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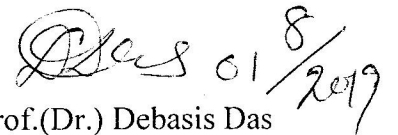
It is notified for information of all concerned that in terms of the provisions of Section 54 of the Calcutta University Act, 1979 (as amended), and in exercise of his powers under 9(6) of the said act, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has, by an order dated 04.06.19, approved **the Broad Guidelines** on the **Skill Enhancement Courses** for the papers- "**Democratic Awareness through Legal Literacy**" and "**Understanding the Legal System**" of **Semester-3** for the **B.A.(Honours)** courses of studies in **Political Science** and for the papers- "**Legal Literacy**" and "**Understanding the Legal System**" of **Semester-3/5** for the **B.A. (General)** courses of studies in **Political Science**, under this University, as laid down in the accompanying pamphlet.

The above shall take effect from the Semester-3 Examination, 2019.

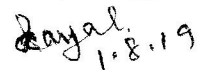
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UG CBCS Syllabus (Honours and General) in Political Science, 2018

Broad Guidelines on the Skill Enhancement Courses on *Democratic Awareness through Legal Literacy and Understanding the Legal System*

Teaching Orientation: The courses are introductory in nature. The term 'literacy' itself indicates that it is meant for those who have *no prior knowledge* of laws and the legal implications. The students are to be imparted foundational knowledge of the same by awareness generation of the legal institutions, organizations and practices. The objective is *not* to take a hard legal approach but to relate the relevant theme/s to the development of critical thinking about just and inclusive society and democratic polity. Because it is a Skill Development Course practical applications (such as, filing a FIR/RTI) should also be taught with due care. The prime locus is India but occasional comparative references can be made to other countries, if need be.

It may be useful to initiate teaching with the meaning, dimensions, objectives and importance of legal literacy in the contemporary era and then with the glossary of legal terminologies.

Suggested Main Focus: legal structures and political processes operating in various thematic domains ---civil and criminal justice system, gender related issues, personal laws and civil code, accountability and corruption, property matters, environment laws, cyber-crime, Public Interest Litigation, Lokpal and Lokayukta, RTI, judicial activism etc.

Suggested Related Focus: debates and struggle in the process of implementation of these laws and acts as public policies.

Supportive materials: bare acts, key judgments and cases by court of law, reports by media and civil society networks. The prescribed books are also to be consulted. The Constitution of India is also a valuable sourcebook. There are some publications in Bengali, which are 'introductory' in nature. They may be used if needed for supplements, though not as substitutes to the prescribed references.