

WOMEN'S POLITICAL AWARENESS AND INITIATIVENESS IN DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES IN VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

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ABSTRACT

The proper channel by which we can enable a woman to overcome all the shackles and reach the mainstream is through inculcating awareness, economic independence, involvement in decision making and motivating her to participate in political affairs. 73rd and 74th amendments have really been a boon for participation of women in Indian Politics in general and Local Self Government in particular. It is the women who can feel the pulse of her village development as when a power is given to a woman she can administer effectively. Local Self Government as a system of governance at the grass root level in rural India has been rightly conceived as the most viable of proper mechanism of realizing goals of democracy and decentralization. Participation of women gained a momentum and recognition as a women's right. Thus study aims at understanding the elected women representative in Grama Panchayat about their political awareness and developmental initiativeness in participating in village political administration. For the study purpose 100 women elected member from President to members form Gram Panchayat has been selected for the study. After the data collection suitable analysis and interpretation has been done tailoring it for the requirement of the study. The study found that the elected representatives were not mere rubberstamps instead they fully used their capabilities in the active participation of village politics.

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