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PAPER-IV : CRIMINOLOGY AND PENOLOGY

Objectives :

With the fast tempo of change in contemporary society, the crime scene is also changing fast. The eruption of violent crimes, organized crimes, white-collar crimes, crimes against women and children, and above all cyber crimes is compelling enough to warrant the study of crime, its control and prevention. Significant advances have taken place recently in the study of crime and its control, generating important theoretical formulations and policy perspectives. Hence the relevance of the course on criminology.

The course is designed to acquaint the students with :

recent advances in criminology;

changing profile of crime and criminals, particularly in India;

prison reforms in India;

correctional measures and programmes in prisons;

alternatives to imprisonment; and

victimology and its implications for crime control and prevention.

UNIT-I Conceptual Approaches to crime : Legal, behavioural and sociological, deviance, crime and delinquency, types of crime - economic, violent, white - collar.

Perspectives on Crime Causation : Classical, positivist, psychological, sociological marxian, geographical, recent theoretical advances - the criminal personality, labelling theory.

UNIT-II Chaining Profile of Crime and Criminals : Organized crimes, crimes against women and children, cyber crimes, corruption, changing socio-economic profile of criminals in contemporary India.

Theories of Punishment : retributive, deterrent, reformative, futility and cost of punishment.

UNIT-III Correction and its Forms : meaning and significance of correction, forms of correction - prison-based, community-based.

Correctional Programmes in Prisons : History of prison reforms in India, national policy on prisons; scientific classification of prisoners; modernization of prison industry and involvement of private sector, correctional programmes - educational, vocational, psychiatric, mediation, recreation, etc.. New Delhi mode of Correction.

UNIT-IV Problems of Correctional Administration : antiquated jail manual and prison act, overcrowding, custodial mindset; lack of inter-agency coordination among police, prosecution, judiciary and prison; human rights and prison management, limitations and prospects of correction.

UNIT-V Alternatives to Imprisonment : probation, parole, open prisons, after-care and rehabilitation.

Victimological Perspectives : victim's responsibility in crime compensation to victims.