

## ANALYTICAL STUDY ON ROLE OF EDUCATION IN WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

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**ABSTRACT:** From time immemorial, right from the beginning of human evolution, woman has played a vital role in the development of mankind. She has always accompanied man in his entire Endeavour's. Infact she has shouldered a greater responsibility than man as she is the one who gives birth and nurtures the baby into a responsible individual by grooming it with utmost care and discipline . It is this effort itself which gives the society its elite & efficient citizens on which the very foundations of the society lie upon.

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There have been two types of societies-

1 Patriarchal – where the father is the head.

2. Matriarchal - where the mother is the head.

And our Indian is patriarchal one, where Man is considered far more superior than Woman . It is a male dominated society where women are confined to the boundaries fixed by men. But as she bears an equal burden as a man, a woman must be given an equal status to that of a man, for the development of the society. And she must be empowered to participate in the social, economic & political affairs of the nation equally. Empowerment in the sense, giving her equal opportunities for education, employment, and authority in national administration. Freeing her from all the clutches of the cruel superstitious culture where she has been oppressed from ages.

When we speak about oppression, women have been treated as a slave to man in the ancient times. But at present when Mankind is about to reach the zenith of technological development women have been given some chance to have a better position in the society. Woman is being allowed to be educated and to participate in the national affairs. But this remains restricted to only a small section of the society.

Majority of women are still facing the problems of illiteracy, unemployment, sexual harassment and gender bias which curbs the self-respect and dignity of women. Reports of acid attacks, dowry harassments, deception & molestations are ever increasing day by day.

The government has taken an initiative to safeguard the rights of a woman, recognizing the importance of woman and her role in the socio-economic development of the country, the government has taken a lot of measures to empower women. To name a few we have the legislative acts like the special Marriage Act which enables women to marry only after attaining an age of 18 years , allows them to go for intercaste , love or registered marriage according to their own will . Also, we have the Hindu marriage Act, 1955, which prohibits child marriage, polygamy and provides equality in matters of divorce & remarriage. Not only these,

\*The Dowry Prohibition Act

\*The Suppression of Immoral Trafficking of women & girls

\* The Family Court Act

Which are the appreciable measures taken by the government to empower woman in every way.

But the actual problem arises in the implementation of these Acts, which safeguard the Rights of women. As our own society is a male dominated one, people are not ready to accept the theory of equality of man and woman. The outlook which the society has towards women that they are weak & inferior must be eliminated by inducing broadminded thinking in both the genders. And this can be done by incorporating these ideologies right from the beginning of primary education so that we will be able to change the attitude of our v society towards women & safeguard their dignity.

**CONCLUSION:** Through education we will be able to change the attitude of our society towards women. And not only must these women be given the freedom to make their own choices & crucial decisions in life. They must be given equal opportunities in employment so that they become financially independent & gain self-confidence to prove their excellence at par with men and give their best in building a better society.

