

**BA CREDIT BASED SEMESTER SCHEME w.e.f 2014-2015**

**INDIAN CONSTITUTION AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

**(Compulsory Paper for all U.G. Courses)**

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UNIT-III: Structural Violence 1. Caste and Race: Discrimination based on Birth: South Africa and India 2. Adivasis / Aborigines and the Land Question: Australia and India UNIT-IV: Watchdogs of Human Rights Violation 1. Amnesty International 2. Human Rights Watch

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Chapter III: Concept and Development of Human Rights

a) Meaning Scope and Development of Human Rights b) U.N. and Human Rights – UNHCR c) UDHR 1948, ICCPR 1996 and ICESCR 1966

#### Chapter IV: Human Rights in India

a) Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 (NHRC and SHRC) b) First, Second and Third Generation Human Rights c) Judicial Activism and Human Rights

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Human Rights, Gender and Environment

UNIT-I: Understanding Social Inequality (a) Caste, Gender, Ethnicity and Class as distinct categories and their interconnection. (b) Globalisation and its impact on workers, peasants, dalits, adivasis and women. UNIT-II: Human Rights (a) Human Rights: Various Meanings, UN Declarations and Covenants, Human Rights and Citizenship Rights (b) Human Rights and the Indian Constitution: Human Rights, Laws and Institutions in India; the role of the National Human Rights Commission. (c) Human Rights of Marginalized Groups: Dalits, Adivasis, Women, Minorities and Unorganized Workers. (d) Consumer Rights: The Consumer Protection Act and grievance redressal mechanisms. (e) Human Rights Movement in India. UNIT-III: Gender (a) Analysing Structures of Patriarchy: Gender, Culture and History (b) Economic Development and Women, The issue of Women's Political Participation and Representation in India, Laws, Institutions and Women's Rights in India (c) Women's Movements in India UNIT-IV: Environment (a) Environmental and Sustainable Development (b) UN Environment Programme: Rio, Johannesburg and after. (c) Issues of Industrial Pollution, Global Warming and threats to Bio – diversity (d) Environment Policy in India (e) Environmental Movement in India

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