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CERTIFICATE COURSE IN

HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION



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INTRODUCTION

Human Rights is a broad area of study which focuses on basic freedoms and rights to which every person is entitled. Education in human rights is itself a fundamental human right and also a responsibility.

The United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education (1995-2004) has defined Human Rights Education as "training, dissemination, and information efforts aimed at the building of a universal culture of human rights through the imparting of knowledge. To successfully functionalise Human Rights Education, this certificate course covers areas like women's rights, child rights, dalit, tribal and minority rights. It therefore provides the students with a chance to understand human rights in various aspects.

Outcome

Human Rights education offers exciting career options as the course covers a variety of topics. Those, who wish to make positive change in the world by advocating for people's rights and freedom, can choose this certificate course. Human Rights professionals can find work in NGOs, governmental social work organisations, law firms and even international social service organisations. This course is a right choice for students who want to specialise in research and data analysis in Human Rights or social work. Beyond making an impact in the world Human Rights education also provides and opportunity to engage at local and individual level. For those interested in investing in their local communities and bettering the people around them, human rights studies may be a good place for them to start.

Content of the course

MODULE I:

Human Rights Ideology

- Philosophical and Historical foundations of the conception of "Human Rights":
- Defining Rights: Rights, immunities, privileges; negative and/or positive rights; individual and collective rights, constitutional rights, human rights, international or universal rights.
- Generation of Rights:

MODULE II:

The Structure of human rights in the Contemporary World

- The internationalization of human rights and the universalization of human rights
- Challenges to the Human Rights Ideology
- International accountability of human rights
- Human rights in India: human rights and duties in the Indian Constitution

MODULE III:

United Nations and Human rights and Duties

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948), International Convention of Civil & Political Rights (1966).
- International Convention on Economics, Social and Cultural Rights (1966).
- Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989).
- Emerging trends: Police and Human Rights, Judiciary and Human Rights. Human Rights and Terrorism. Human Rights and Environment. Human Rights and Globalization

• UN agencies to monitor compliance such as UN High Commission for Human Rights and the Committees under various Conventions.

MODULE IV:

Human Rights and Duties in India—the Constitutional framework

- Basic Features of the Constitution of India
- Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy, Fundamental Duties.
- Protection & enforcement of human rights and duties.
- National and State Human Rights Commission.
- Human Rights of special category and Marginal Groups:

