

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**APOLVAC01- Human Rights in the Contemporary World****Learning Objectives**

This course will help the students to:

- LO 1. Developed analytical skills to question and appraise human rights policies and practices at the international and national levels;
- LO 2. Gain substantive knowledge of the international law and policy of human rights and consider prevailing trends in the human rights field and of the challenge and contribution of critics;
- LO 3. Identify improvements, discern ambiguities and identify contradictions in the human rights movement;
- LO 4. Draw useful conclusions about the roles of various state and non-state actors in the identification of rights and in their promotion and enforcement; and
- LO 5. Identify potential roles for oneself in the promotion of human rights.

Course Outcomes

- CO 1. This course provides the student with the capacity to identify issues and problems relating to the realisation of human rights,
- CO 2. It also strengthens the ability to contribute to the resolution of human rights issues and problems. It also develops investigative and analytical skills.

Unit I

Meaning and Nature- Connotations- Evolution- Conventions at National and International level Geneva conventions- Constitution- Practices

Unit II

Human Rights in the ancient, medieval and Modern era- Natural Justice- Different Schools of Thought- Philosophical perspectives- Rights Education

Unit III

Rights at International level-Women rights-Children-Disabled-Elder-Minorities Rights Violation-Violence-State Machinery.

Unit IV

Human rights issues-Police-Commissions-Abuses-socio-economic and political exploitation Welfare state and rights related Hurdles

Unit V

Environmental rights-Tribal Migration-Transgender-Refugees-Terrorism-Arms race and Rights Human rights commissions-NHRC-SHRC-UNO-WHO-UNICEF-Amnesty International.

TEXT BOOKS:

Bhagwati, Dimensions of Human Rights, Madurai: Society for Community Organization Trust, 1987

Mehta, and Neena Verma, Human Rights Under the Indian Constitutions, New Delhi: Deep and Deep Publications, 1995

Peter Bachr, Human Rights: Universality in Practice, New York: Palgrave, 2006

SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS:

Bava, Noorjahan, (Ed.), (2000), Human rights and Criminal Justice Administration in India, Uppal Publishing House, New Delhi.

Sanajaoba, Human Rights in the New Millennium, Manas Publications New Delhi.