

SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER

The objective of this paper is to equip the students with the different perspectives of women in society, their roles in the various institutions and the efforts taken by both the government and autonomous women's organizations in bringing women to the mainstream of development. It also highlights the obstacles coming in the way of women's development and measures taken for their empowerment. In the process, an attempt is made to look into the various theoretical perspectives and approaches.

1. Women in Various Cultures
 - a) Women in Patrilineal and Matrilineal Societies
 - b) Position of Women in European, American and Oriental Societies

2. Approaches to Gender Development
 - a) Welfarist Approaches
 - b) Developmental Approaches
 - c) Empowerment Approaches

3. Sociological Perspectives on Women in India
 - a) Women's Position in the Family
 - b) Role Expectations and Socialization
 - c) Changing Roles of Women and Men

4. Economic Perspectives of Women
 - a) The Invisibility of Women in the Economy
 - b) Productive and Reproductive Role
 - c) Women's Contributions to the Economy; Wage Differentials

5. Religious Perspectives on Women
 - a) Position of Women in Hinduism
 - b) Position of Women in Christianity
 - c) Position of Women in Islam

6. Education and Women
 - a) Women's Access to and Utilization of Educational Opportunities
 - b) Factors for Differential Rates of Literacy
 - c) Drop-Outs and Low Enrollment Rates

7. Issues Concerning Women in India
 - a) Violence Against Women
 - b) Personal Law
 - c) Political Empowerment

8. Feminist Theories
 - a) Liberal Feminism
 - b) Radical Feminism
 - c) Marxist and Socialist Feminism

9. Empowerment of Women in India
 - a) Government Policies and Strategies
 - b) Role of Voluntary and Non-Governmental Organizations
10. Sociology of Gender
 - a) Gender as a Paradigm to Understand Social Reality
 - b) Defining Development from a Gender Perspective

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