

**Certificate in Gender and Science
(CGSCI)**

ASSIGNMENT
(Valid from July 2025- June 2026)



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Assignment Nos.	Submission of Assignments by the Students
BGS-002/AST/TMA-2025-26	For July admission cycle: 31st Oct 2025
BGS-003/AST/TMA-2025-26	For January admission cycle: 30th April 2025
BGS-004/AST/TMA-2025-26	

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Course Title: Socio-political Dimensions of Gender and Science

Assignment No: BGS 003/AST/TMA-2025-26

Maximum Marks: 100

Attempt any 10 of the following questions. Each question carries 10 marks. Maximum word limit is 1000 words per answer.

1. Differentiate between gender roles and gender stereotyping.
2. Do you think that gender is perceived as an occupational barrier in scientific career? Give one example.
3. Write about the new programmes of Government of India for promoting women in science.
4. Write about the historical trajectory of planning process in India.
5. Narrate a case study from published reports or articles which can depict the commercialization of surrogacy in India.
6. Identify and explain the indicators of Global Gender Gap Report.
7. How does the international programmes like the Athena SWAN Charter promote women in science?
8. Define intersectionality in Indian context.
9. Identify the ethical issues in genetic testing. Give one example from published reports, articles and working papers.
10. Discuss the role of media in promoting science literacy in India.
11. Is gender budget a separate budget for women? Describe.
12. Write about women's labour force participation in textile or any one of the manufacturing sectors of India with the help of data/reports published by national and international agencies.

Course Code: BGS 004