



SEMESTER-II

HISIDC151T

GENDER STUDIES

Contact Hours: 45

Full Marks = 100 [ESE (70) CCA (30)]

Course Objectives:

The objective of the course is to introduce the basic concepts and precepts of gender studies. It seeks to engage the students in feminist debates and discourse of gender history and create gender sensitivity and encourage research in the field. The course is built on an interdisciplinary approach of understanding gender.

Unit I: Fundamental Concept

1. General Introduction to Gender Study,
2. Scope of Gender Study
3. Social Construction of Gender
4. Gender studies Vs Women's studies (8 Lectures)

Unit II: Women in the Pre-colonial Era:

1. Position of Women in the Ancient India.
2. Position of women in the Sultanate period.
3. Position of Women in the Mughal Era.
4. Role of women in Bhakti Movement. (10 Lectures)

Unit III: Gender Relations in Colonial India:

1. Debate around Sati
2. Age of Consent Bill
3. Issue of Widow Remarriage.
4. Child Marriage.
5. Colonial Education System and Women (8 Lectures)

Unit IV: Women in Indian Freedom Movement:

1. Non-Cooperation Movement.
2. Civil disobedience movement
3. Quit India Movement
3. Revolutionary Movements
4. INA (9 Lectures)

Unit V:

a) Women Organisations in India

1. Women's Indian Association
2. National Council of Women
3. All India Women's Conference

b) Women and Law

1. Acts Prohibiting Domestic Violence
2. Dowry Prohibition Act (10 Lectures)

Expected learning outcomes:

After completing this course, the students will be able to understand about the basic concepts and rules of gender studies and about various aspects of gender history, about various laws an organisation and will be interested to do research in this field.



Suggested Reading:

1. Agnes, F, Law & Gender inequality – The politics of women’s rights in India,
2. Bhaksh, R. (2015). Handbook of Transnational Feminist Movements. Oxford.
3. Chattopadhyaya, K, ‘Indian Women’s battle for freedom’ Abinav Publication, New Delhi
4. Chaudhuri, M. (ed), Feminism in India, Kali for Women, New Delhi,
5. Desai N and Krishnaraj M, Women and Society in India, Ajantha Publication, New Delhi
6. Desai, N, Women in Modern India’ Vora and Co., Publishers pvt Ltd., Bombay.
7. Desai, Neera. (1988). A Decade of Women’s Movement in India. New Delhi: Himalaya.
8. Jain, M, Sati: Evangelicals Baptist Missionaries and the Changing Colonial Discourse, 2016
9. Krishnaraj M, Is ‘Gender Easy to Study? Some Reflections, Economic and Political Weekly,
10. Kumar, Radha. (1993). The History of Doing. New Delhi: Kali for Women
11. Mazumdar, V, Emergence of Women’s Question and Role of Women’s Studies,
12. Menon, Nivedita, Gender and Politics in India, OUP, Delhi