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M.A. Degree Course in
HUMAN RIGHTS AND DUTIES EDUCATION
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Syllabus for Core Subjects

Non-Semester

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SCHEME OF EXAMINATIONS

FIRST YEAR			
Paper	Subjects	Hours	Marks
I	A Historical Perspective, Statutory Bodies and NGOs	3	100
II	Human Rights & Duties of State and Citizen	3	100
III	Human Rights, Group Rights and the UN	3	100
IV	Human Rights and the new world order in the developed and developing countries	3	100
V	Elective Subject Human Rights Violations and Redressal of Grievances	3	100
SECOND YEAR			
VI	Human Rights and the Indian Constitution	3	100
VII	Gender, Women and the Law and Contemporary Issues	3	100
VIII	Media and Obligation of the corporate world	3	100
IX	Basics of Computer Education	3	100
X	Elective Subject Human Rights, Environment and Community Health	3	100

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SYLLABUS

FIRST YEAR

**PAPER I - A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE,
STATUTORY BODIES AND NGOS**

Human Rights – Conceptual Setting – Meaning, Nature and Scope.

Evolution of the concept of Human Rights – Magna Carta – Petition of Rights – Bill of Rights – American Declaration of Independence French Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen.

Human Rights and International Endeavours – Genesis – Universal Declaration of Human Rights – Internationals Covenant on Civil and Political Rights – International Covenant on Economics, Social and Cultural Rights – International Human Rights Conferences – Vienna and Copenhagen

Regional and Multi National Concerns – Mexico Declaration on Human Rights – European Convention of Human Rights – Helsinki Charter.

Development of Human Rights Concept in India – Evolution – Motilal Committee Report – Constitution of India.

Amnesty International – International Commission of Jurists.

Human Rights Commission in India - Role and Functions of National Commission on Human Rights and State Human Rights Commission.

Role of International Committee of Red Cross – implementation and Enforcement of Humanitarian Law – Human Rights in Non International Armed Conflicts.

Human Rights and SAARC, ASEAN and NAM

PAPER II - HUMAN RIGHTS & DUTIES OF STATE AND CITIZEN

Political Duties – Voting Participation in Political Process – Duties of Women Citizens – Panchayat Raj

Duties towards fellow citizens, community, prevention of social evils, Maintaining law and order, combating terrorism.

Duties towards environment, Heritage, Natural Resources.

Duties towards weaker sections of the Society.

Role of citizens in maintaining communal Harmony and Peace in Society.

Equality to all – egalitarian society, Freedom and Self – Determination of the Individual.

Compulsory Primary Education – Human Rights and Duties at grass root level.

Making available infrastructure facilities.

Conservation of Natural Resources, Overseeing Multi-Nationals

Strengthening of the Local Bodies.

PAPER III - HUMAN RIGHTS, GROUP RIGHTS AND THE UN

Rights of Child

Rights of Juveniles

Rights of Women

Rights of Workers

Rights of Minorities – Rights of Refugees – Rights of Indigenous People - Dalits.

Discrimination and Racism, Apartheid

Self determination of Individuals

Refugees, Stateless and Vulnerable People

Human Rights in Armed Conflicts – Geneva Conferences and Optional Protocols.

**PAPER IV - HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE NEW
WORLD ORDER IN THE DEVELOPED AND
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

The Asian Perspective on Human Rights

Food Security and Indigenous People's Cultural Rights -
World Conference on Food Summit

Practice of Power and Accountability

World and India's Urban Scenario – 2001 A.D

GATT and the Right to be Human

Human Rights Movement in the west –History and Causes

Role of Martin Luther King in promoting Human Rights in
the West

Globalization Consumerism and Human Rights

Human Rights Challenges of Developing Countries versus Developed Countries.

Awareness of Human Rights and Human Rights Education.

ELECTIVE SUBJECT

PAPER V - HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND REDRESSAL OF GRIEVANCES

State Terrorism - Excesses by the police and Security Forces
- Human Rights Violations in Prisons - Capital Punishment,
TADA, MISA POTA.

Human Rights Violations of underprivileged (below Poverty
Line) - Weaker Sections of Society - Dalits - Indigenous
people.

Human Rights Violations of Street Children, Women,
Beggars and Slum Dwellers - Inmates of Remand Homes
and Juvenile Homes.

Human Rights Violations of the Mentally ill, Physically
challenged and Spastics.

