

CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS STUDIES

Syllabus – Three Month Certificate Course on Human Rights

Unit I: Introduction to Human Rights

- (a) Why Study Human Rights: An Introduction to Human Rights Education
- (b) The Concept of Human Rights: Meaning, Evolution, Classification of Rights and Changing Dimensions
- (c) Theoretical Perspectives: An Overview
- (d) Human Rights Traditions in different Cultures/Civilizations (African, Chinese, Hindu-Buddhist & Islamic)

Unit II: International Bill of Human Rights: Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), 1948; International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1966); and International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1966)

Unit III: Other Core United Nations Human Rights Conventions: Convention against Torture (1984); Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), 1979; Convention relating to the Status of Refugees (1951)

Unit IV: Human Rights and Duties in India

- (a) Human Rights Movements from Colonial to Post-Independent India: An Overview
- (b) Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy: The Role of Judiciary
- (c) Fundamental Duties in the Constitution

Unit V: Rights of Vulnerable Groups in India

- (a) SCs/STs, Dalits, Tribals and other Minorities
- (b) Women, Children and Disabled

Unit VI: Major Contemporary Challenges to Human Rights and Enforcement Mechanisms

- (a) Threat from Non-State Actors: Terrorists and MNCs
- (b) Role of Police in India
- (c) Role of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)