

## **M.A IN WOMEN'S STUDIES**

### **What is Women's Studies?:**

A body of literature focusing on women's equality and development; seeking to find causes and solutions for the unequal & sub-ordinate position of women in society. Women's studies is a critical instrument for analysing the social reality so as to lead to transformation of society into an egalitarian society.

### **What do you study in Women's Studies?**

Apart from feminist theory and literature, you would study management, development, law, human rights, United Nations, Science and Technology, entrepreneurship, all with a feminist perspective. You discover and ask questions that no one's ever challenged you with before: How have women been portrayed in the media and religion? In what ways do gender stereotypes influence workplace, politics and literature? How does our society compare to others in its treatment of women? And so on.

### **Career Opportunities in Women's Studies:**

A broad range of career opportunities is available to person with a degree in Women's Studies. A few examples:

- Universities and Colleges across India are opening up Women's Studies Centres. There are numerous opportunities in both teaching and research in these.
- National and International NGOs
- United Nations Agencies such as World Health Organisation, UN Women, World Bank, etc.
- Government Sector- Increasing emphasis on women's empowerment has led to greater focus on women's issues. Specific mention may be made of jobs available with Ministries and Departments of Women and Child Development at national and state levels (State Welfare Boards)
- Industrial sector - particularly in human resource management/ development

### **Who can opt for Women's Studies degree?**

Anybody with a graduate degree (preference to students with social sciences background) ; both boys and girls.

### **Where to apply?**

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