Human Rights Violations of immigrant Labourers, Refugees,
Prisoners of War and Asylum Seekers.

UN Commission on Human Rights and The Sub commission
on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of
Minorities - Human Rights Committee.

ILO & UNESCO, Redressal of Grievances

Human Rights Movement in India - NGOS & Activists Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer, Baba Amte Ramesh Ela Bhatt, Sundarlal Bahuguna, Medha Patkar, Arundathi Roy & Nana Palkhivala E.V.R. Periyar & NGOS.

European Conventions on Human Rights and Fundamental Rights, Protocols - Human Rights Commission in India.

Difficulties in the implementation of Human Rights.

SECOND YEAR

PAPER VI - HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION

Constitutional Guarantees on Human Rights - Fundamentals Rights - Part III of the Constitution - Directive Principles of State Policy - Part IV of the Constitution.

Civil and Political Rights - Right to work - Right to Personal Freedom - Freedom of Expression - Right to Education - Right to Religion - Right to form Association.

Constitutional Remedies - Habeas Corpus - Mandamus - Prohibition - Quo - Warranto - Certiorari

Human Rights and Fundamental Rights

Contributions of India to the Human Rights Movement.

PAPER VII - GENDER, WOMEN AND THE LAW AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Psychology and Gender – Intersection of Gender, Justice and Law – Women’s Movement in India. – Fourth world conference on Women’s rights – Beijing

Women’s Right and the Indian Constitution

Issues impeding Women’s Dev: Violence and Insecurity – Crimes against Women – Immoral Trafficking in Women and Children

Glass Ceiling, Rights of working women in organized and unorganized Sectors – Women’s Empowerment

Women and Media – Economic Rights of Women – Equal Pay For Equal Work-Sexual Harassment at the Work place-Right to participation and decision making in Industry

Civil and Political Rights of Women – Crimes Against Women – Classification of Offence under IPC

Bonded Labour- Just Wages – Right to Dissent – Right to form Unions

International Conventions on Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

Implementation of Human Rights – Amnesty International

Terrorism – A Major challenge to Human Rights – Origin and Development Perspective- Terrorism in the World in India - Terrorism-Causes – Theoretical Explanations, Combating Terrorism

PAPER VIII - MEDIA AND OBLIGATION OF THE CORPORATE WORLD

Duties of Industry towards society and community- Profit Motivation versus - Social concerns Duties of corporates towards employees and their welfare - Duties of corporates towards the State -Theory of State and its role Duties of Multinationals

Duties of Visual Print & Electronic Media

Right of Information, Social responsibility of the media

Popular Media personalities, Khushwant Singh, Arun Shourie, Prannoy Roy, Anita Pratap, Karan Thappar- film makers- Satyajit Ray, Mrinal Sen, Shyam Benegal, Govind Nilhani, Mira Nair, Shabana Azmi

PAPER IX - BASICS OF COMPUTER EDUCATION

Computer Fundamentals; Introduction to Computers – Classification of Digital Computer Systems – Anatomy of a Digital Computer – Computer Architecture – Number System – memory Units – Auxillary storage devices – Input Devices – Output Devices – Operating System – Programming Languages – Introduction to Database Management Systems – Foxpro Applications.

Windows 98 – Features of Windows 98 – MS WORD: Word Basic – Creating a Document/Template – Mail Merge – Tamil Word Processor.

EXCEL : Introduction to Excel – Data Sort – Data filters – valid criteria – Invalid criteria – Redundant Criteria – Functions.

POWER POINT : Working with power point – parts of Power point window – Various tool bars – Slide Manipulation – fonts – graph – table – templates.

Introduction of Telecommunications – Computer Networks – Communications Systems – Distributed Systems – Internet and World Wide Web – Electronic Mail – Intranets.

ELECTIVE SUBJECT

PAPER X - HUMAN RIGHTS, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

Health issues of Developing countries

Health Policy in India – History and Assessment

Right to Health as a basic Human Rights – Right to Potable Water – Sanitation – Waste Management

Role of NGOS – In Health Care

Right to Affordable Health Care – Medical Insurance
Consumer Rights.

Conducive environment as Human Right-Maintenance and
Preservation

Environmental Laws in India –Need for awareness and
education

Role of Corporate World and Community in Preserving
environment and Community Health

World Conferences on Human Rights-Stockholm
Declaration, 1972 and Earth Summit, 1992