



UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA

Notification No. CSR/29/2026

It is notified for information of all concerned that in terms of the provisions of Section 54 of the Calcutta University Act, 1979, (as amended), and, in the exercise of his powers under 9(6) of the said Act, the Vice-Chancellor has, by an order dated 03.02.2026, approved the following amendments in the Syllabus of Political Science, as published under CSR/08/2026, dt.21.01.2026.

Amendments

1. The title of SEC-1 of 4-year Honours & Honours with Research and semester-1/2/3 of 3-year MDC in Political Science is amended and the new title is " Democratic Awareness through Legal Literacy".

The title of the said paper mentioned in all the places in the CSR/08/2026, dt.21.01.2026, as "Democratic Awareness with Legal Literacy" is replaced by the new title "Democratic Awareness through Legal Literacy".

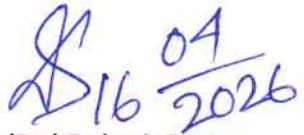
2. The syllabus of the said paper (" Democratic Awareness through Legal Literacy") is amended & the amended syllabus is enclosed herewith.

The above shall take effect from the Even semester examinations, 2026 and onwards.

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16.04.2026


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Registrar

**SEC (SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE) -- FOR
MAJOR/HONOURS (PLSM) & FOR MDC /MDC-MINOR
(4 CREDITS– 2TH + 2TU)**

SEMESTER I

SEC-1 Democratic Awareness through Legal Literacy

Course Objectives:

The Course intends to acquaint undergraduate students with different terms of the legal structure of India.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Improve working knowledge of affirming one's rights.
2. Be aware of duties to explore opportunities and challenges for different sections of people in India.

Module I

1. Conceptualising Indian legal system. Evolution of criminal law system in India. Introduction to Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam. Basic understanding: Legal provisions of FIR, General Diary, Arrest, Bail, Search, Seizure and Evidence.
2. Laws on offenses against women, children and adolescents, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.
3. Personal laws and customary law in India (overview).
4. Labour laws (Overview); Environmental Laws (overview).

Module II

5. Laws related to: contract and consumer rights.
6. Laws on cybercrime.
7. Anti-terrorist laws: implications for security and human rights.
8. Laws related to the Right to information.

(If and where applicable, the topics may be discussed with reference to the relevant sections of BNS, BNSS and BSA).

Select Readings:

Document: The Gazette of India, CG-DL-E-251223-250883-/Extraordinary/PART II, Section 1/ Published by Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, New Delhi, December 25, 2023.

Lawmann: Decoding New Criminal Laws: BNSS, BNS, BSA.

SAHRDC: Oxford Handbook of Human Rights and Criminal Justice in India- The System and Procedure.

P. D. Mathew: Your Rights if You are Arrested.

P. D. Mathew: The Law on Atrocities against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.
M. Mohanty et al., Weapon of the Oppressed: Inventory of People's Rights in India.
S. Durrany: The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005.
P. D. Mathew: The Measure to Prevent Sexual Harassment of Women in Work Place.
C. Kumar and K. Chockalingam (eds): Human Rights, Justice, and Constitutional Empowerment.
S. Naib: The Right to Information in India.
Relevant Bare Acts on The Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, Nyaya Sanhita, Sakshya Adhinyam,
Consumer Protection Act, Criminal law Amendment Act, Protection of Women Against Domestic Violence Act, Right to Information Act, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Prevention of Atrocities Act, Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers, The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights, Full Participation) Act, The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Bill, Criminal Law Amendment Act.