

MOTHER TERESA WOMENS UNIVERSITY
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Ph.D. in TEXTILES AND CLOTHING

INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES (COMPULSORY PAPER)

UNIT-I Women's Studies

Definition - Meaning – Genesis – Growth and Scope of women's studies in India, Women's Studies- An International perspective. Socialization: Meaning, Definition, and Stages – Agencies of Socialization. Social construction of Gender-Sex & Gender, Gender discrimination, gender stereotyping, Gender Roles, and Gender needs – practical and strategic.

UNIT-II Concept of Women's Studies

Concept of Women's Studies: Status – Concept – meaning – Definition, Types of status achieved and Ascribed status, Factors, and Indicators on the status of women. (b) Status of women in Indian Society: Pre and post-independence periods. Issues Related to Female children & Women, Female foeticide, Female Infanticide, child marriage Dowry, Divorce, Widow hood, Female commercial sex workers, Domestic violence, problems of Elderly and single women, and marginalized groups, (SC/ ST/ Devadasis, women prisoners, women living with HIV/AIDs and women who are physically and mentally challenged).

UNIT-III Status of Women in India

Status of Women in India: Demographic Indicators - Sex Ratio: Definition – Sex ratio in India, Factors responsible for adverse sex ratio in India, Consequences of adverse sex ratio, measures to achieve the balance between the sexes - Family, Meaning – Definition & Ethos of Joint Nuclear – patriarchal & matriarchal families - Marriage – Definition – Monogamy, Polygamy Polyandry - Multiple Roles of Women- Role conflict, Role change.

UNIT-IV Fertility

Fertility: Definition - crude birth rate, fertility rate in India, Factors responsible for the higher fertility rate in India, measures to bring down fertility rate in India.

Mortality & Morbidity- Definition, Crude death rate, infant mortality rate and maternal mortality rates in India, Causes for high female morbidity and maternal mortality rates , Measures to bring down the rates

UNIT-V Economic Indicators

Economic Indicators: Role of women in economic development, female labour force in India, main workers and marginal workers in rural and urban areas, sectoral distribution of male and female workers, labour force participation by economic status, declining trend in female work participation rates –causes, measures to improve work-participation rates.

Political Indicators Women's participation in Political process- women as voters, candidates, party leaders bureaucrats, women's wing of political parties, their effective campaign for women's rights & responsibilities, statistical data about the women's representation in Local bodies, State assemblies and Parliament, critical analysis of their performance.

References:

- 1) Yadav .C.P: Ency of Women's problems and their remedies
- 2) Sharma Kanta : Women's role in the family
- 3) M.K.Roy: Violence against Women
- 4) P.A Reddy: Problems of Widows in India
- 5) N.S.Nagar: Women and Politics
- 6) Kumar Raj: Women in Agriculture and Trade
- 7) Kumar Raj: Women and Marriage.
- 8) Sushma Srivastava: Women and Family Welfare