

BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY : COIMBATORE

SYLLABUS FOR

“Women’s Rights

FOR PART – IV IN THIRD SEMESTER OF UNDERGRADUATE CANDIDATES
WITH EFFECT FROM 2008-09
IN CBCS PATTERN

UNIT I

Laws, Legal Systems and Change

Definition - Constitutional law, CEDAW and International Human Rights – Laws and Norms – Laws and Social Context – Constitutional and Legal Framework.

UNIT II

Politics of land and gender in India

Introduction – Faces of Poverty – Land as Productive Resources – Locating Identities – Women’s Claims to Land – Right to Property - Case Studies.

UNIT III

Women’s Rights: Access to Justice

Introduction – Criminal Law – Crime Against Women – Domestic Violence – Dowry Related Harassment and Dowry Deaths – Molestation – Sexual Abuse and Rape – Loopholes in Practice – Law Enforcement Agency.

UNIT IV

Women’s Rights

Violence Against Women – Domestic Violence - The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 - The Marriage Validation Act, 1982 - The Hindu Widow Re-marriage Act, 1856 - The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961

UNIT V

Special Women Welfare Laws

Sexual Harassment at Work Places – Rape and Indecent Representation – The Indecent Representation (Prohibition) Act, 1986 - Immoral Trafficking – The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 - Acts Enacted for Women Development and Empowerment - Role of Rape Crisis Centers.

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