

PGDGS
Post-Graduate Diploma in Gender Studies
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Paper-I: Gender Studies

Unit – I

Introduction to Gender Studies :

Definition, growth and scope of gender studies.
Gender and sexuality : Indian and global perspective
Gender, Community and Nation
Social construction of Gender, Gender roles and discrimination
Gender and Cinema
Gender and Literature

Unit – II

Women Studies :

Introduction, Defining Feminism
Evolution of Feminism
Feminist theory, Feminism and Women's Movement
Western and Indian Feminism

Unit – III

Women and Social Institutions :

Family – Meaning and definition
Ethos of Joint, Nuclear – patriarchal and matriarchal families
Caste, class and religion

Unit – IV

Marriage :

Concept and definition, Monogamy, Polygyny, Polyandry
Multiple roles of women – Role conflict, Role Change, Role overload
Indian Notion of marriage and family

Unit – V

Issues related to women:

Divorce, Widowhood, female commercial Sex workers
Women who are physically and mentally challenged
Problems of working women at work place
Problems of elderly and single women
Domestic violence : Type and incidences

Recommended Readings:

1. Chawla, Monica. *Gender Justice Women and Law in India*. New Delhi : Deep & Deep Publications Pvt. Ltd., 2006.
2. Dow, Bonnie J. & Wood, Julia T. *The Sage Handbook of Gender and Communication*. New Delhi : Sage Publication, 2006.
3. Hill, Craig A. *Human Sexuality*. New Delhi : Sage Publication, 2008.
4. Kumar, Raj. *Women and Marriage*. New Delhi : Saujanya Publications Private Limited, 2000. (encyclopedia of women and development series volume II).
5. Pitcher, Jane & Whelehan, Imelda. *50 Key Concepts in Gender Studies*. New Delhi : Sage Publication, 2011.
6. Yadav, C.P. *Encyclopedia of Women's problems and their remedies*. New Delhi : Anmol Publications, 2007.

Appendix -3

Paper : II Women in Politics and Governance

Unit-I

Concepts and nature of Women's political participation:

Definition, meaning, scope and nature of political participation of women
Impediments and problems faced by women for political participation
Role of women in Government institutions and their contribution in the development of nation
Strategies by Indian Government and NGO's for women's share in politics

Unit-II

Components of political participation of women:

Women as voters : Types of voters, voters' turnout and elections
Women as Candidates : Types of contestants in the elections
Women and Political Parties : National and Regional parties
Women's approach in top decision making bodies of the political parties

Unit-III

Governance through Democratic Decentralization:

Women's share in Politics – Evolutionary changes during pre-independence period
Women's movement for political participation since, 1930 in India
Post-independence period- Constitutional Rights, Political Rights of women and political power

Unit-IV

Women and Governance in Indian context:

Women in local government-Panchayati Raj and Urban governance
Women in State Assemblies and Parliament
Major issues, problems and remedial measures for women's effective participation in governance
73rd and 74th amendments to the Constitution of India and their representation in local bodies
Women's reservation Bill for upper bodies, current scenario, debate, Affirmative action

Unit-V

International Conferences for the advancement of Women:

First World Conference on women in Mexico 1975
Second World Conference on women in Copenhagen 1980
Third World Conference on women in Nairobi 1985
Fourth World Conference on women in Beijing 1995
Millennium Development Goals (UN: 2000 Agenda)

Recommended Readings:

1. Ambedkar, S.N. *Women Empowerment and Panchayati Raj*. Jaipur : ABD Publishers, 2005.
2. Devi, Laxmi. *Women in Politics Management and Decision Making*. New Delhi : Anmol Publishing Pvt. Ltd., 1998.
3. Kumar, Raj. *Women and leadership*. New Delhi : Anmol Publishers Pvt. Ltd., 2000.
4. Kumar, Raj. *Women in Politics*. New Delhi : Anmol Publishers Pvt. Ltd., 2000.
5. Sharma, S. P. *Rural Development and Panchayati Raj*. New Delhi : Vista International Publishing House, 2006.
6. Sharma, Sanjay Prakash. *Panchayati Raj*. New Delhi : Vista International Publishing House, 2006.
7. Singvi, L. M. *Democracy and the Rule of law*. New Delhi : Ocean Books Pvt. Ltd., 2002.

