

### 1.1.1 – DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY – GENDER NEEDS

#### UEHIC20-ELECTIVE: II A- WOMEN'S STUDIES

<b>Year:</b> III	<b>Course Code:</b> UEHIC20	<b>Title of the Course:</b> Women's Studies	<b>Course Type:</b> Theory	<b>Course Category:</b> Core	<b>H/W</b> 6	<b>Credits</b> 5	<b>Marks</b> 100 40+60
<b>Sem:</b> V							

#### Course Objective:

- 1.To help the students to understand the status of women through the ages.
- 2.To make the students know the origin, growth of Feminism and their legal rights.
- 3.To enable the students to evaluate the contribution of Eco-Feminists and Environmentalists.

#### Course Outcomes

##### After completion of the course the student will able to :

1. Describe the status of Women through the ages
2. Criticize the evolution of Women's rights and its impact in the life of every woman
3. Explain the importance of the international Women's Conference and National Commission for Women in India.
4. List out the Central and State Government policies and schemes for women in India and make it known
5. Discuss the role of eco-feminist and Women Environmentalists in sustainable development

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CO1	H	M	M	L	M	M
CO2	H	M	M	L	M	L
CO3	H	M	M	L	H	M
CO4	H	M	M	L	M	M
CO5	H	H	M	L	H	M

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<b>CO2</b>	M	M	H	L	H	H
<b>CO3</b>	M	M	H	L	H	H
<b>CO4</b>	M	M	H	L	H	M
<b>CO5</b>	M	L	L	H	H	M

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### **Unit-I**

**(18 Hours)**

1.1- Status of Women in Vedic Period- Grihapati- Education-Marriages- Aim and Significance of Marriage- Polygamy- Artangini (K2)

1.2-Epic Period - Manu Dharma- Kargi- Maiterye -Brahmmavadins -Types of Marriages- Approved Marriages- Unapproved Marriages- Swayamvara- Polyandry- Widows Condition (K2, K4)

1.3-Sangam Age- Virtues of Women- Sports- Education- Avvaiyar- Kakkaiapadiniyar- Vellivithiyar- Noble qualities of Women- Worship- Husband and Wife Relationship- Chastity- Mudir Magalir- Kalamthoda Magalir- Urimai Magalir,

1.4- Position of Women in Medieval Period- Social Evils of the Society- Sati- Widows Condition- Devadasi system- Education- (K2, K4)

1.5-Modern Period- Post Independence Period- - Social Reforms- Raja Ram Mohan Roy- Eswar Chandra Vidyasagar- Abolition of Sati Act- Widows Remarriage Act- Sarada Act- Female Infanticide Act(K2)

1.6- Dowry Prohibition Act- Pre Independence Period- Women Education- Barriers of Women in India – Discrimination-Harassment- Humiliation- Exploitation (K2 , K4)

### **Unit II:**

**(18 Hours)**

2.1- Feminism-Origin - Definition- Growth and Meaning- Big Fives-Theories of Feminism – Capitalist Theory- Socialist Theory- Right to Vote-Liberal Theory- Marxist Theory- Radical Theory (K2, K4)

2.2-Women's Liberation Movements- Bharat Mahila Parishad- Bharat Stree Mandal- Women's India Association- All India Women's Conference- Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust (K2)

2.3-Women's Rights- Right to Property Act- The Hindu Succession Act -Right to Marriage Act - Right to Divorce- Right to Remarriage- Right to Education (K2, K4)

2.4- Marital Laws in India- Christian Marriage Act- Muslim Marriage Act- Divorce- Legal Rights – Legal Protection of Women-Family Courts- Prohibition of Domestic Violence Act- Child Marriage Prohibition Act- (K4)

2.5-Women and Law- Abolition of Sati Act-Widow Remarriage Act- The Special Marriage Act- Sharada Act- Hindu Women Right to Property Act- The Hindu Marriage Act- Dowry Prohibition Act (K2,K4)

2.6- Women and Occupation- Indecent Representation on Women (Media)- Labour Laws- Working hours- Equal Pay for Equal Work- Maternity Benefits- Sexual Harassment at Work place- Women in Public Life- Prohibition of Eve Teasing –POCSO Act (K4)

