



UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Discipline	POLITICAL SCIENCE				
Course Code	UK2MDCPOS100				
Course Title	Women's Right in India				
Type of Course	MDC				
Semester	2				
Academic Level	100-199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture Per week	Tutorial Per week	Practical Per week	Total Hours/Week
	3	4 hours	-	-	4
Pre-requisites	1. 2.				
Course Summary	The "Women's Rights in India" course provides a comprehensive examination of women's rights, covering constitutional protections, gender inequality, legal frameworks, institutional instruments for protection, and micro-level issue analysis.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Gender Inequality and Discrimination		9
	1	Gender Vs Sex	
	2	Gender Inequality- Causes	
	3	Gender-based discrimination in education, employment, and healthcare	
	4	Intersectionality: Gender, caste, class, and religion	
II	Constitutional Protection and Jurisprudence		9
	5	Constitutional Protection -Fundamental Rights (Article- 14, 15, and 16), DPSP (Article 39, 42, 46, and 47) & Part IX- Article 243	
	6	Judicial Approach- Vishaka v. State of Rajasthan (1997), Shayara Bano v. Union of India (2017)	
III	Legal Framework and Policy Initiatives		9
	7	The Dowry Prohibition Act 1961	
	8	The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005	
	9	The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013	
IV	Institutional Instruments for Protection		9



	10	National Commission for Women (NCW)	
	11	State Women's Commissions	
	12	Mahila Police Stations	
	13	One Stop Centres (OSC) for women in distress	
V	Analysis Of Micro Level Issues		9
	14	Field Study (micro level investigation of the problems of women /visit and gain an understanding of the operations of a government agency or NGO operating in this field.)	

Essential Readings

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- Vibhute, K. I. (1999). Victims of rape and their right to live with human dignity and to be compensated: Legislative and judicial responses in India. *Journal of the Indian Law Institute*, 41(2), 222–236.
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- ACT/EMP Research note. (2017, August). *Breaking barriers: Unconscious gender bias in the workplace*. International Labour Organization.
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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand the difference between sex and gender, examine the causes of gender inequality, explore discrimination in key sectors, and analyze how gender intersects with caste, class, and religion.	U,An,Ev	PSO6



CO-2	Understand the Constitutional safeguards for women's rights and examine key judicial decisions impacting women's rights in India.	U, An	PSO2
CO-3	Examine significant legal frameworks and policy initiatives aimed at protecting women's rights in India.	Un,An,Ev	PSO8
CO-4	Assess the various mechanisms and initiatives established for the protection and support of women in India.	Ap,An,Ev,	PSO3
CO-5	Investigate women's issues at the grassroots level and gain insights through visits to government agencies or NGOs working in this field	Ap,C	PSO10

R-Remember,U-Understand,Ap-Apply,An-Analyse,E-Evaluate,C-Create

Note: for 2 COs/module

Name of the Course: Women's Right in India

Credits: 3:0:0 (Lecture: Tutorial: Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
CO-1	Understand the difference between sex and gender, examine the causes of gender inequality, explore discrimination in key sectors, and analyze how gender intersects with caste, class, and religion.	PO1/PSO5	U,An,Ev	C	L	-
CO-2	Understand the Constitutional safeguards for women's rights and examine key judicial decisions impacting women's rights in India	PO1/PSO2	U, An	P	L	-
CO-3	Examine significant legal frameworks and policy initiatives aimed at protecting	PO2/PSO5	Un,An,Ev	F	L	-



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CO-4	Assess the various mechanisms and initiatives established for the protection and support of women in India.	PO2/PSO2	Ap,An,Ev,	P	L	-
CO-5	Investigate women's issues at the grassroots level and gain insights through visits to government agencies or NGOs working in this field	PO8/PSO10	Ap,C	M		P

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

Mapping of Cos with PSOs and POs

	PS O1	PSO 2	PSO 3	PS O4	PS O5	PSO 6	PSO 7	PSO 8	PS O9	PS O10	PO 1	PO2	PO3	PO4	P O5	PO 8
CO1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
CO2		3-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
CO3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
CO4	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
CO5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	2

Correlation Levels:

Level	Correlation
-	Nil
1	Slightly/Low



2	Moderate/ Medium
3	Substantial/High

Assessment Rubrics:

- Quiz/Assignment/Quiz/Discussion/Seminar
- Midterm Exam
- Programming Assignments
- Final Exam

Mapping of Cos to Assessment Rubrics:

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO1	✓	✓	-	✓
CO2	✓	✓	-	✓
CO3	✓	✓	-	✓
CO4	✓	✓	-	✓
CO5	✓	✓	-	✓

