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COURSE INTRODUCTION:

This Course is meant for the learners of third semester of MA Sociology programme under the revised semester system of Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University. The course is titled *Gender and Society.* This course intends to discuss various concepts and issues related to Gender which in turn would help the learners to understand and analyse the society in a better way.

This course comprise of two blocks - block 1 and block 2. Block 1 will containtain 7 units and block 2 will contain another 7 units.

BLOCK INTRODUCTION

This is the first block of the course. This block cosists of seven units.

The first unit is titled as *Basic concepts* This unit will discuss the concepts like sex, gender and social construction of gender.

The second unit is *Feminist thought-I*. This unit intends to discuss about liberal and radical feminism.

The third unit *is Feminist thought- II.* This unit discusses Marxist-socialist and post-modern feminism

The fourth unit is *Production of masculinity and femininity*. This unit will discuss how the concepts like masculinity and feminity is produced in society.

The fifth unit is *Feminist Methodology.* This unit will discuss methodologies and theories employed by the feminists to conduct research.

The sixth unit is titled as *Gender and language* .This unit will discuss gender identity is shaped by language.

The seventh unit is titled as *Social control of sexuality and body of women* This units discuss about aneroxia, bulimia and role of cosmetic industry in shaping and reshaping the identity of women.

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