



**Darrang College
(Autonomous),
Tezpur-784001**

Syllabus for Certificate Course

Course Name: Women And Human Rights

Certificate course on women and human Rights

Department of Sociology

Course rationale:

we are all entitled to human rights. These include the rights to live free from violence and discrimination, to enjoy highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, to be educated, to own property, to vote, to earn equal wage and most importantly live a life with dignity.

But across the globe many women and girls still face discrimination on the basis on sex and gender. Gender inequality underpins many problems which disproportionately affect women and girls, such as domestic and sexual violence, lower pay, inadequate health facilities etc.

For many years women's rights movements have fought hard to address this inequality, campaigning to change laws or taking the streets to demand their rights are respected.

This course aim to enlighten the youth about the human rights especially about the women rights as human rights.

Course description:

The course women and human rights is spread over 2 months. There will be overall 30 hours of teaching breaking into 5 classes per week. The course will include films, documentaries, visit to NGOs etc. and special lecture at regular intervals.

Course objectives:

- To know the history of feminism and analyzing women and human rights issue.
- Understanding and awareness of rights of the girl child.
- Knowledge of legislations and national interventions.

Course Duration:

MONTH	CLASS PER WEEK	HOURS
2 months	5 classes	30 hours

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1.	Introduction to women rights	● History of feminism ● Feminist debates as legal terrains	3 hours (6 classes)
2.	Rights of a girl child	● Rights of a Girl child ● Status of the Girl child ● Approaches and strategies ● Community based actions	5 hours (10 classes)
3.	Various forms of legislation	● Legislation and CEDAW declaration ● Political rights ● Other social rights (rights against domestic violence, sexual harassment)	8 hours (16 classes)

Suggested readings:

- Wollstonecraft, Marry. (1792). *A Vindication of the rights of women: with strictures on political and moral subjects*, dover publication.
- A.Caster. (1988). *The Politics of Women's Rights*, London and New York longman.
- Desai. A.R.(1990). *Women Culture and Politics*.
- Gouges, O.De. (1980). *The declaration of Rights of Women: The original manifesto for justice, equality and freedom*.
- Lewis, Jane. (1982). *Women's welfare- Women's rights*.
- Menon, Nivedita. (2012). *Seeing like a Feminist*, Penguin publication.