



UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Discipline	POLITICAL SCIENCE				
Course Code	UK3DSEPOS202				
Course Title	Human Rights in India				
Type of Course	DSE				
Semester	3				
Academic Level	200 – 299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	4	4 hours	-	-	4
Pre-requisites	1. 2.				
Course Summary	This course provides an in-depth understanding of human rights issues within the context of India. The historical, social, political, and legal dimensions of human rights in India, within the constitutional framework is discussed in this course. The course will cover a range of topics, including constitutional rights, social justice, gender equality, minority rights, environmental sustainability, and the role of civil society.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Introduction to Human Rights		12
	1	Definition and Historical Development of Human Rights	
	2	Approaches- Western, Socialist, Third World and Feminist Approaches and Three Generation of Rights	
	3	Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Millenium Development Goals	
	4	Constitutional provisions and legal framework for human rights protection in India- Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy	
II	Human Rights Institutions and Mechanisms in India		12
	5	Legal remedies and mechanisms for addressing human rights violations in India- Human Rights Act 1993	
	6	National Human Rights Commission (NHRC): mandate, functions, and Effectiveness	
	7	State Human Rights Commissions (SHRCs) and their role in human rights Protection	
	8	Role of Judiciary, Media, Police and Civil society organizations and their contribution to human rights advocacy in India	
III	Human Rights Issues in Contemporary India		12
	9	Rights of marginalized communities: Dalits, Adivasis, Women and Children, LGBTQ	



	10	Human rights violations in conflict zones: APSPA	
	11	Caste-based discrimination and the struggle for social justice	
	12	Environmental rights and displacement in India- Anti-Koodamkulam Struggle and Anti-POSCO Struggle	
IV	Human Rights Activism and Movements in India		12
	13	Overview of key human rights movements in India: environmental justice, tribal rights, anti-corruption- (Narmada Bachavo Andolan, Plachimada Struggle, Jan Lokpal Bill)	
	14	Case studies of successful human rights campaigns and movements in India- (Nirbhaya Movement-Anti rape movement, RTI Act, Right to Service Act, Forest Rights act)	
	15	Struggles for human Rights: Understanding major judgements (Shah Bano case, Vishakha case)	
V	Open Ended Module: Human Rights in Practice: Case Studies and Applications		12
	16	Analysis of contemporary human rights issues through case studies, newspaper reports, film analysis etc.	
	17	Fieldwork or guest lectures from activists working in the field of human Rights	
	18	Visit a jail/ human rights commission/ an orphanage/ local NGO and know about their functioning	

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Analyse the historical development of human rights in India, demonstrating comprehension and knowledge acquisition at the cognitive level.	U, An	PSO1 PSO2
CO-2	Evaluate the effectiveness of legal mechanisms and human rights institutions in India, demonstrating critical thinking and analysis skills at the application level.	U, An, E	PSO1
CO-3	Demonstrate the ability to assess contemporary human rights issues in India, applying knowledge and analytical skills at the synthesis level.	Ap, An, E	PSO5
CO-4	Propose and evaluate strategies for human rights advocacy and activism in India, demonstrating creativity and problem-solving abilities at the evaluation level.	Ap, E, C	PSO1
CO-5	Demonstrate a deeper understanding of human rights issues in practice, applying knowledge and skills at the application level and reflecting on their experiences at the metacognitive level.	AP, C	PSO10

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create



Note: 1 or 2 COs/module

Name of the Course: Human Rights in India
Credits: 4:0:0 (Lecture: Tutorial: Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
CO1	Analyze the historical development of human rights in India, demonstrating comprehension and knowledge acquisition at the cognitive level.	PO1 PSO1 PSO2	U, An	F, C	L	-
CO2	Evaluate the effectiveness of legal mechanisms and human rights institutions in India, demonstrating critical thinking and analysis skills at the application level.	PO5 PSO1	U, An, E	F, C	L	-
CO3	Demonstrate the ability to assess contemporary human rights issues in India, applying knowledge and analytical skills at the synthesis level.	PO8 PSO5	Ap, An, E	P	L	-
CO4	Propose and evaluate strategies for human rights advocacy and activism in India, demonstrating creativity and problem-solving abilities at the evaluation level.	PO6 PSO1	Ap, E, C	P	L	-
CO5	Demonstrate a deeper	PO3	AP, C	M	L/T	-



	understanding of human rights issues in practice, applying knowledge and skills at the application level and reflecting on their experiences at the metacognitive level.	PSO10			
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F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

Mapping of COs with PSOs and POs:

	PSO 1	PSO 2	PSO 3	PSO4	PSO5	PSO 6	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6
CO 1	1	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
CO 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
CO 3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
CO 4	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CO 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CO 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-

Correlation Levels:

Level	Correlation
-	Nil
1	Slightly / Low
2	Moderate / Medium
3	Substantial / High

Assessment Rubrics:

- Quiz / Assignment/ Quiz/ Discussion / Seminar
- Midterm Exam
- Programming Assignments
- Final Exam



Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics:

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO 1	✓	✓		✓
CO 2	✓	✓		✓
CO 3	✓	✓		✓
CO 4	✓	✓		✓
CO 5	✓	✓		✓
CO 6	✓	✓		✓

