

Women Empowerment in India

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Abstract

Women empowerment refers to increase and improving the social, economic, political and legal strength of the women, to ensure equal- right to women and make them confidence enough to claim their rights. Today women play a vital role in progress of economy. Women empowerment is the most talked about work of the present time. Though this, not only the prevalent evils are ending, but also the social and economic development of women is taking place at a rapid pace . Governments have developed various schemes for the all-round development of women. Along with this, laws have also been made to provide security to them. Although the government is giving priority to education to raise the social, economic and political status of women. Women empowerment is actually enhancing the abilities of women and developing them as a useful resource. By eliminating the problem like gender-discrimination, it is possible to make all-round development of women by giving them more preference than men in every type of service. In this research paper, an attempt has been made to know the status of social, economic and political problems faced by women at present and to suggest measures to solve them.

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Introduction

Empowerment of women development is the way of defining challenging and over coming barriers in a woman's life which she increases her ability to shape her life and environment. It is an active multidimensional process which should enable women to realize their full identity and power in all spheres of life. we actually need to understand the exact meaning of Empowerment. Empowerment itself has a broad meaning and it seems to include rights and powers naturally. Women empowerment means all-round development of women. Women empowerment is the process of raising the social, economic and political status of women. Empowerment is a mental state which is based on some special skills and educational, social, economic conditions. For which it is necessary to have necessary laws, protective provisions in the society and a capable administrative system for their proper implementation. When we talk about women empowerment, we can say that it is a social process in which doors of possibilities are opened for women to become prosperous and developed, food, water, house, education, health, natural resources, legal rights and creative opportunities should be provided. Both men and women have to be brought on equal

footing in all areas of the society. Women empowerment is giving rights to women for their freedom and to take their own decisions. Women need a suitable environment, so that they can take their own decisions every field. Many schemes have been created by the Indian government to bring women into the mainstream of development. In fact, empowerment is an active and multidimensional process which cannot be achieved in the society without the active intervention of the state

Women empowerment is a multidimensional concept for which education plays an important role. Education to women is the most powerful instrument of changing their position the society. If girl education is given predominance, then overall situation will improve because "only an educated mother can build an educated nation". Only through education will women be able to play a strong, equal and important role in the society. Famous Economist Prof. Amartya Sen said "There is considerable evidence that women's education and literacy tend to reduce the mortality rates of children."

Women are an unprecedented gift and valuable resource of creation. Even the imagination of creation without women is meaningless. If there are no women then creation of the universe is not possible, therefore society can be made strong only by making women strong and aware. A strong

country is possible only through a strong society. Jawaharlal Nehru had said “You can tell the condition of the nation by looking at the status of women.” Women empowerment is very important for the country, society, family and bright future.

The Finance minister in his Budget Speech of 2000-2001 had announced that the year 2001 will be observed as “Women Empowerment Year.” The announcement was made in the context of an urgent need for improving the access of women to national resources and for ensuring their rightful place in the mainstreaming of economic development. The objective of the women’s empowerment year was to create large scale awareness with the active participation of women themselves.

The year 2001 has been declared as the year of women empowerment so that women can become leaders and establish a strong society and nation and can walk in step with men in the prosperity of their families. Political, social and economic impact will be visible only when women present themselves in a leadership role. Empowerment cannot be imposed from outside, it has to be generated within itself, only then the development of women is possible in a meaningful way. Mary Wollstonecraft said “women do not want power over men, they want power over themselves.”

For the concept of women empowerment, the traditional prevalent in the Indian society, beliefs values, customs and process of education are the qualities but the possibilities are equally high because the women of the ancient Indian society and present society. If we compare the situation with that of women, we can say with confidence that there have been many positive changes in the situation of women. Today women’s participation has increased in everything from sport to army, politics, media, film industry, administrative service and social service. Mrs. Indira Gandhi is considered a popular face of politics. Kiran Bedi’s name in Indian Police. Gita Gopinath is Deput Managing Director of The International Monetary Fund. Namita Thapar is known as the pharma queen of India. Boxer Marry Com, cricketer Harmanpreet Kaur, Indian music’s female Shreya Ghoshal needs no introduction. At the same time, the current president of the country is also the first woman to hold Droupadi Murmu of the tribal area. Changes in the society, cannot be brought

in a day, it takes centuries, but it is reality that today the situation of women is much more positive than before. Economic empowerment increases women’s access to economic resources and opportunities including jobs, financial services, property and other productive assets, skills development and market information.

Today, a favourable environment is being created for the overall development and empowerment of women. On this basis, the 21st century has been celebrated as the century of women. Now women are making successful efforts to realize their existence in the male dominated society with their inherent potential, confidence and courage. Keeping pace with men in every field.

Economic empowerment aims to raise the capacity of women and men to participate in, contribute to and benefit from growth processes in ways which recognize the value of this contributions, respect their dignity and make it possible to negotiate a fairer distribution of the benefits of growth. March 8 is celebrated as International Women’s Day all over the world. No country can reach the pinnacle of progress unless its women come forward.

Women’s Economic Empowerment examples

- . Agricultural development
- . Family planning
- . Inclusive financial system
- . Maternal, newborn, child nutrition and health
- . Adolescents and social norms
- . Women in leadership

Objectives of study

- To know the need for women empowerment
- Effective implementation of women empowerment
- To analyze the factors affecting women empowerment
- Giving equal opportunities to men and women
- To know the types of women’s problems
- To know the efforts made by government

Suggestions

- Development of women’s higher education institute

- . Reducing maternal mortality
- . Improving women's education
- . Increasing women employment
- . Improving women's health
- . women's participation in development work

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