

# SUBJECT: POLITICAL SCIENCE

## ***Democratic Awareness with Legal Literacy [SEC 1]***

*Written examination with 30 marks [project work; 10 /internal]*

1. Rights and their enforcement: Right to Remedy (Art 32, 226) - Public Interest Litigation
2. Courts and their jurisdiction in India - criminal and civil courts, Alternate dispute mechanisms (Lok Adalats).
3. Laws relating to: (a) Environment (b) Dowry prohibition, (c) and domestic violence [provisions and their evaluation]
4. Project Report (written and internal marks) on any **one** topic e.g. (a) Arrest; (b) sexual harassment; (c) **domestic** violence, (d) child abuse, (e) filing of **public** interest litigation, (f) consumer grievance.

### ***Suggested Readings***

Kamala Sankaran and Ujjwal Singh (eds), *Creating Legal Awareness*, (Delhi: OUP, 2007)  
P.C. Rao and William Sheffield, *Alternate Dispute Resolution: What it is and How it Works*, Universal Law Books and Publishers, Delhi, 2002  
J. Kothari, (2005) '*Criminal Law on Domestic Violence*', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 40(46),  
H. Mander, and A. Joshi, *The Movement for Right to Information in India, People's Power for the Control of Corruption*. Available at <http://www.rti.gateway.org.in/Documents/References/English/Reports/.pdf>  
P. Mathew, and P. Bakshi, (2005) '*Indian Legal System*', New Delhi: Indian Social Institute.  
P. Mathew, and P. Bakshi, (2005) '*Women and the Constitution*', New Delhi: Indian Social Institute.  
M. Mohanty et al. (2011) *Weapon of the Oppressed, Inventory of People's Rights in India*. Delhi: Danish Books.  
SAHRDC, (2006) '*Criminal Procedure and Human Rights in India*' in *Oxford Handbook of Human Rights and Criminal Justice in India- The system and Procedure*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press,  
K. Sankaran and U. Singh, (2008) '*Introduction*', in *Towards Legal Literacy*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press

#### **Acts:**

Consumer Protection Act, 1986, Available at [http://chdsla.gov.in/right\\_menu/act/pdf/consumer.pdf](http://chdsla.gov.in/right_menu/act/pdf/consumer.pdf).

Protection of Women Against Domestic Violence Act, 2005, Available at <http://wcd.nic.in/wdvact.pdf>.

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989, Available at <http://tribal.nic.in/writereaddata/linkimages/poact989E4227472861.pdf>.