



ONDA THANA MAHAVIDYALAYA

Value Add-on Course on

Introduction to Human Rights

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Offered by

Department of Political Science

30/10/2023 to 11/11/2023

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Syllabus of Ad-on Course

Conducted by - Department of Political Science

Session – 2023-24

Course Title: Introduction to Human Rights

Course Outcome: This course provides an overview of the principles, history and contemporary issues surrounding human rights. The course will help the students to explore the philosophical foundations of human rights, and along with this the students will get the ideas about the international human rights instruments, key debates and challenges in the field.

Course Duration: 30 hours

Course Syllabus:

Introduction to Human Rights (2 hours)

- Definition of human rights.
- Historical context and milestones in human rights movement.

Resource Persons: Amit Kumar Bandhu (Course Coordinator and Internal Resource Persons)

Philosophical Foundation of Human Rights (2 hours)

- Theories of natural rights and human dignity.
- Cultural relativism vs. universalism in human rights discourse.

Resource Persons: Dr Subrata Nandi (Internal)

International Human Rights Instruments (4 hours)

- Overview of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).
- International human rights treaties and conventions.

Resource Persons: Sk Jahir Abbas (Internal)

Human Rights Institution (4 hours)

- United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).
- International Criminal Court (ICC).

- Regional human rights bodies: Human Rights Commission of India, European Courte of Human Rights, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

Resource Persons: Amit Kumar Bandhu (Internal)

Civil and Political Rights (2 hours)

- Right to freedom of speech.
- Right to fair trial and due process.

Resource Persons: Driпти Mandal (Internal)

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (4 hours)

- Right to education, healthcare and adequate standard of living.
- Right to work and labour rights.

Resource Persons: Dr Subrata Nandi (Internal)

Rights of Vulnerable Groups (2 hours)

- Rights of women, children, refugees and LGBTQs.

Resource Persons: Susanta Garai (Internal)

Contemporary Human Rights Issues (2 hours)

- Human right violations in conflict zones.
- Environmental justice and indigenous rights.

Resource Persons: Amit Kumar Bandhu (Internal)

Human Rights Advocacy and Activism (2 hours)

- Role of NGOs and civil society organisations.
- Grassroots movements and social media activism.

Resource Persons: Dr Subrata Nandi (Internal)

Human Rights in Practice (2 hours)

- Case studies and simulations.
- Strategies for promoting and protecting human rights locally and globally.

Resource Persons: Sandip Sarkar (External)

Ethics and Human Rights (2 hours)

- Ethical dilemmas in human rights work.
- Responsibilities of individuals and states in upholding human rights.

Resource Persons: Amit Kumar Bandhu (Internal)

Future Directions of Human Rights (2 hours)

- Emerging trends and prospects of human rights for the future.
- Reflections on the significance of human rights in 21st century.

Resource Persons: Amit Kumar Bandhu (Internal)

Suggested Reading:

Heywood, Andrew (2013) *Global Politics*, Palgrave Macmillan.

Donnelly, Jack and Whelan, Daniel J. (2020) *International Human Rights*, Taylor and Francis.

Alston, Philip and Goodman, Ryan (2012) *International Human Rights*, Oxford Publication.

Agarwal, H.O. (2022) *International Law and Human Rights*, Central Law Publications.

