

Subject: Political Science

Semester: V

**Course Title: Democratic Awareness with Legal literacy
(SEC)**

Credits: 04

Unit-I

(06 Lectures)

- a) Democratic awareness and the National Movement. Demand for Constitutional and Legal Rights
- b) System of Courts in India and their Jurisdiction
- c) Alternate Dispute resolution Mechanisms- Lok Adalats

Unit-II

(06 Lectures)

- a) Constitution- Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy, Fundamental Duties and their enforcement
- b) Concept of Law
- c) Laws related to Civil and criminal jurisdiction in India- An Introduction

Unit-III

(06 Lectures)

- a) Understanding Consumer Rights, Domestic Violence,
- b) Children's Rights, Caste Discrimination, sexual Violence and religious discrimination
- c) Effective mechanisms and laws for their redressal

Unit-IV

(06 Lectures)

- a) Role of Police in Civil and Criminal law administration
- b) What to do if you are arrested; if you are a victim of sexual harassment or child abuse
- c) Filing an FIR

Note:- Practical Application: Students are required to visit various agencies like Women's Commission, Police Station, etc.

Essential Readings:

- Multiple Action Research Group, *Our Laws Vols 1-10*, Delhi. Available in Hindi also.
- Indian Social Institute, New Delhi, *Legal Literacy Series Booklets*. Available in Hindi also.
 - S.K. Agarwala, *Public Interest Litigation in India*, K.M. Munshi Memorial Lecture, Second Series, Indian Law Institute, Delhi, 1985.
 - S.P. Sathe, *Towards Gender Justice*, Research Centre for Womens' Studies, SNDT Women's University, Bombay, 1993.
 - Asha Bajpai, *Child Rights in India : Law, Policy, and Practice*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2003
 - Agnes, Flavia *Law and Gender Equality*, OUP, 1997.
 - Sagade, Jaga, *Law of Maintenance: An Empirical Study*, ILS Law College, Pune 1996.