

Syllabus

PG Diploma in Women's Studies, Patna University, Patna.

Syllabus for the Course

Paper I: Historiography and Concepts:

Relevance of Women's Studies; Women's Studies in India; Sources on Women's Studies: Literary, Oral, Pictorial and Other sources; Feminist writers abroad; Indian Historians and social scientists on Women; Patriarchy: Definition Nature of Patriarchy, Manifestation of Patriarchy; Sex and gender: Meaning and concept, Difference, Process of Gendering, Feminism : Meaning, History, Phases/Waves (Third wave), Liberals, socialists, radicals; caste, class and gender: Concept & Inter-relation: Purity of sex.

Paper II : Women in History and Religion:

Women in Indian civilization down the ages- Ancient: Altekerian Paradigm & its debate, women in vedic age, social institutions and its impact on Women, Concept of Mothergoddess, Women in Ancient India-Vedic, Maurayan and Gupta; Medieval: Women in Medieval India, Position of upper and lower Class, Muslim Women and Hindu Women, Note of Descent- Razia and Meera, Women at work; Modern: Colonial Impact on the Status of Women, 19th C. Socio-religious reform movements and the Feminist Debates, 19th C. Women Reformers and their contribution, 20th C. Struggle for Independence, Women's Participation and the first phase of Indian Feminism; Women in Budhhism: Budhhism & Women the Budhhist Bhikuni's and therigathas; Muslim Women: Status in Islam and Present Position (with special reference to India) ; Women in Sikhism and Christianity, Status and Present Position; Dalit Women: Dalit Women in the Indian Patriarchal Society, 19th Century Dalit Social Women Reformers, Ambedkarism, Contemporary Dalit Women & Aspects of Exploitation; Adivasi Women: Colonial & Post Colonial Status of Adivasi, Women, Dimensions of Exploitation.

Paper III: Women Movements- Abroad, India and Bihar:

Feminist Movement in West; Sutirage Movement in France, England and America; Black Women's Movement; Anti-Colonial Movement and Women; Women Movements in Socialist

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Countries; Women in Indian National Movement ; Muslim Women's Struggle in Asia; Contemporary Women Movement in India: Phases, Nature & Evaluation, Movement Against Rape, Dowry, Sati; Prominent Indian Women Organisation in the 20th century, Dalit Women Movements in India; Adivasi & Tribal Women Movement; Regional & Frontier Movement; Women Movements in Bihar: Sangharshvahini, Left Movement, Local Issues; Women's Struggle for safe Environment.

Paper IV: Women Economics and Work:

Women as the Major Workforce- A historical Perspective; Women as domestic Work force; Unorganized and Organised Sectors Related to Employment and work; Women in Field of Education; Women in Sports; Women in Health Sector; Women in Media- Print media, Visual Media and Culture; Issues of Minimum Wages and Unequal Wages; Women in Corporate Sectors- Women Managers, Issue of Double Burden; Glass ceiling; Gender Budgeting; Globalisation and its Impact.

Paper V: Violence Against Women and Declining Sex Ratio:

Social Stigma- From Womb to Tomb; Female Foeticide; Infanticide(Kudimar; Child Sexual Abuse; Domestic Violence- Wife beating, Dowry Harassment; Immoral Trafficking; Witch Hunting; Sexual Abuse and Harassment at work Place; Rape; Declining Sex- Ratio- Different Dimensions; Division in Family – Property, Sacrifice/ Sati; Obscenity, Pornography; communal, Caste and Ethnic Violence.

Paper VI: Women and Law:

Constitutional Provisions; International Treaties and Conventions-Declaration on Human Rights, Convention on Elimination of Discrimination against Women; Convention on Rights of Child; Gender Discrimination in Judiciary and Police system; Family Laws Related to Women- Child Marriage, Widow – Remarriage, Anti-Dowry Act, Inheritance; Personal and Civil Laws Related to Marriage, Divorce and Maintenance; Marriage Registration Act; Laws Against Violence-Feticide; Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act; Domestic Violence Act 2006; Law Against Rape; Acts Against Sexual Harassment at Work Place-Judgements; Internal Redressal System; National and State Women's Commission-Rights and Duties.

Paper VII: Parameters of Women Empowerment:

(Political, Social, Economic, Legal and Cultural)

Concept of Gender; Concept of Development : Women in Development (WID), Women and Development (WAD) ; Human Development /Sustainable Development: Gender and Development (GAD); Gender main Streaming and Gender Sensitization; Concept of Gender Equality and Equity; Concept of Empowerment: Dimension and Parameters for Women Empowerment, Strategies of Empowerment, Limitation to Women Empowerment, importance, Role of Govt. and Other Agencies in Women Empowerment; Right to Property; Reservation in Legislative Bodies and Local Bodies and Local Bodies: Panchayati Raj; Social Equality- Right to choose career, Life Partner; Right to Decision Making ; Education- Formal and Informal, Traditional and Vocational, Sex Education; Special Education Cells for Dalit and Adivasi Women; Intrusion in Male Bastions- Police, Military, Aviation, Driving Taxis etc.; Health and Nutrition: Reproduction and Child Health, Mental Health, Mal Nutrition, Anaemia, AIDS etc.

Paper VIII: Project and Field Work:

Orientation – Related to social research; On syllabus related topics while working with Government Organization and Organisations concerned with Women Issues including leading Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)

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