

GENDER STUDIES ID-201

SEMESTER-II

Course Rationale:

This paper will examine gender as a category of social analysis and gender bias in contemporary society. It assesses various patriarchal ideologies, practices, normative structures which will enable students to understand how the state, media and market reproduce these hierarchies.

I. Conceptualizing Gender

- Constructing Sex and Gender
- Patriarchy
- Sexual Division of Labour
- Construction of Sexuality
- Masculinity and Femininity

II. Gender and Family in India

- Family as a gendered institution
- Family as a site of violence
- Women as honour and shame of caste, religion, clan

III. Women's movement in India

- Women and National Movements
- Campaigns by women's movement around 1960s and 70s – Anti – Price, Anti- Dowry
- Caste, gender and class intersections
- Patriarchal state and rights of women

IV. Experiencing Globalisation, Consumerism and Neoliberalism in India

- Role of Media in constructing ideologies enabling gender inequalities
- Market and gender construction
- Global hegemonic ideologies

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