

Code No- 411602

GENDER & SOCIETY

Credits: 4 Lectures: 60 Marks: 100

Objectives:

To familiarize students with the basic concepts developed in gender studies.

To understand the linkages between state policies & gender issues in Indian Society.

To trace the evolution of gender as a category of social analysis in the late twentieth century.

Course Content:

	Credit	Lectures	Marks
I- Basic Concepts in Gender Studies & Theories	1	15	25
Gender vs. Biology Women in the family: Socialization, Nature vs. Gender, Gender Roles, Private–Public dichotomy, Sexual division of labour. Patriarchy as ideology and practice.			
II- Gender & Sociological Analysis	1	15	25
Feminism, Feminist Methodologies as Critique, Theorizing women & subordination. Emergence of women’s studies			
III -Women in India: The changing profile	1	15	25
Pre-colonial, colonial and post-colonial. Demographic profile. <u>Alternative conceptions of gender</u> – caste and gender; class and gender. The role of the state and the NGOs.			
IV- Contemporary Issues in Gender and Society	1	15	25
<u>Issues affecting the quality of life of women:</u> Education, Health, Communalism and Violence. Socio-economic Women’s issues of covid -19. Development and Women’s Empowerment.			

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