

Paper No: 205 (Gender and Development)

1. Main Objectives:

- This paper largely focuses on India attempts to establish a link between Development and Gender. It will particularly focus on different perspectives and schemes adopted for promoting Gender and Development.
- It will highlight the biases inherent in most developmental policies which have been detrimental to women.
- It will look at changes taking place in gender relations particularly in the area of work.
- The focus will be on women and work; differentials and role conflict in family due to changing equations.
- Lastly it will take an overview of indicators of issues related to discrimination, Exploitation and oppression.

Unit: 1

- Gender Equality and inequality in productivity and work
- Issue of Discrimination, exploitation and oppression.
- Indicators of low status
- Nature and problems of women's work: Self-employment, Labor force participation
- Family compulsions and other factors affecting gender related choices or priorities of work, role conflict among women.

Unit: 2 Perspectives on Gender and Development:

- Welfarist, developmentalist and empowerment
- Empowerment: paradigms and paradoxes
- Changing status of women in India, pre-colonial, colonial and post-colonial.
- Measures to uplift women's status.

Unit: 3 Measures to improve Gender Relations:

Special schemes and strategies for women's development in five year plans.

Voluntary sector and women's development.

Women in sectoral development: Education, Health, Agricultural and Industry.

Unit: 4

- Globalization and women's Development
- Development policies – Liberalization and Globalization: their impact on women.
- Environment, Development and Gender'' Deforestation, Environmental 86
- Degradation and Feminization of poverty.
- Women in Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies : 73rd and 74th constitutional amendments.

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