

**UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS**  
**B.A. DEGREE COURSE IN HISTORICAL STUDIES**  
**SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2020-2021**

**BHS-DSE06**

**ELECTIVE: STUDIES IN HUMAN RIGHTS**

**Instr.Hrs.: 6**  
**Credits : 5**

**Year : III**  
**Semester: V / VI**

**Learning Outcomes:**

**Students will acquire**

**a) adf**

**b) dfa**

**Objectives:**

- To impart knowledge to the students about the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights.
- To make them acquainted with knowledge about the problems of women, children, dalits, tribals and other disadvantaged groups.
- The efforts of governmental and non-governmental at national and international levels to protect the Human rights are also highlighted in the study.

**Course Outcome:**

- It provides the student with the capacity to identify issues and problems relating to the realisation of human rights.
- Analyze the gap between universal rights and grassroots realities in local, global, and transnational contexts, with attention to issues of power, privilege, and marginalization.
- It also develops investigative and analytical skills.

**Contents**

**UNIT: I** [20 HRS]  
Definition of Human Rights: Nature and Scope - Origin and Development of Human Rights Concepts – Magna Carta, Peace of Westphalia, Bill of Rights in England, Declaration of the Rights of Men and Citizens in France and Bill of Rights in U.S.A, Theories of Human Rights.

**UNIT: II** [15 HRS]  
UNO and Human Rights - Universal Declaration of Human Rights – International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights – International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights – Helsinki Declaration.

**UNIT: III** [20 HRS]  
Non-Governmental Organisations: Amnesty International; The International Committee of Red Cross; Human Rights Watch; Asia Watch; International Commission of Jurists; PUCL – International Human Rights and Courts.

**UNIT: IV** [15 HRS]  
Contemporary Challenges: Children and Women's Rights – Bonded Labour – Problem of Refugees – Capital Punishment – Rights of Prisoners.

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**UNIT: V**

[20 HRS]

Human Rights in India - Constitutional Guarantees - Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy - National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and State Human Rights Commissions (SHRC) – Functions – Problems and Solutions.

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