

SYLLABUS
M.A. Sociology (Semester-IV)
SOC O 844 : Gender and Development
PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH

Objective

This paper largely focuses on India attempts to establish a link between Development and Gender. It will particularly focus on different perspectives and schemes adopted for promoting Gender and Development. Secondly, it will highlight: the biases inherent in most developmental policies which have been detrimental to women. Thirdly, it will look at changes taking place in gender relations particularly in the area of work. The focus will be on women and work; differentials and role conflict in family due to changing equations. Lastly, it will take an overview of indicators of issues related to Discrimination, Exploitation and Oppression.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER-SETTERS AND FOR CANDIDATES

- (i) The theory question paper will be of 80 marks and 20 marks will be for internal assessment. Duration of the paper will be 3 hours.
- (ii) For private candidates, who have not been assessed earlier for internal assessment, the marks secured by them in theory paper will proportionately be increased to maximum marks of the paper in lieu of internal assessment.

The paper setter must put note (ii) in the question paper.

The syllabus will be divided into four units.

There will be 9 questions in all. The first question is compulsory and shall be short answer type containing 10 short questions spread over the whole syllabus to be answered in about 30 to 35 words each, carrying 20 marks i.e. 2 marks each. Rest of the paper shall contain 4 units. Each unit shall have two long questions and the candidates shall be given internal choice of attempting one question from each Unit-4 in all. Each question will carry 15 marks.

Course Outline

Unit-I

Women in Development, Women and Development, Gender and Development (WID, WAD, GAD)
Gender Equality and Inequality in Productivity and work
Family compulsions and other factors affecting gender related choices or priorities of work, Role conflict among Women, Indicators of Low status of Women

Unit-II

Perspectives on Gender and Development

- Welfarist, Developmentalist and Empowerment.
- Empowerment: Paradigms and Paradoxes.
- Changing status of Women in India, Precolonial, Colonial and Post-Colonial.
- Measures to uplift women's status.

Unit-III

Measures to Improve Gender Relations

- Special Schemes and Strategies for Women's Development in India
- Voluntary sector and Women's Development.
- Women in Sectoral Development: Education, Health, Agriculture and Industry.

Unit-IV

- Globalisation and Women's Development
- Development Policies- Liberalization and Globalization: their Impact on Women.
- Environment, Development and Gender: Deforestation, Environmental Degradation and Feminization of Poverty.
- Women in Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies: 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments.