

B2PS230411T

Semester: IV				
Programme: POLITICAL SCIENCE				
Course: HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDIA				
Paper code: B2PS230411T			Credits: 4	
Hours/week: 4				
Category: MINOR				
Theory / Practical / Composite: THEORY				
No of Modules: TWO				
<p>Course Overview: This course provides an in-depth exploration of the evolution, challenges, and mechanisms of human rights in India. It examines the historical and conceptual development of human rights and duties, including the concepts of dignity, welfare, privacy, and censorship. The course also addresses the emerging dimensions of human rights in the Indian context, such as sovereignty, sanctions, and implementation challenges. Further, it focuses on institutional protection mechanisms, including the role of the National Human Rights Commission and related statutory bodies, as well as the judiciary's role through activism, PILs, and landmark case studies.</p>				
Course Outcome:				
1. Remember- the historical and conceptual evolution of human rights and duties in India.				
2. Understand- the concepts such as dignity, welfare, privacy, surveillance, and censorship.				
3. Apply- Demonstrate understanding of emerging challenges like sovereignty, sanctions, and enforcement of rights.				
4. Analyze- Examine the role of protection mechanisms such as national and state commissions in safeguarding rights.				
5. Evaluate- Critically assess judicial approaches, activism, and PILs in the advancement of rights.				
6. Create- Develop reflective insights and case study-based perspectives on human rights challenges in India.				
Prerequisites: <i>Basic knowledge about any prior course</i>				
SYLLABUS				
UNIT/Module	CONTENT	HOURS or NUMBER OF CLASSES	CO Mapping	COGNITIVE LEVEL
I.	1. Evolution of the concept of Human Rights and Duties in India: - Concepts of human dignity, welfare, rights and duties - Surveillance and Censorship; Right to Privacy 2. Emerging Dimensions of Human Rights in India: - National sovereignty	10	CO1 CO2 CO3 CO4 CO5 CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6

	versus international enforcement of human rights - Politics of human rights and international sanctions; challenges to implementation			
II.	3. Protection Mechanisms: - National Human Rights Act - National and State Human Rights Commissions; Commissions for Women, Children, Minorities, SCs, STs 4. Judiciary and Human Rights: - Supreme Court, High Courts, Judicial activism and PIL - Select case studies	10	CO1 CO2 CO3 CO4 CO5 CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6
Text Books				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Basu, D.D., Human Rights in Constitutional Law, Prentice Hall, 1994. Bava, Noorjahan (ed.), Human Rights and Criminal Justice Administration in India, Uppal Publishing House, 2000. Begum, S.M. (ed.), Human Rights in India: Issues and Perspectives, APH Publishing Co., 2000. Alam, Aftab (ed.), Human Rights in India: Issues and Challenges, Raj Publications, 1999. Bajwa, G.S. and D.K. Bajwa, Human Rights in India: Implementation and Violations, D.K. Publishers, 1996. 				
Evaluation: Theory CIA: 30 marks (Mid-semester exam: 20+ Assignment: 5+ Attendance: 5) End semester exam :70 marks				
Paper Structure for Theory Semester Exam Module: Short Questions: 10 out of 15 (2 marks each) = 20 Essay Type: 1 out of 3 (15 marks each) = 15 (35 marks per module) 35+35 (Module I + Module II= 70); (70+30 CIA=100)				

Course outcomes (COs) and Cognitive Level Mapping

COs	CO Description	Cognitive levels
CO1	Remember: the evolution of rights and duties in India	K1
CO2	Understand: the dignity, welfare, privacy, surveillance and censorship	K2
CO3	Apply: concepts of sovereignty, sanctions, and enforcement in Indian context	K3

CO4	Analyze: the statutory protection mechanisms in India	K4
CO5	Evaluate: judicial activism, PILs, and case law in advancing rights	K5
CO6	Create: Develop case-based perspectives and insights on Indian human rights issues	K6