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MASTERS DEGREE IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND DUTIES EDUCATION.

OBJECTIVES FOR MASTER’S DEGREE IN HUMAN RIGHTS & DUTIES EDUCATION

1. Human Rights Laws are gaining ground and it has become an important branch of knowledge having interdisciplinary thrust.

2. The problem of violation of human rights has enlarged and has also become common throughout the world, which creates law and order situation and affects the socio-economic condition of the state. Therefore, the subject requires an in-depth study at a higher level.

3. The UGC has decided to promote human rights education, and Nagpur University has been granted permission to start Post Graduate Diploma in Human Rights from the Session 1996-97.

4. The Diploma course helps in creating awareness and public opinion for promotion and protection of human rights, whereas, the Masters Degree will help in creating experts having special knowledge and expertise in the field of human rights.

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Detailed Syllabus

Paper – HRO1

HISTORICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL PERSPECTIVES OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DUTIES

1. Concept of Human Rights:
   a) Meaning and nature of human rights.
   b) Criteria to determine a particular right as human rights - what are human rights?
   c) Sources of human rights.
   d) Categories of substantive human rights.

2. Legal and Philosophical Conceptions of Human Rights and Duties.
   a) Natural law and natural rights, concept of legal rights -
constitutional and fundamental rights.

b) Theories of rights and duties.

c) Co-relationship of rights and duties- Relationship between rights and duties. Relationship between obligations and responsibilities in relation to the state and society.

d) Concept of Human Duties and Responsibilities:
   1) Moral, Ethical, Social, Economic, Political and Cultural.
   2) Universal
   3) Traditional / Modern

e) Classification of Human Duties and Responsibilities:
   1) Sound Body and Mind.
   2) Family.
   3) Community and society.
   4) Nation-State.
   5) Humankind and other living beings.
   6) Mother Earth.

3. Human Rights Ideas and Traditions in Religious context
   (Intercultural Background):
   a) Hindu traditions and ideas: concept of rights and duties and caste system.
   b) Islamic traditions and ideas: concept of rights and duties.
   c) Christian traditions and ideas: rights and duties.
   d) Buddhist traditions and ideas.

4. Rule of Law:
   a) Concept, Origin and Importance
   b) Patterns of rule of law in societies.
   c) Relation to human rights and good governance.

5. National Freedom Struggle and Constitutional Development:
   A. In other countries:
      a) French Revolution and Declaration of Rights of Man and Citizen, 1789.
      b) American Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights.
      c) Magna Carta: Debate on the Bill of Rights in U.K.
B. In Pre-Independent India: (brief sketch):

i) Constitution of India Bill 1895 (Swaraj Bill).

ii) Congress Resolution at Bombay 1918 on Declaration of Rights of People of India.

iii) Annie Beasant's Commonwealth of India Bill – 1925.

iv) Congress Resolution at Madras (1927).


vi) Congress Resolution at Karachi (1931).

vii) Sapru Committee Report (1944-45).

viii) Objective Resolution in Constituent Assembly by Nehru on 13/12/1946 and 22/1/1947.


A. Global:

1) Human Rights prior to 1945.

2) UN Charter and Human Rights.

3) International Bill of Rights.

B. Regional:


4) Arab Charter on Human Rights.

Total Marks 100
HUMAN RIGHTS AND DUTIES IN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES.

1. Classification and Inter-relationship between different Human Rights:
   International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 1966

2. Civil and Political Rights - I
   a) Right to life.
   b) Right to liberty and security of individual, arrest and detention.
   c) Due Process of law.
   d) Right to privacy, right to respect, interception of mail and telephone tapping, dignity, personality and name.
   e) Right to die - Debate on Euthanasia.
   f) Death Penalty.
   g) Freedom of movement and residence- Freedom to leave country, right to seek asylum, right to Nationality.
   h) Right of the peoples and nations to self-determination - scope and its limitations.

