



BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE, Pilani
Pilani Campus
AUGS/ AGSR Division

SECOND SEMESTER 2020-21
COURSE HANDOUT

Date: 18.01.2021

Course No : BITS F385
Course Title : Introduction to Gender Studies
Instructor-in-Charge : Dr. Madhurima Das

Scope and Objective of the Course: To develop the knowledge necessary for addressing issues of gender equity and understanding gender roles. The course would help students get a greater insight into women's rights, their role in shaping political, social, economic and cultural institutions. Emphasis would be laid on understanding the dynamics of gender relations in educational institutions, work and home. The course would further aim at gender sensitization in the context of societal stratifications.

Text Books: Indira, R. and Behera, D. K. 1999. Gender and Society in India. Vol. I, New Delhi: Manak Publications

Reference Books: A. Sarojini Nayak and Jeevan Nair. 2005. Women's Empowerment in India, Jaipur: Pointer Publishers

B. Shruti Banerjee. 2005. Role of Women in Development Sector, Delhi: Adhyayan Publishers & Distributors

C. Tapan Biswal. 2006. Human Rights, Gender and Environment, New Delhi: Viva Books Private Limited.

5. Course Plan:

Lecture No.	Learning objectives	Topics to be covered	Ref. to text book chapters
1-4	Scope and relevance of gender studies in contemporary India, Approach and dynamics of social relations between men and women with regard to different social institutions	Introduction to Gender Studies, Sociological Theories about Gender	TB, Intro, Ch.1 & 2 Class notes
5-8	Women's access to education, Interest, access and role in science and technology-gender perspective, Gender bias, discrimination and gender-equity policy issues	Gender and Social Stratification: Education, S&T	TB, Sec. IV, Ch.5, 12, 23; RB/A, Ch.24, 26 Class notes
9-11	Dynamics of male-female relations at work, Impact of technology and environmental degradation on women's work, Feminization of labour	Work Place, Women and employment opportunities, Women in corporate sector	TB, Sec. III Class notes
12-15	Social determinants of women's health: household duties, domestic work as invisible work, nutritional status of women and girl child, access to health	Women and Health, Reproductive rights of	TB, Sec. V Class notes



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	care facilities, regional variations, Men's participation in family planning	women	
16-18	Women and Political Participation, Women and Political power	Women and Politics, Women in Panchayati Raj Institutions	RB/A, Ch. 21, 22 Class notes
19-20	Portrayal of women in media, Role of media in women development	Women and Media	R B / B , C h . 9 Class notes
21-24	Domestic violence: major forms of family violence, including child abuse and neglect, sexual abuse, spouse abuse, Violence against women	Women and Violence, Dowry	TB, Ch.23 Class notes
25-28	Implementation of Acts- Critical analysis	Women and Law, Legal Acts for women empowerment	RB/C, Sec. III Class notes
29-32	Women as agent of social change, Learning Gender roles	Gender and society, Women and family	TB, Ch.9, 10 & 11, Sec. VI Class notes
33-36	Critical analysis of cultural, national and historical study of women's movements	Women's Movement, Feminism, rights of women and human right issues	TB, Ch.2, 25 Class notes
37-40	Study of inter-relationship between gender, rural transformation, natural resource use and management.	Development – Gender perspective, Role of women in development sectors, Gender measurement indices	RB/B Class notes

6. Evaluation Scheme:

EC No.	Evaluation Component	Duration	Weightage	Date, Time & Venue
1	Mid Semester Test	90 Minutes	30 Marks	--
2	Assignment 1 and 2	-	2 X15=30 Marks	--



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3	Comprehensive Examination	3 Hours	40 Marks	--
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7. Chamber Consultation Hour: To be announced in class.

8. Notices: Notices, if any, concerning the course will be posted on Nalanda.

9. Make-up Policy: Make-up's are not given as a routine. It is solely dependent upon the GENUINENESS of the circumstances under which a student fails to appear in a scheduled test.

10. Note (if any): Students are strongly advised to attend the classes regularly and take the tests on the scheduled dates.

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