

**SEMESTER 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**MAJOR COURSE**

**GDS222J: GENDER STUDIES (EMERGING DEBATE IN GENDER)**

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

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. *Developing gender sensitivity among students.*
2. *Enabling them to look into social issues from gender perspectives.*
3. *Students will develop a feminist perspective in understanding gender issues.*
4. *It allows students in identifying emerging gender issues in India and Kashmir.*

**EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

1. *Students should be able to develop feminist reflexivity in identifying and addressing gender issues.*
2. *They should be aware the gender is not synonymous with women only and that women are not homogeneous category.*
3. *They should be actively engaging themselves in making individuals and institutions gender- sensitive.*

**COURSE CONTENTS (THEORY 04 CREDIT)**

**UNIT-1: IDENTIFYING GENDER ISSUES**

- Identifying the Prevalence of Gender in Day-to-Day Life.
- Use of Gender Insensitive Language
- Sexist Content in school Textbooks and Media.
- Concept of Engendering, strategic Gender Needs, Practical Gender Needs.

**UNIT-2: GENDER AND WORK**

- Gender Division of Labour.
- Women in Formal and Informal Sectors of Employments: Feminisation of Labour
- Invisibility of Women's Work, Wage Discrimination,
- Sexual Harassment at workplace.

**UNIT-3: GENDER AND HEALTH**

- Health Indicators and gender gap.
- Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Women's Reproductive Health and safe motherhood
- Menstruation Disorders

**UNIT-4: GENDER AND ENVIRONMENT**

- Eco-feminism
- Sustainable Development Goals
- Women and Migration
- Women and disaster Management

**TUTORIAL (2 CREDITS)**

**UNIT-5: TUTORIAL: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES -I**

- Women and Cyber Crime
- Women and mental health Issues
- Bride Burning

**UNIT 6: TUTORIAL: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES-II**

- Women and governance
- Impact of Globalization on women
- Women and livelihood issues in India

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

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