



## IMPACT OF EDUCATION ON WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

### ABSTRACT

**E**ducation helps all round development of a person. It helps to bring out the best of a child. Educations not only develop an individual but it brings the social development. In education training plays an important role. The main aim of training is to help and make a person grow. In our society educated woman can play a very vital role in the development of the country. Education helps woman to break the social barriers, traditional orthodox rules. It also change their life. It also helps them to free the challenges of today's world and also give them mental power to overcome it. So we can't ignore the importance of education of woman and their empowerment. Women education is very important in our civil society as it plays a very important role for the development of our country. Education is important as because it is the milestone of women empowerment. It helps women to face the challenges, to change their life and also for their children development, also above all help them to think positively. Now in 21st century when women are coming out in each field their empowerment is also necessary. So, we can't ignore the importance of women education in reference to women empowerment in India as now India is poised to be superpower developed country by 2020. Education is the mail key for women to climb up the ladder of our society. A woman with knowledge is a respectable woman; she has the ability to make people listen to her. It is very powerful tool for women to change her position in our society. In India, the female literacy rate is very low. Education also helps to reduce inequalities and helps to improve the status of any woman in her family and also in the society.

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### INTRODUCTION

"If you educate man you educate an individual, however, if you educate a woman you educate a whole family.

Women empowered means mother India empowered."

-Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru.

Education helps to bring any expected change in the society. As we know schools can become real centers of learning. Education helps in the development of the child personality. Education gives solution of problems in our life. Education helps a person to find out which is right or wrong. With the help of education we inculcate values in our students. Woman and Man are like two

wheels of a chariot. They are equal in our society. We should give importance to each of them and they should work together in life for the betterment of our life.

In rural India women doesn't get the respect and due position. They have to work hard inside their houses and also suffer a lot. They completely depend on men. As we know women have almost half of the population in the world. But the society of men dominant always over them. They always denied equal opportunities in the society. But today the feminist ideas, has led to a tremendous improvement in woman's condition in all over the world .In such case Education plays an important role. In our country the government and the civil society plays an important role in the development of the country. As it is our dream to emerge India as one of the most developed nation 2020, so in such case Women empowerment, their literacy also plays a very important role. Woman plays a very vital role in the development of the country. So, it is necessary for economic growth of any country. In India reforms are going on in this regard, but a little has been achieved. But new woman are very much aware in this direction due to educational effect.

**OBJECTIVES**

The objective of the study is to find out the impact of Education on Women Empowerment in our society.

**SIGNIFICANCE OF WOMEN EDUCATION**

We can spread the message of women empowerment through Education. It is true that how vast or rich our country, without effective education of our citizen no goals will be achieved. Education not only educates a person but also helps her to realization herself that she is also a vital part of our society.

Women education is also needed for women empowerment .Through education they will also enjoy the occupational achievement. Their self-awareness, satisfaction is ensured by only effective use of education. Guidance and Counseling also provided through education which help them in their self- awareness, selection of their job and career. Education can be given through formal and non-formal mode of education. It is needed for women education. Education will help women to empowerment through the knowledge of science and technology to face the challenges of today's technological age. It also help them in information ,computer of all over the world .Education not only educate a woman but also enable her to take decisions and accept responsibilities at her home and outer world for their empowerment. Education helps a woman to understand her rights to equal treatment like a man in r the society of this nation. Food, health, education, shelter are the basic need which a woman can ask for if she is educated and know her rights.

**EDUCATION OF WOMEN IN MODERN INDIAN SCENARIO**

'Education' is not a new word in our Indian scenario. The idea of Women Empowerment was first introduced in 1985, at International Women conference at Nairobi. Education leads to women empowerment because it helps them to respond the social challenges, change their life. So we can't avoid or ignore the importance of education in reference to women empowerment in India. As India is dreaming to become a super power country, it will only possible if we give proper education, social status to woman. When woman become empowered India will be more powerful .female literacy rate in India at present is 65.46% according to census 2011, Adult literacy rate is 74.04%.

**Table-1-Literacy Rate in India of last 5 years: Census of India (2011)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Persons</b>	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>
1971	29.5	39.5	18.7
1981	36.2	46.9	24.8
1991	52.1	63.9	39.2
2001	65.38	76.0	54.0
2011	74.04	82.14	65.46

In table -1 it is shown that last 5 years how the literacy rate changed. In 1971 where it was 18.7 and in 2011 it is 65.46.

**Table-2-State wise female literacy percentage in India as 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	Chhattisgarh	60.6%
6	Delhi	80.9%
7	Goa	81.85
8	Gujarat	70.75
9	Haryana	66.8%
10	Himachal Pradesh	76.65
11	Jammu and Kashmir	58.05
12	Jharkhand	56.2%
13	Karnataka	68.1%
14	Kerala	92.05
15	Madhya Pradesh	60.0%
16	Maharashtra	75.5%
17	Manipur	73.2%
18	Meghalaya	73.8%
19	Mizoram	89.4%
20	Nagaland	76.7%
21	Orissa	64.4%
22	Punjab	71.3%
23	Rajasthan	52.7%
24	Sikkim	76.4%
25	Tamil Nadu	73.9%
26	Tripura	83.1%
27	Uttar Pradesh	59.3%
28	Uttarakhand	70.7%
29	West Bengal	71.2%

In Table-2 it is shown that Kerala has the highest literacy rate of 92.05% as first and Mizoram second of 89.4% and Tripura of 83.1%. of all the states ,recent 2011 census report.

