

Add-On Course

On

Human Rights in India



Department of Political Science

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I. Basic Details of the course

1. Course Title : Human Rights in India

2. Context

Human Rights are a broad area of study which focuses on protecting those basic rights of the individuals to which everyone is entitled. These are universal rights inherent to all human beings regardless of their nationality, religion, caste, ethnicity, language, gender and any other status. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1948 was the first legal document that set out the fundamental human rights that needed to be protected. The different articles within it stated, the different categories of rights that needed to be guaranteed and protected for the individuals to live their life as human beings. Along with this, the different countries have also adopted different principles, laws and measures to ensure protection of human rights to its citizens. But despite these initiatives and policies, human right violations have become a common practice in society. So, it is in this context the present course seeks to educate and make the students aware and conscious about the subject from varied perspectives to enlighten them about their rights and responsibilities.

3. Prerequisite

Students pursuing the course are required to have certain prerequisites like having some basic knowledge in history and politics, having an open and analytical mind, possessing empathetic and cultural sensitive attitude and being respectful towards others.

4. Course Objectives

- The course was designed to impart the students with the knowledge and understanding about the concept of human rights, its different dimensions, its challenges and highlights the agencies responsible for safeguarding human rights.
- The course further intends to develop awareness and consciousness about the idea of human rights as to its translations into social and political reality.

5. Programme Highlights and Unique Features

- The highlight of the course centres on audio- visual learning and learning through sharing of experiences related to human rights in the classroom.
- The course was designed in a way that not only builds knowledge, skills, values and attitudes but also promoted interaction, participation, accountability and communication among students. The course was structured in a way that facilitated students to become confident, self- aware, active and independent individuals with developed analytical and interactive skills.

6. Career Prospect

The course enables the students to join in varied professions, namely Lawyer, Human rights campaigner, researcher, teacher, government official, social worker and activist, journalist are a few to mention.

7. Faculty Requirement: 3

8. Course Fee: Nil

9. Target Students

The course invites students from Social Science discipline for participation.

10. Intake Capacity: 45

11. Contact Hours: 30 hours

12. Course Outcome

On completion of the course

- The students will be empowered with skills, mindset and knowledge to deal with all sorts of human right violation taking place in the personal, social and political realm.
- It will also facilitate the development of different facets of their personality and enable them to become responsible citizens of the nation upholding the values of liberty, equality, fraternity, tolerance and justice.

13. Course Co-ordinator: Dr. Sudipta Mandal

II. Curriculum Structure of the Add-On Course

Unit	Title	Hours	No of lectures
1	UNO and Human Rights	4	4
2	Indian Constitution and Human Rights	7	7
3	The Agencies protecting Human Rights	6	6
4	Challenges to Human Rights in India	7	7
5	Short Film show, Group Discussion and Presentation	6	6
Total		30	30

III. Detailed Curriculum of the Course

Unit – 1: UNO and Human Rights [4 Lectures]

- a) Human Rights: Definition and Concept
- b) Universal Declaration of Human Rights: A brief Analysis

Unit – 2: Indian Constitution and Human Rights [7 Lectures]

- a) Civil and Political Rights, Social and Economic and Cultural Rights.
- b) Acts on Human Rights: Right to Information

Unit – 3: The Agencies protecting Human Rights [6 Lectures]

The Agencies: Judiciary, Public Interest Litigation (PIL), National Human Rights Commission and Media.

Unit – 4: Challenges to Human Rights in India [7 Lectures]

The Challenges: Human Rights Violations among Minorities, Dalits and Adivasi, women, children and other marginalised sections

Unit – 5: Short Film/Documentary show, Group Discussion and presentation by students on Human Rights [6 Lectures]

- a) Watching Short films on Human Rights followed by discussion.
- b) Group discussion on topic based on Human Rights.
- c) Presentations by the students.

IV. Lesson Plan of the Course

Lectures (1 Lecture = 1 hour)	Content
4 Lectures =4 hours	Human Rights: Concept and Brief Analysis about UDHR
7 Lectures=7 hours	Discussion on different rights and Illustration on RTI
6 Lectures= 6 hours	An Analysis on the different agencies safeguarding the human rights.
7 Lectures=7 hours	Pointing out the areas or sections of society who are continuously witnessing human rights violation. A detailed analysis of their position and condition in society would be brought to attention.
6 Lectures= 6 hours	View of Short films on human rights followed by discussion, Group Discussion and Presentation by students.

V. Evaluation Policy

- Total Marks: 50
- Theory Examination (Objective Type / MCQ type): 30

- Project work / Field Work / Practical Examination / Group Discussion: 15
- Attendance: 5
- Pass Marks: 25

VI. Gradation System

Marks Obtained	Grade
45 – 50	A +
40 – 44	A
35 – 39	B +
30 – 34	B
25 – 29	C
Below 25	Fail

VII. Certification

Students will be awarded by a certificate after the successful completion of the course.

VII. Learning Resources

1. Human Rights in India: Expanding Dimensions by Somnath Roy published by Satyam Law International
2. Human Rights by V.K. Anand published by Allahabad law Agency
3. Human Rights: Issues and Challenges by Joseph Benjamin published by Gyan Books
- 4 . <https://www.un.org>
5. <http://www.csirs.org.in>
- 6 . <http://www.ihra.co.in>