

B.A./B.Com/B.Sc/B.B.A. Semester-

PAPER – SEC/GE : Persons with Disabilities (PWDs): Concepts, Rights and Empowerment (Skill Enhancement Course / General Elective)

Unit-I: The Concept of Disability: Definitions, Typologies (Locomotor, Visual, Speech and Impairment, Intellectual and Learning, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation & Multiple Disabilities) - Causes, Magnitude and Assessments; Approaches to the study of Disabilities: Bio-Medical, Social, Economic, Psychological, Political, Legal, Environmental and Human Rights; Social Construction of Disability: Attitudes, Identity, Self Advocacy, Stigma, Social Exclusion and Marginalization; Institutional measures to provide conducive Physical and Social Environment for the Persons with Disabilities; Responsibility of State and Civil Society to provide Social, Economic and Emotional Protection for the Persons with Disabilities.

Unit-II: Needs and Problems of PWDs; Rights and Entitlements of PWDs: UN Declaration-1975 & UN Convention-2006 – Constitutional Provisions for PWDs (Article-47 & VII Schedule); National Policy for Persons with Disabilities: Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights & Full Participation) Act, 1995 - The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016; Structure and Functions of Rehabilitation Council of India: State and Central Governments' Welfare Schemes for PWDs; Interventions for Counselling and Rehabilitation of PWDs: Individual Counseling, Group Counseling, Community Based Rehabilitation, Special Schools, Clinical Rehabilitation; Skill Development, Capacity Building and Entrepreneur Programmes for PWDs; Role of Science & Technology in the Empowerment of PWDs.

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