

The syllabus

Course I Introduction to Human Rights and Duties Credit: 1

- I) Basic Concept
 - a) Human Values- Dignity , Liberty, Equality , Justice, Unity in Diversity, Ethics and Morals
 - b) Meaning and significance of Human Rights Education

- II) Perspectives of Rights and Duties
 - a) Rights: Inherent-Inalienable-Universal- Individual and Groups
 - b) Nature and concept of Duties
 - c) Interrelationship of Rights and Duties

- III) Introduction to Terminology of Various Legal Instruments
 - a) Meaning of Legal Instrument- Binding Nature
 - b) Types of Instruments: Covenant-Charter-Declaration-Treaty-Convention-Protocol- Executive Orders and Statutes

- IV) United Nations And Human Rights
 - a) Brief History of Human Rights- International and National Perspectives
 - b) Provision of the charters of United Nations
 - c) Universal Declaration of Human Rights- Significance-Preamble
 - d) Civil and Political Rights-(Art. 1-21)
 - e) Economic, Social and Cultural Rights-(Art.22-28)
 - f) Duties and Limitations-(Art. 29)
 - g) Final Provision (Art. 30)

Course II
Human rights of vulnerable and disadvantaged
groups Credit: 1

- I) General Introduction
 - a) Meaning and Concept of Vulnerable and Disadvantaged
 - b) Groups, Customary, Socio-Economic and Cultural Problems of
 - c) Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Groups

- II) Social status of women and children in International and national perspective
 - a) Human Rights and Women's Rights –International and National Standards
 - b) Human Rights of Children-International and National Standards

- III) Status of Social and Economically Disadvantaged people
 - a) Status of Indigenous People and the Role of the UN
 - b) Status of SC/ST and Other Indigenous People in the Indian Scenario
 - c) Human Rights of Aged and Disabled
 - d) The Minorities and Human Rights

- IV) Human rights of vulnerable groups
 - a) Stateless Persons
 - b) Sex Workers
 - c) Migrant Workers
 - d) HIV/AIDS Victims

Course III
Human Rights and Duties in India: Law, Policy, Society and Enforcement Mechanism
Credit: 1

- I. Human Rights in Indian Context
 - a) Indian Bill of Rights And Sarvodaya
 - b) Preamble- Fundamental Rights- Directive Principles-Fundamental Duties

- II. Human Rights- Enforcement Mechanism
 - a) Human Rights Act, 1993
 - b) Judicial Organs- Supreme Court (Art 32) And High Courts(Art 226)
 - c) Human Rights Commission- National and State of Maharashtra
 - d) Commission of Women, children , Minority, SC/ST
 - e) Survey of International Mechanism

- III. Human Rights Violations and Indian Polity
 - a) Inequalities in society-population-illiteracy-poverty-caste-inaccessibility of legal redress
 - b) Abuse of Executive Power-Corruption-Nepotism and favoritism
 - c) Human Rights and Good Governance

- IV. Role of Advocacy Groups
 - a) Professional Bodies: Press, Media, Role of Lawyers-Legal Aid
 - b) Educational Institutions
 - c) Role of Corporate Sector
 - d) NGO's