

P23WSG11 - WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

(Generic Elective - Common Paper for all PG Programmes in I Semester)

Unit 1: Fundamentals of Women's Studies

Meaning and Definition of the concept of Women's studies - Need and Scope - Women's studies as an academic discipline - Women's Studies – International Women's Year 1975 - International Women's Decade 1975 - 1985; Towards Equal Status 1976 – Current trends- Importance of women's education –Life Skill Education to build capacity - Education as a tool of Women Empowerment - Obstacles to Women Education – Social, Economic, Cultural and other factors, limitations of Formal system of education.

Unit 2: Issues of Women

Girl Children and Women in Society: Social Networking- impact and consequences of networking - NCW: Initiatives to overcome Women's issues - Ministry of Home Affairs and Networking with State Women Commissions: Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Children (CCPWC)-challenges - efforts & effective measures to prevent crime against women and children - Motherhood - Single Parent - Widows – Multiple Roles of Women - Role conflict, Role change - Social Responsibility and Gender Empowerment.

Unit 3: Achievement and Rights of Women

Gender Equality: Achievement of Women - Educational, Political, Economic, Social - Panchayat Raj - Political role and participation - National and International Levels; Women's Rights - Property Rights - Redressal mechanism at different levels - Rights of Women with Disability: Case Studies on Women Achievers in the field of politics, education, arts science, law etc.

Unit 4: Empowerment of Women

Empowerment of Women: Alternative approaches - Women in Development (WID) - Women and Development (WAD) – Women's Development- Definition, Meaning and Scope, Gender and Development (GAD), Human Development Index (HDI) vs Gender Development Index (GDI). -Role of Govt. and NGOs - Help line numbers in promoting women's empowerment - National and International Funding Agencies in promoting research on women.

Unit 5: Women Entrepreneurship

Women Entrepreneurship:– Types of Entrepreneurs Opportunities and Risk – Micro finance- Entrepreneurship Skill and Competencies - Women Entrepreneurship Development in India: TRYSEM –NABARD – NMEW - Support to STEP – TREAD – Rural Entrepreneurship Development Programme –Gramia Bank –Mahila bank and supportive measures- Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) – Small Industries Development Bank of India-SHG and Entrepreneurship opportunities -

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