

**SEMESTER 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**MAJOR COURSE**

**GDS122J: GENDER STUDIES (UNDERSTANDING GENDER)**

**CREDITS: THEORY – 4; TUTORIALS - 2**

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. To familiarize students with the concept of sex and gender as used in feminist works and creating awareness on the way by which gender is constructed.
2. To make students understand the concept of masculinity and femininity and the need to treat gender as an analytical category.
3. To elaborate on the concept of patriarchy and male dominance in society and their impact on women's lives.
4. To introduce students to basic concepts in Women and Gender studies.

**EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

1. Understanding the socio-cultural basis of gender-based inequalities and establishment of gender as an analytical category.
2. Examine and critique gender assumptions underlying social aspects and comprehend the impact of gender on individuals' history and contemporary agency.
3. Critique ideology assumptions and different feminist thoughts to develop gender sensitive and gender just personalities among students.

**THEORY (4 CREDITS)**

**Unit-1: Basic Concepts related to Gender Studies**

- Difference between Sex and gender
- Need of Gender Sensitization and feminism.
- Social and cultural construction of Gender.

**Unit-2: Understanding Patriarchy**

- Patriarchy: Meaning and origin
- Social institution perpetuating patriarchy.
- Patrilineal and Patrilocal system, Matrilineal and Matrilocal system with special reference to India.

**Unit-3: Status of Women in India**

- Female Foeticide, Female Infanticide.
- Sex Ratio
- Child Sexual Abuse

**Unit- 4: Issues related to third gender**

- Issues of the rights of sexual minorities and transgender,
- Article 377 and beyond

**TUTORIAL (2 CREDITS)**

**Unit -5: Tutorial; Gender and Society**

- Gender and Caste
- Gender and Class
- Gender and Race

**Unit 6: Tutorial; Women in Kashmir**

- Women and drug Abuse
- Late Marriages
- Women's Unemployment

**Suggested Readings:**

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