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WOMEN EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION

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Abstract

There is no chance of the welfare of the world unless the condition of women is improved – Swami Vivekananda.

Empowering women is essential to the health and social development of families, communities and countries. When women are living safe, fulfilled and productive lives, they can reach their full potential. Contributing their skills to the workforce and can raise happier and healthier children. Women empowerment in India is the most effective tool for development as these days. Women across the world are actively working as a leader and surpassing others in all the spheres of life. As the entire world is clasping its breath and praying every single day for an incredible escape from the COVID-19 Pandemic, it is the women governors and nations steered by these amazing figures who are taking over the responsibility and marching ahead in the battle alone wherever required. Education is considered as a basic requirement and a fundamental right for the citizens of any nation. It is a powerful tool for reducing inequality as it can give people the ability to become independent. Women, who come across discrimination in many spheres, have a particular need for this. This article discusses the empowerment of women through education and conclusions to be provided.

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Introduction

Empowerment means a psychological sense of personal control or influence and concern with actual social influence, political power and legal rights. It is a multi-level construct referring to individuals, organizations and community. Women's empowerment may be defined in several ways, including accepting women's view points, making an effort to seek them and raising the status of women through education, awareness, literacy, and training. Women's empowerment equips and allows women to make life-determining decisions through the different societal problems. They may have the opportunity to re-define gender roles or other such roles, which allow them more freedom to pursue desired goals. Women are known for delivering multiple roles effortlessly per day, and thus, they are considered the backbone of every society. Living in male-dominating societies, women play a wide range of roles, such as caring mothers, loving daughters, and capable colleagues. The best part is that they fit the bill perfectly in every role. Nonetheless, they've also stood as a neglected bunch of society in different parts of the world. In turn, it has resulted in women surviving the brunt of unevenness, financial trustworthiness, oppression, and distinct social evils.

Objectives

The objectives of the study of women empowerment through education are stated precisely as follows

- ❖ To know the need of education in women empowerment.
- ❖ To assess the role of education in empowerment of women
- ❖ To identify the barriers of women empowerment.

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 makes the women's self sufficient in every aspect, she is not depends on her father, husband nor son neither brother.
- ❖ 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 taking 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 garnish 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. Sharma (2016)
- ❖ Education enhances- Education enhances the quality of women and makes some strategies to grow upward, to gear the entire education system to play positive interventionist role in the empowerment of women. To widen women's access to vocational, technical and professional education at all levels, breaking gender stereotypes.

Need of Women Education in Women Empowerment

- ❖ **Education empowers women.** Educated girls and young women are more likely to know their rights and to have the confidence to claim them.
- ❖ **Education promotes tolerance:** Education helps people to understand democracy, promotes the tolerance and trust that underpin it, and motivates people to participate in the political life of their societies.
- ❖ **Education equality improves job opportunities and increases economic growth:** If all children, had equal access to education, productivity gains would boost

economic growth. Over 40 years, per capita income would be 23 per cent higher in a country with equality in education

- ❖ **Education saves mother's lives.** In some countries, many women still die because of complications during pregnancy and childbirth. Education can prevent these deaths.
- ❖ **Some child diseases are preventable but not without education.** Simple solutions, such as malaria nets and clean water, can prevent some of the worst child diseases, but only if mothers are taught to use them. Education saves children's lives.
- ❖ **Education helps women recognize early signs of illness,** seek advice and act on it. If all women in poor countries completed primary education, child mortality would drop by a sixth.
- ❖ **Education fights hunger.** The devastating impact of malnutrition on children lives is preventable with the help of education

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.
- ❖ Financial constraints.
- ❖ Patriarchal order and the subordinate status of women.
- ❖ Lack of health care and safety.
- ❖ Professional inequality, particularly workplace harassment.
- ❖ Inequality in sharing the burden of house holds work.

Positions of Women in India

Women's Place in Society:

Modern women are sensitive to social issues and actively work to raise the status of women in society. Women have been motivated to leave the four walls of the home as a result of more knowledge and education. Numerous women enthusiastically supported the nationalism movement, took part in it, and won prestigious positions and posts in the government and public life of independent India. Indian women have historically been created by and for their families.

Women as Wife

In an ideal world, a woman would have a position that was practically identical to her husband's and would carry out both social and biological tasks. In terms of character, the husband-wife partnership has evolved into one that is much more equalitarian and

companionable. So, the shift in the structure of the family goes hand in hand with increased marriage freedom.

Women's role in Politics

Political involvement of women, some people sign up to become party members, goes to conventions and meetings, and engages in political activities. Some women are achieving powerful political status of their own and have played a crucial role in influencing public opinion for the improvement of women's situation in society. 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.

Conclusion

The advancement and development of a nation are greatly aided by the contribution of women. If we want to see a bright future for women in our country, educating them must be a top priority because they are vital components of a vibrant humanity needed for national improvement. Empowerment entails shifting from a poor position from which to exercise a power. The most effective way to alter society's position is through women's education. It's a good idea to get a second opinion if you have any doubts about the validity of the information you've been given. In order to promote women's education at all levels and to lessen gender prejudice in the dissemination of knowledge and education, schools, colleges, and universities-even ones that are solely for women-were built.

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