

SYLLABUS
PRE-REGISTRATION QUALIFYING ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
PH.D PROGRAMME – WOMEN’S STUDIES

UNIT – 1

Women’s Studies: Scope of Women’s Studies, Women’s Studies as an academic discipline, Emergence of Women’s Studies as an interdisciplinary subject – **Feminism:** Different Schools of Feminism: Liberal, Radical, Marxist, Socialist, Black Feminism, Eco Feminism, Lesbian Feminism, Postmodern Feminism, Psychoanalytic Feminism, Standpoint Feminism and Third World Feminism, **Women’s Movements:** Global and Local: Pre-independence, Post-independence and Contemporary Debates.

UNIT – 2

Gender Concepts: Sex, Gender Masculinity, Feminity, Patriarchy, Gender Equality, Gender Equity, Gender Sensitization, Gender Roles, Gender Gap, Gender Bias, Gender Integration, Gender Discrimination, Gender Mainstreaming, Gender Analysis, Gender Assessment, Stereotypes, LBGT, Gender Ideology, and Gender based Violence. **Major issues related to Women:** Family - Class - Caste - Religion.

UNIT – 3

Research Methodology: Concepts, Characteristics, and Limitations. **Research Design and Methods:** Survey, Exploratory, Diagnostic, Experimental, Action Research and Case Studies. Qualitative and Quantitative Research. **Feminist Research Methodology:** Characteristics, Objectivity Vs Subjectivity, Sex Role Research, Non-Sexist Methods, Feminist Ontology, Epistemology, Ethno methodology, Stand Point Theory, Oral History, Focused Group Discussion and Content Analysis. **Sexism in Research:** Androcentricity, Over Generalization, Gender Insensitivity, Double Standards, Sex Appropriateness and Sexual Dichotomism.

UNIT – 4

Enforcement Machineries: National Commission for Women, State Commission for Women, Social Welfare Boards, Dept. of Social Defence and Empowerment, Dept. of Child and Women Development, All Women Police Stations, Family Courts, Legal Service Authority, Free Legal Aid, Vishaka Judgment, Gender Cell, Local Complaint Committees, Nirbhaya Case and its remedy and Indian Constitutional Provisions for Women and Children.

UNIT – 5

Gender and Development: Shifting Perceptions of Development: WID, WAD, GAD Approach: Welfare, Anti-poverty, Efficiency-Equity, Empowerment. **State of Human Development:** Human Capital vs. GDP, Equality Vs Equity – HDI, GDI, GEM and Sustainable Livelihoods. **Development Initiative:** UN Initiatives: MDGs, SDGs. Changing definitions of Poverty, Feminization of Poverty, Emerging Tools for analysis of Poverty, Social Capital, its relation to Poverty Reduction and Strategies to address the Development. **Gender Development:** New Economic Policies, Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization and its impact on Women.

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