

**M.A. Part II Sociology
Sociology of Gender**

Semester III

✓ Subject Code: MSL 31604

Lectures: 60

Objectives:

- To introduce the basic concepts of gender and gender inequality.
- To analyze the gendered nature of major social institutions.
- To understand the challenges to gender inequality.

Unit 1: Introduction to sociology of Gender

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- Basic concepts
 - Sex and gender
 - Patriarchy
 - sexual division of labour
- Understanding gender inequalities
 - Class
 - Ethnicity
 - Caste
 - gender
- Various bases of feminisms
 - Liberal
 - Marxist
 - Socialist
 - Radical
 - post-modernist
 - Black

Unit 2: Major Themes I

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- Family, household
 - Conceptual understanding
 - Family and kinship as social construction
 - Structures and Strategies
- Sexuality
 - Political economy of sexuality

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Critique of masculinity, femininity and heteronormative • Violence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conceptualization of violence ○ Different sites of violence 	
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Unit 3: Major Themes II	12
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media and culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Construction of gender in media ○ Mediated gender • Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conceptualization of women's work ○ Different forms of labour/work • Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Women/Gender health ○ From reproductive health to comprehensive health 	
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Unit 4: New ways of resistance	10
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing for change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Women's Movement since independence ○ Challenges in post liberalization period • New Forms and Ways of Organizing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Organizing the un-organized ○ Beyond NGOs 	
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Assignments and library hours – 12 hours

Recommended Text Books:

1. Bhasin, Kamala: 2000, Understanding Gender, New Delhi: Kali for Women.
2. Basu, Aparna: (1999) Women's Education in India in Ray and Basu (ed): From Independence Towards Freedom, OUP.
3. Chakravarty, Uma: (2003) Gendering Caste through a Feminist Lens, Calcutta: Stree, Courting Disaster, PUJDR report, 2003.
4. Davis Kathy, Evans Mary, Lorber, J. (ed) (2006): Handbook of Gender and Women's

Studies, UK: Sage Publication.

5. Delamont Sara (2003) Feminist Sociology, UK : Sage Publication
6. Feminist Concepts, Contributions to women's studies series, Part-I, II, III, RCWS, Mumbai. Freedman Jane (2002) Feminism, New Delhi: Viva Book.
7. Geetha V. (2007) Patriarchy, Calcutta: Stree. 11. Geetha V. (2002) Gender, Calcutta: Stree.
8. IGNOU Kits on Women in Indian Contexts, Delhi.
9. Karat Brinda (2005) Survival and Emancipation, Three essays Collective, Delhi.
10. Khullar Mala (ed) (2005) Writing the Women's Movements- A Reader, New Delhi: Zubaan. Radha Kumar (1992) History of Doing, New Delhi: Kali for women.
11. Uberoi Patricia Family, Kinship and Marriage in India, Oxford, New Delhi, 1994.
12. Wharton A.S. (2005) Sociology of Gender, Blackwell. 22.

Reference Books:

1. Kimmel Michael (2008) The Gendered Society, NY, Oxford.
2. Rege Sharmila (2003) Sociology of Gender, New Delhi: Sage Publication
3. Ghadially, Rehana (ed) (2007) Urban Women in Contemporary India, New Delhi: Sage Publication.
4. Chodhuri, Maitreyee (2004) Feminism in India, New Delhi: Women Unlimited