

University of North Bengal
Syllabi of Political Science at FYUP
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SEMESTER I

Paper Title	Human Rights
Paper Code	UPOAMDC11016
Nature of Paper	MDC
Total Credits	3

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- This course aims to introduce the students to the basic concepts and the important Covenants of Human Rights.
- This course also exposes them to the study of the relationship between Human Rights and Social Movements in the Indian context.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

After completion, a learner is expected to:

- Understand the basic concepts of Human Rights and its various formulations.
- Have necessary knowledge and skills for analyzing, interpreting the debates surrounding the Human Rights situations and the Social Movements around them.

SYLLABUS:

Unit-I

- a. Meaning, nature, and scope of Human Rights; Four Generations of Human Rights.

Unit-II

- a. United Nations Declaration of Human Rights;
b. Covenants on Human Rights:

- (i) Convention on the Rights of Child, 1989;
(ii) Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women, 1979;
(iii) Convention relating to the status of Stateless Persons, 1954;
(iv) Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others, 1949; and
(v) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 2006.

Unit-III

- a. National Human Rights Commission of India: Composition and Functions.

Unit IV

- a. Human Rights and Social Movements: Definitions, Characteristics and Relationship between Human Rights and Social Movements.

Suggested Reading List:

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8. Guha Ramachandra (2010), *How Much Should A Person Consume*, New Delhi: Hachette.
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11. Mallick Krishna (2021), *Environmental Movements of India: Chipko, Narmada Bachao Andolan, Navdanya*, Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.
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15. Ray, Arun (2004), *National Human Rights Commission of India: Formation, Functioning and Future Prospects*, Vol. 1, New Delhi: Atlantic.
16. Sen, Amartya (1999), *Development as Freedom*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press.
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21. United Nations: Department of Public Information 2018, *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, New York: United Nations Press.