

## **Women's Education and Empowerment**

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### **Abstract**

Women Plays a very big and the most important role in our Society. She is the planner, the supporter, the Leader, the care taker and playing very important role in development of economy and society. Women Empowerment refers to women's ability to make strategic life, it is about giving the right to choose their own career, their own decisions and live their lives with respect without any constraints.

Education is considered as a basic requirement and a fundamental right for the citizens of any nation. It is a powerful tool for reducing inequality as it can give people the ability to become independent. Education and Empowerment are closely related words. Educating women means not only giving them knowledge, Higher degrees and skills but also helping them to solve the problems that many of them are facing like Inequality, Poverty, Child marriage, Mental health challenges, Gender -based violence etc. If women is educated and empowered then she can face any challenges. Economic growth and human development cannot be achieved without the educated and empowered women. so basically, women education and women empowerment are the most important things which gives confidence to the women to think high and helps them to achieve their goals. This Paper contains importance of women education and empowerment, role of education in women empowerment and need of women empowerment, Barriers of women empowerment.

### **Introduction**

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” – Nelson Mandela, here we can see the importance of education, for women education is like a greatest milestone which can help them to face the new challenges of their life. In developing countries like India, educating women can help economic development.

Even though everybody is aware of this fact, but nobody is ready to accept this fact. As a result, the importance which used to be given to women is declining in today's society. As a consequence of this growing tendency of underestimating women such as to make them occupy a secondary position in society and to deprive them of their basic rights, the need for empowering women was felt. Empowering women has become the focus of considerable discussion and attention all over the world. Today we enjoy the benefits of being citizens of a free nation which is developing also, but we really need to think whether each of the citizens of our country is really free or enjoying freedom, in the true sense of the term. The inequalities between men and women and discrimination against women are an ageold issue all over the world. Thus women quest for equality with man is a universal phenomenon. Women should equal with men in matters of education, employment, inheritance, marriage, and politics etc. Their quest for equality has given birth to the formation of many women's associations and launching of movements. The Constitution of our nation doesn't discriminate between men and women, but our society has deprived women of certain basic rights, which were bestowed upon them by our Constitution. Empowerment allows individuals to reach their full potential, to improve their political and social participation, and to believe in their own capabilities.

In this paper, we focus on importance of women education and empowerment, role of education in women empowerment and need of women empowerment.

### **Importance of women education and empowerment**

Education is the main factor for women empowerment . “Educate a girl , change the world” like this if we educate our girls we can make the new changes in the world .

- Economic Empowerment and Financial Independence.
- Education provides a platform to challenge and change traditional gender norms and stereotypes. By promoting gender-sensitive curricula and inclusive teaching practices, education can help overcome biases and promote equal opportunities for girls and boys.
- To increase the leadership quality.
- Educated and empowered women can help to reduce their poverty.
- It can reduce Sexual harassment , Physical harassment , mental harassment and dowry system.
- It helps women to make choices that can improve their lives.
- Women education and empowerment can make the positive changes in the society.

Women education and empowerment is very important because by this women can gain the respect , and position which she deserve .

#### **Role of education in women empowerment**

Education Plays a very Important role in women empowerment , It gives them not only the Knowledge but makes them strong and confident to face the new challenges . For women education is like a path to reach their goals , it can helps them to fulfill their dreams . According to UNESCO, education is a fundamental human right and a key driver of sustainable development and gender equality.

“If you educate a 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. Women education in India plays a very important role in the overall development of the country. It not only helps in the development of half of the human resources, but in improving the quality of life at home and outside. If it is said that education is the key to all problems, then it won't be improper.

- Educating women benefits the whole society. It has a more significant impact on poverty and development than men's education.
- Education can helps women to get the jobs which makes them financially independent.
- It is also one of the most influential factors improving child health and reducing infant mortality rate. Educated women's responsibility is tremendous. Women have a significant role in shaping the behaviour and mental make up of the younger generation. She has the primary duty of nurturing and shaping the children . Educated women are always cautious about the importance of health care and know how to seek it for themselves and their children. Education makes them able to know their rights and gain confidence. Educated parents have a good thought about their children's educational attainments. Mother's education will influence more in children's life than father's. The empowered women can stand with men. They are not inferior to men and they can do whatever the men can do, some times better than that of a man.
- Education is the key to solve every problem .if a women is educated that education can help her in every step to lead her life without taking anyone’s help.

#### **Need of women empowerment**

We know that every woman plays a big role in our society. But somewhere still she is not getting that much respect , position , rights , support and leadership but if she is empowered she can earn these all things by her own without depending on anyone .

- Women empowerment is very much needed to convert developing country to developed country.

- Women empowerment is needed to show that even women can run this world.
- Women empowerment is needed to improve the economic condition of the country.
- Women empowerment is needed to reduce the poverty and to lead a happy life.
- To reduce inequality women empowerment is needed.
- To build a strong and a healthy family women empowerment is needed.

Even though every woman is empowered women because if she is a house wife without even taking a single day of rest she is giving her best to her family as a mother , as a sister , as a daughter , as a wife . but still she is always being asked that “are you just a house wife ?” to convert this question as “are you really a house wife ? this is really a very great job” we need empowerment .

#### **Barriers of women empowerment**

When women are going to choose anything they have to face so many things as barriers . somme times that barriers may stops her to fulfill her dreams or to achieve her goals.

- Poverty: Poverty is the biggest barrier for the women which plays as a hurdle for women empowerment , because of poverty she may not be able to comple her education or to go for higher degrees.
- Unequal Pay: there are some areas where women got less payment than the men, we know that India is rich for it’s Agriculture but still in that agriculture for a day women’s payment is 250 for a day where as men’s payment is 350 for a day , like this there are so many areas where women got less payment than the men.
- Lack of education : Lack of education is the biggest challenge because most of te girls are unable to complete their education because of early marriage , responsibilities , the fees of the higher education so because of these all reasons they may not complete their education which becomes a biggest barrier for the empowerment .

#### **Conclusion**

Totally education plays a big role in empowering women. women education and empowerment are closely related words. Women empowerment is about giving women equal chances in life. It means helping women get Knowledge , skill ,good education, jobs, and a say in important decisions. When women are empowered, they can achieve their goals , fulfill their dreams and make the world better. It’s important for everyone including families, schools, and governments, to support women’s rights and opportunities. By doing this, we create a fairer society where both men and women can succeed. In the end, empowering women benefits not just women, but everyone in society.so for the better future we have to support women , women education and women empowerment.

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