

**ADD-ON COURSE**  
**GENDER LAWS IN INDIA**



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## **COURSE SYLLABUS**

### **Course Description**

**Title of the Course:** Gender

**Course Type:** Elective

### **Learning Objectives**

Through this paper, students will be equipped in knowing the specific legal rights and obligations for the protection of women. Reading and analysing different legislation will definitely help the students to stop the offence against women. Law often plays a double edged role, often restricting and empowering as well, that also needs to be critically probed into through reasons, justifications and analysis.

### **Learning Outcomes**

- Students will be able to learn the enabling role of law for social transformation as without legal empowerment, one cannot imagine the holistic empowerment of any segment of a society.
- The paper will also be able to develop an insight into how critical engagement with the role of law is required to overcome its limitations and enhance its potentialities.
- The paper will provide an understanding of the Constitution of India, some important personal laws and criminal laws as awareness of laws is a prerequisite for all the citizens of a country.

### **Practical Implications and Competencies**

- ability to work with information (search, use, evaluate for gender biased society);
- ability to carry out professional activities in the international, national, local environment;
- ability to search, analyse, and work with legally relevant information by using the juridical, comparative and other specific methods,
- Learn how to work cooperatively in groups.

### **Duration:**

The entire course will be of 3 months. The classes will be conducted on off-hours. There will be 36 classes to cover the entire course. Each class will be of 45 minutes.

**Attendance:** 75% attendance is mandatory

**Certificate:** Certificate of Participation will be given to each student having 75% of attendance.

## **Course Plan**

### **Unit-I Introduction**

Status of Women in India

Status of Women abroad and UN

Women and Constitution of India

### **Unit-II Personal Laws and Women**

Hindu Marriage Act 1955

The Indian Divorce Act 1869

Indian Succession Act 1925

The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) 1986

### **Unit-III Criminal Laws and Women**

Indian Penal Code

Kidnapping (Sec 359,360,366 IPC)

Eve Teasing (Sec 509 IPC)

Rape (Sec 376 IPC)

Domestic Violence (Sec 498 A IPC)

Outraging Modesty (Sec 354 IPC)

### **Unit-IV Women Welfare Laws**

Dowry Prohibition Act 1961

Pre-conception and pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act 1994

Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act 1986

Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act 1987

Maternity Benefit Act 1961

### **Suggested Readings**

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2. Lalita Dhar Parihar, Women and Law, Eastern Book Company, 2011.
3. Tripathi, SC and Arora, Vibha, Law relating to Women and Children, Central Law Publication, 2006
4. Tiwari, DK & Zaidi, Mahmood, Commentaries on Family Courts Act, 1984, Allahabad Law Agency, 1997
5. Chatteraj, BN, Crime against Women: A Search for Peaceful Solution, LNJNNICFS, 200
6. Agarwal, Nomita, Women and Law, New Century Publishing House, 2005

7. Batra, Manjula, *Women and Law & Law Relating to Children in India*, Allahabad Law Agency, 2001
8. BENERJI, Eric H., "Reform", in S. Govindarajulu, ed., *Essays on the Indian Penal Code: published on the occasion of the centenary of the Indian Penal Code*, Bombay: N.M. Tripathi, 1962, pp. 166-177; title noted in my research but article not consulted (27 April 2007).