

SYLLABUS FOR PRE-REGISTRATION QUALIFYING ENTRANCE EXAMINATION FOR PH.D.

PROGRAMME – **WOMEN'S STUDIES**

UNIT – 1

Concept and need for Women's Studies – Scope of Women's Studies – Women's Studies as an academic discipline.- Emergence of Women's Studies as an interdisciplinary subject – Feminism – different schools of Feminism – Liberal – Radical – Marxist – Socialist – Cyber Feminism – Black Feminism – Eco Feminism – Postmodern Feminism - Transnational or Global Feminism - Lesbian Feminism - Psychoanalytic Feminism – Standpoint Feminism – Third World Feminism - Women's Movements – global and local: Pre-independence, Post-independence and Contemporary Debates.

UNIT – 2

Feminist Research – Concepts, characteristics, Debates and Limitations. Feminist Epistemology, Feminist Standpoint, Sexist and Non-Sexist Research Methodology, Androcentricity, Over generalization, Insensitivity, Double Standard – Sex Appropriateness - Sexual Dichotomy – Feminist Ethnography- Advocacy Research – Women's Studies Perspective - Areas of Research in Women's Studies - Research Design and Methods – Survey, Exploratory, Diagnostic, Experimental, Action Research and Case Studies. Qualitative Vs Quantitative Research.

UNIT – 3

Major issues related to Women - Family – Class - Caste - Religion – Society. Gender issues in Health, Education, Work, Environment, Media - Family Welfare Measures - Portrayal of Women in Public Spaces - Violence against Women – Indian Constitutional Provisions for Women and Children

UNIT – 4

Concept of Work – Productive and non – productive Role – Gender Division of Labour – Feminization of Poverty - Women in organized and unorganized sector. Women Entrepreneurs - Factors contributing to Entrepreneurship, small Enterprises -Self Help Groups- Women in agribusiness. Impact of Globalization on Women, Gender and Emerging Technology

UNIT – 5

Women Development: Need for Gender concerns in development – Women in Development (WID) – women and Development (WAD) – Gender and Development – (GAD) – Human Development Index (HDI) Gender Development Index (GDI), Gender Inequality Index (GII), Global Gender Gap Index (GGGI). Women Empowerment- Empowerment Levels, Framework and Tools- Capability Approach, National Policy for the Empowerment of Women 2001-Women Development Programmes and Policies- Five Year Plans - Enforcement Machinery: National Commission for Women, State Commission for Women, All Women Police Station - All Women Court, Legal Service Authority-MDGs and Sustainable Development .

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