

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN'S STUDIES

Syllabus for Ph.D Entrance Examination

Unit I:

Feminism-Meaning, importance & Goal, Theories of feminism-Liberal, Radical, Socialist, Marxist - Women's Studies: Origin, growth and objective of Women's Studies - Emergence of Women's Studies as an interdisciplinary subject - Role of UGC Centre for Women's Studies - Concept of Sex and Gender, feminism vs gender studies, Women's Studies vs Gender studies - Approaches to Gender Development (WID, WAD, GAD) Women's Movements-Origin, growth- Selected Women's Movements

Unit II: Social Empowerment:

Empowerment- Meaning & Importance Women in Higher Education, Gender issues in Health, Environment, Family welfare Measures, Indecent representation of women in media- Women in Difficult circumstances -Constitutional provisions and Legal safeguards for women. Rights of Children

Unit III: Economic Empowerment

Introduction – organized sector, unorganized sector - Role of Women in Economic Development- Female Poverty and Poverty alleviation programmes-Status of Women farmers and land rights- Women Entrepreneurs- SHG Women in Income Generation Activities- Impact of Globalization on working women - National Policy for the empowerment of women 2001

Unit IV: Political Empowerment

Political participation of women-Political Socialization-Women leaders in politics-Women in Local Governance- Barriers -Reservation policies, Women's Political Rights: CEDAW

Unit V: Areas of Research in Gender Studies

Introducing the areas of research on Empowerment/Gender Sensitive issues