**Table-3-Union Territory female Literacy percentage in India as 2011 Census**

Sl. No	Name of the union Territory	Female literacy
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	81.8%
2	Chandigarh	81.4%
3	Dadra & Nagar haveli	65.9%
4	Daman & Diu	79.6%
5	Lakshadweep	88.2%
6	Pondicherry	81.2%

Sources: - Census of India 2011

In Table-3 it is showed that in case of Union Territory Lakshadweep has the 88.2% female literacy rate and Andaman & Nicobar Islands has 81.8% female literacy rate.

Now, our law, plan, programmes, democratic policies, development policy are all focused on women's empowerment along with their education. Before independence, women literacy was poor in our country. Five years plan also approaches for women development. From our first five years plan to till now different five years plans mentioned about women development and their various issues. In our constitution also the 73rd and 74th Amendment (1993) mentioned about the reservation of seats in Panchayat and Municipalities for women. This helps them to involve in decision making process.

Now-a-days various banks are coming forward for helping the women by giving loans for set up their own business. Various NGO's are now helping women in their empowerment .In 1990 National Commission of Women was set up. It ensures women to safe guard their rights and legal entitlement. In our constitution, village Panchayat and Municipalities women reservation is applied where they contribute their duties, for the society.

## **EDUCATION AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT**

Education helps woman to know the world, come out from the darkness of illiteracy to the light of education. It helps a woman to know, responds to challenges change their life, raise their voice of exploitation, dowry, early marriage.

Women empowerment now becoming a global issue. Through Formal and Non Formal mode of education women are becoming educated. In 1985 at Nairobi Women Empowerment concept was introduced at international World conference, we can't ignore the power of education in upliftment of women status in our society.

In our Indian constitution there are provisions for education of woman. Indian constitution not only grants equal rights for woman but it also mentioned empowers women in socio economic, education and also in political field. Fundamental Rights ensures equality on ground of religion, Caste, Race, Sex or place of birth. It guarantee equality of opportunity to all civilians of India in matters relate to empowerment. There are Articles such as Article 21 A,41,45,46,29,30,350A,14,15,17,24,26,28 which ensure equality of man and woman of all citizens in India in different sector.

There are different scheme for elementary education programme by Central Govt. such as- Mahila Samakhya, Shiksha Karmi,Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV),Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA),Mid-day Meal, Ladali Scheme,Padhe Bitiya Badhe Bitiya ,National Programme for Education for Girls at Elementary level(NPEGEL) .Other schemes for Secondary education such as - Integrated Education for Disabled Children(IEDC),ICT in Schools, Access & Equality, Quality Improvement in School(QIS) ,Vocational Courses of Education.

If we overcome the problems or change the attitude of men towards women in the society then inequalities will be reduced. Both men and women should aware about the concept of women empowerment then people attitude should be change towards this concept. Women's attitude should also be change. As there is a concept earlier that women is weak, dependent, passive. This concept is still in our society. We should have to make the concept in positive sense of women as strong, active and independent.

In our academic level also an awareness should be created among young generation about women empowerment. In political level also women should give proper respect and provide seats in Legislation and Panchayat level. Empowerment of women is also necessary in administrative level also. It will help in a sustainable development of a country. There are many ways by which empowerment of a woman can be achieved such as - Through awareness campaign, Road show, Workshop, seminar should arrange. In village panchayat also such awareness campaign should organize in schools, Panchayat office, Block Development Office. Women should be encouraged by her family members so that they can come forward in the society. Women should be motivated in this regard. Interaction with them will help to come forward. Different NGO should be trained women for their job and also encourage them, provide better placement after their training. Different short term courses of rural development should be given emphasis in women empowerment. In offices both private and govt. sector sufficient number of women should be required.

## **STATUS OF INDIAN WOMAN IN THE CHANGING SCENARIO**

In earlier times women were involved just as kitchen and house keeper. During these days women faced many problems like child marriage, Dowry, sati, death during early child birth. In 1995 International Year for Women was declared and observed all over the world. Now-a- days in 21st century women began to get educated,

and takes part in social and political field. In our freedom struggle women also took part as men did. Now women are not in four wall boundaries, they are awake and moving towards progress. In our modern India, Women have adorned different high offices like Prime Minister, President, Speaker of Lok Sabha.

In our Indian sub-continent women are playing a very significant role. They not only manage their home but also ruling the nation also as man can .This is as because of the light of education which help in women empowerment..

## CONCLUSION

Education of a girl is very essential for a nation. It is one of the most powerful tools to change the position of women in the society. It also helps to uplift the status of woman in the society as well as in the family. In equalities between man and woman will be reduced through education. Education is the powerful tool of change the position of woman in the family as well as in the society. 50% of girls do not get the chance to attend school in the poorest countries of this world. Many women try their best to be equal as men and education help them in this regard. An educated woman is respected by all. She has the ability to make people to listen to her view and follow her. Development of our country or society mostly depends on the empowerment of women. Man and a Woman are

like two wheels of a cart. It is only possible for the cart to move faster and safely if both the wheels pull properly at the same time and also in the same direction with their same strength. By establishing schools, colleges, universities for women will help them to provide knowledge and education. Free books, scholarship, school uniforms, hostel facility, boarding and lodging will help for more. Girls for education. Mid-day meals, stipend for BPL (Below Poverty Line) families related girls, Attendance based scholarship will help in girl's education. EFA(education For All) programme is providing different facilities to uplift education for woman. These will help in women education specially women empowerment in our society. No society can ignore the role of woman .If a woman gets education it will help the whole family. In this way woman will move towards her empowerment.

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