

**Department of Women's Studies**

**Bethune College, Kolkata**

**(Affiliated by University of Calcutta)**

**Programme Specific Outcome (PSO) & Course Outcome (CO)**

**Name of the programme:** Women's Studies Generic Elective (Under CBCS)

**Year of Introduction:** 2018

**Programme Specific Outcome (PSO):**

- **PSO 1.** Our students graduated with Women's Studies general will have a holistic perception on how the discipline looks at the manner in which the norm and patterns of behaviour associated with masculinity and femininity come into being. They will understand how the stereotypical models of men and women leads to sexual discrimination in our society. Also they will get to know how these stereotypes change over time and what factors contribute to these changes.
- **PSO 2.** Our students will learn how feminist theories divulges into broader and deeper social questions like what is patriarchy and what exactly is the meaning of femininity and masculinity ; whether they are a social thing or a learned behaviour.
- **PSO 3.** Our students will be able to analyse how categories such as class, caste, religion are organized around the concept of gender and why there is power surrounding the questions of gender.
- **PSO 4.** Our students will be able to recognize the masculine bias in the history of knowledge.
- **PSO 5.** Our students will be able to challenge the age -old patriarchal myths and beliefs and indicate the gaps and imbalances in academic knowledge that resulted from an inadequate incorporation of women into academics.

- **PSO 6.** Our students will be able to demonstrate adequate skills in speaking and writing effectively, perform critical thinking and incorporate feminist theoretical perspectives in research.
- **PSO 7.** Our students will be able to articulate connections between global, regional, and local issues and their relationship to women's experiences and to human rights with an awareness of the importance of context.
- **PSO 8.** Our students will be encouraged to promote social justice and human rights.

### **Course Outcome (CO)**

#### **WOSG - GE-1 (Semester 1) - Women & Society - (6 credits per week)**

- **CO1.** Knowledge about the emergence of Women's Studies, its basic concepts, Women's Representation in Culture, Media and Literature.
- **CO2.** Students will acquire knowledge about the emergence of Women's Studies in India as an Academic Discipline, Establishment of Centre for Women's Studies under UGC guidelines, Women's Studies in International settings and the changing perspectives of Women's Studies Research.
- **CO3.** Students will be oriented with the basic concept of Sex- Gender, Gender Shaping Institutions, Theories of Gender Construction, Sexism, Androcentrism, Patriarchy and Theories of Patriarchy, Private-Public dichotomy, Sexual Division of Work and Patriarchy practices in different institutions in Text Books.
- **CO4.** Students will study and critically understand topics like representation of women in Print Media, Electronic Media, Films, Advertisements, Mega Serials and Stereotyping and Breaking the norms of women's roles.
- **CO5.** Students will develop elaborate knowledge on Women's Writings and their Representation in Literary Texts with special reference to Novels of Ashapurna Devi: Triology- 'Pratham Pratishruti', 'Subarnalata' and 'Bakulkatha'.

**WOSG - GE-2 (Semester 2) - Feminist Theory & Movements - (6 credits per week)**

- **CO1.** Students will be enriched with the detailed knowledge about the concepts of Feminist Theories, International Women's Movements, Women's Movement in Colonial India and Women's Movements in Post-Independence India.
- **CO2.** Students will have knowledge about International Women's Movement which includes the socio-economic conditions of women during the age of Industrial Revolution, The Seneca Falls Convention and the Call for Women's Rights 1848, Women's Rights Movements 1848-1920, Suffrage Movement, Working Women's issues and waves of feminism.
- **CO3.** Students will gain further knowledge on Women's movement in Colonial India which includes Historical Developments of Social Reform Movements, The Colonial and National Responses, Women's representation in Karachi Congress Resolution, National Movement and the genesis of feminism, AIWC, Quit India Movement and Women's revolutionary activities.
- **CO4.** Students will be introduced with the detailed knowledge of women's movements in post-independence India which includes Tebhaga movement, Telengana movement, women's groups and organizations, some autonomous women's movement, Roop Kanwar incident and anti-sati agitation, movements for Uniform Civil Code and ShahBano case and the question of Dalit women's double marginality.

**WOSG - GE-3 (Semester 3) - Gender Issues in India - (6 credits per week)**

- **CO1.** Students will be introduced to the Gender Issues in India which includes problems of Girl Child: Child Abuse, Child Labour, Child Marriage, Female Foeticide and Infanticide.
- **CO2.** Students will be familiar with the issues of Women's Health and Education in India with reference to equal access to Health and Health Services, Nutrition and Adolescent Health, reproductive Health Issues, critical Issues in Mental Health, Disability, HIV/AIDS, equal access to Education and Literacy in Primary Education, Secondary Education and Technical Education.
- **CO3.** Students will have knowledge about Gender and Environment which includes Nature and Feminine Principle, Care and Management of Natural Resources, Sustainable Development, Rise of Eco-Feminism in India with reference to Chipko Movement and Narmada

Bachao Andolan, India's Environmental Policies and its impact on women.

- **CO4.** Students will gain elaborate knowledge on Policies and Programmes for Women's Development and Empowerment-Gender Mainstreaming in Development Process, Towards Equality Report, Beijing Platform, CEDAW and National Policy for Empowerment of Women, 2001.

**WOSG - GE4 (Semester 4) - Women's Rights & Politics - (6 credits per week)**

- **CO1.** Students will be provided with a detailed information on laws protecting Women's Rights- Domestic Violence Act, Dowry Prohibition Act, Sexual Harassment at Workplace, Rape Law, Trafficking of Women and Children and Corresponding laws, Child Marriage Prohibition Act, Personal Laws, Indecent Exposure in Media, Factories Act, Trade Union Act, Maternity Benefit Act and Indian Mines Act.
- **CO2.** Students will develop elaborate knowledge regarding Human Rights, our Constitutional Guarantees and Protection of Women's Human Rights.
- **CO3.** Students will critically understand the Political Representation of Women, Different Bills, Reservation of Women in Parliament, Local Bodies and Panchayats and Debate regarding Women's Reservation Politics.
- **CO4.** Students will study and have critical assessment of some concepts like labour and economy which includes the concept of Engendered labour and economy, concept of Household Work, women in Agriculture and Industry and Economic Liberalization and Impact of Micro- credit and Self- Help Group on Women's Empowerment.