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CERTIFICATE COURSE

Understanding Human Rights

(SESSION 2018-2019)

Human rights are fundamental entitlements that every person possesses by virtue of their humanity regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, nationality or any other characteristics. These rights encompass civil and political liberties such as freedom of expression and the right to a fair trial as well as economic, social and cultural rights such as the right to education and healthcare. Additionally, human rights include collective rights such as the rights of indigenous people and minority groups, and address issues such as discrimination, inequality and injustice in all their forms.

Considering the importance of Human Rights, Department of Political Science, Shyampur Siddheswari Mahavidyalaya is starting a Certificate Course on “Understanding Human Rights” for the session 2018-2019. The details of the course are as follows:

Certificate Course: Understanding Human Rights

Date of commencement: 03.08.2018

Course Coordinators: Kinkar Nath Chatterjee (10 hours) and Chaitali Chakraborty (20 hours)

Course Duration: 30 Hours (August – December 2018)

Last Date of Registration: 02.08.2018

The candidates will be graded based on written examination held at the end of the course. After successful completion of the course, the candidates will receive the Certificate.

All the interested candidates are requested to submit the registration form to Shyampur Siddheswari Mahavidyalaya, Ajodhya, Howrah, West Bengal-711312. For further information kindly contact SSM office.

REGISTRATION FORM

CERTIFICATE COURSE ON “UNDERSTANDING HUMAN RIGHTS” (SESSION 2018-2019)

Name (In Block Letters):

Category (GEN/OBC/SC/ST/Others):

Father's Name/ Mother's Name:

Course:

Year:

Subject:

CU Roll No.:

CU Registration No.:

College Roll No.:

Email Id:

Mobile No.:

Address for communication:
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Signature of the student:

For Office Use

Name of the Candidate:

Course: Understanding Human Rights

Certificate Course Registration No.:

Certificate Course Roll No.:

Signature with Date

CERTIFICATE COURSE
UNDERSTANDING HUMAN RIGHTS

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
SHYAMPUR SIDDHESWARI MAHAVIDYALAYA
SESSION: 2018-19

COURSE COORDINATORS
KINKAR NATH CHATTERJEE & CHAITALI CHAKRABORTY

Module Overview

Commencement of Course: 03.08.2018

Duration: 30 HOURS (August-December 2018)

Lectures Per Week: 3 LECTURES

Instructors: Kinkar Nath Chatterjee (10 hours) & Chaitali Chakraborty (20 hours)

Mode of Evaluation: Final Examination

Grades will be assigned according to the following criteria:

Marks %	80-100	65-79	55-64	50-54	0-49
Grade	A	B	C	D	F

INTRODUCTION

In an increasingly interconnected world facing complex challenges, understanding and upholding human rights principles are essential for fostering social justice, equality and dignity for all individuals and communities. The Certificate Course on 'Understanding Human Rights' is designed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of human rights principles, frameworks and mechanisms. The course will explore key concepts, historical developments, contemporary issues and practical application of human rights in various contexts. Through interactive lectures, case studies, discussions and practical exercises, participants will develop the knowledge, skills and perspectives necessary to promote and protect human rights effectively.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The Certificate Course on Human Rights offers a comprehensive exploration of key human rights concepts, historical developments, contemporary challenges and practical applications. Through interactive lectures, case studies, discussions and practical exercises participants will delve into the complexities of human rights issues and learn how to advocate for positive change in their communities and beyond.

By the end of the course, participants should be able to:

1. Understand the concept of human rights including its definition, principles and universality.
2. Gain knowledge of the historical development of human rights and key international human rights instruments and mechanisms.
3. Explore the different categories of human rights including civil and political rights, economic, social and cultural rights as well as collective rights.
4. Develop awareness of contemporary human rights issues and challenges including gender equality, refugee rights, minority rights and LGBTQ + rights.
5. Learn about human rights violations, abuses and mechanisms for monitoring, reporting and redressal.
6. Understand the role of civil society, NGOs, government and international organizations in promoting and protecting human rights.
7. Explore strategies for building partnerships, networks for effective human rights advocacy and action.

COURSE OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the Certificate Course on Human Rights, participants should be able to:

1. Analyze human rights issues and violations from a multidimensional perspective, considering legal, social, political and cultural factors.
2. Apply human rights principles and frameworks in addressing real-world challenges and promoting social justice and equality.
3. Advocate for the protection and promotion of human rights at the local, national and international levels through effective communication and activism.
4. Demonstrate awareness of ethical considerations and cultural sensitivity in human rights work, respecting the dignity and agency of individuals and communities.
5. Engage in critical dialogue and collaboration with diverse stakeholders to advance human rights goals and objectives.
6. Utilize knowledge of international human rights law and mechanisms to support advocacy efforts, engage in legal activism and seek redress for human rights violations.
7. Contribute to building a culture of human rights, inclusion and respect for diversity in their personal and professional lives.

Overall, the course aims to empower participants with the knowledge, skills and confidence to become effective advocates and champions of human rights in their communities and beyond.

MODULE OUTLINE

TOTAL: 30 Hours

Module 1: Introduction to Human Rights (6 Lectures)

- Understanding human rights: Definition, principles and universality
- Historical development of human rights
- International human rights instruments and mechanisms
- Human rights in national and international contexts

Module 2: Civil and Political Rights (4 Lectures)

- Overview of civil and political rights
- Right to life, liberty and security
- Freedom of expression, assembly and association
- Right to a fair trial and due process
- Human rights advocacy and activism

Module 3: Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (4 Lectures)

- Overview of economic, social and cultural rights
- Right to education, healthcare and adequate standard of living
- Right to work and just and favorable conditions of work
- Rights of indigenous peoples, minorities and vulnerable groups

Module 4: Human Rights in Practice (6 Lectures)

- Human rights violations and abuses
- Human rights monitoring, reporting and documentation
- Human rights-based approaches to development and humanitarian action
- Corporate social responsibility and business and human rights

Module 5: Contemporary Human Rights Issues**(8 Lectures)**

- Gender equality and women's rights
- Rights of children and child protection
- Refugee rights and asylum seekers
- LGBTQ+ rights and discrimination

Module 6: Human Rights Advocacy and Action**(2 Lectures)**

- Strategies for promoting and defending human rights
- Role of civil society, NGOs and grassroots movements
- International human rights law and mechanisms
- Building partnerships and networks for human rights

Assessment:

Participants will be evaluated based on their engagement in group discussion, quiz and a final examination.

Certificate:

Upon successful completion of the course requirements, participants will receive a Certificate in Human Rights, indicating their understanding of human rights principles and their ability to apply them in various contexts.