

## ROLE OF EDUCATION IN WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

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**ABSTRACT** - The present paper is an attempt to analyze the status of women empowerment in India using various indicators like women's household decision making power, financial autonomy, freedom of movement, political participation, acceptance of unequal gender role, exposure to media, access to education, experience of domestic violence etc based on data from different sources. This article aims to probe the role of education in the empowerment of women in the district of India. The article also highlight that educated and economically empowered women have said a firm "no" to the prevalent malice of the dowry, thus directly bearing the fruit of economic empowerment in society of district of west Bengal. Empowerment through education has emerged as the only way to put an end to the horrors of dowry, as established by the survey. The study reveals that women of India are relatively disempowered and they enjoy somewhat lower status undertaken by government. Gender gap exists regarding access to education and empowerment. Household decision making power and freedom of movement of women vary considerably with their age, education and employment status. It is found that acceptance of unequal gender norms by women are still prevailing in the society.

**KEYWORDS** – Education, .women, .growth, .development, .empowerment

“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.” – PT.JAWAHARLAL NEHRU

Women constitute almost half of the population in the world. But the hegemonic masculine ideology made them suffer a lot as they were denied equal opportunities in different parts of the world. Women empowerment is a global issue and discussion on women political right are at the fore front of many formal and informal campaigns worldwide. The concept of women empowerment was introduced at the international women conference at NAROIBI in 1985. education is milestone of women empowerment because it enables them to responds to the challenges, to confront their traditional role and change their life. So that we can't neglect the importance of education in reference to women empowerment India is poised to becoming superpower, a developed country by 2020. The year 2020 is fast approaching; it is just 7 year away. There is a positive relationship between education and women empowerment. another important aspect in this regards is that, in these societies the issue of women empowerment has been facing certain serious challenges, which are outcome of some certain evil norms and attitude such as child labour, child marriage, illiteracy, superstition, partial attitude of the parents, female feticides, etc. and in such a situation women empowerment is an urgent necessity. In order to promote women's empowerment, it is necessary to create an environment that will allow women to participate in educational programs and share the benefits. The concept of women empowerment is a recent one.

Stressing on the need for empowering women through women's education, the authors say that education enables a woman to become strong physically by giving her knowledge about good physical health, which would ultimately benefit her mental health. The value of women's education has received global recognition over the past two decades with the mounting awareness in the drive towards women's equality. Education is the weapon which strengthens the personality and makes one confident. Education helps in the mental development of women and a mentally satisfied and contented woman is an asset to a family, society and nation and she uses her efficiency and potential in the right manner. Although a woman had a very strong, patient, large hearted, intelligent, a good motivator and backbone of a healthy family in the olden days despite being uneducated, now in the present day with education, she can realize her potential and her own standing and prove her capabilities along with their qualities. The constitutional directive to provide free and compulsory education for all children up to the age of 14 years has remained unfulfilled till now. Educational experts admit that this failure is mainly due to the slow progress of education among girls. After 56 years of independence, there still exists a great disparity between male and female education status. Women education refers to every form of education that aims at improving the knowledge and skills of girls. It includes general education at schools and colleges, vocational and technical education, professional education, health education, etc. Women education encompasses both literacy and non-literacy education.

### Conclusion

According to the country report of the government of India, "empowerment means moving from a weak position to exercise a power". Education of women in the education of women is the most powerful tool of change of position in society. Education also brings a reduction in inequalities and functions as a means of improving their status within the family. Women education in India has also been a major preoccupation of both the government and civil society as educated women can play a very important role in the development of the country. The government of India has opened the door and windows of education for all through constitutional provision, special laws and educational policies.

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