

UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi  
11<sup>th</sup> 3 Week Refresher Course in Human Rights and Social Inclusion (Interdisciplinary)  
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**Concept Note**

**Discrimination, Exclusion and Human Rights**

Human Rights are those rights which individuals possess by virtue of being human beings. We live in an era of rights and entitlements. Many of the contemporary socio-economic and cultural problems are sought to be addressed on a rights-based approach. And yet we find gross violation of the rights of the individuals and groups all around leading to discrimination and consequent social exclusion of different dimensions. The Issue of protection of Human Rights and identifying agencies of discrimination has been central to human civilization, government and civil society initiatives. Discrimination and exclusion in both overt and covert forms have been rampant in the society through ages. This has also led to the need and requirement to identify forces and agencies that foment violence and exclusion afflicting the interest of different categories like minorities, women, schedule castes and tribes and other marginalized sections of society. Paradoxically, contemporary development processes tends to promote social exclusion in a variety of forms.

Protection and promotion of human rights is essential to ensure human dignity and basic human values. Inculcating a culture of human rights has been an integral part of human rights education. In this Refresher course efforts would be made to explore and understand the different forms of discrimination and exclusion inherent in the society and to comprehend interplay of different exclusionary mechanisms that afflict the interest of the vulnerable sections in the society.

Following Themes, among others, would be explored in this Course:

- Historical Evolution of Human Rights
- Human Rights: National & International Dimensions
- Human Rights of Minorities
- Human Rights of Women and Children
- Legal Dimensions of Human Rights
- Role of Media and Human Rights
- Right to Education
- Right to Information
- Multiculturalism and Identity
- Stereotyping, Prejudices and Human Rights
- Gap between Theory and Practice of Human Rights
- Aggression and Violence
- Marginalized Groups and Human Rights: Organized and Unorganized workers, Migrants, Aged People etc.
- Public Health and Human Rights
- Social exclusion and Policies of Inclusion
- Democracy, Development and Human Rights



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