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HUMAN RIGHTS



Semester 1

Introduction to Human Rights

1. Conceptual Background of Human Rights and Duties:

- **Concepts of Human Rights**
- **Classifications of Human Rights**
- **Historical and Philosophical Development of Human Rights.**

2. Importance of internalizing Human Rights:

3. Revolutions:

- **Glorious Revolution**
- **French Revolution**
- **Bolshevik Revolution**
- **Marxist Revolution**

4. Indian Concepts:

- **Rajneeti**
- **Lokneeti**
- **Dandaneeti**
- **Nyaya**
- **Dharma**

5. Constitutional Mechanism for Enforcement of Human Rights:

- **Public interest Litigation**
- **Judicial Activism and Landmark judgments**
- **Constitutional Amendments**

6. International Bill of Human Rights:

- **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**
- **International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights**
- **International Covenant on Economic ,Social and Cultural Rights**

- **Optional Protocol**

7. Basic Rights and Duties:

- **Right to Education**
- **Right to Health**
- **Social Security**
- **Retrenchment, termination and displacement**

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- 2. Sen, A.N. and Bhawa, Shiddharth, (2005). Human Rights, Faridabad: Sri Law Publishers.**

Semester 2

Constitution vision of Justice

1. Constitutional Perspectives:

- **The Fundamental Rights**
- **The Directive Principles of State Policy**
- **The Fundamental duties**

2. Statutory Mechanism for Enforcement of Human Rights in India:

- **National Human Rights Commission**
- **State Human Rights Commission**
- **Other Commissions and Committees**

3. Concepts, Classification and Regimes:

- **Definition and Classification**
- **Working Class Movement**
- **Welfare State**
- **Privatization**

4. Status of Working Class:

- **Woman labour**
- **Child Labour**
- **Contractual labour**
- **Bonded labour**
- **Agricultural labour**
- **Migrant labour**

5. Law Enforcing Agencies

6. Women's Rights: Legal Instrument

- **Convention on the Political Rights of Women,1952**
- **Convention on the Nationality of Married Women,1957**

- CEDAW,1979

Reading References:

- 1. Karimova, Tahmina. (2006). Human Rights and Development in international Law. New York: Routledge**
- 2. Mehta, P.L. Verma, Neena. (1999). Human Rights under the Indian Constitution: The Philosophy and Judicial Gerrymandering, New Delhi: Deep Publications**

Semester 3

Human Rights Mechanism and Instruments

1. United Nations and Human Rights

2. Regional Concerns:

- **European Union**
- **American Charter**
- **African Charter**

3. Criminal Justice System and Prosecution of Human Rights:

- **Rights of Inmates of Prison and Custodial Homes**
- **Rights to Legal Aid and Access to Justice and Speedy Justice**
- **Right of the Accused**
- **Restorative Justice**
- **Indian Penal Code**
- **Code of Criminal Procedure**

4. International Human Rights Movement:

- **Movement against Apartheid in South Africa**
- **National Freedom Movement**
- **Dalit Movement**
- **Tribal Movement**
- **Women Movement**

5. The UN Convention on Human Rights of Refugees

6. Convention on Rights of Child

7. International Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Racial Discrimination

Reading References:

- 1. Chatterjee, Devi (2011). Dalits Rights/Human Rights. Kolkata: Rawat Publication.**
- 2. Doyle, William. (2001). The French Revolution: A very Short Introduction. Oxford: Oxford University Press.**

Semester 4

Conferences and Development

1. Human Rights and International Politics:

- **Tehran Conference (1968)**
- **Vienna conference (1993)**

2. International Criminal Tribunals:

- **Rwanda**
- **Former Yugoslavia**
- **International Criminal Court (ICC)**

3. Globalization of the Rights:

- **Global Concern of the Rights**
- **Stockholm Declaration**
- **Rio-Declaration**
- **UDHR**
- **Other International Convention and Declaration**
- **The Planet Earth and Global Commons**

4. Growth and Models:

- **Models of Development: Growth Approach, Basic Needs Approach, Sustainable Human Development.**
- **Globalization of Human Rights : Dynamics of Globalization**
- **Economic Growth Strategies: Implication of Poverty eradication, Employment issues**
- **World Trade Organization : Implications for Human Rights**

5. Concepts and theoretical Approaches: Social Problems:

- **Violence against Women and Children**
- **Domestic Violence and intimate Partner's Violence**
- **Terrorism**

- **Problems of defining a “Terrorism”**

Reading References:

- 1. The Tehran Conference of 1943: The history of the first meeting between the Allies ‘ Big Three Leaders during World War II**
- 2. The globalization of world politics : An Introduction to International Relations**
- 3. Rwanda by Rakiya Omar**
- 4. The discovery of the sources of the Nile by John Hanning Speke**

Semester 5

Research Methodology

1. Concept of Social Research:

- **Nature and Scope**
- **Types of Social Research**
- **Formation of Research**
- **Research Design: Facts,Hypothesis,Problem of Object**

2. Methodology

- **Field Research**
- **Survey Research**
- **Types of Sampling**

3. Techniques of Data Collection:

- **Types**
- **Sources**
- **Techniques: Observation, Interview,Questionnaire,Schedule**
- **Case Study method**
- **Content Analysis**
- **Data Analysis: Classification ,Tables, Graphics Representation**

4. Basic Statistics:

- **Measure Of Central Tendency**
- **Mean**
- **Median**
- **Mode**
- **Standard Deviation**

5. Social Problems:

- **Poverty**
- **Illiteracy**
- **Unemployment**
- **Corruption**
- **Socio- Religious Practices Resulting in grave Human Rights Deprivations**

Reading References:

- 1. Ahuja, Ram. (2001). Research Methods. Jaipur: Rawat Publications**
- 2 .Chawla, Deepak.Sondhi, Neena (2016) Research Methodology: Concept and Cases**
- 3 Das, D.K. Lal (2002) Practice of Social Research Jaipur: Rawat Publications.**

Semester 6

Organizations and Human Rights

1. Civil Societies and NGOs

- **Amnesty International**
- **PUCL**
- **PUDR**
- **Other Civil and Democratic Rights Organization in India**

2. International Interventions:

- **Nation-State**
- **Citizenship**
- **Sovereignty**

3. The Right of Self-Determination of People:

- **Autonomous Movement**
- **Secessionist Movement**
- **Terrorist Movement**

4. Social inequality and Social Stratification

5. Commission on the Status of Women

6. Democracy

7. Science and Technology

Reading References:

- 1. Democracy “A life” Paul Carledge**
- 2. Science and Technology by Ravi Agrahari**