Paper-III : Issues in Women's Empowerment

Unit-I

Meaning of empowerment:

Need, Importance and nature of Women's Empowerment and its historical perspectives
Social aspects of Women empowerment
Problems for women's development in society
Transition of women towards new millennium

Unit-II

Change in livelihood:

Women's Economic activity rate
Women in Informal work and Women in employment : opportunities and limitation
Gender budgeting & Gender eye
Gender and Poverty alleviation
Women and micro-finance
Social safety for women in workplace

Unit-III

Status of girl child in India & Rajasthan:

Sex ratio, nutritional status & educational status
Practices limiting women's development : Child marriages, dowry, female feticide

Unit-IV

Issues and perspectives of empowerment:

Dalit, Tribal, other backward class women and Muslim women
National policy for the empowerment of women (2001)
New economic policy and its impact on women
Other economic policies at central and state level

Unit-V

Education as a tool of Women Empowerment:

Obstacles to Women Education – Social, Economic, Cultural and other factors
Limitation of formal system of education
Need for alternative system of education, non-formal education for women
Women in Higher Education, Science & Technology and Professional education

Recommended Readings:

1. Acharya, Meena & Ghimmire Pushapa. *Gender Indicators of Equality, Inclusion and Poverty reduction – measuring programme/project effectiveness, economic and political weekly*. Volume XL, P 4719-4728.
2. Arunachalam, Jaya. *Women's Equality : a Struggle for Survival*. New Delhi : Gyan Books Publishing House Private Limited, 2000.
3. *Gender equality and poverty reduction, Economic & Political Weekly*, Oct. 29, 2005, Volume XL, No. 44-45 (News Letter).
4. Maitreyi, Krishna Raj. *Women and Development, The Indian experience. SNTD Women's University & Monograph & Sociology*. Pune : Shubhada Saraswat Prakashan, 1988.
5. Narayan, Deepa. *Employment and Poverty reduction: A Source Book*. World Bank Publications, 2002
6. Rao, Nitya. *Women's rights to land and Assets, Economic & Political Weekly*. Oct. 19. 2005 (News Letter).
7. World Report on violence and health, Summary World Health Organization, Geneva, 2002.

Paper-IV: Women and Law

Unit-I

Human Right -Meaning, Concept

Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

Elimination of all form of discrimination against women

National Commission for Women and State Women Commission

Unit-II

Women in Independent India:

Preamble of the Constitution: Equality

Fundamental Rights and Women

Directive Principles of State Policy and Women

Uniform Civil Code towards Gender Justice

Unit-III

Laws related to Marriage: Hindu Marriage, Muslim Marriage

Guardianship: Right to Women to adopt a child

Problem of Women guardianship

Divorce: Indian Divorce Act,

Muslim Law and Hindu Law relating to divorce

Unit-IV

Law Related Employment and Participation of women in government:

Law related to protection of Women at the work place

Law related to protection of women from domestic violence

Unit-V

Criminal Law:

Arrest and Examination: Provision Cr.P.C. relating to Women

Molestation, wife beating, wrongful confinement, Fraudulent marriage

Adultery, abduction and Kidnapping, rape, execution of Capital sentence in the case of pregnant Women

Recommended Readings:

1. Bina, Agrawal. *Field of her own*. New Delhi : Kali for Women.
2. Butalia U & Sarkar (ed). *Women and the Hindu Rights*. New Delhi : Kali for Women – 1996.
3. Chakravarti, & Bangari, K. (eds). *Myths & Markets*. New Delhi: Manohar, 1999.
4. Cossman, B & Kapur, R (eds). *Subversive site*. New Delhi : Kali for Women, 1996.
5. Dule, L. (ed.). *The Women and House hold in Asia*. Series of Five volumes.
6. Feminism Debate on theory in EPW issues March 1995, June 3, 1995, June 10, 1996, July 11, 1995, Aug. 26, 1995, June 17, 1995.
7. Ghosh, J. "Gender concerns in Macro – economics Policy EPW. 30 April, WS-2.
8. Hasan, Zaya (ed). *Forging Identities: Gender Communities and Multiple patriarchies*. EPW 23, Dec. 1995.
9. Kanpur, Ratna (ed). *Feminist Terrains in Legal Domains*. New Delhi : Kali for Women 1996.
10. Mics, M. *Patriarchy and Accumulation on a world Scale: Women in international Division of Labour*. London : Zed, 1986.
11. Mies, M & Shiva, V. *Eco-feminism*. New Delhi : Kali for Women, 1993.
12. Sangari, K. *Politics of Possible*. New Delhi : Tulika, 1999.
13. Uberoi, P- (ed.) *State Sexuality & Social Reforms*. New Delhi : 1996.