C3BG230531T

Semester: V	
Programme : BA in Humanities and Social Sciences	
Course : Gender, Religion and Society	
Paper code: C3BG230531T	**Credits: 4**
Hours/week : 4	
Category: Core/MDC/SEC/VAC : Core	
Theory / Practical / Composite : Theory	
No of Modules : 2	

Course Overview:

Course Outcome: This course equips students with the ability to distinguish between sex and gender, understand gender socialization, and grasp the foundational ideas of feminist thought. Learners will explore the diverse strands of feminism, including Liberal, Radical, and Black Feminist perspectives, and critically engage with contemporary debates on religion, secularization, and secularism within sociology. Students will apply sociological theories to analyze social structures in India, focusing on how caste, class, and gender shape patterns of stratification and contribute to the complexities of the country's cultural mosaic. The curriculum encourages the evaluation of intersections between gender and religion, highlighting their impact in the Indian context. Participants will also develop their capacity to formulate evidence-based arguments addressing issues arising from gender, sexual, and cultural differences. By the end of the course, students will possess critical analytical tools to interpret, assess, and propose solutions to key social challenges in contemporary India.

1. Recognize the distinction of sex and gender, theories of gender socialization, and will be introduced to basics of feminist thought.
2. Understand the waves and strands of feminism including Liberal, Radical and Black Feminist thought.
3. Apply theories of religion and understand the debates on secularization and secularism in Sociology.
4. Analyze and critically assess the social structures in India, examining the impact of caste, class, and gender on social stratification, and comprehend the complexities of the cultural mosaic.
5. Evaluate imbrications of gender and religion in the Indian context.
6. Develop evidence-based arguments proposing solutions to social issues arising from gender, sexual and cultural differences.

Prerequisites: -

SYLLABUS

UNIT/Module	CONTENT	HOURS or NUMBER OF CLASSES	CO Mapping	COGNITIVE LEVEL
I.	**<u>Module A</u>** 1. Gender 1.1 Sex and Gender 1.2 Gender Socialization 1.3 Feminism 2. Sexuality 2.1 Understanding Sexuality : Nature Vs Culture 2.2 Sexuality Rights Movements	**2 Hours/ week**	**CO1** **CO2** **CO3** **CO4** **CO5** **CO6**	**K1** **K2** **K3** **K4** **K5** **K6**
II.	**<u>Module B</u>** 3. Religion 3.1 Theories of Religion 3.2 Secularization thesis 3.3 Secularism 4. Gender and Religion in the Indian Context	**2 Hours/ week**	**CO1** **CO2** **CO3** **CO4** **CO5** **CO6**	**K1** **K2** **K3** **K4** **K5** **K6**

Text Books

1. Giddens, Anthony, and Simon Griffiths. *Sociology*. Polity, 2006.
2. Ritzer, George, and Jeffrey Stepnisky. Modern Sociological Theory. Sage publications, 2021.
3. Stockard, Jean. "Gender Socialization." Handbook of the Sociology of Gender (2006): 215-227.

Suggested readings

1. Geetha V. 2002. Gender. Kolkata : Stree Publications. pp 1- 50
2. Menon, Nivedita, ed. Gender and Politics in India. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1999.
3. Das, Veena, ed. Handbook of Indian Sociology. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2004.

4. Bhargava, R. (2002). What is Indian secularism and what is it for?. *India Review*, *1*(1), 1-32.

5.

Web Resources

1. SWAYAM MOOC Course on Sociology of Gender: https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/cec22_hs50/preview
2. SWAYAM MOOC Course on Sociology of Religion: https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/cec24_hs48/preview

Evaluation

Theory CIA: 30 Semester Exam: 70

Paper Structure for Theory Semester Exam Module :

Total Marks – 70 Modules -2 (35 marks each)

Module A

1 long question out of 2 : 1X 15=15

4 short answer type questions out of 6 : 4X5= 20

Module B

1 long question out of 2 : 1X 15=15

4 short answer type questions out of 6 : 4X5= 20

Course outcomes (COs) and Cognitive Level Mapping

COs	CO Description	Cognitive levels
CO1	Recognize the distinction of sex and gender, theories of gender socialization, and will be introduced to basics of feminist thought.	K1
CO2	Understand the waves and strands of feminism including Liberal, Radical and Black Feminist thought.	K2
CO3	Apply theories of religion and understand the debates on secularization and secularism in Sociology.	K3
CO4	Analyze and critically assess the social structures in India, examining the impact of caste, class, and gender on social stratification, and comprehend the complexities of the cultural mosaic.	K4
CO5	Evaluate imbrications of gender and religion in the Indian context.	K5

CO6	Develop evidence-based arguments proposing solutions to social issues arising from gender, sexual and cultural differences.	K6