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Objectives; This course investigates women's status in contemporary society, noting how this has changed drastically over time, with significant progress towards gender equality in many societies. The course examines how women's lives in any society are shaped by a variety of socio-cultural institutions such as the family and assesses the extent to which their socialization experiences continue to differ from those of men. The course explores the different feminist analyses of women's oppression.

Unit I: Women, Family and Kinship

(Credits: 01)

- Basic Social Institution and process of socialization; Marriage, Monogamy, Polygamy and Polyandry

- Family: Nuclear, Joint, Patrilineal, Matrilineal, patriarchal, Matriarchal.

- Process of Socialization: Formal and informal, allocation of roles and resources.

Unit II: Contemporary Issues of Women in India

(Credits: 01)

- Child marriage, Female Feticides, Infanticide, maternal mortality, rape, trafficking, women and communal rights, single mother, Sexual Abuse
- Dowry, Divorce and Re-Marriage widowhood, Surrogacy and new reproductive technologies, Honor killings
- Uniform Civil Code and Gender equality in India

Suggested Readings:

- Andal Narayanan: *Women and Indian Society: options and constraints*, International specialized book service Incorporated, 2002
- Anil Dutta Mishar, *Patterns of Gender Violence*, Radha Publications, 2002.
- H.C. Upadhyay, *Status of women in India*, Anmol publication, 1991.
- Kiritan Davender, *Changing status of women in India*, Vikas publication house, 1994.
- Latika Menon, *Female exploitation and women's emancipation*, Kaninshka pub, 1998
- Neera Desai and Usha Thakkar: *Women in Indian Society*, National Book trust, India, 2001
- Neera Desai and Maitreya Krishna Raj, *Women and Society in India*, Ajanta publications, New Delhi, 1987