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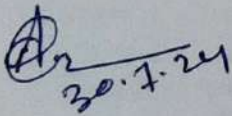
Certificate Course on Understanding Human Rights in a Global Context

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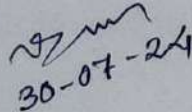
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We would like to inform you that the Department of Political Science at Achhruram Memorial College is going to organize a Certificate Course as mentioned above. The course is scheduled to run from 06/08/24 to 20/11/24.

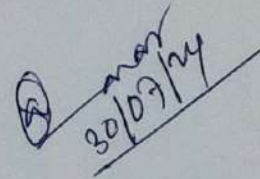
If you are interested, we kindly ask you to reach Political Science department for additional information regarding course schedule, modules and enrollment details.

  
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Course Coordinator

  
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HOD, Dept. of Political Science

  
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## **Add - On Course (30 Hours)**

**Course Title: Understanding Human Rights in a Global Context**

### **Course Description:**

This course offers an in-depth exploration of human rights, their historical development, and their application in contemporary global issues. Students will examine various frameworks, legal instruments, and case studies to understand the challenges and triumphs in promoting and protecting human rights worldwide.

### **Course Objectives:**

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Define and articulate key concepts in human rights.
2. Analyze historical and contemporary human rights issues.
3. Evaluate the effectiveness of various international human rights mechanisms.
4. Apply human rights principles to real-world situations.
5. Develop advocacy strategies for promoting human rights.

### **Target Audience:**

This course is designed for undergraduate students.

### **Course Structure:**

**Duration:** 8 weeks

**Format:** Blended (Online lectures and in-person discussions)

### **Weekly Breakdown:**

#### **Week 1: Introduction to Human Rights**

Definition and history of human rights

Overview of key documents (UDHR, ICCPR, ICESCR)

#### **Week 2: Theoretical Frameworks**

Philosophical foundations of human rights

Different schools of thought: natural rights, legal positivism, and cultural relativism

### **Week 3: International Human Rights Law**

Mechanisms of enforcement

Role of the United Nations and regional bodies (e.g., European Court of Human Rights)

### **Week 4: Human Rights Violations**

Case studies: genocide, torture, and discrimination

Discussion of accountability mechanisms (tribunals, truth commissions)

### **Week 5: Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights**

Examination of the ICESCR

The role of poverty and inequality in human rights

### **Week 6: Contemporary Issues in Human Rights**

Digital rights and privacy

Climate change and human rights

### **Week 7: Advocacy and Activism**

Strategies for human rights advocacy

Role of NGOs and grassroots movements

### **Week 8: Capstone Project**

Group presentations on a chosen human rights issue

Development of a human rights advocacy plan

### **Assessment:**

Weekly readings and reflections

Group project and presentation

**Venue and Organizer:** Department of Political Science

**Course Coordinator:**

Umasankar Mandal

Anup Kumar Arya

Krishna Pada Mahato

**Resources:**

**Textbooks:**

"The International Human Rights Movement: A History" by Aryeh Neier

"Human Rights: A Very Short Introduction" by Andrew Clapham

**Online Resources:**

United Nations Human Rights Office website

Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch reports