ABSTRACT

Human rights enable us to respect each other and live with each other. In other words, they are not only rights to be requested or demanded but rights to be respected and be responsible for. The denial of human rights and fundamental freedom affects the individual and creates conditions of social and political unrest, sowing the seeds of violence and conflict between societies and nations.

Teachers are to be given adequate knowledge and skills for human rights education so that they can make their students not only conscious of their rights but also of their duties to enable others to enjoy their rights. It is essential for maintaining peace and harmony in one’s family, region and the country, and also for ensuring happiness and security in the world.

The present study is to find out the effectiveness of instructional package on human right education on the human right awareness of teacher trainees and students. Data was collected from secondary school teacher trainees and secondary school students in Wayanad district, Kerala.

Findings of the study reveal that there was a significant difference between human rights awareness of experimental group teacher trainees before and after the transaction of the instructional package. It is found that that the instructional package on human rights education is effective in increasing the awareness on human rights among the teacher trainees irrespective of their gender, qualification and discipline of study. Further the result also shows the secondary school
students had improved their human right awareness through the integrated lessons transacted by the teacher trainees.

At present human rights are becoming a way of life and a social contract fulfilling the pupil’s aspirations. So it is important to expand the opportunities for human rights education for all and particularly for the teacher community. Only a sensitized teacher could share and shoulder the responsibility of teaching human rights in the right way and therefore awareness of human rights in teachers is the need of the day. Since the instructional package on human rights education was found to be effective, it may be used for the benefit of teacher trainees throughout the country.