UNIT -1

FUNDAMENTALS OF WOMEN STUDIES

1. `Definition of women's studies; its nature, scope and relevance of woman's studies in contemporary society.
2. Aims and objectives of women's studies, emergency of women's studies in India.
3. Interdisciplinary approach to psychology, sociology, economics, history, and political science.
4. Basic concepts in women's studies; sex and gender gender role. Patriarch, matriarchy, gender division of labor, differential socialization, production, reproduction, invisibility of women's work.
5. Status of women in India; ancient, medieval and modern period.
6. Changing status of women in India, evidence of discrimination, key indicators; sex ratio, infant mortality rates, age specific death rates, material mortality rate, marital status, age at marriage, literacy rate, enrolment, dropout rate, education of women at different levels.

Books for reference:

1. Women studies in India - Maithreyi Krishnaraj
2. Women and Society in India - Neera desai M. Krishnaraj
3. The history of doing - Radha Kumar

UNIT -2

AN INTRODUCTION TO FEMINIST THOUGHT

1. Feminism- Meaning, Emergence and Growth of Feminist Thoughts in the West. Feminism in India. A brief introduction to different schools of feminism.
2. Liberal Feminism - Contributions of Mary Wollstonecraft and Betty Friedan. A Critique to Liberal Feminism.

4. A Brief Introduction to Radical Feminism - Contributions of Kate Millet and Ann Oakely. Introduction to Existentialist Feminism- Contributions of Simone de Beauvoir.

5. Feminism as Action. Feminism as an ideology for the Women's Movement.

Books for Reference:
1. Betty Friedan - The Feminist Mystique
2. Betty Friedan _ The Second Stage

UNIT -3

WOMEN & SOCIETY
WOMEN OF CULTURE


2. Gender roles and inequality in Family, Marriage, Education and Religion.


4. Cultural - Meaning the relationship between Society and Culture, the Impact of culture on Women's Status.

5. Women and Literature, Models and problems of Women in Literature. Feminist literature - A survfey of kannada literature from a feminist
perspective analysis (of a few works) from feminist approach (example: Folk literature, Modern Poetry, novels prose)

6. Women in Indian Society and Culture emerging challenges and new role models.

Books for Reference:

1. Sociology - Giddens
2. Human Society - K. Davis
3. Women in India Society - Ghadially. D

UNIT -4

WOMEN & ECONOMY

1. Meaning of Economy-Definition of concepts: Production, Consumption, Distribution, Exchange and Growth
2. Women's Contribution to Economy - Male domain - segregation of women
   - Women and Agriculture, Cottage Industry & Livestock Rearing
   - Women in the Household Domain
   - Female Work Force and their contribution to National Income
3. Gender division of labour - Differential Economic Opportunities
4. Women Workers various sectors
   - Women and the Unorganized Sector- Problems and conditions of works
   - Women Workers in the Organized Sector
   - Problems of the Middle class employed women
   - Professional women and their problems
5. Definitions of Work- Domestic and paid Work; Under valuation of women's work.
   - Women's contribution to Household income
   - Constraints before career development and mobility
   - Women and Childcare - social support systems
   - Women and part-time employment- time allocation for work and household duties.

6. Employment in Urban areas and Female Workers-opportunities and problems- Women entrepreneurs.


Book for Reference:
1. T. M. Dak: Women and work in India
2. Jain, Devaki Nirmala Mukhergi: Tyranny of the Household

UNIT -5

WOMEN & POLITICS


2. Women and Political System- participation in electoral System as Voters and as Candidates- Success and Limitations.


5. Understanding the need to increase women's participation in political and Electrol System - The Women's Reservation bill.

Books for Reference:

2. Esther Boserup: Women's Role in Development.

UNIT -6

WOMEN'S MOVEMENT IN INDIA

1. A brief history of women's movements in the West - struggles for better wages and working condition and Right to suffrage.

2. Women's Movement in India- In the 19th and 20th Century ( till 1947) - struggle against Sati Rights for Widow Marriage, Education, Education for Women, Raising the Age at Marriage, Women's participation in the Freedom struggle.


4. Key issues before the Women's Movement in India in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s Dowry, Rape, Demesti Violence and common civil code.

