



**The Kelkar Education Trust's
Vinayak Ganesh Vaze College of Arts, Science & Commerce
(Autonomous)**

**SYLLABUS FOR F.Y.B. Sc/ F.Y.B.A
(JUNE 2024 ONWARDS)**

PROGRAM: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE & BACHELOR OF ARTS

General / Open Elective

SEMESTER I & II

COURSE: CITIZEN RIGHTS & LEGAL EMPOWERMENT I & II

General /Open Elective

Course Code	Paper Title	Credit
VCR132 VCR182	CITIZEN RIGHTS & LEGAL EMPOWERMENT I & II	04

1. Syllabus as per Choice Based Credit System

- 1) **Name of the Programme** : F.Y.B. Sc /FYBA
- 2) **Course Code** : **VCR132&VCR182**
- 3) **Course Title** : **Citizen Rights & Legal Empowerment I & II**
- 4) **Semester wise Course Contents** : Copy of the syllabus Enclosed
- 5) **Reference & Additional References** : Enclosed in the syllabus
- 6) **Credit Structure**
- (No. of Credit per Semester) : 04
- 7) **No. of Lectures Per Unit** : 15
- 8) **No. of Lectures Per Week** : 04
- 9) **No. of Tutorials Per Week** : NIL

2. Scheme of Examination : Semester End Exam: 60 Marks

(4 Questions of 15 Marks)

Internal Assessment 40 Marks:

Test: 15 Marks

Project/Assignments: 15 Marks

Class Participation: 10 Marks

3. Special Notes (if any) : No

4. Eligibility (if any) : As laid down in the College-

-Admission Brochure/Website

5. Fee Structure : As per College Fee Structure Specification

6. Special Ordinances/Resolutions (if any) : No

Programme: FYBSc/FYBA

Semester: I & II

Course: CITIZEN RIGHTS & LEGAL EMPOWERMENT I & II

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Teaching Scheme (Hrs/Week)				Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA) 40 marks					End Semester Examination	Total
L	T	P	C	CIA-1	CIA-2	CIA-3	CIA-4	Lab	Written	
4	-	-	4	15	15	10	-	-	60	100

Maximum Time, Semester End Exam (Theory) – 2 Hrs.

Course Objectives

- 1) To help the students gain an understanding of the Citizen Rights
- 2) To help the students to develop themselves into legally empowered citizens.

CITIZEN RIGHTS & LEGAL EMPOWERMENT I

Course Outcomes:

Students should be able to...

CO1: Understand the Foundations of Indian Citizenship.

CO2: Analyze Constitutional Law and Citizens' Rights.

CO3: Apply Legal principles to Access the Courts and Enforcement Mechanisms.

CO4: Evaluate and understand Right to Information (RTI) Act.

	Course Contents Semester I	
Sr. No.	Modules/Units	
1	Foundations of Citizens' Rights	Lectures
	1.1 Introduction to Indian Citizenship: Rights, Privileges, and Obligations, 1.2 Constitutional Framework: Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy, 1.3 Citizenship Amendment Act and its Implications on Citizens' Rights, Legal Mechanisms for Protection of Citizens' Rights,	20
2	Constitutional Law and Citizens' Rights	15

	<p>2.1 Separation of Powers: Executive, Legislature, and Judiciary.</p> <p>2.2 Judicial Review and its Significance in Safeguarding Citizens' Rights.</p> <p>2.3 Landmark Constitutional Cases related to Citizens' Rights</p>	
3	Access To Courts and Enforcement of Rights	10
	<p>3.1 Introduction to Access to Justice, Free Legal Aid,</p> <p>3.2 Courts of Law, Tribunals, Gram Nyayalay, Green tribunal.</p> <p>3.3 Arbitration, Conciliation, mediation, negotiations, Lok Adalat's, Ombudsman, PIL, Writs.</p>	
4	Right to Information (RTI) Act	15
	<p>4.1 Introduction to the Right to Information Act, 2005. Objectives and Scope of the RTI Act, Provisions for Access to Information and Transparency.</p> <p>4.2 Process of Filing RTI Applications and Appeals, Role of RTI in Promoting Accountability and Good Governance.</p> <p>4.3 An overview on the concepts of LOKPAL, CVC, Whistle blowers Act.</p>	
	Total	60

