



ONDA THANA MAHAVIDYALAYA

Value Add-on Course on

Women and Politics

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Offered by

Department of Bengali

25/10/2018 to 03/11/2018

Course Title: Women and Politics.

Course Duration: 34 hours.

Course Outcome:

1. Develop a comprehensive understanding of the historical and contemporary roles of women in politics.
2. Analyze the factors that have influenced women's participation in political life, including cultural, social, economic, and institutional factors.
3. Explore the inter-sectionality of gender with other identities, such as race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, and disability, in shaping women's political experiences.
4. Examine the barriers and challenges faced by women in pursuing political leadership positions, including stereotypes, biases, and institutional discrimination.
5. Evaluate the impact of women's political participation on policy outcomes, governance, and democratic representation.
6. Critically assess the effectiveness of various strategies and interventions aimed at promoting women's political empowerment and gender equality.

Course Content:

- **Introduction to Women and Politics (3 Hours)**
 - (a) Overview of the course objectives and topics.
 - (b) Historical perspectives on women's involvement in politics.
 - (c) Key concepts: gender, patriarchy and feminism.

Resource Persons: Dr. Chaitali Mandi (Course Coordinator and Internal Resource Persons)

- **Women's Political Participation (3 Hours)**
 - (a) Types of political participation: voting, activism, advocacy, and leadership
 - (b) Barriers to women's political participation: cultural, economic, and institutional factors.
 - (c) Strategies to increase women's participation in politics: quotas, affirmative action, and grassroots mobilisation.

Resource Persons: Dr. Abhishek Mitra (External)

- **Women's Representation in Politics (4 Hours)**
 - (a) Representation theory and its application to women in politics.

- (b) Analysis of women's representation in legislatures, executive offices, and other decision-making bodies.
- (c) Case studies of successful women political leaders and their impact on policy outcomes.

Resource Persons: Smt. Arunima Banerjee and Smt. Riya Nandi (Internal)

- **Gender and Political Institutions (4 Hours)**
 - (a) Gendered dynamics within political institutions: power structures, norms, and practices.
 - (b) Gender mainstreaming and gender-responsive budgeting in public policy.
 - (c) Challenges and opportunities for gender equality in political institutions.

Resource Persons: Mithu Mondal and Modhumita Banerjee (External)

- **Intersectional analysis and Diversity in Politics (4 Hours)**
 - (a) Intersectional analysis of women's experiences in politics: race, class, ethnicity, sexuality, and ability.
 - (b) Challenges faced by marginalized women in political participation and representation.
 - (c) Strategies for promoting diversity and inclusion in political spaces.

Resource Persons: Smt. Bulti Dey & Amit Kumar Bandhu (Internal)

- **Women's Movements and Political Change (4 Hours)**
 - (a) Historical and contemporary women's movements: suffrage, reproductive rights, and gender equality.
 - (b) Role of women's movements in shaping political agendas and policies.
 - (c) Transnational and global dimensions of women's activism and advocacy.

Resource Persons: Ananya Ganguly & Dr. Munmun Chatterjee (External)

- **Gender and Public Policy (4 Hours)**
 - (a) Gender analysis frameworks for evaluating public policies.
 - (b) Gender implications of key policy areas: education, healthcare, economic development, and security.
 - (c) Advocacy strategies for advancing gender-responsive policies.

Resource Persons: Dr. Priyanka Banerjee & Mithu Mondal (External)

- **Women's Leadership and Empowerment (4 Hours)**
 - (a) Leadership styles and skills for women in politics.
 - (b) Challenges and opportunities for women's political leadership.
 - (c) Mentoring and networking opportunities for aspiring women leaders.

Resource Persons: Driпти Mandal & Smt. Bulti Dey (Internal)

- **Women's Rights and International Law (4 Hours)**
 - (a) International legal frameworks for protecting women's rights: CEDAW, Beijing Platform for Action, and UN Security Council Resolution 1325.
 - (b) Challenges in implementing and enforcing women's rights at the national and international levels.
 - (c) Role of international organisations and civil society in advancing women's rights.

Resource Persons: Dr. Abhishek Mitra & Ananya Ganguly (External)

