



**Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya, Indore**  
**Shri Vaishnav Institute of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts**  
**Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in Light of NEP-2020**  
**Generic Elective: History (First Semester)**

COURSE CODE	CATEGORY	COURSE NAME	TEACHING & EVALUATION SCHEME								
			THEORY			PRACTICAL		L	T	P	CREDITS
			END SEM University Exam	Two Term Exam	Teachers Assessment*	END SEM University Exam	Teachers Assessment*				
<b>GUHIS101</b>	<b>GE</b>	<b>Women in Indian History</b>	60	20	20	0	0	4	0	0	4

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**Course Educational Objectives (CEOs):**

- CEO1** To provide the knowledge to students about the sources and Historiography on women.
- CEO2** To make them understand the position of women in ancient India.
- CEO3** To make them understand the position of women in medieval India.
- CEO4** To make them understand the position of women in modern India.
- CEO5** To make them understand the position of women in contemporary India.

**Course Outcomes (COs):**

**The student will be able to:**

- CO1** Describe the archival and literary sources of Women’s Historiography.
- CO2** Discuss the condition and role of women from Harrapan Civilization to Rajput period.
- CO3** Discuss the condition and contribution of women in Delhi Sultanate and Mughal Empire
- CO4** Discuss the contribution of women in First War of Independence 1857 and Indian Freedom Movement.
- CO5** Discuss the contribution of women in various fields in contemporary India.

**Course Content**

**Unit-I- Historiography, Theory and Concepts**

Historiography of Women in Indian History. Sources of Women’s History: Archival and Literary. Understanding Gender and Its Historical Analysis. Patriarchy: Origin and Structure, Relationship between Caste, Class, Gender, Religion and Politics, Feminism.

**Unit-II- Women in Ancient India**

Women in Harrapan Civilization. Vedic and Later Vedic Period. Status of Women in Buddhism. Condition of Women in Mauryan. Gupta and Post Gupta Period. Women and Property, Women and Work in Ancient India. Position of Women in Rajput Period.

**Unit-III- Women in Medieval India**

Status of Women in Delhi Sultanate: Women and Political Authority, Role of Razia Sultan. Naika Devi and Rudrama Devi. The Mughal Harem and the Position of Women, Imperial Women: Nur Jahan, Jahanara, Chand Bibi, Umabai Dabhade, Andala and Meerabai, Women in Medieval Bengal.

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#### **Unit-IV- Women in Modern India**

Contribution of Women in First War of Independence 1857: Rani Laxmibai and Hazarat Mahal. Social Reforms and Women in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Women and Indian Nationalism: Prior to 1920 C.E., Gandhi and Women's Participation, Road to Independence and Role of Women in Freedom Movement, Women and Partition: Trauma, Dislocation and Disruption, Refugee Women and Rehabilitation.

#### **Unit-V- Women in Contemporary India**

Indian Constitution and the Rights of Women, Political Participation of Women: Role of Sucheta Kriplani, Indira Gandhi and Pratibha Patil. Women in the Field of Education, Women in the Economic and Employment Fields, Challenges for Women. Contribution of Women in Films, Media, Environment, Science & Technology and other Movements.

#### **Suggested Readings-**

1. Altekar, A. S. (2016). **The Position of Women in Hindu Civilization**. New Delhi: Motilal Banarasidas Publication.
2. Bhasin, Kamla. (2004). **Understanding Gender**. New Delhi: Women Unlimited.
3. Desai, Neera. (1977). **Women in Modern India**. Mumbai: Asia Publication House.
4. Forbes, Geraldine. (1999). **Women in Modern India Vol. 1 and 2**. New Delhi: Cambridge University Press.
5. Gupta, Charu. (ed.) (2012). **Gendering Colonial India: Reforms, Print, Caste and Communalism**. New Delhi: Orient Blackswan Private Limited.
6. Kumar, Radha. (2020). **The History of Doing: An Illustrated Account of Movements for Women's Rights and Feminism in India, 1800-1990**. New Delhi: Zubaan Publishers Pvt. Ltd.

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7. Kumar, Raj and Parthi, Romila. (2003). **Women's Role in Indian National Movement**. New Delhi: Pointer Publishers.
8. Lal, Ruby. (2005). **Domesticity and Power in the Early Mughal World**. New Delhi: Cambridge University Press.
9. Mazumdar, Vina. (1979). **Symbols of Power: Studies on the Political Status of Women in India**. New Delhi: Allied Publication.
10. Menon, Ritu and Bhasin, Kamla. (1998). **Borders & Boundaries**. New Delhi: Kali for Women.
11. Mishra, Rekha. (1967). **Women in Mughal India**. New Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers Pvt. Ltd.
12. Nair, Janaki. (1996). **Women and Law in Colonial India**. New Delhi: Kali for Women.

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