

ANALYSIS ON EDUCATION AS A TOOL FOR EMPOWERING WOMEN

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ABSTRACT: India is a vast country. In India people belongs to various religions like Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, etc. and every religion has given a special place to the women. In each religion women are compared to goddess. But in the real fact it is not the same. The dignity, respect, social importance of the women is decreasing day by day. In India where a woman is compared to goddess on the other side of it women were witnessed too much harassment physically and mentally. We can see daily, a violent case against women in the newspapers. Violence against women is one of the crucial matters of a country. In India gender equality is the major issue. No decisions should be taken on the basis of the gender. Violence against women is a problem and hinders the development of the country. Our country can develop faster if we remove the problem of violence against women. So to solve this problem women must be aware of their rights they must be empowered. Only empowering women can solve this problem and that is the reason why women empowerment is the necessity of a country. Empowerment means making women self reliable and we can empower women through education, active participation. By giving equal value to women in society and by making them aware of their rights.

KEYWORDS: Development, Empowerment, Gender equality, Education, Rights.

INTRODUCTION:

Empowerment means measures designed to increase the self dependency, self reliability and the degree of autonomy. As an action empowerment refers to a process, which enables people to solve their problem of sense of powerlessness and lack of influence, and it helps people to use their resources and chances fully. Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru had said **“If you educate a man you educate an individual, however, if you educate a women you educate a whole family. Women empowered means mother India empowered.** In the Vedic period women had access to education in India, but they gradually lost their right. But during British period interest in women’s education in India was revived. Many eminent persons with the help of various movements and efforts emphasized women’s education in India. Women education is very essential in India. For overall development of the nation women education is the major tool. Infant mortality rate and population are the problems India was facing from many years. But with the help of education we can solve these problems. Educated women can also help in the reduction of population as well as Infant mortality rate.

Empowerment of women is not only the issue in India but it is a global issue. This concept of empowering women was started at the International women conference at NAROIBI in 1985. Education is the main tool to empower women it helps them to understand their problems, their rights, challenges and can change their standard of life and improve their image in the society. India is poised to becoming a fully developed nation by 2020; it is possible only when women of

India became empowered. Empowerment can help women's to fight against crime. As per National crime records bureau of India, crime against women was increased by 6.4% during 2012 and a crime is committed against women in every three minutes. Through empowerment we can make women's aware about their rights and can reduce crimes against them. And for empowering, education is the best tool. Women's literacy rate as compared to 1951 has increased sharply from 7% to 65.46%. In between 1974-78 during the 5th five year plan, has marked a change in the approach of women's issues from welfare to development.

1. National commission of women was set up through an act in parliament in 1990 to protect the rights of women.
2. The 73rd & 74th Amendments (1993) of the constitution of India have provided reservations of seats for women in local body of panchayats, municipalities for women for their active participation.

CONCLUSION : In the conclusion I want to say that government has taken some steps towards the empowerment of the women. But still there are lots of things to be done to fully empower women. Female literacy must be our priority we must give women equal chances to represent themselves and we have to encourage the women for the active participation. Empowerment can only be achieved when their social status is improved. Each and every citizen of India have to do something for improving women's social status.

“TO educate girl is to reduce poverty “

