

### **SEMESTER III**

✓ **Course Code: MDC- 211**

**Course Title: GENDER STUDIES**

**(Total Credits -3 /Total Marks -75)**

#### **Course Objectives**

To encourage students, regardless of gender, to be aware of their strengths and weaknesses. It also seeks to promote awareness and inspire a change in attitudes towards gender equality and women's empowerment.

#### **Learning Outcomes**

At the end of the course students are able to

- develop a deep understanding of gender concepts and awareness
- explain gender-related matters, and promote a more empathetic outlook on diverse identities and experiences.
- actively engage and critically analyse gender discourse across different academic domains and social settings.

#### **Unit I Introduction to Gender Studies**

- Origin and Growth, Paradigm shift from Women's Studies to Gender Studies (LGBT+),
- Relevance of Gender Studies in the Indian context.

#### **Unit II Basic Concepts**

- Sex, Gender, Sex-Gender Debates, Gender Equity and Equality, Gender Sensitisation;

#### **Unit III Gender Discrimination**

- Patriarchy and Matriliney.
- Family, Religion, Sexual Harassment in Workplaces, Domestic Violence against Women

**Internal Test/Assignment/Seminar/  
External**

**19 Marks  
56 Marks**

### Suggested Readings

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