

DSC
Course Code: MEC 32
GENDER ECONOMICS Course Credits: 5
MA 3rd Semester

Unit I

Concept of Gender and human development. Gender disaggregated data/gender statistics. From Women in Development to Gender and Development. Gender Inequality. Capability approaches. Perspectives on men and masculinities in economic development. Relationship between economic growth and gender equality, empowerment (emphasis on economic empowerment). Indicators of economic inequalities. Third gender and development: substance and indicators. Demographic changes and gender status. Gender interpretation of causes of demographic shift in birth rates. Child sex preferences and secondary sex ratio. Gender differences in mortality: concept and factors - biological, environment, discrimination and behavioural (lifestyle) factors. Socio-economic differences in mortality.

Unit II

Subject and methods of gender economics. Feminist economic critique of mainstream economics and alternatives. Feminist perspectives on economic methods and arguments. Neoliberal economic policies, international trade and investment. Trade, feminization and international gender wage inequality. Gender effects on macroeconomic theory and instability. Globalization of the world 33 economy and gender status: concepts such as feminization of poverty and multidimensional poverty. Women's contribution to GDP.

Unit III

Conceptualizing Women's Work: Productive/Reproductive Work and Formal/Informal work. Estimating Women's Work, Indian and International Debates. Issues in Participation; Occupations; Women and Globalization; Globalization and Economic Change; International Division of Labour. Gender inequality in the labour market: entry into and exit from the labour market, careers, wages, skills training. Inequality and discrimination. Factors in wage disparities. Gender dimension of employment of youth and older persons.

Unit IV

Household economics: theoretical concepts and gender critique. Gender critique of the neo-Marxist approach. Gender critique of neo-classic household theory. The gender contract, negotiation models within families. Distribution of time: work in the labour market, work in the household, leisure time. Distribution of incomes (expenditures) in the household: inter-generational and gender aspect. Distribution of resources and decision-making mechanisms in households. Investments in human capital at household level and the sex factor. Accumulation of human capital over a life cycle. Household factors (reproductive, productive, structural, income-based, power-related) and employment of household members. Gender based marital and age-dependent migration.

Unit V

Gender policy: national, regional and global. Practical policy solutions to the problem of gender inequality. Policies and strategies for reducing gender inequalities. Gender mainstreaming

(including organizational mainstreaming), participatory approaches, gender budgeting, micro-credit. Welfare and Social Security Measures. Women in Planning and Social Policy.