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DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE – 8 (DSE-5): SOCIAL LEGISLATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Prerequisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
SOCIAL LEGISLATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS DSE 8	4	3	0	1	12th Pass	NIL

Learning Objectives

The learning objectives of this course are as follows:

- To develop insight into social legislations related to weaker sections and marginalised groups
- To learn about various constitutional and legal measures to safeguard the rights of different groups in Indian context
- To understand the relevance of social legislations to safeguard the human rights of the people

Learning outcomes

At the end of the semester the students will be able to

- Critically evaluate various social legislations related to different social groups
- Critically appraise constitutional provisions and other legal measures safeguarding rights of the people in Indian context
- Identify and evaluate various civil society initiatives for safeguarding human rights

SYLLABUS OF DSE- 8

Unit I: Social Legislations in India

15 Hours

Unit Description: This unit will discuss the nature, scope and impact of social legislations. The unit will also discuss various social legislations related to weaker sections and marginalised groups.

Subtopics:

- Social Legislations: Nature, scope and impact
- Social Legislations for Women, Children, Elderly, differently abled, Marginalized Groups (SC, ST, OBC & Minorities)
- Social legislations related to family (Marriage, succession and adoption)

Unit- II: Indian Legal System

15 Hours

Unit Description: This unit will introduce basic concepts of law and society. This unit will also discuss various constitutional and legal measures to safeguard human rights in India.

Subtopics:

- Law, Society and Social Change
- Constitution of India: The Preamble, Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties and the Directive Principles of state policy
- Salient provisions in the Indian Penal Code (IPC) related to crime against women, children and other weaker sections

Unit III: Understanding Human Rights

15 Hours

Unit Description: This unit will introduce the concept and historical development of human rights. The will also discuss international declarations and various covenants on human rights.

- Human rights: Concept, three generations of human rights, Historical development of Human Rights
- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948
- UN Conventions and International covenants: International Covenants on Civil and Political Rights, International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights

Practical component

30 Hours

Unit IV: Human Rights movements and instruments

Unit Description: This unit will focus on human rights movements and civil societies in India. This will also analyse statutory provisions on human rights in India.

Subtopics:

- Project report/ case study: Human rights movements in India: Initiatives of Civil Society, relation between social legislations and human right issues

- Project report/ observation visit report: Statutory Provisions- National Human Rights Commission, Protection of Human Rights Act
- Project report/ case study: Human right Instruments- Public Interest Litigation and Right to Information Act

Essential readings

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- Teltumbde, A.(2017). Dalit: Past, Present & Future, London: Routledge.
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Suggested readings

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- Bare Act. (2016) The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act 2007. Delhi: Universal Law Publishing.
- Bare Act. (2016) The scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989. Delhi: Universal Law Publishing.
- Bare Act.(2015) The Juvenile Justice: Care and Protection of Child Act 2015 (J-1). Delhi: Universal Law Publishing.
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- Bare Act.(2016) The Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955. Delhi: Universal Law Publishing.
- Bare Act.(2016) The Right to Information Act, 2005. Delhi: Universal Law Publishing.
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- Kohli, A.S. (2004).Human Rights and Social Work Issues -Challenges and response. New Delhi: Kanishka Publishers Distributors.
- Mallicot, S. L.(2012).Women & Crime. New Delhi: Sage Publication.
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