

Syllabus
Certificate Course in Women Studies
Women Studies Center, School of Social Sciences, SRTM University

The course consists of the following papers

- 1. Basic Concepts and Theories**
- 2. Gender and Social History**
- 3. Gender, Law and Politics**
- 4. Gender, Development and Culture**

Basic Concepts and Theories

The paper intends to initiate the students in basic ideas about gender studies

Feminism: Concept and Relevance, differences within feminism

Women Studies: its Emergence, Growth and Significance

Patriarchy: Ideology and Practice

Gender: Symbols, norms, institutions, Masculinities/ femininities

Gender and caste, gender and class, communalism and ethnic politics and gender.

Gender and Social History

The course intends to provoke the students along two lines: a. what role women played in history-making and why and how they disappeared from historical accounts and b. what happened to women in past and what were the implications of these happenings in a given past for its women.

Doing Social History from Gender and Caste Perspective

*Tara Bai Sindhe, Mukta Salve, Jyotiba Phule and Savitri Bai Phule, Pandita Ramabai, Gandhi, Periyar and Ambedkar.

*Demolishing the myth of women's high status in Vedic period (Uma Chakravarti)

*What happened to women's popular culture in colonial India (Sumanta Banarjee)
Debates on sati, Widow-re-marriage and women's Education in Colonial India

*Women in Telangana and Ambedkar Movement

*Women's Movement in India: Colonial and post-colonial Times

*Emergence of Dalit Feminism

Gender, Law and Politics

The course is aimed at creating a critical understanding of legal discourse and legal practices from feminist viewpoint

Language of Rights: Feminist critique; Abortion: Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act
Politics of Contraception

The Pre-natal diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994; Critical Issues

Defining Rape: Legal vs. feminist Discourse; the Medicalisation of Consent

The Draft sexual Assault Law Reforms, India, 2000

Reservation for Women

Obscenity: The use and Abuse of the Law.

Gender, Development and Culture

Statistical profile of Women in India: Issues of Labour, Health, Violence and Education.

Towards Equality; Shramshakti Report.

Perspective on Development: WID, WAD, GAD, Sustainable Development.

Women, Work and Livelihood

Politics of Contraception, gender audit, globalization and women.

Gender Needs: Practical and Strategic

Ramayana: the Mutilation of *Surpnakha*

Oral Tradition and Women

Striyanchi bhasha

Discliplining Desire in DDLJ (Patricia Uberoi).

Words for Prostitution in Marathi Vocabulary