

**WOMEN EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION IN INDIA****Tiwari Sunita Rohit Gautam**

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**Abstract**

*The population of women in this world is almost half but when we see the life of both men and women in this world then we realize that half of population is living in miserable condition while other half is dominating over them. The patriarchal male domination ideology is the main reason behind the condition of women as they were denied equal opportunities in the different parts of the world. The condition of women was raised after the movements of women empowerment were started all over the world. The rise of feminist ideas has led the tremendous improvement in the condition of women all over the world. Education performed major role to improve the condition of women and made them aware for the rights of women all over the world. Education of women in India has been also a major preoccupation of both as government and civil society as educated and well trained women can play and perform very important role in the development of India very well. The paper presents the effect of education for women empowerment.*

**Key words:** *women, women empowerment, empowerment, education*

Education is emerging in the society at a great level and in few years India will become a developed country and no doubt in this development, women will also perform a vital and important role to contribute in the development of India. Women's power is very crucial and important for the development of any country and that is the reason we can see that in all developed countries, women have performed their role very well. In India we still need to meet that requirements for a better platform to provide education to women. We have also achieved a little in the area of women empowerment and provide them proper education. India is concerning about the importance of education for women and that is the reason the chains of women empowerment are reforming. Though India knows its potential and it can become the largest economies in the world but it is struggling still because of lack support of women participation in its economy. The ratio of women's participation is growing day by day and position of India in all over the world is continuously growing.

**Women Education in the History of India**

We know very well that in the Vedic period, the education of women has access in India. But after that period they were deprived from education and many more their rights. After some time their condition became miserable when they had lost their rights and education both and male domination came in all over India. In Mughal period, women were kept under many rules and regulations and they were not allowed to give proper education and freedom in India. However, in the period of British ruler, the education of women was given importance and it became a revival of interest in the education of women in India. Many socio-religious movements were started to change the condition of women in the society and these movements were led by Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar who emphasized these movements on women's education in India. There were many other leaders like Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, Baba Saheb Ambedkar and Periyar in India who took various initiatives to provide education available for women in the society.

However, this movement of women empowerment increased its speed after the independence of India from British and after 1947; the government has taken many important points and schemes to provide a better education for women in India. After independence the literacy rate of women has increased continuously and it is still increasing on a great speed. We can understand that while in 1971 Indian women were literate only 22% and in 2001, the rate of literacy of women became 54.16% in India. The growth rate of female literacy is growing faster than male literacy so we can understand that the government of India is also paying attention more on the education of women. Now women and girls are given full support from their family and they are also allowed to send away for further study so they can get proper education and after that they can make them independent. Many organizations and media are also performing their role well for the education of women and empowerment of women in India. People have changed their thoughts and now they also support women for their proper education and give permission to them to do jobs also after completing their education which supports women very much and helps women also to become independent. Many NGOs and social institutes also support women education on a large scale to change the environment of society.

### **Importance of Education for Women in India**

Women education in India performs a very important and vital role for the development of this country. It is not only about the development but women education supports and encourages changing the life style of the society in a proper and well manner. It will help to improve the human resources, not only this much but it will help to change the environment of home and outside also. Educated women will not only support to educate their girl child but also they will improve the life of their all children and give them proper education and other aspects of human values also. Educated women can provide their children a better guidance for their future. Another main important is that educated women can help in the reduction of infant mortality rate and growth of the population which is very useful for the society. They can take the responsibility to manage their family by doing jobs and they also can make themselves independent economically and mentally. A working woman can give support her family financially also. When men and women will be given proper and equal education in the society then both can get jobs and other opportunities equally and for that the country can grow faster than its usual speed.

Educated women can take care their family to their health related matters also and other topics too. Women are performing their vital and important roles in all the fields where they are given proper chance and opportunities in our society. We can see that women are getting higher and higher posts in all the sectors whether it is government or private but they are proving their capacity and ability by doing hard work with intelligently. Even today we can see women on the top in all the fields of working sectors and even in politics sector. The development of India is continuously increasing and women's support in its development is performing very important role. Educated women understand the value of education and they inspire others also to take proper education and they can take care of their health and others also when they can study about the health and many issues regarding their health. When women get the education then they alert themselves for all the current issues of the world. Women are performing their roles in the game also and they are achieving new targets

and breaking many previous records. Women have been recorded many achievements after getting proper and well education.

### **Obstacles in Women Education in India**

Gender discrimination still continues in our country and there is lots of work still pending to do for women empowerment in India. We can understand the problems of women education through the gap between male and female literacy ratio in our society. While the rate of male literacy is above 75% according to the 2001 Census, and the rate of female literacy is only 54.16% so we can easily understand that there is a big gap between male and female literacy rate. The reason behind this gap is discrimination of women in the society and domination of male over women in the society. Education of women is a big issue in our country and many movements and discussions are done on this issue. Education is a mile stone for women empowerment but in our country education is very difficult for women to get. Education enables them to respond to the challenges and changes women's life but they cannot get fully success to get proper education in our country. Though women education is very important for the society, it is very unfortunate because very few percent of women literate among men. Though government is also trying to raise the literacy rate of women education but it is not fully helpful to educate women in our society.

The empowerment of women is recognized the main issue in determining the status of women. In spite of forceful intervention by feminist critics, constitutional guarantees, protecting laws and sincere efforts by the state government and central government through various programs and schemes last over many years and United Nation's enormous pressure with regard to uplift the in terms education is still in the state of enigma in India for many decades. The growth of women's education in rural areas is very low and we can say that large number of women quantity in our country is still illiterate, weak and exploited. Education is not available in our society to women equally. Men are given proper education while women are not allowed to take proper education in our country. Literacy rate of women is very poor in the comparison of male literacy rate in our country. Rate of school drop outs in girl child is also found very higher in our country that is the reason women cannot complete their proper education. Women's higher illiteracy rate is undoubtedly attributing for women dependency on men and readies them to perform a subordinate role. The lack of education becomes the reason of their exploitation and oppression.

### **Conclusion**

Empowerment means reduces the weak position and tries to execute powers. Women empowerment is very useful and important for a country for its proper development. Education of women is a very important and vital tool for the empowerment of women in our country. Education spreads awareness among women for their rights and equality. Education tries to reduce the inequality in the society between men and women and tries to improve the status of men and women in the society in a proper way. Encouragement of women education is the only way to finish the gender bias knowledge in the society. When schools, colleges and universities will becomes exclusive place for equal education only then women education movement will be succeeded. Government should also announce many new programs for poor girl child so they can also get the chance to get proper education in the society. Though, government is still providing many facilities and continuing many programs for poor

children like free books, uniform, boarding and lodging, midday meal and scholarships, clothing and so on.

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