

B.Ed. Two Year Programme

F.4: Gender, School and Society

Maximum Marks: 50

Unit I: Key Constructs in Gender

Patriarchy, power, resources and opportunities, sex, A brief introduction to feminist theories: radical, liberal, psychoanalyst, socialist and Marxist.

Unit II: Social Construction of Gender

- 2.1 Socialization in the family and at school, occupation and identity (identities largely unavailable to women such as farmer, scientist etc.) stereotypes about girls and women prevalent in the society, media and literature;
- 2.2 Gender and its intersection with poverty, caste, class, religion, disability, and region (rural, urban and tribal areas); essentialized male and female identities and the introduction to third gender; discourse of LGBT

Unit III: Gender and School

- 3.1 Girls as learners, hidden curriculum (teacher attitudes, expectations and peer culture), Epistemological Issues in mathematics, social sciences and life sciences using gender as a lens, subject choice made in Grade XI and its relation with gender
- 3.2 Gendered representations in textbooks (illustrations and text), policy interventions in school education, construct of gender in national curriculum frameworks, teacher in India: an analysis using gender as a lens.

Suggested Projects

Analysis of films including songs, advertisements in print and electronic media.

Analysis of folk songs, literature in different languages and myths

An analytical study of textbooks published by different states, private publishers and NCERT.

A study of data about girls from scheduled castes and tribes, minorities and rural backgrounds from different sources such as, enrollment in school and university at different levels, results of Grade X and Grade XII examinations and enrollment in different programmes in higher education.

A critical study of schemes such as KGBV, NPEGEL, Ladli and so on.

A comparative study of the daily routine of a girl and boy from the same family.

Suggested Reading List

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