3. Civil and Political Rights- II
   a) Freedom of thought and expression.
   c) Rights of minorities.
   d) Freedom of conscience and religion : UN Declaration on Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and Discrimination based on Religion or Belief, 1987.
   e) Right against inhuman and degrading treatment : Convention on the Protection of All Persons From Being Subjected to Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment of Punishment 1984.
   f) Rights of accused persons, treatment of prisoners.
   h) Right to property, right to own property, deprivation of property.
   i) Terrorism and Human Rights.
   j) Civil and Political Rights during emergency
k) Derogation of Human Rights.

   a) Right to work and favorable conditions of employment.
   b) Forced labour and compulsory labour, bonded labour, slavery and traffic
   c) Right to strike and to form trade Unions.
   d) Right to social security, assistance and social welfare.
   e) Right to health and adequate standard of living (Housing), adequate food.
   f) Right to education and training.

5. Social and Economic Rights - II
   a) Protection of families and children - Right to marry and found a family.
      (Marriage, Adoption and Custody of Children), families right to
      protection, equal rights in marriage.
   b) Right to development and right to future - UN Declaration on the Right
      to Development.

6. Cultural Rights:
   a) Right to take part in cultural life.
   b) Cultural rights of indigenous population.

7. Third Generation Solidarity Rights (Group Rights).
   a) Rights of Tribal population.
   b) Rights of Migrant workers.
   c) Rights of Physically Disabled.
   d) Rights of Prostitutes/ Gays.
   e) Rights of Women.
   f) Rights of the Child.

Total Marks 100
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PROTECTION SYSTEM AND IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DUTIES

1. Domestic Application and Enforcement of Human Rights Norms:
   b) Theory of Monism and Dualism and Practices of States.

   a) The UN Commission on Human Rights (CHR).
   b) The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR).
   c) The UN Human Rights Committee (HRC) - Composition and Organization, Powers and Procedures, State Communications, Individual Communication, and Supervision.

3. European System of Protection of Human Rights:
   b) European Court of Human Rights - Composition, Organization, Jurisdiction and Procedure.

4. American System of Protection of Human Rights:
   b) Inter-American Court of Human Rights - Jurisdiction and Procedure.

5. African System of Protection of Human Rights:
   a) OAU Charter 1963.
   c) Mechanism of implementation, African Commission and Court of Human and Peoples' Rights.

6. UN Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and Human Rights.

7. ILO and Human Rights.

8. Role of Non-Governmental Organizations:
a) Role of voluntary agencies, educational institutions and NGO's in the promotion and protection of human rights.

b) Role of social activists, public opinion and the press in promotion and protection of human rights.

Total Marks 100

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HUMAN RIGHTS AND DUTIES IN INDIA : INDIAN LEGAL SYSTEM.

1. A. The Constitution and Human Rights and Duties :

a) Evolution of composite culture of India, contribution of diverse religions.


d) Indian Declaration to the International Covenant (1979)

B. Human Rights Philosophy and Inter-Relationship between Part- III and Part- IV of the Constitution:

a) Inter-relationship between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy.


2. Legislative Incorporation of Human Rights Norms in Indian Legislation:


3. National Commission of Human Rights in India:


b) National Human Rights Commission-
Powers, Functions, Structure and Composition.

c) Human Rights Courts
d) Evaluation of the working of the Commission.

4. Other Commissions:

a) National Commission for Women.
b) National Commission for Minorities.
c) National Commission for SC/ST.

5. Judicial Activism and Human Rights Jurisprudence:

a) Poverty and inaccessibility of legal redress.
b) Role of judiciary in protecting human rights in India, Legal Aid
c) Judicial activism in the field of protection of: women in private and public domain, children, bonded labour and prisoners, in the light of leading cases.

6. Contemporary Indian Problem and Human Rights.

a) Reservations and Right to Equality
b) Uniform Civil Code and Personal Laws.
c) Protection of Minorities.
d) Health and violation of human rights: problems of health and environmental protection, population control, family planning, HIV/ AIDS.

7. Importance of Internalizing Human Rights and Duties:

Urgent need for not only sensitizing others about human rights and duties, but of practicing oneself those values oneself - inculcation, endeavour to live up to those ideals, duty to respect others' rights and respect each other's human dignity.

Total Marks 100
1. Conceptual Perspective:
   a) Concept of crime and criminal liability.
   b) Offences involving Human Rights.
   c) Role of Criminal Justice System.

2. Criminal Justice and Relevant Constitutional Provisions:
   Art. 20, 21, & 22 - Rights of the Accused persons, Detention, Arrest, Search
   And Seizure, Bail, Legal Aid, Speedy Trial, Fair Procedure, Due Process of

3. Monumental Acts:
   I.P.C., Cr.P.C., Indian Evidence Act (relevant provisions).
   Offences: bailable and non-bailable.

