

# Women Empowerment

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**Abstract:** Women empowerment is not a new issue; this is an ages old issue in this paper the status of women empowerment is tried to be analyzed. This paper also tries to explore the condition of women at home, the challenges they must face, and their financial status. and their knowledge of laws against women atrocities. In present era women empowerment is the need of modern world. Atrocities against fair sex, inequality between man and women, domestic violence, sexual harassments, and illiteracy are the major problem that must be removed. This paper reviews the roll of society and government to provide an equal status to women folk. The paper throws light on how Indian women are comparatively unaware about their legal rights and social status. They feel economically, socially, and prestigiously inferior to that of man. Though many efforts have been undertaken by government and social reformers, the condition of women is not satisfactory in the society. The research papers conclude by this opinion that the women's access to education, employment and better opportunities in enterprise are the basic point to encourage Women Empowerment.

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## INTRODUCTION

Women Empowerment can be defined as increasing women's sense of self-worth, their ability to ensure own choices and their right to influence social changes for themselves and others. In India, Women Empowerment is mainly dependent on many factors that are – education status, social status (caste and class) age as and geographical location.

Government and social agencies are working to elevate the status of women at the national, state, and local levels in many sectors. Many policies on women empowerment have been made and are being made, including in the field of education, economic opportunities, gender based, domestic violence and political participation. But policy making their implement is at the community level is a different thing. Empowering women means equipping them with the tools they need to have power and control or over their own lives. Empowered women have freedom, equal opportunities, and the ability to makes choices in all areas of their lives. It is a process by which women feel freedom are not ready to undertake any job due

to fear, shyness, male dominance in the society and social evils like purdah system. But it is in modern era and modern women are powerful now they have equal opportunities as men. They can take help from legally based discrimination or injustices. Society has been ill-treating women for ages. There were many social evils which were cruel towards women like SATI PRATHA, CHILD MARRIAGE, RULES OF WIDOW HOOD and GIRL CHILD ABORTION. They have been tolerating atrocities, domestic violence, rape, acid attack, honour killing and agony of dowery system etc..... These are still happening.

Nearly 50% population is of women. But, because of female feticides, the number of girls child is reducing rapidly. It has also reduced the sex ratio. The literacy rate in girls is very low. In the rural areas, most of the girls are not provided sufficient education. They are married early and made too do household work like a laborer. They are not given freedom to take any decision and are dominated by their husband. Men treat them as they are their own property. They are paid less wages for the same work. Many agencies work for girl child education and vocational skill training of rural women.

## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

“Feminism is not about making women strong. Women are already strong. It's about changing the way the world perceives that strength”

Empowerment means giving some freedom, rights, power or authority to someone. Women Empowerment which means power in hands of women. This means that women should be treated equally in every field and should be given equal opportunities irrespective of any discrimination.

Women are empowered once they are ready to access opportunities during a sort of fields like education, profession life-style etc., with no limitation and restriction It include raising their status through education, awareness, literary and training. It also includes the authority to make decision. When a woman makes a crucial decision, she feel empowered.

## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Violence against women typically means the crime committed against women of any age caste and creed. The crimes can be of any kind; usually the include murders, abuse, molestation, rape and infanticide. The crime against

women in India takes several forms. Dowry deaths are one such example of crime committed against Indian women. In rural area the bride usually belonging to a poor household, is unable to meet the groom's high demand for dowry money. They fall of all fulfill and pay the amount the groom asks for in such cases often, the bride falls to verbal and physical abuse of groom. The woman is beaten abused and regularly molested for her family's incapability to fulfill the dowry.

### CHALLENGES IN WOMEN LIFE

Women folk have been facing great difficulties in the male dominated society since ages. She was considered as a servant and had been tolerating atrocities and injustices right from her birth. She has to face many challenges and exploitation during education, working place and even in the houses. She obliged to raise her voice against the society. It is said in the modern era thinking about fair sex is changing rapidly and women are outwitting men in almost every field today. Is it true?

Here are six challenges that women have to face in male dominated society to become entrepreneurs:

1.ECONOMICAL POSITION: The main problem which a woman has to face is earning money. It is considered that women are less competent handling the business deals. They cannot become a good merchant and convince the investor for their business purpose. Because it is general conception that women entrepreneurs are not able to deal.

2.MAINSTREAM THINKING: Indian women are considered as "homemakers" and not" businesswomen" who can go out and tackle the obstacles of carrying out a business of their own and do all the stress handling. They are bound to remain within the realm of their home. This mainstream thinking pulls them back to ground zero. The societal pressure demotivates them before even starting their path towards achieving their goals.

3.CONFLICT BETWEEN FAMILY AND DREAMS: Women entrepreneurs have to deal with the conflict between their personal and professional life. How to manage their children and family and get the support of their family is the biggest challenge they face because at the end the upbringing of the children is posed on the mother.

4.MARKETINGS OF PRODUCTS: It is hard for them to promote and market their products and develop their business because men are considered to be more powerful in this arena to market their products and hence the even the most knowledgeable women fail to make a mark. Thus, they approach the middlemen who eat up a large chunk of profit.

