the role of the victim and the services offered to the victim.

Course Objectives:

1. To analyse the magnitude of the victims' problems; explain causes of victimization; and to develop a system of measures to reduce victimization.
2. To analyze the victim-offender relations and the interactions between victims and the criminal justice system.
3. To study about victimological clinic, restitution, compensation, and reparation.
4. To critically evaluate the emergence of victim justice in India.

Learning Outcomes:

On the successful completion of course, students will be able to:

1. To examine the concept of victims and victimology and trace the trends of compensatory jurisprudence in India.
2. To understand that victimology is the study of crime giving importance to the role and responsibility of the victim and his offender.
3. Students will learn about the various impacts of victimization, restorative justice, and compensatory schemes for benefit of victims.
4. To evaluate what the criminal justice system is doing (or not doing) for crime victims.

Module - I

Victimology: Nature, Historical Origins and Development

- 1.1. Emergence, meaning and concept of victim, victimology and victimization;
- 1.2. Relationship of Victimology with other sciences, Nature and Scope of Victimology;
- 1.3. Theories of Victimology;
- 1.4. Role of victims in the criminal phenomenon- Victim Precipitation, Victim's Responsibility;
- 1.5. Status of Victim in the Criminal Justice System.

Module - II

Typology of Victims

- 2.1. Victims outside of the Criminal Justice System;
- 2.2. Victims of crime and abuse of power, Classification of Victims on the basis of social, economic and political factors, Child and Elderly victims;
- 2.3. Gender - Women and LGBT communities;
- 2.4. Refugees and asylum seekers;
- 2.5. Globalization and Marginalization.

Module - III

Status of Victim in the Criminal Justice Administration

- 3.1 Rights of Victims; International and National Approach;
- 3.2 Role of Victim during Trial, Appeal etc.
- 3.3 Victim and their role in Compounding of Offences/Plea Bargaining;
- 3.4 Victims Right to Justice;
- 3.5 Rehabilitation and Victim Assistance Programmes.

Module - IV

Victim Compensation Schemes

- 4.1. Common law regarding Compensation in Tort and Civil law;
- 4.2. Indian Legal Regime for Compensation (Criminal Procedure Code, Motor Vehicle Act, Probation of Offenders Act);
- 4.3. International Covenant on compensation to victims;
- 4.4. Nature of Victim Rights Movement;
- 4.5. Judicial attitude towards Compensatory Jurisprudence.

Prescribed Legislations:

1. The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.
2. The Code of Criminal procedure, 1973.
3. The Motor Vehicle Act. 1988.
4. The Probation of Offenders Act, 1958.

Prescribed Books:

1. G. S. Bajpai and Shreya Gauba, VICTIM JUSTICE - A PARADIGM SHIFT IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SHIFT, (2016).
2. Gurpreet Randhawa, VICTIMOLOGY & COMPOSITUM JURISPRUDENCE, (2016).

Suggested Readings:

1. Albert F. Roberts and Ann Burgess, VICTIMOLOGY THEORIES AND APPLICATIONS, (Jones and Bartlett Publishers, 2012).
2. Claire Ferguson and Brent E. Turvey, VICTIMOLOGY: A BRIEF HISTORY WITH AN INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC VICTIMOLOGY, (Academic Press, 2009).
3. Joanna Shapland, VICTIMS, THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND COMPENSATION, (The British Journal of Criminology, 1984).
4. Nati Ronel *et. al.*, TREND AND ISSUES IN VICTIMOLOGY, (Cambridge Scholar Publications, 2008).
5. Pamela Davies *et. al.*, VICTIM, CRIME AND SOCIETY- AN INTRODUCTION, (Sage Publications, 2017).
6. S. C. Raina, APEX COURT AND EVOLUTION OF VICTIMOLOGY JURISPRUDENCE PUBLISHED IN LAW, JUDICIARY AND JUSTICE IN INDIA, (Deep & Deep Publications, 1993).
7. Stephen Schafer, THE VICTIM AND HIS CRIMINAL, (Random House, 1968).
8. V. N. Rajan, VICTIMOLOGY IN INDIA: AN INTRODUCTORY STUDY, (Allied Publishers, 1981).
9. V. V. Devasia, CRIMINOLOGY, VICTIMOLOGY AND CORRECTIONS (Ashish Publishing House, 1992).
10. William G. Doerner and Steven P. Lab, VICTIMOLOGY, (Routledge, 2020).

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