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- Right to Equality (Emphasis on rule of law)
- Right to Freedom - including right against arbitrary Arrest and detention
- Right against exploitation
- Right to Religion
- Cultural and Educational Rights
- Right to Constitutional Remedies

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PAPER II

INTERNATIONAL BILL OF RIGHTS - CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

Objectives:

- a) To conceptually analyze and examine theoretical foundations of civil and political rights;
- b) To trace the developments which led to the establishment of civil and political rights internationally;
- c) To critically examine the various international instruments which have incorporated and developed civil and political rights and assess their contribution;
- d) To examine and assess effectiveness of various mechanisms and procedures available for implementation and enforcement of civil and political rights on international level;
- e) To examine the issue of domestic application of internationally recognized civil and political rights with specific reference to the legal systems prevalent in the Indian sub-continent and study the mechanisms available for their enforcement domestically;
- f) To impart training in developing some advocacy skills for national promotion and protection of civil and political rights.

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3. Crime of genocide.
4. Protection of refugees.
5. Humanitarian intervention.
6. Terrorism and Human Rights.
7. Civil and Political Rights during states of emergency.

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2. Code of Conduct for Law enforcement officials
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2. The Inter-American System.
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3. Judicial response to protection and promotion of civil and politcal rights
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ALTERNATIVE STRUGGLE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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2. The role of international non-governmental organizations.
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PAPER III
INTERNATIONAL BILL OF RIGHTS - SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND
CULTURAL RIGHTS

(Including Covenants relating to Women, Children, and Indigenous People)

Objectives : The principal objectives of this paper are to:

- (i) outline the International legal regime of social, economic and cultural rights;
- (ii) examine and evaluate the effectiveness of the mechanisms evolved at different levels for the enforcement of ESC rights;
- (iii) study the international developments aimed at protection of the interests of the marginalized sections of human society like the indigenous people, refugees, women and children;
- (iv) reflect on the continuing international concern for and efforts towards realization of the right to development and inter-generational rights;
- (v) emphasize the relation between ESC rights and CP rights and the extent of dependence of one over the other for the protection and the meaningful existence of human rights; and
- (vi) elaborately discuss the extent of absorption and the level of enforcement of these rights in the Indian legal system.

COURSE OUTLINE

Unit I: Genesis and Evolution down the ages: Ancient oriental and European notions - Emergence of modern conceptions of rights - Distinction between individual and group rights - Internationalization of human rights.

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PAPER IV
HUMAN RIGHTS, LEGAL AID AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Objects:

The specific objects of Paper IV on "Human Rights, Legal Aid and Access to Justice" are, inter alia, the following:

- i) to understand the broad features and structures of the legal and judicial system;
- ii) to evaluate the processes available within and outside the legal system for accessing justice;
- iii) to acquaint with the nature and scope of legal services and legal aid to poor provided by the system;
- iv) to learn the techniques of using the courts and tribunals for human rights protection;
- v) to examine the nature of legal remedies and reliefs available for human rights violations;
- vi) to study various aspects of public interest litigation and its potential for human rights protection;
- vii) to learn special procedures available to weaker sections including women, children, tribals, workers and people with disabilities;
- viii) to develop capabilities in accessing institutions outside the judiciary for human rights protection;
- ix) to assess the relationship between domestic institutions and international institutions in human rights enforcement; and
- x) to explore new strategies and tools in human rights protection particularly for preventing abuses and violations.

Content

The course will have a core sector and a flexible component with varying content. This is to accommodate regional variations, emerging areas of human rights jurisprudence and needs of individual participants in the programme.

The course is divided into eight units each on a relevant theme. Each unit will have several topics and sub-topics and the list below is only illustrative and not exhaustive of these categories.

UNIT - I

1. The Legal System

- 1.1. The Laws - Substantive and Procedural; Public and Private
- 1.2. The Courts and Tribunals
- 1.3. The Legal Profession - Lawyers and Judges

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2. The Social System

- 2.1. Religion, Communalism and Human Rights

2.2. Status of Women in Law and Society - select issues

2.3. Poverty as a cause and a product of Human Rights violations

2.4. Child Labour and Child Rights

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 - 3.2 Legislative Processes and Human Rights
 - 3.3 Administrative Processes and Human Rights
 - 3.4 Media and Civil Society in Human Rights protection

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UNIT - II

4. Pre-requisites for Access to Judicial Remedies

- 4.1 Locus Standi
- 4.2 Cause of action
- 4.3 Court Fee, Process Fee, etc.
- 4.4 Problems and difficulties

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- 5.1 Civil remedies
- 5.2 Criminal remedies
- 5.3 Constitutional remedies
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- 6.1 Delay in litigation
6.2 Cost involved in Court proceedings
6.3 Complexity and technicality
6.4 Special procedures for Human Rights protection

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- 7.1 Nature, Scope and Structure
- 7.2 Eligibility for services
- 7.3 Quality and availability

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- 9.2 Lok Adalat and Alternate Dispute Resolution Methods
- 9.3 Class action and representative suits
- 9.4 Legal advice and Counselling

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