

SYH 552 Gender and Society

Objectives:

After completion of this course, the learners will be able:

1. To introduce the students to the debate on the determination of gender roles.
2. To orient the students regarding theories of gender relation in Indian society.
3. To trace the evolution of gender as a category of social analysis.
4. To introduce the basic concepts of gender and gender inequality
5. To analyze the gendered nature of major social institutions
6. To understand the challenges to gender inequality

Course Outcome:

- CO1. Understand gender determination and gender roles.
- CO2. Analyse gendered nature of major social institutions
- CO3. Understand the challenges to gender inequality
- CO4. Theories of gender relation in Indian society.
- CO5. Gender as a category of social analysis.
- CO6. Basic concepts of gender and gender inequality
- CO7. Gendered nature of major social institutions
- CO8. Social construction of gender and gender roles

Course Outcome:

UNIT – I : Introduction:

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- a. Emergence of Sociology of Gender.
- b. Relevance of Sociology of Gender
- c. Methodological and Theoretical Perspectives for the study of Gender
- d. Women studies in India

UNIT – II : Gender and Stratification:

Hrs -16

- a. Patriarchy and Gender Socialization
- b. Religion and Gender
- c. Caste and gender
- d. Gender Inequality, Gender Justice, Gender development index (GDI)

UNIT – III : Theoretical Perspectives:

Hrs -16

- a. Liberal feminism
- b. Radical feminism
- c. Socialist feminism
- d. Eco-feminism and Black feminism

UNIT – IV : Women in Indian Society:

Hrs -16

- a. Economic Participation of Women.
- b. Political participation of women.
- c. Women empowerment through Education
- d. Media presentation of women

UNIT – V : Empowerment of Women in India:

Hrs -16

- a. Concept of Empowerment and its Importance
- b. Role of Government Policies and Strategies for Empowerment
- c. Role of NGOs in Women's Development
- d. Empowerment of Women in Karnataka.

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