

**PG Course: Core Course XI**

Semester	Four
Paper Number	MPLS4401
Paper Title	HUMAN RIGHTS : ISSUES AND PERSPECTIVES
No. of Credits	6
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periods assigned	Theory: 6 Practical: ---
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	This paper aims at improving students' understanding of the challenges involved in the political governance of diversity in contemporary democracies and the role of human rights in facing those challenges.
Syllabus	<p><b><u>Module I (40 marks)</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Introduction to Human Rights: jurisprudence, norms, standards, mechanisms and key dimensions</li><li>2. Evolution of Human Rights; UN and Human Rights</li><li>3. Globalisation, International Relations and Human Rights</li><li>4. Human Rights in Practice--Human Rights Education</li><li>5. Human Rights and Duties in India: normative framework, Constitution and statutory mechanisms</li></ol> <p><b><u>Module II (40 marks)</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>6. Human Rights and democracy in India</li><li>7. Human Rights Movements and criminal justice system in India</li><li>8. Violation of Human Rights: case studies<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) India (select case studies)</li><li>(b) Other countries (select case studies)</li></ol></li><li>9. Human Rights: emerging domains</li></ol>
Texts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. S. M. Begum, ed., <i>Human Rights in India: Issues and Perspectives</i>, New Delhi: APH Publishing Company, 2000.</li><li>2. K. L. Bhatia and others, <i>Social Justice of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar</i>, New Delhi: Deep and Deep, 1995.</li></ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. A. R. Desai, ed., <i>Violations of Democratic Rights in India</i>, Bombay: Popular Prakashan, 1986.</li> <li>4. M. P. Dube and Neeta Bora, ed., <i>Perspectives on Human Rights</i>, New Delhi: Anamika Publishers, 2000.</li> <li>5. Asima Sahu, <i>Human Rights Violations and the Law</i>, Jaipur: Pointer Publishers, 1999.</li> <li>6. S. M. Tripathi, <i>The Human Rights Face of the Supreme Court of India: Public Interest Litigation in the Apex Court</i>, New Delhi: D.K. Publications, 1996.</li> <li>7. A. P. Vijapur and Kumar Suresh, ed., <i>Perspectives on Human Rights</i>, New Delhi: Manak Publications, 1999.</li> </ol>
Reading/Reference Lists	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Andrew Clapham, <i>Human Rights: A Very Short Introduction</i>. Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2007.</li> <li>2. Milja Kurki, 'Human Rights and Democracy Promotion: Reflections on the Contestation In, and the Politico-Economic Dynamics Of, Rights Promotion'. <i>Third World Quarterly</i> 32 (9): 1573–87, 2011.</li> <li>3. James Griffin, <i>On Human Rights</i>. Oxford, Oxford University Press, Chapter 14: Do human rights require democracy? 2009.</li> <li>4. Phillip Alston, ed., <i>The United Nations and Human Rights: A Critical Appraisal</i>, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1992.</li> <li>5. D. S. Harris, <i>The European Social Charter</i> Charlottesville, 1984.</li> <li>6. Hannum Hurst, <i>Guide to International Human Rights Practice</i>, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1984.</li> <li>7. Hersch Lauterpacht, <i>International Law and Human Rights</i>, Hamden: Archon Books, 1968.</li> </ol>

	<p>8. H. O. Agarwal, <i>Implementation of Human Rights Covenants with Special Reference to India</i>, Allahabad: Kitab Mahal, 1983.</p> <p>9. Aftab Alam, ed., <i>Human Rights in India: Issues and Challenges</i>, New Delhi: Raj Publications, 1999.</p> <p>10. Amnesty International, <i>Human Rights in India</i>, New Delhi: Sage Publications, 1994.</p> <p>11. G. S. Bajwa and D.K. Bajwa, <i>Human Rights in India: Implementation and Violations</i>, New Delhi: D.K. Publishers, 1996.</p>
Evaluation	<p>CIA: 20 End-Semester: 80</p>