

ROLE OF EDUCATION IN WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

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Abstract

Any country's sustainable development depends majorly upon its human resources, since women constitute almost half of the human resources and thus form a significant portion of the human capital of the country. Human resources development cannot be achieved without proper basic education to the women "There is no tool for development more effective than the Empowerment of Women". Hence, we cannot neglect the role of Education in relation to Women Empowerment. This Paper throws light on the role of Education in Women Empowerment. 'Women Empowerment' is one of the prime goals in the present time and Education is the most important and indispensable tool for women empowerment, since Education makes women aware of their rights and responsibilities To improve the quality of life of every citizen of a country empowerment of women is fully essential. Empowerment of women leads the country towards building stronger economy, achieve international standard goals and maintain sustainability In education system we have need to bring more and more changes for the favor of women empowerment. Give some possibilities, opportunities and assessment equal to men and women. This can be done by developing our syllabus with the help of women representative and give some place to unit or content for Gender equality activities and programmes. Presently syllabus is given some places to equality. Teachers have need to proper Use of that place for the equality and organize in-door and out-door activities for supported equality.

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1. Introduction

Education is a process of development of internal and external aspects of the individual. Individual development means men and women were included in it .Welfare of the society depends on wellbeing of both men and women. In the opinion of Swami Vivekananda, **“There is no chance for the welfare of the world unless the condition of Women is improved, It is not possible for a bird to fly on only one wing”**, this is why ‘Women Empowerment’ is one of the prime goals in the present time and Education is the most important and indispensable tool for women empowerment, since Education makes women aware of their rights and responsibilities To improve the quality of life of every citizen of a country empowerment of women is fully essential. Empowerment of women leads the

country towards building stronger economy, achieve international standard goals and maintain sustainability.

What is women empowerment?

According to UN Commission on the status of Women (2002) Sources(s), "Women empowerment is a process by which women gain power and control over their own lives and acquire the ability to make strategic choices "Women empowerment does not mean 'Worship of Women', but it means replacement of Patriarchy with parity. Indian Constitution adopted and included many social, educational, economical and political provisions on the basis of ideas coined by the founding fathers for women empowerment.

Constitutional Provision for Women empowerment.-

- Right to equality under Article 14 of the Indian Constitution- this provision guarantees to all Indian Women equality before law.
- Article 39(d), guards the economic rights of Women by guaranteeing equal pay for equal work.
- Maternity Relief under Article 42, recommends provisions to be made by the state for securing just and human condition of work and maternity relief for Women.
- Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, prohibits the giving, receiving or acceptance of dowry in any form.
- Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, secures for a more effective protection of the rights of Women suffering from domestic ill-treatment.
- Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Place (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act, 2013, helps to build a conducive environment at the workplace for Women. This act helps women not subject to any kind of sexual harassment.
- In order to increase the effective participation of women in politics as per the 73rd and 74th
- Constitutional Amendment Act, one-third of their total seats in the local elected bodies are reserved for Women.
- Women's Reservation Bill-This Bill proposes to reserve 33% of total seats in the Lok Sabha and in all State Legislative Assemblies for Women. But it is pending Bill; if it is passed it will give a remarkable blooming to the position of Women in politics.

Challenges for women empowerment Biased Perspective

This is the most widened and dehumanizing discriminations against Women the girl child experiences this from the birth itself. Preference given to the boys over girls, results in female infanticide which is a common practice in India.

Patriarchal Society

The - ancient and unjust traditions. Guardians who are self-proclaimed caste lords put the burden of traditions, culture, and honor on the women and rate their growth.

Economic Backwardness

In India only 30% of the work force is constituted by the women and remaining women population is not maid into source of economy. The country is not able to transfer the available women sources to contribute.

Implementation Gaps

Through there are many schemes and policies for empowerment of women the much of attention is only on devising and developing the programmes. But there is a lack of attention is given to the proper monitoring system. One example for such is Janani Suraksha Yojana and National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) The country is experiencing a skewed sex ratio and a high maternal mortality rate (MMR).

Loopholes in the legal Action

Because of dely in legal Procedures and the presence of several loopholes in the functioning of judicial system led to the significant increase in the evils like rapes, extortions, etc.

Lack of Political Will

Due to the male dominance prevailing in the Indian politics, Nation is unable to pass the women's Reservation Bill, which is still pending bill for many years.

Women empowerment and Education

Economic Empowerment: Economic Empowerment of women and independence only come through proper education. If education not given properly leads to helpless condition that is economically depending on men cannot be changed.

Identity: Education helps women to show her identity as an individual .Through education she can read and learn about her rights, her rights would not get trodden down; condition of life would improve.

Health Awareness: Educated women are aware of the importance of health and hygiene. Through health education, they are able to lead healthy life style. Educated mother can take care of both herself and her child.

Source of Inspiration: Educated women are now looked upon with dignity and honour. The women who are recognized by their activities, they become a source of inspiration for millions of young girls as role models.

Awareness of Right: women receiving education are more aware of their rights for justice they can raise their voice against injustices to women such as dowry, forced prostitution, child marriage, female feticide etc.

Professional Challenges; Educated women can prove her efficient in the professional challenges such as doctors, engineers, lawyers, teachers, etc. And they can perform exceptionally.

Roll of Education in Gender equality of women empowerment:

Gender “A concept that refers to the social differences between women and men that have been learned are changeable over time and have wide variations both within and between cultures”. Gender refers to the rules, norms and practices by which the biological differences between men and women, boys and girls are interpreted so as to result in unequal assessment possibilities and opportunities. In education system we have need to bring more and more changes for the favors of women empowerment. Give some possibilities, opportunities and assessment equal to men and women. This can be done by developing our syllabus with the help of women representative and give some place to unit or content for Gender equality activities and programmes. Presently syllabus is given some places to equality. Teachers have need to proper use of that place for the equality and organize in-door and out-door activities for supported equality.

Roll of Education in Health and Employment of women empowerment:

Women are an important section of our society, of education as means empowerment of women can brings about a positive attitude changes. So Education has most important media to provide knowledge, skill towomen through school, college, self funding NGO’s or Granted Institutions .Hon’ble Pandit Nehru says that ‘Women education in India play’s a very important role in the overall development of the country .It is not only help in the development of half of the human resources but in improving the quality of life at home and outside. This is why education is the key to all problems including health and employment of women.

Conclusion

The culture of disregard for Women which are deeply rooted in Indian make it is not going to be easy task to alter the so long existing culture of the land. Women empowerment is an important part of education system. Unless women are educated they will not be able to understand about their rights and their importance. Thus it can be concluded that education plays an important role in empowering women. However, education alone cannot improve the status of women, unless the women themselves grow conscious of their own dignity and genuine needs.

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