

EDUCATION AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

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. Education is a milestone of women empowerment because it enables them 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 growth of women's education in rural areas is very slow. This obviously means that still large women-talk of our country are illiterate, the weak, backward and exploited. "Educational brings a reduction in inequalities and functions as a means of improving their status within in the family.

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INTRODUCTION

"If you educate a man you educate an individual, however, If you educate a woman you educate a whole family. Women empowered means mother India empowered."

Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru

Women constitute almost half the human race. Education has been recognised or an essential agent of social change development in any society and any country. Education considered as a potent instrument. Though which process modernization and social change come into existence.

Education exposes people to new thoughts and ideas and provides necessary skills hence, to think harmonies development without educating women is impossibility. India is poised to emerge as one of the most developed nation by 2020. More literate, knowledgeable and economically at the forged out. No doubt , women will play a vital role in contributing to the country's development.

Women Education in India Historic Perspectives:

Although in the Vedic Period women has access to education in India, they had gradually lost this right.

Since ancient times, women in India have always enjoyed rights at par with their male counter parts. A classic example of women empowerment is Rani Abbakka Chowta, the little known Queen of Ullal.

Women Empowerment in India before 1947:

Unfortunately, women in several parts of Indian subcontinent were not empowered. Hence, the Practice of "Sati" or a women immolating herself on Pyre off a deceased husband was common.

The first move towards women empowerment can be credited to British Colonial rules. In 1829, Lord William Bentick, backed by Christian and Hindu social Reformers passed regulation XVII Criminalizing Sati and stipulating severe penalties for these found aiding or abetting women to burn the muscles alive.

Another notable example is Savitribai Jyotiba Phule, a social reformer from Mumbai, with her husband Jytiba, She set up at school in Pune for educating girls in 1948. The couple opened nearly 20 schools for underprivileged girls.

Savitribai and Jyotiba also set up what can be called India's First centre for rehabilitating rape victim the Bal Hatya Pratibandhatmak Kendra.

Women Empowerment Post 1947:

Indian women are witnessing increasing empowerment after partition of the Indian Subcontinent and creation of a sovereign nation, India. A classic Example of Indian Gandhi, the first till date. The only women to become Prime Minister of India. Indira Gandhi is acclaimed worldwide as "Iron Lady of India".

The women in India are genuinely empowered is evident from the fact that the country's 12th President was Pratibha Rao Patil. Very few countries in the world have had women as President of Prime Minister. In 2018, India Air Force inducted three female combat pilots- a role traditionally reserved for men for over 70 years since independence.

**STATE-WISE PERCENTAGE OF FEMALE LITERACY IN
THE COUNTRY AS PER 2011 CENSUS**

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Female Literacy
1.	Andhra Pradesh	59.7%
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	59.6%
3.	Assam	67.3%
4.	Bihar	53.3%
5.	Chattisgarh	60.6%
6.	Delhi	80.9%
7.	Goa	81.8%
8.	Gujarat	70.7%
9.	Haryana	66.8%
10.	Himanchal Pradesh	76.6%
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	58.0%
12.	Jharkhand	56.2%
13.	Kerala	68.1%
14.	M.P.	

CONCLUSION

According to the country Report of the Government of India- "Empowerment means moving from a weak position to execute a power." Education of women in the education of women is the most powerful role of change of position in society. Education also bring reduction in enqualities and functions as a means of improving their status within the family.