

WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND EMPOWERMENT

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ROLE OF EDUCATION IN WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

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Abstract

Women are living safe, fulfilled and productive lives, they can reach their full potential. Women's empowerment is not limited only for the Indian society. If we deliberate the global aspect in this regard, we see that women are being given equal treatment in developed nations. In the present article the title shows the word empower the role of education in women empowerment. This statement true to fulfil the empowerment of women in various fields. Also shows that empowerment of women in 21st century play important role in the development of the country. 'Women empowerment' is the process of enabling and developing ability or potential in women so that they can think and act freely, exercises their choice and control their lives and thereby reducing discrimination and exploitation towards them. It brings about upliftment of women in social, economic and political spheres where they are able to play an equal role at par with men in society.

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Introduction

Education is the key factor for women empowerment, prosperity, development and welfare. Now just some year away, this can become reality only when the women of this nation became empowerment. Education is the most important requirement and the fundamental right for any citizen. It help the individual to reduce inequality and play a central role in human development that impacts the overall social economic development. Higher level of literacy and education leads to better attainment of health, nutritional status, economic growth, population control, empowerment of the weaker sections and community as a whole. Education enables a women to become strong physically by giving her knowledge about good physical health, which would ultimately benefit her mental health. "Empowerment means moving from a weak position to execute a power".

Review of literature

Stromquist, DaCosta, Murphy-Graham, (2008). In articles entitled that, "The notion that education leads to women's empowerment has gained popularity, although we still have much to learn about how education actually empowers women.

Pandey,(2016). It is found that, highlighted how self-efficacy and perceived resource adequacy are important for the transformation of initiatives of structural empowerment.

Rao, Selamu, Singhe, (2017). In articles entitled that, "cultural context of empowerment of Saudi women." The subordinate position of women is not natural but socially constructed and forced upon them.

Objectives of the study

- ❖ To know the constitutional provisions and Government efforts for women empowerment.
- ❖ To develop the role of education in women empowerment.

Need of Education in Women Empowerment

Women empowerment is a tool of development not only of women but also of whole families and thereby a nation. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said, "To awaken the people, it is women who must be awaken; once she is on the move, the family moves, the village moves and the nation moves."

Education empowers women more effectively which would help to abolish gender inequality, develop their potentials, increase social and economic return, improve the quality of life, produce educated and healthy children and reduce fertility and mortality rates. Education is key to empowering women's participation in decision making in democracy, dynamic transformation of society and shaping the destiny of future generations.

Barriers of Women Empowerment

The main obstacles that go against the way of women empowerment in India may be summed up as follows:

- ❖ Gender discrimination.
- ❖ Lack of proper educational programme.
- ❖ Female infanticide.
- ❖ Atrocities on women.
- ❖ Child marriage and dowry system.

Role of Education in Empowerment of Women

❖ Education Manumit:

Education manumit the thinking, mind, thoughts, imagination, power, principle in various field for easy to survive and achieve knowledge through education .Empowerment of women brings equal status to women, opportunity and freedom to develop her which also means equipping women to be.

❖ Education stay away from hurdles:

Education gives equal rights to women in socially, politically, culturally, gender, religiously manner. She will bring equal status with men and that is the reason to fostering both national and international integration.

❖ Education allows to take Decision:

As education opens ways to take decision according to their choice whether it is relates to life style, life partner, job, career, eating style, sexuality etc. Education teach to learn what is wrong and right .Education push to stay independently on own feet.

❖ **Education Garner:**

Education will garnishing women to defense against crime, social devil, sexual harassment, marital rape and mental stress of society etc.

❖ **Educated women contributes to economy:**

If women are qualified and helpful for family to earn money that means she able to develop the economy status of family and also for nation. Women can help, through their work; get rid of problems like India's high maternal mortality rate, high rates of gender violence and other crime against women child sex abuse, female feticide, implement family planning and other schemes etc.

Different ways for empowerment

❖ **Individual Rights:**

Individual empowerment means to have the self-confidence to coherent and emphasize the power to discuss and decide.

❖ **Social Women Empowerment:**

A critical aspect of social empowerment of women is the promotion of gender equality. Educational Women Empowerment: It means empowering women with the knowledge, skills, and self-confidence necessary to participate fully in the development process. It means making women aware of their rights and developing a confidence to claim them.

❖ **Economic and professional empowerment:**

It means reducing their financial dependence on their male counterparts by making them a significant part of the human resource. Legal Women Empowerment: It suggests the stipulation of an effective legal structure which is supportive of women empowerment.

The position of Women in India

Women's Role in Society:

The modern women are prone towards the social issues, and trying hard to improve the social status of women at large. Increased awareness and education has inspired women to come out of the four walls of the home. Many women actively supported and participated in the nationalist movement and secured eminent positions and offices in administration and public life in free India. Traditionally Indian women exist because of the family and for the family.

Participation of Women in Socio-economic activities:

The woman in modern times is entering into certain new fields that were unknown to the woman's sphere of role-sets. These are the woman's participation in economic, political, and social life.

Characteristics of women empowerment

- ❖ Women empowerment is giving power to women. It is making women better off. It enables a greater degree of self-confidence and sense of independence among women.
- ❖ Women empowerment is a process of acquiring power for women in order to understand their rights and to perform her responsibilities towards oneself and others in a most effective way.
- ❖ Women empowerment enables women to organize themselves increase their self-reliance and it provides greater autonomy.
- ❖ Women empowerment means women's control over material assets intellectual resources and ideology.
- ❖ Women empowerment abolishes all gender base discrimination in all institutions and structures of society.
- ❖ Women empowerment means exposing the oppressive powers of existing gender social relations.

Conclusion

Women play an imperative role in making a nation progressive and guide it towards development. They are essential possessions of a lively humanity required for national improvement, so if we have to see a bright future of women in our country, giving education to them must be a pre-occupation Empowerment means moving from a weak position to execute a power. Education of women in the education of women is the most powerful tool of change of position in society. Education reduces the inequality and increase the status of women in her family and also in the world.

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