



Indian Constitution and Human Rights

Programme in which it is offered: B.A.B.Ed. English Literature & B.Sc.B.Ed. Mathematics

Course Category: Proficiency	Schedule of Offering: Semester 1
Course Credit Structure: 2	Course Code: EG203
Total Number of Hours: 30	Contact hours per week: 2
Lecture: 2	Medium of Instruction: English
Practical: 0	Date of Revision: 07-09-2020
Tutorial: 1	Course Instructor: Dr. Vanisree Ramanathan

Course Description:

The course will give an in-depth insight into the constitutional, statutory and institutional aspects of human rights protection in India. It also covers constitutional provisions dealing with human rights and special legislations dealing with the protection of vulnerable and marginalized groups. The course covers discussion on the institutional framework in India with special reference to protection and enforcement of human rights.

Course Objectives:

This course provides student teachers with an opportunity to enrich their understanding about the Indian constitution-preamble, salient features, and Constituent Assembly. The course also facilitates a deeper insight into the concept of Human Rights and Duties, and its relevance in the global world order and in day to day life. The course will introduce knowledge of the underpinnings of the human rights framework in India, its operation, and issues associated with its implementation.

Course Outcomes:

By the end of the course students should be able to:

- Demonstrate a good understanding of the provisions under the Constitution of India dealing with human rights.
- Display a good understanding of the nature and scope of special legislations dealing with protection of human rights of marginalized and vulnerable sections.
- Demonstrate a good understanding of the practical application of human rights law to specific human rights problems in India.
- Analyse complex human rights problems and apply relevant provisions of human rights law in India to a hypothetical situation/case study.

Pre-requisites:

There are no pre-requisites for this course except a readiness to be aware of our country, its guiding principles, and its functioning.

Pedagogy:

1. Lecture
2. Case Study- individual and group reflections
3. Workshops/ Projects

Module-wise topics:Module 1

- Indian constitution-preamble, salient features,
- Constituent Assembly, fundamental rights & duties, and directive principles.
- Values enshrined in the Indian constitution

Module 2

- Powers and functions of Union, State and Local Self-Governments
- Centre state relations in India
- Panchayat Raj System in India.

Module 3

- Meaning, Nature, Types and Scope of Human Rights
- Historical evolution of Human Rights Internationalisation of Human Rights Relation between Human Rights and development
- Growing advocacy of Human Rights. Human Rights in Indian Context
- Human Rights Movements in India.

Readings:**Primary reference texts**

1. Indian Constitution, Human Rights and Environmental Studies, 2013, by KSOU
2. Indian Constitution & Human Rights, 2010, by Dr Kaveri Swami M. A.
3. Indian Constitution & Human Rights, 2015, by K.K. Ghai

Evaluation Pattern:

The course will follow a continuous evaluation pattern with multiple components. The evaluation shall be based on the idea that a student should be able to showcase either a persistent commitment or a steady growth.

Individual Assignment	20%
Case studies- Group Reflections	20%
Class participation	10%
End Semester examination	40%
