

**PG Diploma in Women's and Gender Studies
(PGDWGSR)**

ASSIGNMENT

(Validity: Academic Year 2025 July-2026 June)



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Assignment No.	Submission of Assignments by the Students
MWG 104/AST/TMA-2025-26	For July admission cycle: 31st Oct 2025 For January admission cycle: 30th April 2026

You need to complete one assignment for each course of 8 credits. Please contact your Regional Centers regarding any further updates regarding assignment submission. With proper planning you will be able to do them within the stipulated period. Include your name, enrollment number, Programme Code, Course Code and email ID on each assignment. Assignments need to be handwritten and each assignment should be submitted as a separate single document. Do not combine two assignments/ do not submit responses for individual questions as separate documents.

Assignment Guidelines (Academic Year 2025–26)

1. Download the Latest Assignment:
 - Always check the academic year on the assignment (e.g., 2025–26) to ensure you're attempting the correct one.
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2. Know Your Submission Deadline:
 - Submission deadlines depend on your admission cycle:
 - July cycle learners → Submit by October 31st
 - January cycle learners → Submit by April 30th
3. Academic Queries:
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4. Avoid Plagiarism:
 - Plagiarized assignments will not be evaluated.
 - Write in your own words and maintain originality in the assignment.

Course Code: **MWG 104**
Course Title: **Gendered Bodies and Sexualities**
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Maximum Marks: **100**

Attempt any 10 of the following questions. Each question carries 10 marks.

- Q.1. What is understood by feminist theology?
- Q.2. “Surrogacy is a matter of choice or a form of reproductive labour”. Briefly discuss.
- Q.3. The term “embodiment” has specific meaning in gender studies. Explain.
- Q.4. What is the meaning of medicalized model of the body?
- Q.5. Analyse a dance performance from the perspective of gender identities.
- Q.6. Prepare a journal on gender issues while keeping in mind the time period of 15 days. Use newspapers and research publications to collect and analyse the data.
- Q.7. Discuss the contemporary abortion debates in India and in international arena.
- Q.8. Download and read any recent report on gender issues published by the national policy think tank like NITI Aayog and international agencies such as: World bank, UNDP, UN women, ILO and so on. Write a review report from a gender perspective while engaging in concepts like gendered nature of work, maternal health, gender-based violence and reproductive labour.
- Q.9. Write a brief essay on the queer body.
- Q.10. Discuss various challenges of the transgender community in India. Write any one case study in support of your answer.
- Q.11. Is surrogacy a reproductive choice for women in India?
- Q.12. What is an idea of an alternative family? Explain with reference to the parental body.

