

## **1.1 Course – V, Hons -I: Women & Law**

### **Objectives:**

It is now for centuries that the women in India have suffered in the society. Even after 60 years of Adoption of the Constitution, for women, equality with man appears to be a distant mirage to be reached. Effective political representation of women in Legislature and other forums too has become a difficult proposition to be acceptable. Breach of her personality, through various forms of violence, too has not subsided. The student in this course will Study, what are the legal provisions enacted to ameliorate these situations with special emphasis on Indian Municipal Law and what is the scope and shortcomings in the existing legal regime in this regard.

### **Course Outcomes:**

Students graduating with Women and Law will be able to:

1. Apply a systematic approach to eliminate on the ideas in the institutions which marginalize, subordinate, accord secondary citizenship to women, and underestimate or makes the women's contribution invisible.
2. Organize awareness, skill training and capacity building programmes to different classes of women and men.
3. Provide consultancy to identify and discuss issues related to women and child development and inculcates entrepreneurial spirit among the girls, rural and urban grass root women and promote micro entrepreneurs.
4. Develop a portal of potential employment opportunities in local areas.

### **Contents:**

#### **UNIT-I: Status of woman**

Women in pre Constitution Period [1850-1950]: Social and Legal Inequality; Social Reform Movement in India; Legislative response ; Women in Post-Constitution Period; Provisions of Constitution of India; Preamble, Art.14, 15, 23, and Part IV; Legislative Measures relating to status of women.

#### **UNIT-II: Personal Laws**

Unequal Position of Indian Women- Law of marriage, Right of Inheritance; Law of Succession, Matrimonial Property Law; Mother as Guardian of her minor children. Maintenance; Adoption; Law of Divorce - Spl Provisions for Hindu women; Christian Law- Muslim Law ; Uniform Civil Code.

#### **UNIT-III: Women and Criminal Law**

Adultery; Rape; Outraging the Modesty of Women Eve-Teasing; Kidnapping; Sati Prohibition

Law; Law relating to Domestic Violence;; Indecent Representation of Women[prohibition] Act.

**UNIT-IV: Women and Social Legislation:**

Dowry Prohibition Law; Sex Determination Test, Law relating to Prevention of Immoral Trafficking in Women. Sexual Harassment Prohibition law, Women and Education, Women and Political Representation, MTP.

**UNIT-V: Women and Employment:**

Factories Act- Provisions relating to women; Maternity Benefit Act; Equal Remuneration Act; Law Relating to Sexual Harassment at Working Place; N.C.W-Aims, Functions and Performance. State women commission

**Prescribed Books:**

Indu Prakash Singh- Women, Law and Social Change in India.

Paras Dewan- Dowry and Protection to Married Women.

S.P. Sathé- Towards Gender Justice.

Dwarka Nath Mitter- Position of Women in Hindu Law.

Shaukat Nasir- Muslim Women and their Rights.

**Reference material:**

Relevant Provisions of Constitution of India.

Relevant Provisions of Indian Penal Code.

S.125, Criminal Procedure Code.

National Commission on Women Act, 1990.

Matrimonial Property- Private Members Bill Introduced in Parliament.