



SEMESTER-III
HISIDC201T

HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION

Contact Hours: 45

Full Marks = 100 [ESE (70) CCA (30)] (9 Lectures)

Objectives:

To enable the students to learn about basic Human Rights and their fundamental freedoms, to develop attitudes and behaviours that will lead to respect for the rights of others, to promote democracy, development, Social Justice, communal harmony, solidarity and friendship among people and nations and further the activities of international understanding, tolerance and non-violence.

Unit I

1. Definition, Nature and Characteristics of Human Rights.
2. Theories of Human Rights.
3. Historical development: The Magna Carta, The UN Charter 1945, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948, International Covenants on Human Rights. (9 Lectures)

Unit II

Agencies of Human Rights:

- 1) UN High Commission for Human Rights
- 2) Amnesty International
- 3) Human Rights Watch
- 4) International Commission of Jurists. (9 Lectures)

Unit III

1. Human Rights court: mechanisms to uphold and foster Human Rights.
2. Contemporary issues of Human Rights: women, children, bonded labour, slavery, refugees
3. Demand for 4 Freedoms. (9 Lectures)

Unit IV

Indian Constitution and Human Rights:

1. Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive principles
2. The National Human Rights Commission: Constitution, Powers and Functions
3. State Human Rights Commission: Constitution. (9 Lectures)

Unit V

1. Public Interest Litigation (PIL)
2. Indian Judiciary and Human Rights
3. Role of Legal Profession, NGOs (9 Lectures)

Expected learning outcomes:

After completing this course, the students will be able to understand about the basic Human Rights and their fundamental freedoms, about Social Justice, communal harmony, solidarity and friendship among people and nations and also about the activities of international understanding, tolerance, and non-violence.

Suggested Readings:

1. International Bill of Human Rights, Amnesty International Publications. 1998.
2. Human Rights, Question and Answers UNESCO 1982.
3. Maurice Cranston. What are Human Rights?
4. Desai A.R. Violation of Democratic Rights in India.
5. Pande - Constitutional law.



6. J.C. Johari - Human Rights and New world order.
7. Sivakami Paramasivam - Human Rights - A study
8. Aggadurai - Human Rights Education.
9. Subhaigam A - Human Rights Education.
10. Timm. R.W, Working for Justice and Human Rights.