

# GENDER STUDIES CERTIFICATE COURSE

WOMEN'S CELL & IQAC NAM COLLEGE, KALLIKKANDY

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# CERTIFICATE COURSE INTRODUCTION TO GENDER STUDIES

This introductory course lays the groundwork for the students to look at the pervasiveness of gender-based inequalities prevalent in our day-to-day lives. The learners are introduced to all the important feminist movements and struggles, popularly referred to as the Second Wave of Feminism. While introducing the evolution of feminist pedagogy it cuts across the traditional disciplinary boundaries, voice, authority, and positionality.

## SCOPE OF THE COURSE

In the past few years, graduates in Gender Studies have had better employability in Governmental and Non-Governmental Institutions. They are able to contribute effectively to the engendering process and address the structural inequalities that impede the progress of Women, Gender, and Sexual Minorities. The learners of this course will be able to identify the invisible layers of systemic violence perpetuated by patriarchal power structures. The course will synergize the students to defend the rights of the marginalized and facilitate a genuine dialogue for altruism and social liberation.

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

- 1. Describe how the effects of gender and sexuality intersect in the construction of identity and institutional formations.
- 2. Understand and evaluate major theories and texts central to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.
- 3. Understand the ways in which economic, cultural, religious, environmental, and political forces shape a range of transnational social movements in Kerala, and in the national and international spectrum.
- 4. Conduct research using feminist methodologies
- 5. Use feminist frameworks to analyze the structure of gendered representations in media, language, and texts

## **COURSE OUTCOMES**

- CO 1: Perceive how concepts of gender and sexuality are created, maintained, and/or challenged through embodiment, cultural representations, and social organization.
- CO 2: Explain how theories of gender and sexuality have been influenced by and how they influence the social movements
- CO3: Apply concepts and theories related to gender and sexuality studies to take cognizance of the co-existence of power and intimacy in hegemonic system

### **SYLLABUS**

- 1. Key Concepts 1) Sex and Gender 2) Patriarchy 3) Gender Stereotypes, Sexism 4) Feminism, Intersectionality 5) Gender and Development
- 2. Gender Gap, Gender Division of Labor, Social Construction of Gender
- 3. Gender Equality Critical Issues 1) Landmark Interventions Important Reports and Conventions on Gender Equality 2) Status Indicators Human Development Index, Gender Development Index, Sustainable Developmental Goals 3) Violence against Women

- 4. Feminisms through Innovative Expressions 1) Documentary Films 2) Blogs/ Vlogs/ Vessays 3) Photo-Voice 4) Campaigns
- 5) Digital Stories / Do It Yourself Oral History 5. Constitutional Provisions and Women's Rights 1) Women in 'We the People' 2) Sex selection and Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 2003 3) Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 4) Property Rights and Women 5) Prevention and Prohibition of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013
- 6) Women's Reservation and Political Representation 7) Redress Mechanisms

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