



## **Course Description for Women and Gender Studies Major – Minor Paper 2: Women in India**

**Name of Institute:** Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts

**Course Name and Code:** Women and Gender Studies Major – Minor Paper 2: Women in India

**(UG/PG):** UG, Semester 4

**Number of Credits:** 4

**Level:** 2

### **Course Description**

'Women in India' shifts the focus of the entire course from a global point of view, to India in particular. It is designed with the objective of understanding the historical background of women in the Indian scenario, within which, students can locate themselves in today's context. Students would have to compute data and facts pertaining to the status of women, describe and discuss the necessity for a women's movements in India, and study the reasoning behind the choices made by feminists, with regards to which issues to place focus upon. The course also helps students to develop an understanding of whether or not socio-economic development impacted women in India, and to appreciate the work done by earlier generations, to win the freedoms that are taken for granted today. The course uses classroom teaching, in conjunction with out-of-class participation. The instructor will use visual material and film screenings to supplement class discussions. In addition, extra readings will be provided for further reference on certain topics.

The course covers a variety of topics including an overview of the women's movements in India, a statistical profile of women including their health, education, etc.; globalization, liberalization and the status of women with a particular focus on movements such as the anti-dowry movement, anti-rape movement, reproductive rights, etc.