5. Contermporary Challenges before the Women's Movement in India.
Books for Reference:
1. Naomi Black and Anne Barker Cohrell: Women and World Change
2. Gail Omvedi: We will Smash This prison.

UNIT -7

WOMEN AND LAW

2. Impact of colonization on the Indian Legal system, implication on women's position.
3. Role of legislation and gender Justice - A critical analysis of existing laws relating to protection of women from violence, suppression of Immoral Traffic, Sexual harassment at work place, Rape- Marital Rape, Prostitution, Domestic violence - Dowry, Feticide.
4. Industrial, Civil and Criminal laws - a Feminist Analysis- Personal laws, (Factory Act and labour Laws, Right to choose Spouse, Marriage, Divorce, provision under IPC and CrPC) of Hindus, Muslims and Christians.
5. ChangingScenario and legal frame work- Legal Rights and Awareness-Family Courts.

Book for Reference:
1. Nandita haksar: Demystification of law for Women
UNIT -8
WOMEN AND Media


2. The portrayal of women in Indian Media - Positive and Negative portrayal of women in (I) print Media - Newspapers, magazines, (2) Electronic Media - Radio, Cinema and Television.

3. The Role of Censorship in Indian Media - The Role of the Women's Movement.

4. The Emergence of Gender Concerns in Indian Media- The Role of the Women's Movement.

5. IT and Development the social impact of IT. Evaluation of IT, the resources between IT and development. The Potential for IT in India. The need for national information. Technology strategy towards a workable strategy. IT and Women, their role in Development computer concepts, components and system computer system organization, the central processor-Arithmetic-Logic unit, Primary storage concepts, input/output Devices, storage, devices- Computer classifications Analog, Digital, and Hybrid computers, types of computers - Micro, Mini Mainframe and super computers. Computer system today. Advances, differences, and limitations History of computing from Abacus to artificial intelligence generation of computers and system computer system organization the central.

Books for Reference:

1. Akhieshwari R. male Chauvinist Male Chauvinist Media

2. Cadre of Media Resources and Action: Media News in Perspective.
UNIT -9

WOMEN AND TECHNOLOGY.

1. IT and Development the social impact of IT. Evaluation of IT, the resources between IT and development. The Potential for IT in India. The need for national information. Technology strategy towards a workable strategy. IT and Women, their role in Development computer concepts, components and system computer system organization, the central processor-Arithmetic-Logic unit, Primary storage concepts, input/ output Devices, storage, devices- Computer classifications Analog, Digital, and Hybrid computers, types o computers - Micro, Mini Mainframe and super computers. Computer system today. Advances, differences, and limitations History of computing from Abacus to artificial intelligence generation of computers and system computer system organization the central.

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UNIT -10

WOMEN ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT.

1. Basic concepts in environmental studies and Ecology, Environment, ecosystem, ecology, habital, biospher. The nature ecosystem, energy flows
in ecosystems and biosphere. The atmosphere, photosynthesis and respiration. Food webs and population stability, Biogeochemical cycles and the ecosystems.

2. Environment, natural Resource Management and Society - Definition and scope of study from a gender perspective.

3. rural livelihoods and environment- interdependence and survival strategies Women and Environment- Gender roles and uses of natural resources. Household, Farm, livestock and occupations women's rights in biodiversity management (Agricultural seed, storage, food procession and consumption)


Soil and land and their pollution: soil quality, soil erosion- geomorphic and man made, forests Vs. Agriculture and industry, forest resources, soil pollution, use of fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides, over exploitation and depletion of nitrates. land use and land use changes. Abuse of land solid waster dumping landuse control, soil conservation and landuse planning. national land use and forest policies, urban environment and urban planning.

Pollution: Air and water, measures and impact on health gender concerns in pollution control and management.

Social movements for NRM and Forest Protection - committees, User groups and Roles of women

Development Projects Replacement, Reconstruction and Rehabilitation.

Quality of Life, Environment and Development:

Housing in LDC's Health and Nutrition Education (included in topic II)

Ecological balance, Conservation and Development - Urbanization and development.
Reference:
Cairncross: Factors in Economic Development

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