



ROLE OF WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF INDIA

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Abstract

In 21st century Women are the part of our society but still they have facing same kind difficulties in getting their rights and duties, women are the key to sustainable development and quality of life in the family, society as well as for the economic development of the our country. The role of women's has changed a huge amount and is making its greatest impact in our society today. Women's empowerment and economic development are correlated as they move in positive direction. As and when women empowerment increases economy strengthening development plays a significant role by driving down inequality between men and women. Empowering women is one of the measures for economic development. World Economic Forum rightly said about Indian women's power as they quoted; 9%-10% of change in women's empowerment which may leads to increase 27% -30% of GDP

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Introduction

At the present situation there is great contribution of women on the society in each sector. As the contribution of women's in developed countries are remarkable and their values are appreciable. The society cannot be imagined without women. Because of their contribution and support in each stage is necessary. Century of women history stand witnessed for discrimination and condition of women should be improved for the welfare of society. Every one's voice should be listened irrespective of gender. Empowering women not only improves women but also society and which leads to the economic development. The evolution of recent scenario of technologies and creative sorts of technical programs makes the lives of the people better and extra comfortable in several ways. There is even greater realization that instead of a solitary trail technology, lateral integration of technologies can deliver surprising results and the world seems to be moving towards such congregate systems. Globally, humans are experiencing an extraordinary transitioning.

Women empowerment refers to the formation of that kind of conditions where they can make decision of their own for their personal benefits and society. Recently there has been growing interest on women empowerment. Gender discrimination reduces the chances for the women to get rid of poverty and to improve their standard of living. Inequalities between women and men are found where the women have little access to resources which leads to slow growth of the economy.

Women empowerment in the economy increases the participation of women in the labour force and reduces poverty in the economy. Women can take the role of farmers, entrepreneurs etc. which contributes to their families societies and countries finally. This brings development in the economy.

Review of literature

Bilkis Vissandjee Alisha Apale Saskia Wieringa Shelly Abdool Sophie Dupere(2005) - Empowerment Beyond Numbers: Substantiating Women 's Political Participation. Our research engages female and male panchayat members in rural Gujarat, India. We aim to understand how being a woman affects access to political office, experiences therein, negotiation procedures and decisions taken. Kavita Sethuraman, Richard Lans down, and Keith Sullivan (2006) - Women's empowerment and domestic violence: The role of socio cultural determinants in maternal and child under nutrition in tribal and rural communities in South India. They studied to explore the relationship between women's empowerment, maternal nutritional status, and the nutritional status of their children aged 6 to 24 months in rural and tribal communities. Annette Barnabas D. Joseph Anbarasu Paul S. Clifford(2009). A Study on the Empowerment of Women Construction Workers as Masons in Tamil Nadu, India. The paper focused on to find out the reasons why women construction workers should be empowered to become masons, to determine the process by which men are being trained in construction sector, to determine the willingness of women construction workers to become masons and the willingness of men construction workers and contractors to train and employ women as masons. There are many studies on construction sector which recommend that women could be empowered by training to do the tasks of masons in India.

Objectives

1. To know the need and important of Women Empowerment
2. To assess the Awareness of Women Empowerment in India.
3. To study the literacy ratio of women's in India
4. To study the women contribution in economic development of India
5. To study comparison the Women's Economic Opportunity Index is a dynamic quantitative and qualitative scoring model that measures specific attributes of the environment for women employees and entrepreneurs.

Research methodology

This paper is based on secondary data culled from various financial portals like economic survey data, economic women forum and other websites. The study is analytical in nature and analysis are done by table, charts etc. The secondary data were also collected from journals, published report, and annual reports sourced from the internet.

Analysis of the study

- Literacy Rate in India in 2019

The Literacy rate in India has been improved a lot; the Indian Literacy rate is at 74.04% the most literate state is the Kerala with 93.91% whereas the least literate state is the Bihar with 63.82%. While other states like Puducherry or even Himachal Pradesh has good literacy rate while states like Arunachal Pradesh, Rajasthan has low literacy rate. While states like Lakshadweep and Daman & Diu has good literacy rate with 92.3% and 87.07 respectively. Of the total population in literates, 60% women literate population is there. It clears that women's contribution is more in economic development in the form of education.

- Women contribution in economic development of India

Literacy in India is a key for social-economic progress and the India literacy rate is 81.3% (2020 Census)

Comparative Literacy statistics on Country

Country	Adult Literacy rate	Youth literacy age 15-24
India	74.37	91.66
Nepal	64.7	86.9
China	96.4	99.7
World average	86.3	91.2

Sources: literacy list 2019-2020

Conclusion

Women play a very important role in a nation building progressive and guide it towards development of country. They are essential possessions of a lively humanity required for national improvement, to see a bright future of women in the country, giving education to them must be a pre-occupation empowerment means moving from a weak position to execute a power. The education of women is the most powerful tool to change the position of society.

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