

SSW 5008: RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND GENDER JUSTICE

- Course Objectives**
- Develop understanding of women's issues and status of women in India
 - Develop gender sensitive perceptiveness to promote gender equality
 - 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 I 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 II 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 III 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 IV 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 V Social Work Practice for and with Women

Relevance of Social Work Values, Ethnics, 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

- Course Outcome**
- Develop strong perspectives on the influence of ideologies on feminism.
 - Defend the movements for gender justice on the basis of their understanding of various structural forms of exploitation against women.
 - Explore the policy, legal and institutional paradigms that facilitate women empowerment.
 - Create and extend the intervention strategies in social work practice to problems that would have positive influence on gender justice.

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