

**SUBJECT : HUMAN RIGHTS LAW (H. C. - 2)**  
**SUBJECT CODE : HXC**

**Objective of the Course:**

The objective of the course is to introduce the Human Rights Law and facilitate the students to understand the working of both national and international Human Rights Law. Students will be introduced to theories of Human Rights and its practice. The detailed syllabus has given an overview of Legal aspects of Human Rights to understand the nuances of the subject.

**Unit I : Origin and Development**

General – Concept of Human Rights – The Middle Ages – The Magna Carta – Bill of rights – American Revolution – French Revolution – Classification of Human Rights – Interdependence of three categories of Human rights.

**Unit II : International Human Rights Law**

United Nations Charter based Human Rights obligations – Principles of Human Rights and that of jus cogens status and their related instruments - Prohibition of the Use of Force to resolve International Disputes – Right to Self-determination of People – Prohibition of Genocide – Prohibition of Torture – Prohibition of Racial Discrimination – Prohibition of Slavery – Prohibition of Traffic in persons for Prostitution – Prohibition of Terrorism – Enforced disappearances – Prolonged arbitrary detention – International Bill of Human Rights – Universal Declaration of Human Rights – International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights – International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights – and their Additional Instruments – Human Rights and Vulnerable groups – Rights of Women, Children, Disabled, Tribals, Aged and Minorities – United Nations Charter based Human Rights Institutions – Commission on Human Rights, Human Rights Committee - Human Rights and International Judicial bodies.

**Unit III : Indian Perspectives of Human Rights Law**

Constitution of India related Human Rights obligations – Role of Indian Judiciary in the development of Human Rights Law. India and International Human Rights Law.

## **Unit IV : Human Rights and Institutional Mechanisms in India**

The Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 - The National Commission for Women Act, 1990 - The National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992 - The Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 - The Person's with Disabilities (Equal opportunities, Protection of Rights and full participation) Act, 1995 and Rules 1996 - National Charter for Children, 2003 - The Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005

## **Unit V : Regional Mechanisms, National and International Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO's) in the Enforcement of Human Rights**

Asian, African and European Human Rights Instruments and their enforcement – Regional Judicial bodies - (European Court of Human Rights, Inter-American Court of Human Rights and African Court of Human Rights) Concept of NGO's and International NGO's – their participation in Human Rights issues – Selective case studies.

### **Books Prescribed:**

1. Cransten – Human Rights Today
2. Galus Esejoifer – Protection of Human Rights under the Law
3. John Locke – Civil Government
4. Richtel – Natural rights
5. Raphael D.D., Macmillan – Human Rights old and new
6. R.Dworkin – Taking rights seriously
7. Dr.U.Chandra – Human Rights, Allahabad Law Agency Publications
8. Paras Diwan – Human Rights and Law Universal Publication

### **Books for Reference:**

1. Basic Documents on Human Rights – Ian Brownlie Guy S.Goodwin-Gill
2. Salient Documents on International Law – R.P. Anand
3. Hand Book of Human Rights and Criminal Justice in India – The System and Procedure - South Asia Human Rights Documentation Centre (SAHRDC)
4. International Law & Human Rights – K.C. Joshi
5. Human Law and Human Justice – Julius Stone
6. Right of Persons with Disabilities – Indian Law Institute – Edited by S.K.Verma, S.C.Srivastava
7. Genocide in International Law - William A. Schabas
8. International Human Rights Law - Michael Haas

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