ELLW 3004. Social Problems of Human Rights in India   100 (4 Credits)

1. Concepts and Approaches
    1.1) Concept of societal problems and human rights
    1.2) Theoretical approaches to social problems and social changes
    1.3) Causes and types of social problems

2. Social Issues
    2.1) Problems of social hierarchy
    2.2) Problems of Minorities
    2.3) Problems of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes
    2.4) Violence against women and children
    2.5) Problems of aged and disabled

3. Economic Problems
    3.1) Poverty and Exploitation
    3.2) Privatization, liberalization and globalization, Right to property – issue of Special Economic Zones with reference to displacement of disadvantaged Sections of society
    3.3) Corruption and economic offences
    3.4) Problems of development
    3.5) Consumer Exploitation

4. Political Problems
    4.1) Regionalism
    4.2) Terrorism
    4.3) Exploitation of caste, religion and language
    4.4) Criminalization of politics
    4.5) Abuse and misuse of democratic institutions

5. Problems of Enforcement of Human Rights in India
    5.1) Illiteracy, lack of awareness
    5.2) Abuse and misuse of power, e.g., deaths and torture in police custody
    5.3) Lack of accountability and transparency in government functioning:
    5.4) Right to Information
    5.5) Lack of People's Participation in Governance
    5.6) Social prejudices against caste, women, minorities, etc.
    5.7) Inequitable access to natural and material resources

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