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COURSE INTRODUCTION

This Course is meant for the sixth semester students of Sociology of BA programme under the revised semester system of Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University. The course is titled *Sociology of Gender.* Gender is an essential aspect of our identity that shapes our every day experieces and it is society which has created the idea of gender. In this course the learners will be able to learn how society construct and individuals internalise gender. This course is divided to two blocks- block 1 and block 2.

BLOCK INTRODUCTION

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

The first unit *Gender as a social construct.* In this unit we will discuss about the biological theories and sociological explaination of gender.

The second unit is *Basic Concepts.* This unit will discuss some of thebasic concepts like Gender discrimination, Partiarchy, Matriarchy and Gender Justice

The third unit *Gender Socialisation.* This unit will discuss about the meaning, theoretical approaches and agents of Socialisation.

The fourth unit is *Liberal Feminism and Radical Feminism* . This unit will discuss the meaning andcritique of liberal and radical feminism.

The fifth unit is *Marxist Feminism.* This unit will discuss about the Marxist interpretation of gender and gender relations.

The sixth unit *Gender differences and inequalities* .This unit will discuss the about the caste, class, race and its interaction with gender.

The seventh unit is titled *Women's Movement in India during colonial period.* This unit will discuss about the role of social reforms movements towards the upliftment of women and the role of women in the nationalist movements.

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