Applications are invited for a UGC-sponsored One-year (Evening) PG Diploma Course in Human Rights and Duties Education (under the Department of International Relations) in the prescribed format to be obtained from the Information Office of the University on payment of Rs 50 (cash). Number of Seats: 25. Eligibility: Graduate degree in any discipline. Course fee: Rs 4000 (consolidated) to be paid at the time of admission. Last date for submission of application to the Head, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University is November 11 2011. List of candidates called for interview will be published on November 18 2011. Classes will begin in December 2011.

The course intends to cater to the interests of a wide cross-section of society including administrative functionaries; army, police and security personnel; civil society/ NGO activists; social workers; media persons, and professionals apart from teachers and students.

The course consists of four lecture-based papers (of 100 marks each), submission of a dissertation (of 150 marks) and viva voce (50 marks), totaling 600 marks in all. The four papers are as under:

- Human Rights: Theoretical and Conceptual Issues
- Human Rights in the Global Context
- Human Rights in India: Norms and Administration
- Human Rights in India: Problems and Issues

As part of the course, students will be exposed to the meaning and nature, origin and evolution of human rights; their critical importance in sustaining a democracy as well as the role of the state in sustaining the framework of rights; the umbilical connection between rights and duties; human rights movements; instruments and mechanisms set up at the international and national levels for promotion and protection of human rights; and finally, the major threats undermining the efforts of state and non-state actors to protect and preserve human rights.

The duration of the course work will be six months. Classes will be held thrice a week in the evening, usually between 6 and 8 p.m. Resource persons will include administrative personnel and human rights lawyers and social activists in addition to the faculty members of Jadavpur University and other reputed institutions. Course work will be followed by relevant field visits organized by the Department.