

Women's Studies in India and Women in Politics & Governance (GHSGE5011T)

Women's Studies in India

I. Basic Concepts & Theories:

- a) Defining Gender,
- b) Patriarchy: Ideology & Practice
- c) Relationship between Gender, Caste, Class, Religion & Politics

II. Emergence of Women Studies in India

III. Gender & Social History:

- a) Family & Marriage
- b) Women's Question in the 19th century
- c) Women's Movement in Colonial & Post-Colonial in India

IV. Gender, Law & Politics

- a) Political participation
- b) Violence against women & Preventive laws

V. Gender, Development & Culture

- a) Issues of labour & Health
- b) Access to resources
- c) Gender audit

Women in Politics & Governance

- I. Theoretical Perspectives on Politics & Governance
- II. Pre-Colonial Period: Women of learning & ruling classes
- III. Colonial Period: Leaders in reforming activities, politics and national movement
- IV. Electoral Politics, Women as voters & elected Representatives
- V. Case Studies at local government levels, State Assemblies & Parliament.

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