

SACRED HEART COLLEGE, THEVARA- 682013, INDIA

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

VALUE ADDED COURSE ON

FOUNDATION COURSE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Course Code : 15ECOVACO1

Batch 2015-16

Duration - 40 hrs

Venue : III B A Economics Class

Programme Schedule :

Activity (Theory/Practical)
Historical Background and Frame work
Meaning and Definition of Human Rights
Human Rights in India
Challenges to Human Rights

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Course Title: Foundation Course in Human Rights

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No. of Credits – 4

No. of Contact hours – 40

Course Rationale:

This foundation course is intended to impart basic knowledge about the concept of human rights, its evolution and importance in our society. This course aims at developing respect for human rights norms and values and make learners sensitive to the issues of weaker and vulnerable sections of the society. The development of human rights doctrine has changed the ways in which nation states act towards each other at the international and regional levels. The learner gets an opportunity to understand about various rights, including political, civil, social, economic and cultural rights. The foundation course is meant for undergraduate students of all disciplines. The duration of the foundation course of four credits is three months.

Course Syllabus

Modules:

1. Historical Background and Frame work

Human Rights Prior to 1945
UN Charter and Human Rights
International Court of Justice and Human Rights (15 hours)

2. Meaning and Definition of Human Rights

Nature, Importance and Characteristics of Human Rights
Bases and Sources of Human Rights
Kinds of Human Rights (15 hours)

3. Human Rights in India

Constitutional Provisions (Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy)
National Human Rights Commission (NHRC);
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4. Challenges to Human Rights

State and Human Rights

Human Rights and Terrorism

Human Rights and Marginalised Groups (Dalits, Women and Children) (10 hours)

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