SYS 507 Human Rights and Social Justice

Objectives:

The course will enable the learner to -

- 1 Understand the significance of human rights
- 2 Study the theories on human rights
- 3 Analyse the constitutional rights and social justice
- 4 Learn the human rights movements.
- 5 Understand the inequality in social justice and human rights

Course Outcome:

- CO1. Analyse the nature of human rights
- CO2. Understand Indian experience of human rights and social justice
- CO3. Understand human rights and social justice in social context
- CO4. Agencies that promote social justice in India
- CO5. Factors that promote human rights
- CO6. Globalisation impact on rights and social justice
- CO7. Social justice and marginalised groups
- CO8. Marginalised groups and human rights

Course Content:

UNIT-I: Introduction

Hrs - 14

- a. Human Rights: Meaning and Characteristics
- b. Forms of Social Justice: Meaning and Characteristics
- c. Issues and Dimensions of Social Justice in India:, Dalit, Minorities, Tribes, Women and Children

UNIT-II: Theories of Human Rights

Hrs - 12

- a. Classical theory
- b. Marxist Neo-Marxist theories
- c. Liberal theory

UNIT-III: State, Constitution Rights and Social Justice

Hrs - 14

- a. Constitution and Rights with special reference to Class, Caste, Tribe, Minorities and Gender.
- b. Growth of New Rights: Environment, Education, Prisoners Rights, Women's Rights, Rights of Third Gender and Rights of Children
- c. Rights related to Health; Rights of labourer, Unorganized Sector and Right to Information

UNIT-IV: Human Rights Movements and Stakeholders

Hrs - 14

- a. Concerns with Human Rights and Movements-The Stakeholder Approach
- b. Civil Society Organizations
- c. Movements for Protection of Human Rights

UNIT-V: Human Rights and Marginalized groups

- Hrs 12
- a. Violation of Human Rights with regard to dalits, tribal and nomadic groups
- b. Women rights and policies
- c. Role of Human Rights Organizations in protections of Human Rights

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