



# **Sree Narayana Mangalam College Maliankara**

*(Affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam)*

## **CERTIFICATE COURSE SYLLABUS**

### **CIVIL LIBERTIES-INDIAN PERSPECTIVE**

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## **Certificate Course on Civil Liberties- Indian Perspective**

### **Objectives of the Course:**

- ✓ Understand the historical growth of the idea of Human Rights.
- ✓ To demonstrate an awareness of International context of Human Rights.
- ✓ Display a good understanding of the nature and scope of special legislation dealing with protection of Human rights.
- ✓ Reflectively evaluate the effectiveness of human rights practice on local, national or international humanitarian efforts.
- ✓ Create awareness to become an enlightened citizen with commitment to deliver one's responsibilities within the scope of bestowed rights and privileges.

### **Course Overview:**

The objective of course on “Civil Liberties – Indian Perspective” would typically be to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of Human Rights Principles, Concepts, and issues within the context of India. This course would aim to explore how human rights are interpreted, protected, and promoted in the Indian legal and social framework. By the end of the course, students should ideally have a well-rounded understanding of the Human Rights landscape in India, including its historical, legal, cultural and social dimensions, and be equipped to engage thoughtfully with human rights issues in both theoretical and practical context.

## **Duration of the course: 30 Hours (30 Hours Theory)**

### **Module I**

An introduction to Human rights, Evolution of the Idea- Meaning, concept and development - History of Human Right- different Generations of Human rights- classification of Human right. Basic International Human rights documents-UDHR, ICCPR, ICESCR - value dimension of Human Right. **(5 Hours)**

### **Module II**

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights; human rights and Democracy; human rights and Globalization- Role of UN secretariat- The Economic and social council-The commission of Human Rights-The committee on the elimination of Racial Discrimination- The committee on the elimination of discrimination against women, social and cultural rights. **(6 Hours)**

### **Module III**

Human Rights and duties in India- The constitutional frame work; Basic Features of the Constitution of India- Fundamental Rights-Right to Equality, Right to freedom –Right to life- freedom of Religion- Right of minorities-Right to Constitutional Remedies. Directive Principles of State Policy and Fundamental Duties. **(9 Hours)**

### **Module IV**

Dimensional Aspects of Human Rights- Human Rights of special category; Rights of the Women- Rights of the Children- -Prisoners- Rights of Minorities Scheduled caste and Tribes. **(5 Hours)**

### **Module V**

Protection of Human Rights in India: National Human Rights Commission 1993- State Human Right Commission – Human Right Awareness in Education-Role of NGOs. **(5 Hours)**

### **Suggested Readings**

- Alston, Philip, and Frederic Megret, eds. *The United Nations and Human Rights: A Critical Appraisal*. Second Edition. Oxford University Press, 2014.
- Abdulrahim, P., Vijapur and Kumar Suresh, "Perspectives on Human Rights", Manak Publication, New Delhi, 1999.
- Agarwal, Amita, "Human Rights of Women in India and International Standards", in Perspectives on Human Rights, Anamika Publishers, New Delhi, 2000.
- [https://prisonersofconscience.org/about-poc/about-human-rights/?gclid=CjwKCAjww7KmBhAyEiwA5-PUSjs4qf93XqfgDUI5SSSbXmorxFF6IU8p9X8kCdOZ1hvekgsDq6PPahoC4U0QAvD\\_BwE](https://prisonersofconscience.org/about-poc/about-human-rights/?gclid=CjwKCAjww7KmBhAyEiwA5-PUSjs4qf93XqfgDUI5SSSbXmorxFF6IU8p9X8kCdOZ1hvekgsDq6PPahoC4U0QAvD_BwE) (About Human Rights)
- [https://www.careerpower.in/fundamental-rights.html#:~:text=Ans.%206%20Fundamental%20Rights%20in,rights%2C%20Right%20to%20constitutional%20remedies.\(Fundamental Rights\)](https://www.careerpower.in/fundamental-rights.html#:~:text=Ans.%206%20Fundamental%20Rights%20in,rights%2C%20Right%20to%20constitutional%20remedies.(Fundamental Rights))