

## Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli – 24 Gender Studies

**Objectives**

* To make boys and girls aware of each others strengths and Weakness.
* To develop sensitivity towards both genders in order to lead an ethically enriched life.
* To promote attitudinal change towards a gender balanced ambience and women empowerment .

## Unit – I

**Concepts of Gender:** Sex – Gender – Biological Determinism – Patriarchy – Feminism – Gender Discrimination – Gender Division of labour – Gender Stereotyping – Gender Sensitivity

– Gender Equity – Equality – Gender Mainstreaming - Empowerment.

## Unit – II

**Women’s Studies vs Gender Studies** : UGC’s Guidelines – VII to XI Plans – Gender Studies : Beijing Conference and CEDAW – Exclusiveness and Inclusiveness.

## Unit – III

**Areas of Gender Discrimination** : Family – Sex Ratio – Literacy – Health – Governance – Religion Work Vs Employment – Market – Media – Politics – Law – Domestic Violence – Sexual Harassment – State Policies and Planning .

## Unit – IV

**Women Development and Gender Empowerment** : Initiatives – International Women’s Decade – International Women’s Year – National Policy for Empowerment of Women – Women Empowerment Year 2001 – Mainstreaming Global Policies .

## Unit – V

**Women’s Movements and Safeguarding Mechanism** : In India National /State Commission for Women(NCW) – All Women Police Station – Family Court – Domestic Violence Act – Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Work Place Supreme Court Guidelines – Maternity Benefit Act – PNDT Act – Hindu Succession Act 2005 – Eve Teasing Prevention Act – Self Help Groups – 73rd and 74th Amendment for PRIS

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