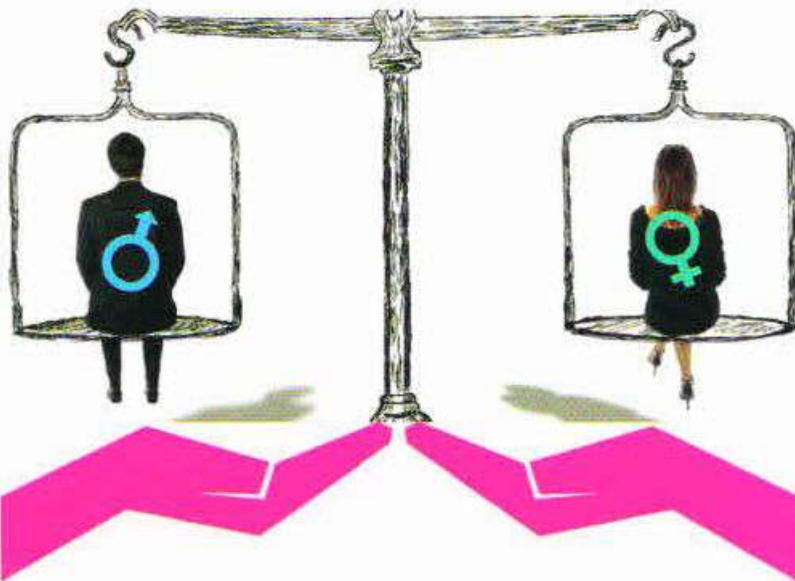




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This book, **Gender, School and Society**, is a comprehensive text that deals with various aspects pertaining to gender issues. The key features of the book are user friendly approach, simple and easy language and the narrative technique that are instrumental to comprehend the concepts on gender issues. By providing a balanced and exhaustive coverage of the subject, the book helps to get the core concept of gender roles to handle gender discrimination. Women empowerment is not just giving women strength and skills to rise to the level of equality but also the need of inculcating a sense of respect and duty towards women as equals.

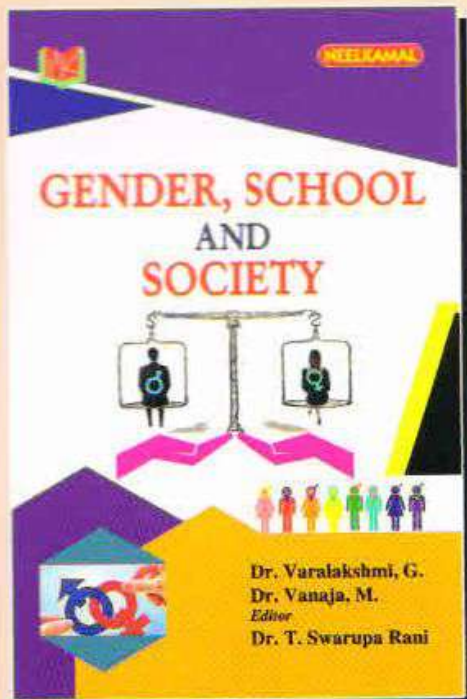
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Preface

Gender is embedded so thoroughly in our society, our institutions, our actions, our beliefs, and our desires, that it appears to us to be completely natural. We are surrounded by gender lore from the time we are very small. It is ever-present in conversation, humor, and conflict, and it is called upon to explain everything from driving styles to food preferences. It is precisely because gender is so central to our understanding of ourselves and seems natural. Belief about gender seems to be obvious truth that we need to step back and examine gender from a new perspective though it is not easy.

Gender discrimination being the part of the global concern gained more attention by absorbing and amalgamating various views. Gender sensitization is the responsiveness that includes eliminating harmful practices against women and girls approximating to all types of atrocities.

With rapid scientific and technological development the position of women in India has changed but not to the expected level. Though women have attained education and economic independence, they are treated in a subservient way. The persistent difference between the two genders masculine and feminine is still prevailing. To mitigate the differences an awareness of equality should be brought about in both male and female.

This book, *Gender, School and Society*, is a comprehensive text that deals with various aspects pertaining to gender issues. The first unit begins with the definition of gender and its meaning at social, cultural, political, educational and familial levels. The second unit discusses the religious, sociological, economical, legal and political factors affecting gender discrimination. Unit three traces back to history starting from Vedic age women through medieval period till modern age women and their contribution in terms of equality with a motivational intension to stress that gender is not the limiting factor. Fourth unit provides awareness on the legal issues cropping up from gender discrimination and laws made