

VEER NARMAD SOUTH GUJARAT UNIVERSITY SURAT

LL.M. (HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP) SEM. II

COURSE CONTENT

HRLE- 405 MINORITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS

4 CREDITS

OBJECTIVES

In the democratic system, the people in majority may have the wide scope for protecting their interests and legal rights. But it is not enough. The civilized society must be conscious enough for providing safeguards and welfare to the ethnic, religious, linguistic and sexual minorities.

The course content is intended to identify various problems of minorities through historical study and to examine relevant legislative, executive and judicial approaches at national and international level and to contribute to the pious quest of welfare of minorities.

I Meaning, definition, historical background and various kinds of minorities

Ethnic minority

Religious minority

Linguistic minority

Sexual minority (Lesbian, Gay, Hijaras)

II International Documents and National level legislative provisions

Charter of Human Rights and Minority Rights and Civil Liberties

Declaration of Rights of persons belonging to National or ethnic, Religious and Linguistic minority

International Convention on Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination

Minority Rights under the European Conventions

International Minority Protection System

Indian Constitution- Preamble, Art. 29 & 30, Constituent Assembly Debate on Art. 29 &30

III Institutions

United Nations Human Rights Council

UN HR Office of High Commissioner

Forum on Minority Issues Asia -Europe

National Commission for Minorities

IV General and Special Problems of Minorities

Promotion and Protection of Right to Education for Minorities

Human Rights violation in India

V Judicial Approach towards Human Rights of Minorities

VI Role of State, Politicians, N.G.O., Media, Educational Institutions etc. for the welfare of minorities

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