

BA.LL.B (HONS) – VIII-SEMESTER

GENDER JUSTICE AND FEMINIST JURISPRUDENCE

COURSE CODE:

Course Objectives: The main objective of this Course is to have an overview over the evolving jurisprudence in socio-legal dimensions gender. It covers various aspects of gender justice, rights of women, men and also emphasis would be laid on LGBTQ rights.

Course Outcomes:

1. To understand the socio-legal dimensions of gender by analysing national and international perspectives
2. To analyse the patriarchy and feminist jurisprudence in the modern world
3. To critically analyse the misuse of women laws and men's rights
4. To recognise the rights of LGBTQ communities and their protection
5. To identify and be able to do research on emerging trends in Socio-legal dimensions of gender

Unit-I: Introduction to socio-legal dimensions of gender: Gender justice , Notions of sex and gender , Deconstructing , Man, ‘Woman’, Other’ , Private-public dichotomy; Women in ancient, medieval and modern India: An overview, Current status of women:- Indicators of status: Difference in - likelihood of survival; female foeticide, assigned human worth; and control over property valued goods and services, working conditions, knowledge and information, political processes, symbolic representation, one's body, daily lifestyles, reproductive processes , Gender Justice in India: An overview

Unit-II: Patriarchy and Feminist Jurisprudence-Understanding Patriarchy and feminism, Sameness and difference between masculine and feminine, Men's rights against cruelty-misuse of 498A and Domestic Violence Act, 2005; Gender neutrality adjudication in case of sexual harassment. Liberal feminism Radical feminism, Socialist/Marxist feminist approaches

Unit-III: International perception on human rights and women rights Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), UN Convention for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, UN Human Rights Council Resolution on Human rights, sexual orientation and gender identity,

Unit-IV: Women protection in India, Indian Penal Code 1860, gender proactive laws in labour; Law Protecting Women against Sexual Harassment at Work Place, (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013, Property Rights of Women; Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971; PC & PNDT Act 1994.

Unit-V: LGBTQ Rights; Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) rights in India and other countries; living condition of LGBTQ, political rights, Recognition of same-sex relationships, Discrimination protection under Indian Constitution; Section 377 of Indian Penal Code, 1860; Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019

Text Books:

1. Monica Chawla, Gender Justice: Women and Law in India, EBC, 2016
2. Subhash Chandra Singh, Gender Justice, Serials Publications, 2009
3. Flavia Agnes, Law, Justice, and Gender: Family Law and Constitutional Provisions in India, Oxford University Press, 2011