

## **PGV1002PV PERSPECTIVES ON GENDER**

**(Theory)**

### **LEARNING OUTCOME :**

**2 Hrs./Wk.**

On successful completion of the course, the student will be able to

- critically analyse gender issues in the context of social, political, economic and cultural development.
- identify the role and contributions of women.
- think of alternatives to the present gender order.

### **COURSE OUTLINE :**

#### **UNIT-I :**

**10 Hrs.**

Introduction to Gender – Study of Cognitive Theory - Jean Piaget, Kohlberg, Sandra Bem and Social learning Theory, on understandings of Gender – Socialisation – Agents of socialisation - Gender and Power Relations – Gender in Caste & Class – Gendered Divisions of Labour – Practical Needs and Strategic Needs – Feminism – types and mainstream critiquing of feminism- Changing perspectives.

#### **UNIT-II :**

**12 Hrs.**

Women and Development – The changing status of women (in the economic, social, political, legal and cultural aspects) in the Indian and Inter-national Arena - The promotion of social security measures by the State, such as the employment guarantee scheme, food security, public distribution systems, and other such anti-poverty measures.

Structural Adjustment Programs – Liberalisation - Globalisation – Impacts of Globalisation on women- Opportunities created and threats- Increased presence of women in the unorganized sector – absence of job security- poor working conditions - Reduction of subsidies on health, education and welfare impacting upon women – Impacts of major Development Projects such as the Narmada Dam on Women – Resettlement issues - feminisation of poverty - commoditisation of women.

#### **UNIT-III :**

**8 Hrs**

. New Gender Order – Equality and Empowerment – Government action on growth of women - - Building capacities of women – Female Literacy and social sector development - Gender Budgeting and Gender Auditing – Gender Mainstreaming - Setting Directions for change – Case Studies.

### **REFERENCE BOOK(S)**

John Desrochers, Towards a Debate on Development, Bangalore, CSA, 2000. Joni C. Joseph, Mass Media and Rural Development, Jaipur, Rawat Publications, 1997, Chapters: 6,8.

M.P Torado and Smith, Economic Development, New Delhi, Pearson Education, 2004, Chapters: 1,4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12,16.

Pam Rajput, Hem Lata Swarup, Women and Globalisation: Reflections, options and strategies, New Delhi, Ashish Publishing House, 1994, Chapters: 3,4,5,6,14,15,16,19.