

## SSW 5008: RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND GENDER JUSTICE

### Course Objectives

- Develop gender sensitive perceptives to promote gender equality.
- Develop understanding of women's issues and status of women in India.
- Create recognition and respect for women as equal contributors in building human society. Understand women's rights and women's empowerment.
- Study the programmes, policies legislations and organisations in the area of women Welfare & empowerment.
- Acquire knowledge and skills in social work intervention with women.

### Course Outline

#### Unit 1 Introduction to Gender Sensitivity

Definition of gender, gender sensitivity, gender equality, gender justice Historical overview of Gender in India/ Kerala  
Feminism: history, ideology, feminist movement approaches to feminism.

#### Unit 2 Status of Women

Demographic profile of Indian Women: rural, urban, tribal,-with reference to health, education and employment, changing roles and status of women in India  
Socio legal status of women among different religious group  
Issues relating to women: destitute women, widows, un-wed mothers, single women.  
Atrocities against women: domestic violence, dowry death, female infanticide and feticide  
Sexual exploitation: rape, prostitution, devadasi system, HIV/AIDS. Problem of working women in organized and un-organised sectors

#### Unit 3 Empowerment

Need for Empowerment of women, Empowerment - Meaning, principles, process, and indicators of Women's Empowerment  
Social Empowerment of Women – Contemporary movements for women's development – legislative reformation – legal literacy for women  
Economic Empowerment of Women - Entrepreneurship in women – Property rights for women - Banking facilities for women  
Women & Governance- women representation in Government – central state and local levels – leadership training for women and community organisation  
Self Help Groups, Kudumbasree Mission for Women empowerment  
Women's contribution for the development of society: International, national.

#### Unit 4 Right of Women

Definition and concepts of marginalization  
Human rights for women - Constitutional provisions-Women's right at home, work placement.  
International Convention on Elimination of all forms of discrimination against Women

(CEDAW) - National Commission for Women – National policy for the empowerment of the women (2001) - Domestic violence Act 2005. Governmental and nongovernmental programmes for women: Educational, Recreational, vocational, guidance and counselling, leadership, health and empowerment. International and Nations organisations working for the welfare, development and empowerment of women; various activist movements for and by women in India

## Unit 5 Social Work Practice for and with Women

Relevance of Social Work Values, Ethics, Methods and Skills Related to Social Work practice with Women

Strategies of prevention and Intervention with a variety of problems and life situations experienced by Women – Campaigns, Mobilising Support, Advocacy

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