



UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Discipline	POLITICAL SCIENCE				
Course Code	UK2MDCPOS100				
Course Title	Women's Rights in India				
Type of Course	MDC				
Semester	2				
Academic Level	100-199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture Per week	Tutorial Per week	Practical Per week	Total Hours/Week
	3	3 hours	-	-	3
Pre-requisites	1. 2.				
Course Summary	This course provides a comprehensive examination of women's rights, covering constitutional protections, gender inequality, legal frameworks, institutional instruments for protection, and micro-level issue analysis.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Constitutional Protection and Jurisprudence		9
	1	Constitutional Protection -Fundamental Rights (Article- 14, 15, and 16), DPSP (Article 39, 42, 46, and 47) & Part IX- Article 243	
	2	Judicial Approach- Vishaka v. State of Rajasthan (1997), Shayara Bano v. Union of India (2017)	
II	Gender Inequality and Discrimination		9
	3	Gender-based discrimination in education, employment, and healthcare	
	4	Violence against women: Domestic violence, sexual harassment, and trafficking	
	5	Intersectionality: Gender, caste, class, and religion	
III	Legal Framework and Policy Initiatives		9
	7	The Dowry Prohibition Act 1961	
	8	The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act ,2005	
	9	The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013	
IV	Institutional Instruments for Protection		9
	10	National Commission for Women (NCW)	
	11	State Women's Commissions	
	12	Mahila Police Stations	
	13	One Stop Centres (OSC) for women in distress	
V	Analysis of Micro Level Issues		9
	14	Field Study involves conducting a micro-level investigation into the issues faced by women, as well as visiting and gaining an understanding of the operations of a government agency or NGO operating in this field.	

Essential Readings

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- Vibhute, K. I. (1999). Victims of rape and their right to live with human dignity and to be compensated: Legislative and judicial responses in India. *Journal of the Indian Law Institute*, 41(2), 222–236.
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- ACT/EMP Research note. (2017, August). *Breaking barriers: Unconscious gender bias in the workplace*. International Labour Organization.
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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO Addressed
CO-1	Understand the Constitutional safeguards for women's rights and examine key judicial decisions impacting women's rights in India.	U	PSO2
CO-2	Analyze gender-based discrimination across various sectors and understand its intersectionality with caste, class, and religion.	An	PSO6
CO-3	Examine significant legal frameworks and policy initiatives aimed at protecting women's rights in India.	An	PSO8
CO-4	Assess the various mechanisms and initiatives established for the protection and support of women in India.	Ev	PSO3
CO-5	Investigate women's issues at the grassroots level and gain insights through visits to government agencies or NGOs working in this field	Ap	PSO10

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Note: For 2 COs/module

Name of the Course: Women's Right in India
Credits: 3:0:0 (Lecture: Tutorial: Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
CO-1	Understand the Constitutional safeguards for women's rights and examine key judicial decisions impacting women's rights in India.	PO1/PSO2	U	P	L	-
CO-2	Analyze gender-based discrimination across various sectors and understand its intersectionality with caste, class, and religion.	PO1/PSO5	An	F	L	-
CO-3	Examine significant legal frameworks and policy initiatives aimed at protecting women's rights in India	PO2/PSO5	An	F	L	-
CO-4	Assess the various mechanisms and initiatives established for the protection and support of women in India.	PO2/PSO2	Ev	P	L	-
CO-5	Investigate women's issues at the grassroots level and gain insights through visits to government agencies or NGOs working in this field	PO8/PSO10	Ap	M		P

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

Mapping of Cos with PSOs and Pos

	PSO 1	PSO2	PSO3	PSO4	PSO5	PSO6	PSO 7	PSO 8	PSO 9	PSO1 0	PO 1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO8
CO1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
CO2		-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
CO3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
CO4	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
CO5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	2

Correlation Levels:

Level	Correlation
-	Nil
1	Slightly/Low
2	Moderate/ Medium
3	Substantial/High

Assessment Rubrics:

- Quiz/Assignment/Quiz/Discussion/Seminar
- Midterm Exam
- Programming Assignments
- Final Exam