

Class VIII

Rule of Law and Social Justice:

Statement of the objectives of subject areas:

- To enable students to develop an understanding of the rule of law and our involvement with the law, and to understand the constitution as the primary source of all our laws.
- To understand Law as evolving and subject to change.
- To understand the vision and the values of the Constitution.
- To enable the students to develop an appreciation of human rights guaranteed in the constitution.
- To appreciate our continuous involvement with the constitution as a living document.
- To enable students to understand why India chose a parliamentary form of government and to gain a sense / rationale of the essential elements of the parliamentary form of government.
- To enable students to understand the main elements of our judicial structure and to understand what an F.I.R is and how to file one.
- To understand what is meant by marginalised. To gain a critical understanding of social and economic injustices.
- To enable students to think about the role of government in the economic sphere and to see some links between people's aspiration, needs and role of the government.

Class IX

Democratic Politics I

Statement of the objectives of a subject area

- To develop conceptual skills of defining democracy.
- To understand how different historical processes and forces have promoted democracy.
- To develop a historical sense of the choice and nature of democracy in India.
- Introduction to the process of constitution making.
- To develop respect for the constitution and appreciation for the constitutional values.
- To recognise that constitution is a living document that undergoes changes.
- To develop an appreciation of citizens increased participation in electoral politics.
- To recognise the significance of the election commission.
- To provide an overview of central governmental structures.
- To sensitise to the key role of the parliament and its procedures.
- To distinguish between nominal and real executive authorities and functions.
- To understand the parliamentary system of executive's accountability to the legislature.
- To develop a citizen's awareness of their rights. Introduction to and appreciation of the fundamental rights.
- Recognition of the way in which these rights are exercised and denied in real life situations.
- Introduction to judicial system and key institutions like the Supreme Court, high court and national human rights commission.

Class X

Democratic Politics II

Statement of the objective of a subject area

1. To understand the effects of caste in politics and vice versa.
2. To understand and analyse the challenges posed by communalism to Indian Democracy.
3. To analyse federal provisions and institution.
4. To understand the new Panchayati Raj institution in rural and urban areas.
5. To analyse party systems in democracies and introduction to major political parties in the country.
6. To understand the role of pressure groups.
7. Introduction to the difficult question of evaluating the functioning of democracies and role of ordinary citizens in strengthening democracy.
8. Distinguish between sources of strength and weakness of Indian democracy.