

GENDER SENSITIZATION

(An Activity-based Course)

II B. Tech-I Semester

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Course Code: A3HS17

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Objectives of the Course:

- I. To develop students' sensibility with regard to issues of gender in contemporary India.
- II. To provide a critical perspective on the socialization of men and women.
- III. To introduce students to information about some key biological aspects of genders.
- IV. To expose the students to debates on the politics and economics of work.
- V. To help students reflect critically on gender violence.
- VI. To expose students to more egalitarian interactions between men and women.

Learning Outcomes

- Understanding of important issues related to gender in contemporary India
- Sensitized to basic dimensions of the biological, sociological, psychological and legal aspects of gender. This will be achieved through discussion of materials derived from research facts everyday life, literature and film
- Equipped to work in our society to work and live together as equals
- Through providing accounts of studies and movements as well as the new laws that provide protection and relief to women
- develop sense of appreciation of women in all walks of life

SYLLABUS

UNIT-I

UNDERSTANDING GENDER:

Gender: Why Should We Study It? (Towards a World of Equals: Unit -1)

Socialization: Making Women, Making Men (Towards a World of Equals: Unit -2)

Introduction. Preparing for Womanhood. Growing up Male. First lessons in Caste. Different Masculinities.

Just Relationships: Being Together as Equals (Towards a World of Equals: Unit -12)

Mary Kom and (t)iler. Love and Acid just do not Mix. Love Letters. Mothers and Fathers, Further Reading: Rosa Parks-The Brave Heart.

UNIT — II

GENDER AND BIOLOGY: Missing Women: Sex Selection and Its Consequences (Towards a World of Equals: Unit -4) Declining Sex Ratio. Demographic Consequences. Gender Spectrum: Beyond the Binary (Towards a World of Equals: Unit -10) Two or Many? Struggles with Discrimination. Additional Reading: Our Bodies, Our Health (Towards a World of Equals: Unit -13) .

UNIT — III

GENDER AND LABOUR: Housework: the Invisible Labour (Towards a World of Equals: Unit -3) "My Mother doesn't Work." "Share the Load." Women's Work: Its Politics and Economics (Towards a World of Equals: Unit -7) Fact and Fiction. Unrecognized and Unaccounted work. Further Reading: Wages and Conditions of Work.

UNIT — IV

ISSUES OF VIOLENCE: Sexual Harassment: Say No! (Towards a World of Equals: Unit -6) Sexual Harassment, not Eve-teasing- Coping with Everyday Harassment- Further Reading: "Chupulu". Domestic Violence: Speaking Out (Towards a World of Equals: Unit -8) Is Home a Safe Place? -When Women Unite [Film]. Rebuilding Lives. Further Reading: New Forums for Justice. Thinking about Sexual Violence (Towards a World of Equals: Unit -11) Blaming the Victim-"I Fought for my Life. " - Further Reading: The Caste Face of Violence.

UNIT — V

GENDER STUDIES: Knowledge: Through the Lens of Gender (Towards a World of Equals: Unit -5) Point of View. Gender and the Structure of Knowledge. Further Reading: Unacknowledged Women Artists o Telangana. Whose History? Questions for Historians and Others (Towards a World of Equals: Unit -9) Reclaiming a Past. Writing other Histories. Further Reading: Missing s from Modern Telangana History.

Essential Reading: All the Units in the Textbook, "Towards a World of Equals: A Bilingual Textbook on Gender" written by A.Suneetha, Uma Bhrugubanda, Dugglrala Vasanta, Rama Melkote, Vasudha Nagaraj, Asma Rasheed, Gogu Shyamala, Deepa Sreenivas and Susie Tharu.

Note: Since it is Interdisciplinary Course, Resource Persons can be drawn from the fields of English Literature or Sociology or Political Science or any other qualified faculty who has expertise in this field.

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