## INTRODUCTION TO SOCIO-LEGAL RESEARCH PROF. SANJAY KULSHRESHTHA

This research requires a multidisciplinary approach to analyze and interpret the law, the legal phenomenon, the relationship between those two and also their relationship with the society in its widest sense.

Law is an important aspect when it comes to any social investigation. The originates and functions in a society based upon the particular needs, customs, traditions of the society and it also possesses the ability to greatly influence the social structure and functions of any society.

## Multi-disciplinary approach

In societies where the development is planned, law plays the role of a catalyst which helps and speeds the process of social reform. Thus in a dynamic or developing society a legal researcher must adopt a multi-disciplinary approach as the legal problems in the society will be largely in connection with the social, economic, political and psychological issues

## CHALLENGES IN SOCIO-LEGAL RESEARCH

Socio-Legal Research denotes the trans-disciplinary research combining law and other social sciences. The challenges faced by socio-legal researchers and scholars though manageable are not to be taken lightly.

The most eminent problem is the fact that the number of social sciences that are recognized in today's world are quite large and each of them have been researched upon and studied for a considerable period of time which has led to many subcategorisations within a single discipline.

## Example

For example, the study of economics is just one distinct discipline for the non-economists but in reality we find that economics has been further divided into various categories such as finance, economic theory, econometrics, economic history, economic policy, etc., and there are scholars who have specialized only or rather exclusively in one or maybe more of those sub-categories under the broad headed discipline of economics