

Semester VII
ECODSC – 404
Gender and Development
Total Credit: 4
Teaching Hours: 45

Course Objectives and Outcome: Gender is a frontier theory and applied paper. Gender and its inter-linkages with demographic dividend as well as labor market consequences is important to study as part of the modern economic curriculum. The gender based developmental issues are conceptually elaborated and this course intends to give a basic approach and understanding of the above stated issues. Research papers are used as a pedagogical tool for teaching this course which keeps students updated of the developments and methodological approaches toward analysis of gender-specific issues. Hence, the relevance of this paper as a 3 credit IDC paper.

Unit 1: Basic Concepts

Meaning and definition: gender, sex, difference between gender and sex, gender equality, gender empowerment, gender roles, gender gap. Patriarchy and Matriarchy: Meaning and definition. Gender discrimination- meaning, forms and areas, Need for Gender Sensitization. Bio-social perspective of gender, gender socialization, gender stereotyping, gender bias.

Unit 2: Paradigm Shift in Development Definition and Concepts of Development

Approaches for WID, WAD, and GAD, Human Development Index (HDI), Gender Development Index (GDI), Gender Empowerment Measure (GEM), Gender Inequality Index (GII) and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Unit 3: Socio – Economic Determinants of Women’s Development

Education, Employment, Health and Nutrition, Housing, Social, Economic and Political Participation, Media and ICT

Unit 4: Gender and Environment

Nature and concept of livelihood and environment, Gender Roles in rural and tribal Societies, Women’s access to land and natural resources, Women in sustainable development.

Unit 5: Engendering Policy and Planning

Definition, nature and strategies of gender mainstreaming; gender auditing and gender budgeting. policies of government of India for the development of women-review of measures for social, political and economic empowerment

Suggested Readings

1. Maithreyi Krishnaraj (2006), Is ‘Gender’ Easy to Study? Some Reflections, Economic and Political Weekly, October 21
2. Nivedita Menon (1999), Gender and Politics In India, OUP, New Delhi.
3. Neera Desai and Maithreyi Krishnaraj (1986), Women’s Studies in India – Some Perspectives, Popular Prakashan Private Ltd, Mumbai.
4. Vina Mazumdar (1985), Emergence of Women's Question and Role of Women's Studies, Occasional Paper, Centre for Women’s Development Studies, New Delhi
5. Mary E. John (2008), Women’s Studies in India – A Reader, Penguin Books, New Delhi
6. Neera Desai and Maithreyi Krishnaraj (1987), Women and Society in India, Ajantha Publications, New Delhi
7. Burton, A. (1994) Burdens of History: British Feminists, Indian Women and Imperial Culture. University of North Carolina Press.