

BA (CBCS) Human Rights Studies	
Semester II	
Course Code	HRS5001T
Course Title	Human Rights and Duties in India
NHEQF LEVEL	NHEQF Level 4.5
Course Credit	6 credits
Course Type	Discipline Centric Compulsory Course (DCC) in Human Rights
Delivery Type	90 H, 60 Lectures for content delivery and 15 hours for Tutorials, class activity, case study and 15 hours for formative and Diagnostic Assessment.
Prerequisites	Foundation level (Equivalent to 10+2)
Corequisites	None
Course Objectives	The Course is designed to give an overview of the status of human rights in India. The first unit discusses the evolution of the concept of rights, duties and human welfare in the Indian context; the second unit discusses constitutional framework on human rights, the third unit is about institutional safeguards to human rights; the fourth unit elaborates on why human rights remain difficult to enforce; the fifth unit discusses the factors behind human rights violations in India.
Learning Outcomes	The students will gain a sound understanding of the human rights situation in India. They will also become aware of the constitutional and institutional safeguards available in the case of human rights violations.

Syllabus	
Unit I	<p>Concept of Human Welfare, Rights and Duties in Indian Tradition Rights and Civil Liberties: Influence of Social Movements of the 19th and 20th Centuries, Legacies of the Freedom Struggle.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(18 Hours)</p>
Unit II	<p>Constituent Assembly Debates on Fundamental Rights; Fundamental Rights: Problem of Defining Reasonable Restrictions on Fundamental Rights; Fundamental Duties of the State and Citizens: Problem of Implementing Duties.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(16 Hours)</p>
Unit III	<p>Enforcement of Human Rights: Judiciary: Article 32(Supreme Court), Article 226(High Court), Public Interest Litigation; National Specialized Agencies: Law Commission, Women’s Commission, Human Rights Commission</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(16 Hours)</p>
Unit IV	<p>Problems of Enforcement: Abuse of Executive Power: Police and Human Rights; Special Laws Violative of Human Rights: TADA, POTA, National Security Act, Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act etc. Emergency Provisions Lack of Accountability and Transparency in Government Functioning and the Right to Information</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(20 Hours)</p>
Unit V	<p>Human Rights violations: Indian State; Indian Society: social inequalities; Human Rights violations in private domain: within the family, by dominant castes, religious groups etc; Basis of social, cultural, political and economic discrimination; Unequal Access to natural Resources; Impact of development Policies on Human Rights;</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(20 Hours)</p>

Suggested Readings	
Text Books:	<p>Ray, Arun (2004), National Human Rights Commission in India: Formation, Functioning and Future Prospects, New Delhi: Atlantic.</p> <p>Das. A.K. (2007), Human Rights in India, New Delhi, Sarup Book Publishers</p> <p>Alam, Aftab (ed.) (1999), Human Rights in India: Issues and Challenges, New Delhi: RajPublications.</p> <p>Aggarwal Om Prakash, Fundamental Rights and Constitutional Remedies (Delhi: Metropolitan Book,1954)</p> <p>Aiyar,S.P. and S,V,Raju,ed., Fundamental Rights and the Citizen(New Delhi: Academic Books Limited,1972)</p> <p>Basu, D.D.,Constitutional Law of India(New Delhi: Prentice Hall,1994)</p> <p>Basu, D.D, Human Rights in Constitutional Law (New Delhi: Prentice Hall, 1994)</p> <p>Baxi, Upendra, “Violence, Dissent and Development: Law and Social Change</p>
Reference Books and Research Articles	<p>Singh, Ujjawal Kumar (2022) “Federalism, democracy and the national security state in India” in <i>Territory, Politics, Governance</i>, Vol 10, Issue 1, pp. 51-66, DOI: https://doi.org/10.1080/21622671.2021.1899975</p> <p>Singh, Ujjawal Kumar (2003) “Democratic Dilemmas: Can Democracy Do without Extraordinary Laws?” in <i>Economic and Political Weekly</i>, Vol. 38, No. 5 (Feb. 1-7, 2003) , pp. 437-440.</p> <p>Mukherjee, D. (2019). Human Rights, Law and Justice in India: Exploring Discourses and Practices. New Delhi: Routledge.</p> <p>Arora, V. (2020). Human Rights and Social Justice: A Critical Appraisal of the Indian Experience. New Delhi: Sage Publications India Pvt Ltd.</p> <p>Bhatia, Gautam (2016), Offend, Shock, Or Disturb: Free Speech Under the Indian Constitution, New Delhi Oxford: University Press.</p> <p>Baxi, Upendra (2002), The Future of Human Rights, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Kirpal, B. N. et al. (2004), Supreme But Not Infallible, New Delhi: OUP.</p> <p>Paul, R.C. (2000), Situation of Human Rights in India, New Delhi: CommonwealthPublishers</p>
E Resources:	<p>https://nhrc.nic.in/</p>