

BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY : COIMBATORE

SYLLABUS FOR

“Women’s Rights

FOR PART – IV IN THIRD SEMESTER OF UNDERGRADUATE CANDIDATES
WITH EFFECT FROM 2008-09
IN CBCS PATTERN

UNIT I

Laws, Legal Systems and Change

Definition - Constitutional law, CEDAW and International Human Rights – Laws and Norms – Laws and Social Context – Constitutional and Legal Framework.

UNIT II

Politics of land and gender in India

Introduction – Faces of Poverty – Land as Productive Resources – Locating Identities – Women’s Claims to Land – Right to Property - Case Studies.

UNIT III

Women’s Rights: Access to Justice

Introduction – Criminal Law – Crime Against Women – Domestic Violence – Dowry Related Harassment and Dowry Deaths – Molestation – Sexual Abuse and Rape – Loopholes in Practice – Law Enforcement Agency.

UNIT IV

Women’s Rights

Violence Against Women – Domestic Violence - The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 - The Marriage Validation Act, 1982 - The Hindu Widow Re-marriage Act, 1856 - The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961

UNIT V

Special Women Welfare Laws

Sexual Harassment at Work Places – Rape and Indecent Representation – The Indecent Representation (Prohibition) Act, 1986 - Immoral Trafficking – The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 - Acts Enacted for Women Development and Empowerment - Role of Rape Crisis Centers.

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1 ½ hours

75 marks

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

SECTION A

10X1=10

1. CEDAW stands for -----
2. During ----- period English common law was imported into the region and codified
3. ----- is a right that has clearly suffered with the process of codification of law and titling of land
4. On ----- the parliament approved the bill for the reorganization of Jharkhand as a separate State.
5. NHRC stands for -----
6. The -----courts have power to review legislations and annul those which are contrary to the fundamental rights and the basic features of the constitution.
7. Laws like, -----, -----and ----- are primarily enacted for protecting women.
8. ----- Act removes all the obstacles to the marriage of Hindu widows.
9. Rape is cognizable offence triable by the Court of Sessions and it comes under sections----- and ----- as now amended by the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1983.
10. Punishment for keeping a brothel or allowing premises to be used as a brothel comes under ----- Act year.

Section B

5X5=25

11. a) Explain the Constitutional and legal framework of India.

OR

b) Define the term law and types of law.

12. a) Briefly explain women's rights to parental property.

OR

b) Write a note on domestic labour

13. a) Briefly explain the following terms

- i) Molestation,
- ii) Sexual abuse
- iii) Rape

OR

b) What are the Law Enforcement Agencies?

14. a) What are the salient features of the Hindu Widows Remarriage Act, 1856?

OR

b) What are the important features of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961?

15. a) Write a note on sexual harassment at workplace.

OR

b) What is trafficking? Explain the causes of trafficking

SECTION C

5X8 =40

16. a) Describe the Constitutional and legal framework of Pakistan and Sri Lanka two countries.

OR

b) Write a note on CEDAW

17. a) Write elaborately about land as a productive resource.

OR

b) Explain the accepted rights of a Gharjawae.

18. a) Explain the prevalent crimes against women

OR

b) Write a note on criminal law and crime against women

19. a) Explain the characteristics of domestic violence

OR

b) Explain the notable features of Marriage Validation Act, 1982

20. a) Enumerate the Indecent Representation of Women Prohibition Act, 1986

OR

b) Explain the activities of Rape Crisis Centers

Answers:

1. The Convention on Elimination of Discrimination Against Women
2. British colonial rule
3. Tabenjom rule
4. 2nd August 2000
5. National Human Rights Commission
6. Superior Courts (Supreme Court & High Court)
7. Dowry Prohibition Act , Prohibition of Sati Act, Illegal trafficking of women
8. The Hindu Widow Remarriage Act 1856
9. 375 & 376
10. The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act 1856 or IT (P) Act

