

# **CURRICULAM AND READINGS**

## **PAPER 1**

### **HUMAN RIGHTS, RULE OF LAW AND CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNANCE**

#### **OBJECTIVES**

1. To understand the meaning, nature and scope of the concept of Human Rights and its relation to rule of law and constitutional governance;
2. To understand and appreciate the role of democratic process in the protection of human rights.
3. To understand and appreciate the historical trajectories of the idea of Human Rights; and,
4. To understand and appreciate the “dimensions of human rights” like individual and group rights and also the interface among the social, economic, cultural and civil and political rights.

#### **SYLLABUS:**

**UNIT 1: Conceptual and Historical Foundations.**

**UNIT 2: Critical Ideologies and making of Human Rights**

**UNIT 3: Universality versus Cultural Relativity**

**UNIT 4: Group Rights and Collective Rights**

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## **UNIT 5: Democracy and Rule of Law**

## **UNIT 6: Constitutionalism and Human rights in India**

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