



Indraprastha College for Women
University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	B.A. (Hons.) Political Science
Paper Title:	Understanding Human Rights
Unique Paper Code:	DSE-10
Semester:	VII
Faculty:	Swati Pal
Year:	2026

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
I	Understand the meaning, evolution and conceptual foundations of human rights.	1-2	Human Rights: Meaning and Evolution
I	Relate human-rights ideas to Indian intellectual traditions.	3-5	Ancient Indian concept of Human Rights
I	Distinguish the historical expansion of rights.	6-8	Understanding Human Rights: Four Generations of Rights
I	Examine the relationship between rights and membership in a political community.	9-10	Human Rights and Citizenship Rights
II	Trace major historical foundations of international rights.	11-12	Magna Carta
II	Understand the development and significance of UN human-rights standards.	13-15	UN Declarations
II	Examine binding international human-rights instruments.	16-18	International Covenants
II	Understand international adjudication and the role of the ICJ.	19-20	International Court of Justice
III	Connect human rights with constitutional guarantees in India.	21-23	Human Rights and the Indian Constitution
III	Assess the legal and institutional framework for rights protection.	24-26	Human Rights, Laws and Institutions in India; Role of the National Human Rights Commission
III	Understand the development and significance of rights-based mobilisation.	27-28	Human Rights Movement in India
III	Examine consumer rights and mechanisms for redress.	29-30	Consumer Rights: Consumer Protection Act and Grievance Redressal Mechanisms
IV	Analyse rights issues faced by historically marginalised communities.	31-34	Human Rights of Marginalized Groups: Dalits, Adivasis and Women
IV	Examine labour and livelihood-related vulnerabilities.	35-38	Human Rights of Tribal, Peasant and Unorganized Workers
IV	Understand displacement, protection and rights of refugees.	39-41	Refugees and Human Rights
IV	Critically examine the tension between security and human rights.	42-44	Terrorism and Human Rights

IV	Consolidate the course themes through comparative discussion.	45	Course Review: Contemporary Challenges to Human Rights

Unit	Contents/Syllabus
I	Unit I: Human Rights: Meaning and Evolution - meaning and evolution; ancient Indian concept; four generations of rights; human rights and citizenship rights.
II	Unit II: International Declarations and Covenants - Magna Carta; UN Declarations; Covenants; International Court of Justice.
III	Unit III: Human Rights in India - Constitution; laws and institutions including NHRC; human rights movement; consumer rights and grievance redressal. Unit IV: Challenges to Human Rights - Dalits, Adivasis, Women; Tribal, Peasant and Unorganized Workers; Refugees; Terrorism.
S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers

1.	Prescribed readings: as provided in syllabus
2.	Course syllabus: Understanding Human Rights (DSE-10), Units I-IV.
3.	Relevant constitutional, legal and institutional documents to be used as prescribed by University .
4.	Additional readings/resources as prescribed by the Department.

	Paper Components		
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
4	3	1	-
Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment - Assignment - Class Test - Attendance		30
		Activity Assignment: 12 marks	
		Activity Class Test: 12 marks	
		Attendance: 06 marks	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial) - Activity 1 - Activity 2 - Attendance	Activity 1: 15 marks	40
		Activity 2: 20 marks	
		Attendance: 05 marks	
3.	Practical - Continuous Assessment - End Term Written/Practical Exam - Viva	Not Applicable	
4.	End Semester Examination		90