



# Human Rights

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# Topics to Study

- ▶ Meaning of Human Rights
- ▶ Religious Orientation
- ▶ Constitutional Support
- ▶ Universal aspect of Human Rights
- ▶ Issues of Human Rights in Pakistan
- ▶ How to protect Human Rights



# Human Rights - Theme

- ▶ Human Rights are a set of principles concerned with equality and fairness.
- ▶ They provide us , the freedom to make choices about our lives and to develop our potential as human beings
- ▶ They are about living a life free from fear, harassment or discrimination.
- ▶ They are universal in nature: all rights for every one across the globe

- ▶ Human rights are the basic rights and freedoms from birth until death.
- ▶ These basic rights are based on shared values like, dignity, fairness, equality, respect and independence
- ▶ International and National Laws define and protect these values
- ▶ Definition

Human rights include the right to life and liberty, freedom from slavery and torture, freedom of opinion and expression, the right to work and education, and many more. Everyone is entitled to these rights, without discrimination

# Oldest Human Rights Charter

– Khutba Hujjul-tu-Wada by Holy Prophet(PBUH)



## THE MAJOR THEMES WERE

- ▶ UNIVERSALITY OF MESSAGE
- ▶ PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY
- ▶ MORAL NOTION; TRUST
- ▶ NO HARASSMENT
- ▶ No Financial Exploitation
- ▶ FINANCIAL SAFETY
- ▶ Guideline for DOMESTIC LIFE
- ▶ WOMEN RIGHTS AND PROTECTION
- ▶ WOMEN ROLE IN DOMESTIC, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE
- ▶ ZAKAT: RELIGIOUS OBLIGATION
- ▶ EQUALITY in Humanity
- ▶ SAFETY/ PRIVACY
- ▶ JUSTICE
- ▶ CONTINUITY OF MESSAGE



# UN Charter and International Human Rights Law

- ▶ Charter of the United Nations in 1945
- ▶ Universal Declaration of Human Rights(UDHR)- 1948
- ▶ International human rights law by United Nation and fundamental - a comprehensive body of human rights
- ▶ The United Nations has defined a broad range of internationally accepted rights, including civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights. It has also established mechanisms to promote and protect these rights and to assist states in carrying out their responsibilities.



# Basic Human Rights are

- ▶ All are born Free and Equal
- ▶ Marriage and Family
- ▶ Right to your own things
- ▶ Freedom of thought
- ▶ Freedom of expression
- ▶ Right to public assembly
- ▶ Right to democracy
- ▶ Social Security
- ▶ Workers rights



# Five Categories of Human Rights

## ▶ **Civil Rights**

The rights to be treated as an equal to anyone in society.

## ▶ **Political Rights**

The right to vote, to freedom of speech and to obtain information

## ▶ **Economic Rights**

The right to participate in an economy that benefits all; and to desirable work

## ▶ **Social Rights**

The right to education, health care, food, clothing, shelter and social security

## ▶ **Cultural Rights**

The right to freedom of religion; and to speak the language; and practice the culture of one's choice





# Human Rights and Constitution of Pakistan

- ▶ The constitution of Pakistan (1972) provides fundamental rights, which are
- ▶ **Freedom of Speech**
- ▶ **Freedom of thoughts**
- ▶ **Freedom of information**
- ▶ **Freedom of press**
- ▶ **Right to Education.**
  - ▶ Article 25-A of Constitution of Pakistan, states “ the state shall Provide free and compulsory education to all children of age 5-16 years”



# Current Human Rights Issue in Pakistan

Some issues are

- ▶ **Religious Freedom** : Misuse of some laws
- ▶ **Freedom of Expression and Attacks on Civil Society** :A civil society is a community of citizens linked by common interests, they face attacks and threats, self-censorship, Controlling media
- ▶ **Women's and Girls' Rights**  
Child marriage, Violence against women and girls, honor killings, acid attacks, domestic violence, and forced marriages
- ▶ **Children's rights**. Child marriage, Child Labour, Lack of educational facilities.
- ▶ **Rights of Weaker Communities** ; harassed, Less Protected , ignored
- ▶ **Terrorism, Counterterrorism and Law Enforcement Abuses**



# How to improve Human Rights

- ▶ Maintain democratic governance and rule of law
- ▶ Protection minorities
- ▶ Promotion of tolerance
- ▶ Promotion of accountability
- ▶ Protection of women rights
- ▶ Enhance economic and social conditions
- ▶ A fair and independent judicial system.
- ▶ By creating awareness among the people about their rights.
- ▶ Rights of the communities must be looked after.