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PAPER III

International and Regional Human Rights Standards and Mechanisms

Unit-I

The United Nations Charter and the development of human rights, Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948, International Covenants on Rights, and other major UN instruments on human rights (Conventions on Racial Discrimination, Women's Rights, Rights of the Child, Torture);

Unit- II

UN bodies involved in promotion of human rights-Economic and Social Council, UN Commission on Human Rights and its sub-commissions on women, minorities, etc. General Assembly, Human Rights Committee and other committees under the various conventions, ILO, UNESCO, WHO, FAO.

Unit-III

European Convention on Human Rights: History and normative developments since 1950, Monitoring and Enforcement: European Court of Human Rights, European Commission of Human Rights, Council Of Europe, Human Rights Provisions in the Maastricht Treaty 1992

American Convention on Human Rights 1969: The Statute of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights 1960, History (OAS) and development of human right institutions in Latin America, American Commission and Court of Human Rights

Unit-IV

Organization of African Unity: OAU Charter 1963, African Charter of Human and People's Rights 1981, Mechanism of implementation: African Commission and Court of Human and People's Rights, Recent developments (Rwanda etc.)

Arab Regional Conference on Human Rights 1968: Permanent Arab Regional Commission on Human Rights

Unit-V

SAARC: Emerging Norms of a Social Charter, and a convention on child welfare, rights of the child, rights of the girl child, poverty alleviation, Convention on Trafficking of Women and Children for Prostitution, and Convention on the Protection of Children Problems and Possibilities of Evolving Regional Mechanisms in Regions such as South Asia

Suggested Readings:

Primary Sources:

1. UN World Campaign for Human Rights, The African Charter on Human and People's Rights (Geneva, 1990)
2. UN, Human Rights: A Compilation of International Instruments (New York: UN Publication Division, 1983)
3. UN Centre for Human Rights, Human Rights and Pre-Trial Detention: A Handbook of International Standards relating to Pre-trial Detention (New York, UN Publication Division, 1994)
4. UNESCO, A Guide to Human Rights: Institutions. Standards and Procedures (Paris: UNESCO, 1999), edited by Janus Symonbides and Vladimir Volodin

Secondary Sources:

1. Ankumah, Evelyn A., The African Commission on Human and People's Rights: Practice and Procedures (The Hague: Martinus Nijhoff, 1996)
2. Bhargava, G.S., "National Human Rights Commission; An Assessment of its Functioning, in K.P.Saksena, ed. Human Rights: Fifty Years of India's Independence (New Delhi: Gyan Publishing House, 1999)
3. Mani, V.S., "The European Union's Approach to Human Rights: Implications on India's Trade", in H.S.Chopra,ed., India and the European in the 21st Century(New Delhi: ICWA, 1998),
4. Mani, V.S., "Norms Setting Activities of UNESCO and India's Contributions", in N.Krishnan and C.S.R.Murthy, eds., India and UNESCO: Five Decades of Co-operation (New Delhi, Indian National Commission for Co-operation with UNESCO, Govt. Of India New Delhi, 1997)
5. Morsink, Johannes, the Universal Declaration of Human Right: Origins, Drafting and Intent (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1999)
6. Saksena, K.P., "International Covenants in Human Rights", Indian Yearbook of International Affairs, Vol. XV-XVI, 1966-67