5.COMPETITION: women entrepreneurs face a stiff competition in making themselves stand determined in their venture to become successful. There are many restraining forces which stop them. Women are still given suspicious looks when they go out late in the evening. Thus, women

face a major challenge in facing the harsh attitudes of officials and the hard work required to start up a business.

6. EMOTIONAL INSTABILITY: Women are taken to be emotional and temperamental in handling situations which may be adverse at times. Women entrepreneurs are considered to be incapable of taking a risk and bearing losses.

### OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

The ordinary objective of this study is to find out how to elevate the socio-economic position of Women and to make them strong against social and domestic violence, While the specific objectives of the studies are following:

- 1.The role of education in empowering women.
- 2.To determine the importance of entrepreneurship institutions for female economic empowerment.
- 3.To determine important role of primary health care in the empowerment of women.
- 4.To examine the activities of governmental and non-governmental agencies in women empowerment.
- 5.To prepare women to raise voice against domestic violence, sexual harassment, and social evil.
- 6.To offer suggestion for more participation of women in political, social, and economical activities.

### IMPORTANCE OF FEMALE EDUCATION

Female education is the need of the hour. Without educating a woman of the country we cannot hope for a developed nation. Women play a vital role in the all-around progress of a country. If we want to make democracy successful, women must be educated. They are the real builders of happy homes. It is said that if we educate a man, we educate a man only, but if educate a woman, we educate a whole family.

### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

I will follow the qualitative research method because it elaborates the view of participant. A strong woman will tell what kind of hardships she faces during her struggling time? And what is her view about a successful life? As the topic resolves around the women so it is closely related to feminist theory and follow the inductive approach.

This research is to be done on micro level and the story of every individual woman varies from each other. I can follow them on social networking websites or contact them via email. In this modern era, women are as educated as men and working along with them. Yes, we are honored to say that women exist in our society with the significant identity. Women empowerment is merely important in every society because she change the world with her supremacy.

**SUGGESTION**

8th March is celebrated worldwide as International Women's Day, a day when every individual pledges to honor, respect and value the women in their lives. However, in a gender-based society, how do we ensure gender parity all year long? In a world where women are often misjudged for the most trivial of choices, can we really say that women are empowered at all? Probably not.

Before we talk about how to empower women, we must first know why we need to. The reason is simple and universal. Women deserve to be empowered and deserve an equal footing because they certainly aren't the weaker sex. It is their right to get all the opportunities and benefits that have been limited to men for years. The proper kind of education system is required in this country, for any sort of freedom for any sort of freedom of women, for women empowerment and employment, for women to frequent the public spaces. Ways to empower women are:

1.ENSURE WOMEN'S SAFETY: Out in the streets, women fight an unspoken war every day. Some are assaulted, some molested, and some violated. Truth be told, there is no safe haven for women anywhere, since most of these horrific cases occur inside homes and offices. While the government does need to initiate strict laws for the safety and security of women, we too need to keep our eyes open for wrongdoers.

2.EDUCATION: An educated girl can not only live life on her own terms, she can very well change the world. As responsible citizens, it is our duty to take that first step. From that urchin girl who begs for alms to that ragpicker who lives under the bridge, every girl needs and deserves to be educated. Teach one, teach all, and open new pathways for her bright future.

3.HEALTHCARE: Safety isn't just fighting criminals but also creating a safe, survivable environment for women all over. Ensure a safe, holistic environment and regular health check-ups.

4.SAVE A GIRL: We focus on women empowerment every now and then, but how will we initiate the steps mentioned above when there will be no women? Girls in many parts of the world including India are killed before birth. Reason is many, but the consequences are horrific.

5.TEACH JOB SKILL: A small skill is enough for a woman to start a career. Be it gardening, sewing or craftsmanship, these efforts can help them start a small-scale business of their own. Share new ideas with them and help them learn, because women empowerment begins with small initiatives.

6.RAISE YOUR VOICE AGAINST GENDER INEQUALITY: Above all, raise your voice. Stand up for every woman and help decrease the prevalent gender disparity in all the strata of society.

**Conclusion**

In the modern world the issues of women empowerment have become one of the most important concerns not only at national level but also at the international level. An educated woman is like a magic wand which brings prosperity, health, and pride. It is the need of the hour that government and society must feel that responsibility to make an atmosphere which is free from gender discrimination and women have full of opportunities of making self-decision and participation in social, political, and economic life of the country with the sense of equality. Education for girl is most important tool which can make them empowered, and they can use it in removing all their economic and social miseries. Women must be equal opportunities in every field irrespective of gender. We can also empower women by eliminating child marriage in India which is commonly conducted in villages areas.

Most importantly, the shame of divorce and abuse must be thrown out of the window. Many women stay in abusive relationship because of the fear of society, parents must teach their daughter it is okay to come home divorced rather than in a coffin. It is true that in present time, woman is enjoying freedom more than ever. But even today, various kind of social evils such as child marriage and gender discrimination are still prevalent. What is required is the seriousness of the government agencies and attitudinal changes of the society and women themselves to make women empowerment dream a reality.

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