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PROGRAMME	SEMESTER	COURSE NAME	COURSE CODE
LL.B. (Hons)	V	International Human Rights	08040506

International Human Rights

Course Objective:

The objectives of the course are to prepare for responsible citizenship with awareness of the relationship between Human Rights, democracy and development; to foster respect for International obligations for peace and development; to impart education on National and International regime of Human Rights; to sensitize students to human suffering and promotion of human life with dignity; to develop skills on human rights advocacy and to appreciate the relationship between rights and duties and to foster respect for tolerance and compassion for all living creatures.

Module – I Concept & Development of Human Rights

- 1.1 Meaning, Definition, Importance and Scope of Human Rights
- 1.2 Kinds and Sources of Human Rights
- 1.3 Evolution of the Concept of Human Rights
Human Rights Ancient Times [5th Century B.C., Ancient Greece], Human Rights in Middle Ages [12th Century to 19th Century], New Attitude to the concept of Human Rights- 20th Century
- 1.4 Theories of Human Rights
- 1.5 Historical development of Human Rights in India (Ancient, Medieval & Modern)

Module – II Role of International Institutions on Human Rights

- 2.1 First World War & its Consequences and Human Rights
- 2.2 Role of League of Nations
- 2.3 Second World War & its impact on Peace and Culture of Human Rights
- 2.4 Role of United Organization on Human Rights
- 2.5 United Nations Charter
- 2.6 Role of UN Specialized Agencies

Module – III International Bill of Rights

- 3.1 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948
- 3.2 The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966
- 3.3 The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 1966
- 3.4 Optional protocol to the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966
- 3.5 The Optional Protocol (1966) providing for the right of Individual to Petition on International

Module – IV International Conventions on Human Rights

- 4.1 Conventions on Inhuman Acts, Genocide, Apartheid, Slavery, Cruel and inhuman Degrading Treatment, Slavery and Slave Trade, Torture and Compulsory labour, Traffic in Persons and Prostitution, Racial Discrimination, Death Penalty.
- 4.2 Regional Conventions on Human Rights- European Convention on Human Rights, American Convention on Human Rights, African Convention on Human Rights.
- 4.3 Role of Hague Convention and Geneva, Convention on International Humanitarian Law.

Module – V Human Rights Commissions

- 5.1 The UN Commission on Human Rights
- 5.2 Human Rights Council, Human Rights Committee.
- 5.3 African Commission on Human Rights
- 5.4 European Commission on Human Rights
- 5.5 National Human Rights Commission in India
- 5.6 Commissions for Minorities, Backward Class

Module VI Human Rights and vulnerable Groups

- 6.1 Women and Human Rights
- 6.2 Children and Human Rights
- 6.3 Migrant Workers and Human Rights
- 6.4 Indigenous People and Human Rights
- 6.5 Aged, Disabled Persons and Human Rights
- 6.6 Refugees and Human Rights

Module VII Human Rights in Global and Regional Perspectives

- 7.1 International Relations, International Law and Human Rights
- 7.2 Human Rights in Contemporary World
- 7.3 A Third World Perspectives on Human Rights
- 7.4 Human Rights in South Asia
- 7.5 SAARC and Human Rights

Module VIII Implementation of Human Rights

- 8.1 Implementation through the United Nation Charter
- 8.2 Implementation through International Covenants
- 8.3 Implementation through ICJ and International Criminal Court
- 8.4 Implementation through Judicial Approach
- 8.5 Implementation through Non-voluntary Organisations, Amnesty International

Course Outcome: On completion of the course the students will be able to:

1. Compare the international human rights law system and regional human rights law systems;
2. Evaluate the various mechanisms and procedures for human rights law enforcement;
3. Critically assess specific areas of international human rights law with reference to relevant legal instruments and contemporary cases;
4. Acquire basic competency in legal writing and research.

Suggested Readings:

1. K. L. Joshi, International Law & Human Rights, Eastern Book Company.
2. Dr. V. K. Anand, Human Rights, Allahabad Law Publication.
3. Dr. H. O. Agarwal – Human Rights, Central Law Publication.
4. Human Rights & Humanitarian Law, Developments in Indva& Int. Law, South Asia Human Rights documentation centre (Oxford)
5. Dr. U. Chandra Human Rights All Law Agency.

6. N. K. Jaykumar, International Law & Human Rights, Lexis Nexis.
7. Paras Diwan, Human Rights & the law, Universal & India, Deep & Deep Publications.
8. M. P. Tondon, International Law & Human Rights.
9. S. K. Kapoor, International Law & Human Rights (Nutshell) 15th Ed.
10. Human Rights in Int. Law, Collected Texts – 2nd ed
Universal Law Publication
11. Human Rights in the world, An introduction to the study of the International
12. Protection of Human Rights – 4th ed. A. H. Robertson & J. G. Merrills.
13. Ross Mallick, Development, Ethnicity & Human Rights in South Asia.