### **Unit III:**

**(18 Hours)**

3.1-International Women's Conferences (Vienna Declaration, Beijing Conference,) - International Women's Year (IWY)-Recommendations of IWY (K2, K4)

- 3.2- Convention for Elimination for all forms of Discrimination (CEDAW) -UN Decade for Women in India- Social Welfare Department- Health-Primary Health Centre-(K2, K4)
- 3.3-Health Issues for Women- Communicable Disease-Malnutrition- Social Justice for Women- Millennium development Goals (K2)
- 3.4- Third International Women's Conference-Eradicate extreme Poverty and Hunger-Gender Equality- Control HIV/AIDS (K4)
- 3.5-National Commission for Women (NCW)-Awareness Programs- Legal Rights- Speedy Remedy- Paravarik Mahila Lok Adalat- Suo Moto (K2)
- 3.6-NCW Library- Seminars, Workshops- Confernece-Evaluate the Progress of Women's development in India and Plan of action– (K2)

**Unit IV: (18 Hours)**

- 4.1-Governments' Policy on Women-National Policy for Women- Five Year Plan- Reservation- Judicial Legal System- Decision Making- Economic Policy-Social Empowerment of Women- Health – Education- Nutrition- Water and Sanitation (K2, K4)
- 4.2-Central Government Schemes for Women- Women and Education- Sukanya Samrdi Yojana- National Pension Scheme for destitute women and widows- Old Age Pension Scheme- Annapurna- Swadargarh(K4)
- 4.3-Peti Pacho Peti Podo- One Stop Centre Scheme-Women Helpline Number- Ujjwala-Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP)- Working Women Hostel (K2, K4)
- 4.4-State Government Policies- Marriage Assistance Scheme – Maternity Benefit Schemes
- 4.5-Educational Schemes and Scholarships- Mahalir Thittam- Self Help Groups (SHG)- Cradle baby Scheme- (K2, K4)
- 4.6-Girl Child Production Scheme- Working Woman's Hostels- Vocational Training Program for Rural and Urban women's- Health Facilities- Primary Health Centers- (K2)

**Unit- V: (18 Hours)**

- 5.1- Eco-Feminism- Definition- Eco- Feminism in Indian historical perspective-Religious customs and Festivals related to Eco -Feminism- Viriksha Devata- Temple of Peace(K2, K4)
- 5.2-Van Maha Utsav-Ecological Movements initiated by women – Chippko Movement- Women Tree Huggers- Chandi Prasad Bhatt- Appiko Movement-Impact of Exploiting Forest (K2)
- 5.3- Green Belt Movement- Wangari Maathai- Nobel Peace Prize(K2)
- 5.4-Navdanya Movement- Vandhana Shiva- Training for Organic Agriculture- Freedom Zones- Biopiracy- Bija Vidyapeeth (K2)
- 5.5-Women Environmentalists- Mei Ng- Vandana Shiva- Wangari Mutta Mathai- Maria Cherkasova- Rachel Carson- Jane Goodall (K2)
- 5.6-Mehta Patkar- Sugata Kumari- Gauri Devi-Sunita Narain- Menaka Gandhi-Dr. Vanaja Ramprasad. (K2)

**Text Books:**

1. Mary E. John-Women's Studies in India-Penguin Books Ltd, London,2008

**Books for study and Reference:**

1. M.J. Antony-Women's Rights-Hind Pocket Books, New Delhi,1989
2. Dr. Anitha Arya-Indian Women –Gyan publishing House, New Delhi,2000
3. Mary E. John-Women's Studies in India-Penguin Books Ltd, London,2008
4. V. Janapathy- Indian Women Through the Ages -Gyan publishing House, New Delhi,2002
5. Geraldine Forbes-Women in Modern India-Cambridge University Press, 1999

**Open Educational Resources (OER):**

1. <https://edugeneral.org>
2. <https://www.legalserviceindia.com>
3. <https://www.unwomen.org>
4. <https://en.unesco.org>
5. <https://www.navdanya.org>
6. <https://wcd.nic.in>
7. <https://www.tnsocialwelfare.org>