4. A. Human Rights and Role of Police as Law Enforcement Officials,
   Abuse of police power: third degree methods, police firing,
   encounter deaths.

   B. Different Categories of Custodial Crimes:
   Causes, reasons for custodial crimes, instances of custodial crimes and
   their impact, compensatory justice, remedies for curbing incidents of
   custodial crimes.

5. Human Rights and International Norms:
   1) Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners.
   2) Basic Principles for the Treatment of Prisoners.
   3) Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under any Form of
      Detention or Imprisonment.
   4) Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials.
   5) Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading
      Treatments or Punishment.
   6) Code of Conduct for Police in India.
6. **Investigation of Crime: Technology and Forensic Sciences:**
   Searches and Seizures, Telephone Tapping, Surveillance, Lie detection test,
   DNA Test, other physical tests under Identification of Prisoners Act, 1920.

7. **International Perspectives:**
   **International Crimes:**
   International co-operation in combating of transnational organized crimes
   and International terrorism - Palermo Convention on Transnational
   Organized Crimes 2000, International norms on administration of Criminal
   Justice - UN General Assembly Resolutions.

Total Marks 100
Field Based Project Report.

Guidelines for the Students

Candidates are required to submit a field based project work of about 100 to 150 pages on a topic of Human Rights. The work is expected to be an in-depth and critical analysis of a problem of contemporary significance in the field of Human Rights. It must be an original work and not just copied and it must indicate some degree of research and reflection of already available material. The candidates will be examined at an oral examination (Viva-Voce) on the strength of dissertation work.

The work will carry 100 marks out of which 70 marks will be for the written work and 30 marks for viva. After the dissertation report is submitted they shall be evaluated by the external examiner.

The examiner will evaluate the project work taking into account the following points.

1) The coverage of subject matter.
2) Arrangement and presentation.
3) Nature of reference and materials used.
4) Critical appreciation and the original contribution of the candidate.

For Written work 70 marks
For Viva-voce 30 marks

Total Marks: 100
1. International Humanitarian Law:
   a) Definition of International Humanitarian Law, the origin and development throughout the ages.
   b) Growth and Development of ICRC and its role.
   c) The four Geneva Conventions and its Additional Protocols.
   d) International Humanitarian Law and the Human Rights Law.

2. International Refugee Law:
   a) Definition of Refugee, Historical development of Refugee Law, principle of non-refoulement, rights & responsibilities of refugee, refugees "surplace".
   b) Role of UNHCR in protection of the Human Rights of Refugees and the link between Human Rights Instruments and Refugee Rights.
   d) Regional Mechanisms on Refugee Protection including the OAU Convention, Cartengena Declaration, etc.
   e) International Strategies for Refugees Protection, early warning, burden sharing, safety zones, right to remain, right to return, temporary asylum, internally displaced persons.
   g) Protection in India: Indian critique of UNHCR and the Convention, protection without legislation, status of refugees in India under UNHCR, Model National Law for Refugees.

Total Marks 100
Disadvantaged Groups and Human Rights and Duties

1. Conceptual Perspective:
   a. Poverty, illiteracy, breakdown of old social and family institutions:
      Impact of improvements in health care and mortality.
   b. Social taboos regarding the disabled.
   c. Responsibility of the Society and the State.

2. Protection of the Aged and the Disabled under the Indian Constitution:
   b. Special Laws for Protection of the Aged and the Disabled:
      ii. Mental Health Act, 1993.
      iii. Policy on the Aged and the Disabled:
         i. Special protection through reservations, quotas.
         ii. Major issues of barrier-free access to public places, and development of special, appropriate technologies.

3. Protection of the Aged and the Disabled:
   a. Vulnerability of the aged and the disabled:
      i. Indian society and the aged and the disabled.

4. Institutional Mechanisms for Protection of the Aged and the Disabled:
   a. Constitutional mechanisms: Legislative, Executive, and Judiciary.
   b. Non-Governmental Organisations.
   c. The Information Media.
   d. Role of Education.

