

## **POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN IN PANCHAYATI RAJ: A STUDY OF SCHEDULED CASTE WOMEN SURPANCHES IN WARANGAL DISTRICT**

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### **ABSTRACT**

**E**mpowerment is a process of awareness and capacity building leading to greater participation, decision-making power and control to transformative action. This paper examines the empirical study of Scheduled Caste women in Panchayati Raj Institution in Warangal district of Telangana State, where how SC women have access to reach political empowerment through the Panchayati Raj Institutions. The present study was an effort to know the extent of political participation of women in functioning as well as in the electoral process of the panchayats and the problems faced by them. This study is based on the primary data that has random basis sampling method. The main objective of this paper how evaluate the role of women in politics in Warangal district in the case of Panchayati Raj Institution. Finally this paper examines the SC women elected representative are not treated equal by their male counterparts on a par with them. So the drawback is due to gender inequality.

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