

**Paper code : HR 202**

**Paper-4**

**Social Problems and Human Rights of Weaker Sections in India**

**Unit-I**

Theoretical Approaches to Social Problems and Social Changes; Problem of inequality in India; Problems of hierarchy, casteism, communalism, regionalism, population explosion, youth unrest, violence against women, illiteracy, problems of Aged and Disabled

**Unit-II**

Poverty, unemployment, bonded labor, child labor privatization, inequality, corruption, consumer rights;  
Regionalism, Terrorism, Problems of Minorities, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes, Environmental Degradation,

**Unit-III**

The Constitution of India and the status of women: Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles under the Constitution; Special provisions for the protection of women-Article 15(3), Article 39((d) & (e), Article 42, 243-D&243-T; Special Laws and Policies for protection of Women

Protection of children: Indian constitution and Protection of the child, Special Laws and Policies for protection of the child

**Unit-IV**

Indian Constitution and Protection of SCs / STs and OBCs, Special Laws for the Protection of SCs and STs and OBCs

Institutional Mechanisms for protection of SCs / STs and OBCs

**Unit-V**

Minorities in Indian Society: a sociological-economic-religious-linguistic concept, regional minorities; Foundation of Secularism: Preamble to Indian Constitution

Rise of religious fanaticism/militancy and Politics of Minorities

Protection of minorities under the constitution, Special Laws and Policy for the Protection of Minorities, Institutional Mechanisms for protection of Minorities

**Suggested Readings:**

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