

**Syllabus for Ability Enhancement Course: (AEC-108-RSJ)**  
**“Religion and Social Justice”**  
**Department of Religious Studies**  
**Central University of Kashmir**

**Unit I: Historical Background**

- Definition and meaning of Social justice: Liberty, Equity, impartiality, Fairness, Advocacy compassion.
- Retribution and forgiveness.
- Gender justice and economic justice.
- Administrative justice, environmental justice.

**Unit II: Major concepts in the field of social justice**

- Absolute justice and relative justice.
- Distributive justice, retributive justice and restorative justice.
- Justice under natural law, revealed law and man-made law.
- Justice and the ideals of communism and capitalism; atheism and the ideals of justice.

**Unit III: Social justice in major World Religions**

- Justice in Judaism: mishpat and passion to repair the world.
- Justice in Christianity: righteousness, impartiality.
- Justice in Islam: “*Adl ijtima*”i (social justice).
- Justice in Hinduism: *daya*.
- Justice in Buddhism: patit-samutpada (interconnectedness).

**Unit IV: Justice and Modern Challenges**

- Liberalism, right responsibilities, Problem of racism, cast, colour, creed and despotism.
- Gender, inequality and empowerment of women.
- Obligation towards fulfilling the ideals of global justice.
- Establishment of a just world order.

**Recommended Reading**

1. The Administration of Justice in by Muhammadullāh Al-Hājj
2. Sharī‘at: The way of Justice by Murād, Khurram
3. The Little Book of Restorative Justice: (Justice and Peacebuilding) by Howard Zehr
4. Social Justice: Theories, issues and movement by professor Loretta capeheart and professor dragan milovanovic
5. The Little Book of Biblical Justice: A fresh Approach to the Bibl’s Teaching on Justice by Chris Marshall
6. Bharata: Love and Justice in the Ramayana by Anantanand Rambachan
7. Judaism and Justice: The Jewish Passion to Repair the World by Rabbi Sydney Schwarz and Ruth Messinger
8. Living Justice: Catholic Social teaching action by Thomas Massaro SJ.