

UNIT

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Human Rights



Learning Objectives

- To know about the international efforts for protecting human rights.
- To understand the basic human rights ensured in the Indian Constitution.
- To understand about the functions of institutions and issues involved in human rights.
- To know about the types of human rights

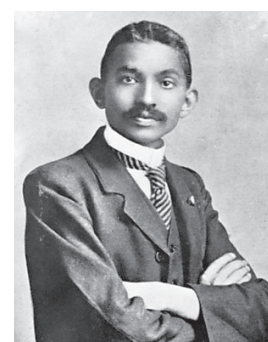


Introduction

The lesson travels through the history of organisations for human rights. The rights ensured by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights being highlighted. Fundamental rights are enshrined in the Indian Constitution and fundamental duties incorporated in the Constitution along with the introduction to National and State Human Rights Commissions and their functions are explained. Extended rights like child rights, SC and ST rights, women rights, labour rights, etc., are also discussed.

On 7th June 1893, while a person was on his way to Pretoria, in South Africa a white man objected the person's presence of a

non-white man in a first class carriage and the person was ordered to move to a van compartment at the end of the train. The man who had the first-class ticket refused to leave and was thrown off the train at Pietermaritzburg. Shivering in the winter night in the waiting room of the station changed the course of his life. He took up the fight against racial oppression. The spirit for active non-violence started from that moment.



Gandhi in South Africa

Mahatma Gandhi made the momentous decision to stay on in South Africa and fight