5. International norms for the Protection of the Aged and the Disabled:
6. Protection of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes:

a. Status of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and OBC in Indian Society:
   i. The four castes: theory and practice, Feudalism and the socio-economic system, Social and economic deprivations of the lower rungs of society through history.
   ii. Issues of social and economic inequality in Indian society, role of social reformers - Gandhi & Ambedkar, social and economic equality versus freedom from foreign rule.

b. Indian Constitution and Protection of SCs/STs and OBCs:
   i. Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles under the Constitution
   ii. Special protection under Article 15(4), Article 16(4) & 16 (4-A), Article 17, Article 29(1), Article 46, Articles 334, 335, 338, 339, 340, 341 & 342, Fifth and Sixth Schedules.

c. Contemporary status:
   i. Economic and social inequalities.
   ii. Caste wars, Politics of caste and class.
   iii. Status of SCs and STs in the present society.

Total Marks 100
ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND DUTIES


2. Constitutional Perspective
   (a) Fundamental Rights: Right to Clean Environment, Education and Compensation
   (b) Directive Principle of State Policy and Fundamental duties
   (c) Legislative Powers

3. Environment Pollution and Legal Order
   The Water Act, 1974 and the Air Act 1981
   (a) Regulatory Authorities and their Powers & Functions
   (b) Pollution Control Measures
   (c) Remedies

4. Environment Protection and Legal Order
   (i) Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
   (a) Regulatory authorities and their powers and functions
   (b) Environment Protection Measures
   (c) Remedies

5. Principles of Environment Protection: National Perspective
   (a) Polluter Pays Principles: Absolute Liability of Hazardous Industries
   (b) Precautionary Principle
   (c) Public Trust Doctrines
   (d) Sustainable to Development

6. (a) Industrial Disaster with special reference to the rights of victims of such disasters
    (b) Mega Projects with special reference to displacement and rehabilitation of the affected persons

PEOPLE’S RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION

The course shall comprise of the following:

1. Conceptual Perspective:
   (a) Meaning of Self-Determination
   (b) External and Internal Self-Determination, New Dimensions and Emerging Debates

2. Origin and Development of the Concept:
   (a) Theories of Self-Governance: Kant, Locke, Rousseau and Marx; Proponents of Pluralism: Maciver and Laski, Mahatma Gandhi, Issues of Legitimacy of State and Forms of Governance

3. Historical Perspective:
   (a) Age of Colonial Empire: Nationalism and Statehood
   (b) Emergence of the Principle of Self-Determination: Mandate Territories, Trust Territories, Non-Self Governing States: Debate concerning Domestic Jurisdiction and the People’s right of Self-Determination

4. Self-Determination in International Relation:
   (a) Common Article 1 of the International Covenants on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
   (b) UN Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples
   (c) UN Declaration on the Principles of International Law Concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation Among States in Accordance with the Charter of the United Nations
   (d) Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States
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WOMEN AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND DUTIES

The course shall comprise of the following:

1. Status of Women in contemporary Indian Society:
   (a) Poverty, illiteracy, lack of independence, oppressions social customs and gender justice.
   (b) Violence against and abuse of women in public and private domains; Domestic violence, sexual harassment.

2. International Norms for protection of Women.
   (a) UN convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women
   (b) Convention on the Nationality of Married Women

   (i) Universal suffrage, (ii) Equal Right to Vote, (iii) Equal Right to be Elected, (iv) Equal Right to hold Public Office

4. Constitution of India and the Status of Women
   (a) Equality provisions in Fundamental rights and Directive Principles
   (b) Special provisions for the protection of women Article 15(3), Article 39(d) & (e), Article 42, Articles 243-D & 243-T

5. Special Laws for Protection of Women
   (a) Prevention of Immoral Traffic Act, 1956
   (b) Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986
   (c) Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994.
   (d) Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971
   (e) Maternity Benefit Act, 1961
   (f) Equal Remuneration Act, 1976
   (g) Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961
   (h) Provisions Relating to Women Specially under IPC : Rape, Dowry Death, Cruelty by Husband or Relatives of Husband.
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**Extension Activities Seminars and Group Discussion**

For seminars, group discussion and extension activities, the candidates will be assessed internally and it will carry 100 marks.

For extension activities, the student's participation will be assessed for all extension activities throughout the year. Seminars & group discussion will be organised before the final examination. The topics for group discussion and role-playing will be given on spot and it will relate to the problem of Human Rights.

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