

University of North Bengal
Syllabi of Political Science at FYUP
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SEMESTER I

Paper Title	Introduction to Legal Awareness
Paper Code	UPLSSEC11001
Nature of Paper	SEC
Total Credits	3

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- To equip the learners with a basic understanding of the legal rights of the citizens of India in general and the marginalized groups in particular.
- This course has been designed in such a way that every student is equipped with a working knowledge of the formal and alternate dispute redressal laws and mechanisms available in India.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

After completion, a learner is expected to:

- Develop a basic understanding of the legal rights of the citizens of India in general and the marginalized groups in particular.
- Be equipped with a working knowledge of the dispute redressal laws and mechanisms available in India.

SYLLABUS:

Unit-I: Legal System in India:

- a. System of courts and their jurisdiction in India, Criminal and Civil Courts, Writ Jurisdiction, Public Interest Litigation, Specialized Courts such as Family Courts and Tribunals and a brief idea on the Offences under Indian Penal Code;
- b. Alternate Dispute Mechanisms such as Lok-Adalats.

Unit-II: Brief understanding of the Laws applicable in India:

- a. Laws relating to: Dowry, Domestic Violence, Sexual Harassment at Workplace & Juvenile Justice System and Child abuses with special reference to POSCO;
- b. Consumer Rights and Protection;
- c. Information Technology and Cyber Crimes.

Unit-III: Procedures relating to Criminal Jurisdiction:

- a. Filling FIR, Arrest, Bail, Search and Seizure;
- b. Discharge, Acquittal and Conviction.

Unit-IV: Practical Application:

- a. Visit to either a Court, a Legal Aid Centre set up by the Legal Services Authority or an NGO or a local Lok Adalat; preparation of a Case Study or Report writing after the visit.
- b. Legal remedies in the following cases: Arrest, Consumer with a Grievance; Victim of Sexual Harassment at Workplace, Domestic Violence and Child Abuses.