

Open Elective Course

LW415 HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES AND LAW

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Course Outcomes:

1. Trace the evolution of human rights.
2. Contextualise various human rights issues.
3. Understand the relationship between Fundamental Rights, Constitutional Rights and Human Rights.
4. Identify the enforcement mechanism of human rights at the national and state level.
5. Attribute the role of civil society and other non-state actors in the protection of human rights.
6. Generate ideas for better implementation of human rights laws in India.

UNIT I: HUMAN RIGHTS: AN INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Concept and Nature of Human Rights.
- 1.2 Evolution and Development.
- 1.3 The Generations of Human Rights.
- 1.4 The International Bill of Human Rights.

UNIT II: HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION

- 2.1 Constitutional Philosophy – Preamble.
- 2.2 Fundamental Rights as human rights.
- 2.3 Directive Principles of State Policy.
- 2.4 Reading Directive Principles of State Policy into Fundamental Rights.

UNIT III: HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES

- 3.1 Women and Law.
- 3.2 Children and Law.
- 3.3 LGBT Rights.

3.4 Disability Rights.

UNIT IV: ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS IN INDIA

4.1 The Judiciary.

4.2 National Institutions: SC/ST Commission for Backward Classes, Minorities Commission, Women's Commission, National Commission for Protection of Rights of Child etc.

4.3 Human Rights Commissions: National and State.

4.4 The Civil Society and Media.

Textbooks:

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2. Sinha M. K., *Implementation of Basic Human Rights*, Lexis Nexis, Gurgaon, 2015.

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2. Baxi Upendra, *Human Rights in a Post Human World*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2009.
3. Bhagwati P.N., *Dimensions of Human Rights*, Madurai: Society for Community Organization Trust, 1987.
4. Kapoor SK, *Human Rights under International and Indian Law*, Central Law Agency, Allahabad, 2016.
5. Noorani A.G., *Challenges to Civil Rights Guarantees in India*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2012.
6. Rao Mamata, *Law Relating to Woman and Children*, Eastern Book Company, New Delhi, 2012.
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