## DWEDT5: PAPER–II: POLITICAL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN AND LEADERSHIP

**Objective:**

This paper aims to provide students with an understanding of women's political participation and leadership in democratic systems. It focuses on the historical development of women's role in politics, political representation, constitutional provisions, and policies such as the Women's Reservation Bill. The course also highlights women's participation in electoral politics, grassroots governance, leadership development, women's movements, and the role of NGOs in promoting political awareness and empowerment.

**Course Outcomes:**

CO1: Understand the historical development and significance of women's participation in politics and decision-making processes.

CO2: Analyze the importance of political representation and constitutional provisions for ensuring gender equality in democratic institutions.

CO3: Examine women's participation in electoral politics, voting behavior, and the role of political parties in women empowerment.

CO4: Evaluate leadership skills among women and assess their role in grassroots governance through Panchayati Raj Institutions and urban local bodies.

CO5: Assess the impact of women's movements and NGOs in promoting political awareness, rights, and leadership opportunities for women.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER SETTER/EXAMINER:**

1. The syllabus prescribed should be strictly adhered to.
2. The question paper will consist of three sections: A, B, and C. Sections A and B will have four questions each from the respective sections of the syllabus and will carry 10 marks each. The candidates will attempt two questions from each section.
3. Section C will have fifteen short answer questions covering the entire syllabus. Each question will carry 3 marks. Candidates will attempt any 10 questions from this section.
4. The examiner shall give a clear instruction to the candidates to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.
5. The duration of each paper will be three hours.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES:**

Candidates are required to attempt any two questions each from the sections A, and B of the question paper, and any ten short answer questions from Section C. They have to attempt

questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.

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| **DWEDT5** | **Paper–II: Political Participation of Women and Leadership**<br>SECTION A<br>Unit 1: Women in Politics and Decision Making: Historical Development of Women's Political Participation & Women Leaders in India and the World<br>Unit 2: Importance of Women's Political Representation: Gender Equality in Democratic Institutions<br>Unit 3: Women's Reservation Bill and Policies: Constitutional Provisions for Women's Participation & Government Initiatives for Political Empowerment<br>Unit 4: Women and Electoral Politics: Voting Behaviour and Electoral Participation of Women & Role of Political Parties in Women Empowerment.<br>SECTION B<br>Unit 5: Leadership Skills for Women: Communication, Decision-Making and Personality Development<br>Unit 6: Role of Women in Grassroots Governance: Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies<br>Unit 7: Women's Rights and Political Movements: National and International Women's Movements<br>Unit 8: Role of NGOs in Political Awareness | M.M – 100<br>Ext. - 70<br>Int. - 30<br>Pass - 40% |

**Suggested Readings**


1. Nivedita Menon, *Seeing Like a Feminist*, Zubaan Books
2. Neera Desai and Maithreyi Krishnaraj, *Women and Society in India*, Ajanta Publications
3. Geraldine Forbes, *Women in Modern India* , Cambridge University Press
4. Uma Chakravarti, *Gendering Caste Through a Feminist Lens*, Stree Publishers

5. Nandita Gandhi and Nandita Shah, *The Issues at Stake: Theory and Practice in the Contemporary Women's Movement in India*, Kali for Women
6. Devaki Jain, *Women, Development and the UN: A Sixty-Year Quest for Equality and Justice*, Indiana University Press
7. Bina Agarwal, *A Field of One's Own: Gender and Land Rights in South Asia*, Cambridge University Press
8. Deepa Narayan, *Chup: Breaking the Silence About India's Women*, Penguin Random House India
9. Vina Mazumdar, *Emergence of Women's Question in India and the Role of Women's Studies*, Centre for Women's Development Studies