

**DHVANYALOKA CENTRE FOR INDIAN STUDIES
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Course II: Indian Women: Tradition & Change

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The chief objective of this course is to present a comprehensive view of the changing faces of the lives of women in India from a multi-disciplinary perspective. Women in India do not constitute a homogenous category. Neither has their situation remained totally unaffected by change nor has the impact of change been all pervasive. The needs priorities and problems of different groups of Indian women are different. Such factors as religion, caste, class, rural-urban background have a definite role to play in determining access to and utilization of development opportunities and resources. Women's roles, either traditional or changing, cannot be discussed without reference to contemporary historical, social, political and economic situations. It is in this background that the course attempts to provide an understanding of the traditional and changing roles of women in Indian society with the help of lectures, panel discussions, data profiles and field visits. Resource persons are activists, academicians and grass root level functionaries.

The participants of the program are expected to fulfill the following assignments. For the entire program each participant should submit one paper, duly documented with bibliography, on the subjects of their choice. They could consult Prof. Indira and decide on the topics of the papers. Each paper could be between 10 pages.

Schedule of submission of paper: Feb 24, 2006

Criteria for Evaluation:

Grading and Evaluation for each student will be based on the following criteria

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| a) Class attendance | 10 marks |
| b) Participation in the class-room and during the field visits | 20 marks |
| i. Ability to gain the right type of understanding of the subject | |
| ii. Ability to analyse and interpret situations | |
| iii. Ability to review situations and issues in the Background of realities relevant to Indian society | 10 marks |
| iv. Ability to quote relevant examples | 10 marks |
| v. Reflecting ideas gained from reading books/journals | |
| Paper 1 | 50 marks |