

MDC-169: UNDERSTANDING HUMAN RIGHTS

(Contact Hour-45, Credit-3)

Course Objectives:

The objective of the course is to understand the basic concepts of human rights, its contemporary significance and measures for protecting and promoting human rights. It also aims to sensitize the students regarding principles and aspects of human rights.

Learning Outcomes:

This course will enable students to understand the historical growth of human rights and demonstrate awareness in international and national contexts.

Unit I: Human Rights: Meaning and evolution; Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948.

Unit II: Group Rights: Indigenous People's Rights, Workers' Rights, Women's Rights.

Unit III: Human Rights and Environment, Globalization and Challenges to Human Rights, United Nations Human Rights Commission, National Human Rights Commission of India.

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