

## **Semester-VI**

### **GE 2: Human Rights Gender and Environment Total Lectures and Tutorials - 40**

**Course Objective:** This course aims at enabling the students to understand the issues concerning the rights of citizens in general and the marginalized groups in particular, and assess the institutional and policy measures which have been taken in response to the demands of various movements. Conceptual dimensions, international trends and the Indian experience form the contents of the course.

#### **Unit-I: Understanding Social Inequality**

- Caste, Gender, Ethnicity and Class as distinct categories and their interconnection
- Globalisation and its impact on workers, peasants, dalits, adivasis and women

**6 Lectures and 2 Tutorials**

#### **Unit-II: Human Rights**

- Human Rights: Various Meanings
- UN Declarations and Covenants
- Human Rights and Citizenship Rights

**6 Lectures and 2 Tutorials**

#### **Unit-III: Human Rights in Indian Context:**

- Human Rights and the Indian Constitution
- Human Rights, Laws and Institutions in India; the role of the National Human Rights Commission.
- Human Rights of Marginalized Groups: Dalits, Adivasis, Women, Minorities and Unorganized Workers.
- Human Rights Movement in India.

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#### **Unit-IV: Gender**

- Analysing Structures of Patriarchy
- Gender, Culture and History
- Economic Development and Women
- The issue of Women's Political Participation and Representation in India
- Laws, Institutions and Women's Rights in India
- Women's Movements in India

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#### **Unit-V: Environment**

- Environmental and Sustainable Development
- UN Environment Programme: Rio, Johannesburg and after

- Issues of Industrial Pollution, Global Warming and threats to Bio – diversity
- Environment Policy in India
- Environmental Movement in India

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