

# **Christ College Irinjalakkuda (Autonomous)**

## **Audit course on Human Rights syllabus.**

### **Module 1 – History and Concept of Human Rights.**

Indian and International perspectives of Human Rights- Concept, definitions and nature of human rights. Values: Dignity, Liberty, Equality, Justice and Unity in Diversity.

### **Module 2 – Broad classification of Human Rights and Relevant Constitutional Provisions**

Right to Life, Liberty and Dignity, Right to Equality, Right against Exploitation, Cultural Educational Rights, Economic Rights, Political Right, Social Rights.

### **Module 3- United Nations and Human rights.**

United Nations Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and its significance. Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948. Universal Declaration of Human Rights Responsibilities 1997. International Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 1966. International Convention on Civil and Political Right 1966.

UN and its Principal Organs: General Assembly, Economic and Social Council, and Security Council. Subsidiary Organ: Human Rights Council, Specialized Agencies: UNICEF, UNESCO, ILO, WHO.

Non governmental agencies working for human rights.

### **Module 4 – Human rights in India.**

Historical background of human rights in India - Indian constitution and human rights. Institutions for Implementation – National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and State Human Rights Commissions (SHRCs) – Evolution, Composition and their Roles. Important human rights movement in India mainly People's Union for Civil liberties, Chipko movement, Narmatha Bachao Antholan etc.

Readings and references.

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