

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
B.A. DEGREE COURSE IN HISTORICAL STUDIES
SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

THIRD YEAR – SEMESTER- VI
ELECTIVE VIII HUMAN RIGHTS

Subject Code	Subject Name	Category	L	T	P	S	Credits	Inst. Hours	Marks		
									CIA	External	Total
306E6B	HUMAN RIGHTS	Elective					3	5	25	75	100
Course Objectives											
C1	Understand the concept of Human rights										
C2	Highlight the role of International and national Human rights Organizations										
C3	Assess the various statutory Commissions for Human Rights										
C4	Apply constitutional guarantees to various deprived communities in India.										
C5	To know the significance of Fundamental Rights										
UNIT	DETAILS										No. of Hours
I	Definition of Human rights: Nature and scope, Content–Theories of Human Rights –Philosophical - Historical - Sociological Perspectives										15
II	United Nations Charter UNO and Human Rights -Universal Declaration of Human Rights – International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights – International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights										15
III	Non-Governmental Organisations Non-Governmental Organisations - Amnesty international – Human Rights Helsinki Declaration – International Human Rights and Courts.										15
IV	Protection for Marginalized 14 hours Contemporary Challenges: Child and Women’s Rights – Bonded Labour – Problem of Refugees – Capital punishment – Rights of prisoners of war										15
V	Fundamental Rights in the Indian Constitution – Directive Principles of State Policy–fundamental Duties–National Human Rights Commission. National Human Rights Commission of India and State Human Rights Commissions in India– their functions–Problems and Solutions										15
										Total	75

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Course Outcomes		Programme Outcomes
CO	On completion of this course, students will	
1	Recall or remember concept of Human rights.	PO1,PO2, PO5
2	Understand the traditional rights and practices of Indian people.	PO2, PO3
3	Highlight the role of Government and Non-governmental Organisations	PO1, PO2
4	Investigate the various aspects of Human rights	PO1, PO2
5	Assess the methods to impart knowledge into people about Human rights.	PO4, PO5

Text Book	
1	Leah Levin, Human Rights, NBT, 1998
2	V.R. Krishna Iyer, Dialectics and Dynamics of Human Rights in India (Tagore Law Lectures)
3	C.J. Nirmal, Human Rights in India
4	Upendra Baxi, The Right to be human, 1987.
5	Upendra Baxi, The Crisis of the Indian Legal System, Vikas, 1982.
6	Desai, A.R.(ed), Violations of Democratic Rights in India, Bombay, 1986.

Mapping with Programme Outcomes:

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO 6	PO 7	PO 8
CO 1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 4	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	3
CO 5	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3
Weightage	14	14	14	14	13	15	13	15
Weighted percentage of course contribution to POS	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.6	3.00	2.6	3.00

S-Strong-3 M-Medium-2 L-Low-1