



PAPER :-08
GENDER ISSUES AND
CONCERNS

*TOPIC:- Define the term sex and gender.
Difference between sex and gender*



INTRODUCTION

Throughout the history, most people ordinarily seem to think that sex and gender are coextensive. People often use the term “**SEX**” and “**GENDER**” interchangeably. But now a days, the concept regarding these two terms has developed.

SEX ≠ GENDER

SEX

- SEX describes the biological differences between men and women which are universal and determined at birth.
- “SEX” refers to the biological features such as:
 - a) Chromosomes
 - b) Organs
 - c) Hormones
 - d) Other physical features
- Generally male or female.

GENDER

- Gender is perceived as socially constructed.
- These are socially constructed roles, behaviors, and attributes that a society considers appropriate for men and women.
- It refers to the roles and responsibilities of men and women; created in different cultures.
- It is the social elaboration of biological sex.
- Roles and expectations are learned.
- Changes with time.

- Gender is that force which contribute to the patterning of social life.
- It explains difference between men and women.
- Gender is something we do and perform.

Difference between **SEX** and **GENDER**

SEX

Refers to the biological characteristics that define men and women.

Male and Female are sex categories

Determined by organs by birth

GENDER

Refers to the socially constructed roles, behaviour that are appropriate for men and women.

Masculine and feminine are gender categories

Determined by social roles based on gender

SEX

Sex refers to the biological and physiological difference between men and women

Sex has two main categories: male and female.

Concept of sex is same all over

GENDER

Gender refers to the socio and cultural difference between men and women

Gender has two main categories: Masculine and Feminine

Varies between and within the

CONCLUSION



- Thus Sex is usually categorized as female or male but there is variation in the biological attributes that comprise sex and how those attributes are expressed.
- Gender refers to the socially constructed roles, behavior's, expressions and identities of girls, women, boys, men, and gender diverse people

- Thus, it becomes important to learn the difference between the sex and gender of a person.
- In order to get proper knowledge, children should be taught from a young age about the concept of sex and gender.

THANK YOU

