

COMMON POOL OF GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE) COURSES

GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-7): HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course	Department offering the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice			
HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE GE 7	4	3	1	0	12 th Pass	NIL	Social Work

Learning Objectives

The Learning objectives of this course are as follows:

- To understand basic concepts of human rights and social justice
- To understand various human rights concerns in national and international contexts.
- To learn features of legal measures and international conventions to protect human rights and ensure social justice.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the semester, the student will be able to:

- Describe the basic concept and meaning of human rights and theories of social justice
- Identify and critically analyse various human rights issues in the national and international context
- Describe and critically evaluate the role of various national and international organisations in protection of human rights and ensure social justice

SYLLABUS OF GE-7

Unit-I: Understanding Human Rights

15 Hours

Unit Description: This unit will provide a conceptual understanding of human rights. The unit will also cover the various human rights conventions.

Subtopics:

- Human rights: Concept, Genesis 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

Unit II: Human rights concerns: National and international perspective

10 Hours

Unit Description: This unit will discuss various human rights issues in Indian and international context.

Subtopics:

- Human right issues in Indian context : Gender, caste, oppression, minority, indigenous people, forced labour, and human rights violations in contemporary India
- Human right issues in global context: war, human trafficking, unrest, genocide, refugees, global warming and climate change
- Globalization and Human Rights: Environment, Hunger, Poverty, Migrant workers, Inequality, Labour rights and Unorganised sector

Unit III: Social Justice and human rights approaches

10 Hours

Unit Description: This unit will provide a conceptual understanding of social justice. The unit will also cover human rights approaches to ensure social justice in the society.

Subtopics:

- Social Justice: meaning, philosophy, forms
- Historical development of social movements in India; Gandhi, Ambedkar and Nelson Mandela's views on social Justice
- Instruments to social justice in the Indian context : fundamental rights and Directive principle of state policy, Right to Information Act (RTI), Public Interest Litigation (PIL), Free Legal Aid, Crime against women cell, (CAW Cell)

Unit IV: Legal measures and social work approaches

10 Hours

Unit Description: This unit will discuss the social work approach towards human rights. It also discusses the role of civil society organisations and professional social worker in protection of human rights.

Subtopics:

- Legal measures: The Protection of Human Rights Act 199
- Role of National bodies: National Human right commission, National commission for Women, National commission for Scheduled Caste , National commission for Scheduled Tribes, National commission for minorities, National commission for Other Backward communities
- Role of United Nations (UN) and its agencies in promoting human rights

Practical component (if any) - NIL

Essential Readings

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- Motilal, S., & Nanda, B. (2006). Human rights, gender and environment. Allied Publishers.
- Oommen, T. K. (2014). Social inclusion in independent India: Dimensions and approaches. Orient Blackswan.
- Reichert, E.(2003). Social work and Human Rights A Foundation for Policy and Practice. Jaipur & New Delhi: Rawat Publication.
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- Singh, A. K. (2014). Human Rights and Social Justice. India VL Media Solutions.
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- Tripathy, R.N. (2019). Human Rights Gender and Environment. New Delhi: MKM Publishers Pvt. Ltd.
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Suggested Readings

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- Borgohain, B. (1999). Human Rights – Social Justice and Political Challenges. New Delhi: Kanishka Publishers
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- Waghmare, B.S. (2001). Human Rights – Problems and Prospects, Delhi: Kalinga Publications.

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.