CITIZEN RIGHTS & LEGAL EMPOWERMENT II

Course Outcomes:**Students should be able to...****CO1:** Understand and Advocate for Rights of Vulnerable Groups.**CO2:** Apply and advocate for Gender Equality and Legal Safeguards.**CO3:** Evaluate and Advocate for Consumer Rights.**CO4:** Analyze Labour Rights and Enforcement Mechanisms in India.**CITIZEN RIGHTS & LEGAL EMPOWERMENT II**

	Course Contents Semester II	
Sr. No.	Modules/Units	Lectures
1	Child Rights, Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Elderly Rights.	15
	1.1 Basic provisions of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012, Juvenile Justice ACT 2015. 1.2 Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and senior citizens Act. 1.3 Rights of persons with Disabilities Act 2016.	
2	Gender Rights	15

	<p>2.1 Constitutional Safeguards: Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy (Articles dealing with Gender Rights)</p> <p>2.2 Laws for Gender Equality: Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005; Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.</p> <p>2.3 Dowry Prohibition Act, Maternity Benefit Act, Abrogation of Section 377 of Indian Penal Code.</p>	
3	Consumer Rights	15
	<p>3.1 Genesis of the Consumer Protection law in India; concepts: Consumer, goods, service, defect in goods, deficiency in service, spurious goods, unfair trade practice, restrictive trade practice, unfair contract, product liability, misleading advertisements.</p> <p>3.2 consumer rights. Consumer Protection Councils, Composition and role. Central Consumer Protection Authority: Composition and Powers.</p> <p>3.3 Adjudicatory bodies: District Commission, State Commission, and National Commission: Composition and Jurisdiction (Territorial and Pecuniary). Consumer Mediation Cell.</p>	
4	Labour Rights	15

	4.1 Introduction to Labour Laws in India 4.2 Rights of Workers: Minimum Wage, Working Hours, and Leave Entitlements, Safety and Health Regulations in the Workplace 4.3 Enforcement Mechanisms: Labour Courts, Tribunals, and Grievance Redressal.	
	Total	60

Beyond Syllabus
Presentations, Guest lectures on recent developments, Court Visits, Special Classes for students who are below average, Debates and Group discussions.

QUESTION PAPER PATTERN

Maximum Marks: 60

Duration: 2 Hours

Question to be set: 04

Q. No.	Particulars	Marks
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Q. 1.	Module I Attempt any TWO of the following out of THREE Questions: (i) (ii) (iii)	15 Marks
Q.2.	Module II Attempt any TWO of the following out of THREE Questions: (i) (ii) (iii)	15 Marks
Q.3.	Module III Attempt any TWO of the following out of THREE Questions: (i) (ii) (iii)	15 Marks
Q.4.	Module IV Attempt any TWO of the following out of THREE Questions: (i) (ii) (iii)	15 Marks

Distribution of marks as per Units, COs and Bloom's Taxonomy

Unit	COs	Bloom's Taxonomy Level	Type of Question	Marks	Weightage (%)
1	CO1: Explain	Understanding	Short notes /essay type	15	25
2	CO2: Apply	Applying	Essay Type: Problem solving	15	25
3	CO3: Evaluate	Evaluating	Essay Type: Case Study/case law	15	25
4	CO4: Analyse	Analysing	Essay Type – Analytical based task	15	25

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Reference Books	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Indian Polity, by M. Laxmikant, published by McGraw Hill Education 2. Citizenship in India by Ranbir Samyal, published by LexisNexis 3. Constitutional Law of India by J.N. Pandey, published by Central Law Agency 4. Access to Justice and Human Rights: Towards Convergence, by A.K. Koul, published by Oxford University Press 5. RTI Act and Its Impact on Governance, by P.K. Mohanty, published by LexisNexis 6. Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012, Dr. N. Pradeep Sharma LexisNexis. 7. Laws for Gender Equality: A Comprehensive Analysis. Anjali Jain, Eastern Book Company
Reference Sites	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. https://ncpcr.gov.in/ 2. https://socialjustice.nic.in/SeniorCitizens.aspx 3. https://ncw.nic.in/ 4. https://consumeraffairs.nic.in/ 5. https://labour.gov.in/

The final syllabus has been approved by the following BoS Members:

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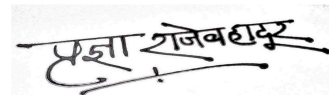
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