



CALL FOR RESEARCH PAPERS / BOOK CHAPTERS

GENDER MATTERS: Roles and Realities

Dear Academicians,

Research and Development Cell, Nagaon G.N.D.G. Commerce College is pleased to inform you that an edited ISBN book titled Gender Matters : Roles and Realities. will be published in September, 2025. The purpose of this edited book is to critically analyze how gender roles and relations are shaped, maintained and challenged across historical and contemporary contexts. Analytical research papers/conceptual articles/ book chapters/case studies/critical essays are invited from University/College teachers, Research Scholars, academicians and students on these and any other topic related to the central theme.

About the book : The concept of gender is not new. It has been incessantly ground in the mortar and subjected to relentless scrutiny and scathing critique at various times. However there is an expansive range and potential for exploration of gender issues in any pedagogic or empirical debate. Our society being gendered to a very large extent is constructed along various lines of inequality while assigning roles, responsibilities and recognition. Some aspects of gender arrangements have remained remarkably consistent. Women are woefully under-represented in many areas and nearly invisible in many others. Gendered practices and policies prevail in abundance. However, with extensive socio economic changes and evolving perceptions of identity and equality associated with the unprecedented technological advancements and the overwhelming global influences, some arrangements have undergone transformative shifts. The traditional binaries are increasingly questioned and lived experiences now shape the contemporary approaches towards race, culture, ethnicity and sexuality. Global phenomena such as urbanization, digitization, globalization and artificial intelligence have created newer norms for reimagining gendered spaces. Such shifts have led to an adaptation or resistance in transforming gender issues in response to the changing landscapes. Fuelled by feminist discourses, intersectional approaches, and the growing recognition of non-binary and fluid gender identities, the long standing norms that were earlier considered immutable are now increasingly challenged.

We welcome theoretical, empirical and interdisciplinary contributions that offer fresh perspectives on this theme and encourage our writers to send their impressions using qualitative, quantitative or mixed methods to understand the concept of gender from various perspectives. They are expected to explore the complex and evolving dynamics of gender arrangements that are constructed, negotiated and challenged in society. Voices from multiple disciplines can unveil the historical legacies and the contemporary challenges to promote inclusion, diversity and equity and shed light on the ways in which these arrangements shape individual and collective identities in an increasingly interconnected and dynamic world.

List of Topic Areas

Historical Perspectives

- Historical evolution of gender roles/stereotypes across societies
- Gender arrangements in ancient civilizations, feudal societies, economic systems, industrial set ups, religion, culture.

Cultural Variations

- Gender Norms/Diversities across cultures and regions
- Matriarchal and Patriarchal societies

Institutional arrangements

- Gender practices in family structures
- Gender roles, policies and representations in politics, business and leadership

Gender and Economics

- Gender stratification in economic activities, pay gaps and inequalities
- Gendered division of labour at home and in the workplace

Media and Representation

- Stereotypes in media, literature and entertainment
- Shifting portrayals of gender in popular culture

Legal and Policy frameworks

- Gender based Legal reforms
- Rights and Protections in gender issues and outcomes

Gender and Sexuality

- The interplay of gender identity and sexual orientation in society
- Non binary and trans gender identities in traditional frameworks

Intersectionality

- How gender intersects with race, class, ethnicity, disability and the like
- Challenges faced by Marginalised gender groups

Contemporary Debates

- Gender neutral Parenting and education
- Impact of nature and technology on gender norms and vice versa

Future Trajectory

- The future of gender roles in the global situation
- Gender –fluidity and Gender- equality

The contributors who are interested to write on any of the topics will initially send a 300 word abstract with an outline of the proposed paper along with the contact details of the author to ngndgcc@gmail.com.

The deadline for abstracts

21st April 2025

Full papers are to be submitted latest by

30th May 2025.

Guidelines For Authors

- **The length of the article/ research papers: maximum 3500 words.**
- **Abstract (within 300 words) with 4/5 keywords.**
- **Authors must use APA style for reference. (latest edition)**
- **Use Times New Roman, 12-point font, and 1.5 line spacing.**
- **Authors must mention their names, designations and Email Id.**
- **Articles must be submitted as MS Word attachment only.**
- **Publication Charge Rs. 1000/- For Students Rs. 500/-**

With warm regards,

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