

The Sustainable Development of Women Education and Its Sterling Response in Indian Society: A Brief Study

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Women empowerment is to empower women by promoting their participation in all areas and sectors to build stronger economies, improve their quality of life and bring gender equality. Women empowerment which helps them to take their own decisions by breaking all personal limitations of the society and family. It makes them independent in all aspects from mind, thought, rights decisions, and others. According to the provisions of the constitution of India, it is a legal point to grant equality to women in the society in all spheres just like man. They need to be strong, aware and alert every moment for their growth and development.

Empowerment means moving from enforced powerlessness to a position of power. Education is an essential means of empowering women with the knowledge, skills and self-confidence necessary to fully participate in the development process. Sustainable development is only possible when women and men experience equal opportunities to reach their potential. Women face multiple and intersecting inequalities. Structural barriers in the economic, social, political and environmental spheres produce and reinforce these inequalities. Obstacles to women's economic and political empowerment and violence against women are the barriers to sustainable development and also the achievement of human rights, gender equality, justice and peace. Education plays a crucial role in enabling women to become strong physically by giving her knowledge as well as health, which would really make her feel determined. The value of women's education has received universal recognition over the past two decades with the mounting awareness in the drive towards women's equality. A woman is entitled to live in dignity and in freedom from want and from fear. Empowering women is also an indispensable tool for advancing development and reducing poverty. There have been several organizations and institutions advocating for women, promoting legal and policy reforms and gender-sensitive data collection, and supporting projects that improve women's health and expand their choices in life.

Education is an important requirement for human life. It is as much necessary as food, cloth and shelter. Women who cover half of the present total population must not be left uneducated in darkness. Their duties do not end in cooking and feeding. A woman of a house has a much wider range of work to do than a man has. She has a great need of education than a man does. It is thought that both man and woman must be equally educated and they are like the two wings of a bird. It is true that a home is the first school of every child and the mother is the first teacher. She must know how to nurse and take care of the child.

Education is a light brighter than that of sun. It not only removes ignorance but also makes a person conscious, skilled and productive. Now education has become basic need of everyone. For development, education is considered as the first and foremost factor. Also development cannot be sustainable without women's active participation. It has proven that development is only possible when women are educated. Despite many efforts, the level of women education is still poor in developing countries. Literacy for female is lower than that of male. It is simply because females get lesser opportunities than male. It is rightly said that to educate a woman is to educate the family. Research in many countries shows that if mother is well educated than the children will be healthier and better-fed.

Inequalities between men and women and discrimination against women have also been age-old issues all over the world. Thus, women's quest for equality with man is a universal phenomenon. At this outset it is splendid to remember the greatest achievements done by women in India. Kiran Bedi, the name stands for courage and valour. India's first and highest ranking officer who joined Indian Police Service in 1972. Her expertise includes more than thirty five years of creative and informative policing and prison management. She made the challenges possible due to her education.

The department of women and child development functions well in this field for the proper development of the women and child in India. Women are given a top place in India from the ancient time however they were not given empowerment to participate in all areas. Those days they were limited only for the household chores or understand the responsibility of home and family members. Women constitute half power of the country so in order to make this country a fully powerful country, women empowerment is very necessary. The most famous saying of Nehru is "To awaken the people, it is the women who must be awakened. Once she is on the move, the family moves, the village moves, the nation moves" (74). Women power is something massive, for instance, we can share the achievements done by IndraKrishnamoorthy Nooyi-CEO of Pepsico, the world's fourth-largest food and Beverage company. An Indian born executive, she was ranked No-4 on Forbes Magazine's annual survey of the 100 most powerful women in the world. She steered Pepsico with revenues of more than USD 60 billion and over 285,000 employees. This is not only the example, there are many Indian women surpassing in their fields and bring laurels to our nation and culture.

Deprivation of women rights results not only in their societal status, but also in their psychological aspects. If women are not at peace in the home environment, their mental stability would also get affected. They become victims in the hands of the society. So, educating woman is a prime focus to improvise the state of women. Women education is very important for the country to fully develop. It is like an effective medicine to cure a patient completely and provide health back. Women education is a big opportunities

for India to be developed socially and economically. Educated women are the weapon who yields positive impact on the Indian society through their contribution at home and professional fields. Women education was the matter of concern in India in the middle age however; it has been now solved to a great extent. Women education has been given a lot of priority in India just like men to some positive changes in the social and economic status of the country. Women Education in India is highly necessary for the future of the country as women are the first teachers of their children.

In ancient India, though patriarchal system was highly prevalent- women enjoyed a position of respect and reverence. Several inscriptions make references to the status of women in that they enjoyed the freedom to make liberal gifts to religions institutions like temples, dharmasalas not merely for the welfare of hands of the families but for their parents as well. As the time passed the position of women underwent changes in all spheres of life. In the Vedic period, women lost their political rights of attending assemblies. Child marriages also came into existence. The brighter aspect of the high status of women in ancient India explains only one side.

However, the other side of the picture of women was not so easy. Several inscriptions and references in literature make it clear that polygamy, particularly among the kings, nobles, rich and high caste men were not uncommon. Woman in general in ancient and medieval India had various duties like looking after the comforts for her husband, bringing up children, serving elders and maintaining the family, showing compassion to the guests and servants, etc. Throughout history and in many societies including India, gender inequality was part and parcel of an accepted male dominated culture. In addition to domestic and social violence, women are subjected to state violence in certain regions and in certain special conditions. State itself is a powerful structure. It will not tolerate individuals and institutions that questions its power. So, to eradicate all these barriers, Education is the only weapon in the hands of women. Education is universally regarded as an instrument of improvements in the status of women. It is considered a step-ladder for occupational and social mobility. The post independence period has witnessed a significant improvement in women's education. In the present globalized world, women's professional participation has seen a historic sweep in all walks of life. Because education helps a woman to lead a good life and they are more informed of their rights and justice. It would eventually lead to decline in instances of violence. This is greater emphasis on women education and it is a praiseworthy development too. Thus, 'Education' plays a crucial role in the lives of women, and their upliftment.

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