

**TERESA WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY-KODIAKANAL**

**DEPARTMENT OF HOME SCIENCE**

**INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES**

**(COMPULSORY PAPER)**

**UNIT-I**

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: (a) 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: A) Demographic Indicators: i) 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. (a)Family, Meaning – Definition & Ethos of Joint Nuclear – patriarchal & matriarchal families (b)Marriage – Definition – Monogamy, Polygamy Polyandry. (c)Multiple Roles of Women- Role conflict, Role change.

**UNIT-IV**

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.

iii) 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: i) Role of women in economic development, female labour force in India, main workers and marginal workers in rural & 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.

C) 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, & Parliament, critical analysis of their performance.

#### **UNIT –V(a)**

Plagiarism – Definition – History of Plagiarism – Key to avoid Plagiarism – Different forms of Plagiarism – Intentional – Unintentional – Non – Attribution – accidental – Common Plagiarism Problems – Six ways to avoid plagiarism in Research Report – Paraphrase – cite – Quoting – Citing Quotes – Citing one's own material – Referencing – Plagiarism checker services – Softwares – write check – VAILL Tutor Tool – Plagiarism Test – Pen and Paper plagiarism Knowledge Test – etc. UGC Public notice dated 01.09.2017

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- 3) M.K.Roy: Violence against Women
- 4) P.A Reddy: Problems of Widows in India
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- 6) Kumar Raj: Women in Agriculture and Trade
- 7) Kumar Raj: Women and Marriage.
- 8)Sushma Srivastava: Women and Family Welfare