MHS26111- Human Rights		
Teaching Scheme: **Theory: 2 Hours/Week**	**Credits: 02**	**Examination Scheme:** **In-Semester Exam: 30 Marks** **CAA: 30 Marks** **Total: 60 Marks**

Course Objectives:

To introduce students to the concept and evolution of human rights. Understand constitutional provisions related to human rights in India. Develop awareness about human rights in professional and technical environments. Analyze contemporary human rights issues in science, technology, and industry.

Course Outcomes: After successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

CO1: Explain the concept, historical development and classification of human rights, including the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

CO2: Interpret the human rights provisions in the Indian Constitution and evaluate the role of institutions such as NHRC and human rights courts in protecting vulnerable groups.

CO3: Apply human rights principles in technical and professional settings, including workplace ethics, labor rights, environmental sustainability, and AI/data privacy issues.

CO4: Analyze contemporary human rights issues in the global and digital context, including cyber security, intellectual property rights, refugees, and the role of international organizations.

Course Contents

Unit 1: Introduction to Human Rights **[07 Hours]**

Meaning, Nature and Scope of Human Rights, Evolution and Historical Development Universalism vs Cultural Relativism, Classification: Civil, Political, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, International Bill of Human Rights, Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)

Unit 2: Human Rights and Indian Constitution **[07 Hours]**

Fundamental Rights under Constitution of India, Directive Principles of State Policy, Fundamental Duties, Kinds of Writ Petition, Role of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Human Rights Courts in India, Rights of Women, Children, SC/ST and Minorities

Unit 3: Human Rights in Technical and Professional Environment **[07 Hours]**

Right to Equality and Non-Discrimination in Workplace, Labor Rights and Industrial Safety, Right to Information and Transparency, Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development, National Institutions for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights, National Human Rights Commission, -Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Ethical issues in Engineering, AI & Data Privacy

Unit 4: Contemporary Issues and Global Perspective **[07 Hours]**

Globalization, Multinational Corporations and Human Rights, Rights in the Digital Era, Cyber Security and Privacy Rights, Implications of Technological Advancements on Society, Expectations from the Technocrats, Effects of Robotics, Automation, and Artificial Intelligence on Daily Life, Surveillance Capitalism, Need of Code of Ethics for Engineers, Content Policing, Content Moderation, Effect of Emergence of Engineering and Technology on Human Rights in Warfare and Correctional Services

Text Books:

1. Human Rights Law and Practice –By Jatindra Kumar Das, PHI Learning, New Delhi
2. International Law and Human Rights, By Dr. S.K. Kapoor, Published by central law agency, 22nd edition - 2021

Reference Books:

1. Human Rights in Constitutional Law By D.D. Basu, (3rd ed., 2008) published by LexisNexis
2. International Law & Human Rights by Dr. H.O. Agarwal is published by Central Law Publications.
3. Human Rights and Law Justice P.S. Narayana –

Activity:

1. Case study on data privacy in AI systems/ content moderation on social media platforms and freedom of expression
2. Analysis of industrial safety standards/social dilemma critically reflecting working of digital platform
3. Report on environmental compliance of industries
4. Study of CSR initiatives of technical companies
5. Assignments on case studies related to technology abuse.
6. Poster designing or Seminars on specific rights.

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