DWEDT2: PAPER II: WOMEN AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Objective:

This paper aims to provide students with an understanding of women's participation in economic activities and their role in achieving financial independence and empowerment. It focuses on women in the workforce, entrepreneurship, skill development, and government schemes supporting women entrepreneurs. The course also highlights the importance of digital economy, rural women's contribution, sustainable development, and the role of NGOs and international organizations in promoting women's economic empowerment.

Course Outcomes (COs)

CO1: Understand the position of women in the workforce and identify the challenges and opportunities related to women's economic participation.

CO2: Analyze the role of women in entrepreneurship and evaluate the importance of financial independence and government schemes for women entrepreneurs.

CO3: Examine the significance of skill development, vocational training, and technical education in enhancing women's employment opportunities.

CO4: Assess the impact of the digital economy, e-commerce, and financial technologies in promoting women-led businesses and entrepreneurship.

CO5: Evaluate the contribution of rural women, NGOs, and international organizations in sustainable economic development and identify future opportunities for women in the economy.

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.

DWEDT2	**Paper II: Women and Economic Empowerment** **SECTION A** Unit 1: Women in the Workforce: Challenges and Opportunities Unit 2: Role of Women in Entrepreneurship Unit 3: Concept of Financial Independence of Women Unit 4: Government Schemes for Women Entrepreneurs. **SECTION B** Unit 5: Skill Development for Women Employment: Vocational and Technical Training Programmes Unit 6: Digital Economy and Women Entrepreneurs: E-Commerce and Online Business Platforms & Digital Marketing and Financial Technology Unit 7: Rural Women and Economic Development: Women in Agriculture and Cottage Industries & Cooperative Movements and Women Empowerment Unit 8: Sustainable Development and Women's Economic Participation: Role of NGOs and International Organizations &Future Trends and Opportunities for Women in Economy.	M.M –100 Ext. - 70 Int. - 30 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