# **ELECTIVE COURSE 212 HUMAN RIGHT LAW & PRACTICE**

## **1. HUMAN RIGHTS : GENERAL**

- 1.1 Theoretical Foundations of Human Rights :
  - 1.1.1 Meaning, Basic Concept and Origin of Human Rights,
  - 1.1.2 Sources and significance of Human Rights
  - 1.1.3 Different definitions of Human Rights, First Official Use of the term 'Human Right' at UN Meeting, Classification of Human Rights
  - 1.1.4 Theories of Human Rights
- 1.2 Historical development of the concept of Human Rights :
  - 1.2.1 Human rights in Indian tradition: ancient, medieval and modern.
  - 1.2.2 Human rights in Western tradition
  - 1.2.3 Concept of natural Law, Concept of natural rights
  - 1.2.4 Human rights in legal tradition, international Law and National Law

### 2. UN and Human Rights:

- 2.1 International Documents relating to Human Rights
  - 2.1.1 Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948): Individual and group Rights, its significance and limitations
  - 2.1.2 International Covenant on Human Rights:
    - International Covenant on Civil & Political Rights, 1966
    - International Covenant on Economic, Social & Cultural Rights, 1966
  - 2.1.3 I.L.O. and other Conventions and Protocols dealing with human rights
  - 2.1.4 Importance and binding effect of above documents on the member Countries of UN
- 2.2 Impact and implementation of international human rights norms in India:
  - 2.2.1 Human rights norms reflected in fundamental rights under the Constitution of India
  - 2.2.2 Directive Principles legislative and administrative implementation of international human rights norms.
- 2.2.3 Implementation of international human rights norms through judicial process .

## 3. Human Rights under the Constitution and different Legislation in India :

3.1 Provisions for enshrining human rights to Women and Children

3.2 Human Rights granted to Schedule Caste, Schedule Tribes and other socially and economically backward communities

3.3 Human Rights of prisoners and arrestees

3.4 Human Rights of victims and development of compensatory jurisprudence

## 4. Enforcement of Human Rights and machinery thereof:

4.1 International Commission of Human Rights, Amnesty International

4.2 Role of Courts: the Supreme Court, High Courts and other courts: Relevant Important decisions of the Supreme Court

- 4.3 Statutory commissions -
  - 4.3.1 National Commission for Women
  - 4.3.2 National Commission for Minority
  - 4.3.3 National Commission for Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribes
- 4.4. Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993:
  - National Human Rights Commission
  - State Human Rights Commission
  - Human Right Courts
  - Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993: adequacy of the legislation

4.5 Role of various NGOs in the protection of Human Rights

## **Suggested Reading:**

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- 3. Limacora, Nowak and Tretter, International Human Rights, Sweet & Maxwell
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- 6. Human Rights and Global Diversity, Frank Cass, London
- 7. Nirmal C.J. (ed) Human Rights in India, Oxford
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- 9. K. C. Joshi : Internal Law & Human Rights, Eastern Book Company
- 10. Dr. Vijay Chitnis : Human Rights and the Law : National & Global Perspectives, Sno White Publication Pvt. Ltd.
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- 16. Mangari Rajender : The Protection of Human Rights Act and Relating Laws : Law Book Agency