

A STUDY ON: THE ROLE OF WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN INDIAN ECONOMY

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Abstract:

Women Empowerment is a debatable subject. At present time Women giving neck to neck competition to the men. Today we have seen the women occupied the respectable positions in all fields. Women know their rights like **Right to Education, Right to Remarriage, Right to Ownership** etc. Now the women in India enjoy a unique status of equality with the men as per constitutional and legal provision.

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What is Women Empowerment?

Women Empowerment refers to the creation of an environment for women where they can make decisions of their own for their personal benefits as well as for the society. Women Empowerment refers to increasing and improving the social, economic, political and legal strength of the women, to ensure equal-right to women, and to make them confident enough to claim their rights.

Women Empowerment in Indian Economic Development

Women Empowerment and Indian Economic development are closely related in one direction, development alone can play a major role in deriving inequality between men and women; in other direction empowering women may benefit in development of a country. India is one of the world's fastest growing economies with the women mainly from the middle class increasingly the workforce. Urban centers like Delhi and Bangalore have seen influx of young women from semi urban and rural parts of the country living alone and redefining them. Empowered India women can also pioneer self help and initiatives for creating positive social change in rural or underdeveloped areas. There are notable examples of women; self help groups in India which have generated employment and income for many families in villages and small towns. The positions of women in India from ancient time are due to Vedic civilization, women are denied from the right to education, widow remarriage. They were denied the right of inheritance and ownership of property. Social evils like child marriage and dowry system surfaced and started to engulf women. But the present scenario is totally changed, now women knows their rights, they are well educated. Women's are working in every field like **technical, army, air force, navy, police, agriculture** etc. Government had also launched some schemes like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Swadha(1995), Swayan (2001), Support to Training and Employment Programme for women (STEP-2001), Sabla Scheme (2010), National Mission for Empowerment of women etc. All such policies and programs focus on Social, Economic and Educational Empowerment of women across various age groups. By educating women, economy of the country increases. It has been seen from the last few decades that involvement of educated women in various activities helps the country to move towards economic and social development. After opening of local READ Center in rural area, a large majority of women (75-77%) reported

being able to freely travel outside of their home unaccompanied. About two-thirds of women in India (68%) say that they have greater decision-making power in their homes and communities as a result of coming to the READ Center.

Conclusion:

Empowering women socially, economically, educationally, politically and legally is going to be a very huge task. It is not going to the culture of disregard for women which are so deep-rooted in Indian society. But it does not mean that it is impossible. Only revolutions bring changes in a day, but reforms take their time. This one, in particular, will take its time as well. The idea of women empowerment might sound hard by the yard, but by the inch, it is just a cinch. All we need is a concentrated effort focused in the right direction that would rest only with the liberation of women from all forms of evil.

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