

ROLE OF EDUCATION IN WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

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1. ABSTRACT:

Every culture, state, and nation must priorities the empowerment of women. A woman is a child's primary caretaker. Women play an important role in our culture. Women's empowerment via education may lead to a change of perspective. As a result, it is essential to India's political and economic development. The state is allowed to carry out affirmative action initiatives to promote women's empowerment under the Indian Constitution. Women's empowerment is a global problem, and discussions on women's political rights have been at the forefront of numerous formal and informal initiatives throughout the world. The notion of women's empowerment was first established during the 1985 international women's conference in NAROIBI. This essay emphasizes the importance of education in improving women's lives. Education is a milestone in women's empowerment because it allows them to adapt to difficulties, face their established roles, and transform their lives. So we cannot overlook the relevance of education in terms of women's empowerment.

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2. INTRODUCTION

Education is defined by your ability to communicate with and learn about the world around you, not how well you can read and write. A good education not only teaches you skills, but it also broadens your horizons, gives you a broader perspective, and educates you to think independently. People today are quite aware of and comfortable discussing social injustices and other relevant topics. This can be linked to increasing global access to knowledge, which has resulted in a more welcoming and open society. Thus, education is a part of human evolution.

A good education allows you to recognise yourself and your talents. As you learn more about the world and yourself, you discover things that pique your curiosity. You identify your strengths and choose how you may contribute to the world's growth. Education allows you to investigate yourself and your environment while also empowering you to comprehend how the world works. It provides you the freedom to live the life you want. Every youngster is entitled to equal educational chances. Women make up more than 60% of the world's population, hence they should be leaders in education.

It is concerning that cultural attitudes in certain nations prevent girls from receiving an education. Women are viewed as only relevant in the kitchen and for childbearing. The past has demonstrated: "If you educate a man, you educate an individual, but if you educate a woman, you educate a nation". Educating a woman increases her self-esteem and confidence. It also encourages active engagement in her community. Women should be more involved in educational policy decision-making. Empowerment, then, refers to a psychological sense of control or influence, as well as a desire in actual social influence, political authority, and legal rights. It is a multilevel construction that involves individuals, organisations, and communities. It is a worldwide process centred on local communities that includes mutual respect, critical thought and concern, and group involvement, allowing

individuals who do not have an equal share of valuable resources to have more control over these resources.

3. MEANING OF WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Women's empowerment may be characterised as boosting women's self-esteem, ability to make their own decisions, and right to influence societal change for themselves and others. Women's empowerment and the promotion of women's rights have emerged as key components of a large worldwide movement that has been breaking new ground in recent years. However, despite significant improvements, women and girls continue to experience prejudice and abuse across the world. Gender equality is a vital human right that is also essential for a peaceful, thriving planet. However, girls and women continue to confront tremendous obstacles all across the world. Women are underrepresented in positions of authority and decision-making.

They are paid unequally for equal labour and frequently encounter legal and other restrictions that limit their employment options.

The term "women's empowerment" is used as defined by the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

To find out and comprehend the relationships between men and women, as well as how these relationships may be altered.

Developing a sense of self-worth, a belief that people can make desired changes and take charge of their life.

- Increased negotiation power through the ability to generate choices.
- Increased potential for organising and influencing social change on a national and global scale to create a more fair economic and social order.
- Women represent an important part of our society. Education in the ability of women may result in a positive shift in views. It is very important for India's socioeconomic and political growth. The Indian Constitution allows the government to take good steps to enable women to empower themselves. Education has a significant influence in women's lives. Women's empowerment is a worldwide issue, and the debate over women's rights is at the heart of many official and informal global projects.
- Women's empowerment is an important turning point in education because it enables women to overcome hurdles, confront their traditional roles, and improve their lives. As a result, the importance of education in terms of female empowerment cannot be overstated. In recent years, India has been regarded as the world's major power in terms of educational advancement for women. As women's positions have been established, women's empowerment and the ongoing improvements in their education are seen as critical. To achieve superpower status, we must priorities women's education. It promotes women's empowerment.

4. GENDER EQUALITY IN INDIA: CURRENT SCENARIO

The field of enrolling boys and girls in schools is also one in which equality among women has been greatly improved as a consequence of adult literacy initiatives. The gender gap in reading levels is being lessened gradually as a consequence of women's increased engagement in literacy efforts. The fact that girls and boys in neo-literate families are substantially less in difference in enrollment from non-literate homes is even more noteworthy. Equal education among girls and boys has been attained worldwide. However,

few nations at all levels of education have accomplished this objective. Women's political involvement continues to increase. More than 30% of parliamentarians in at least one House in January 2014 were women in 46 nations. Gender equality exists in several nations and women continue to be discriminated against in terms of access to education, labour and economic assets and government involvement. In every industry we operate in, women and girls confront obstacles and disadvantages. There are no 62 million females in school worldwide. Over the course of her life, 1 in 3 women in the world will suffer sexual abuse. There are 1 out of seven children in the developing world who get married before their fifteenth anniversary. Over 287,000 women die each year from pregnancy and delivery related problems, 99% of them live in underdeveloped nations. Women make up just 3 to 20% of the farm workforce although women make up more than 40% of them. Women-owned companies make up just 10 percent of all companies in Africa. In South Asia, this figure is only 3%. Although women account for half the world's population, women are fewer than 20% of the world's lawmakers. Women and girls have the capacity to revolutionize every field we operate in. Gender equality and empowerment for women are not part of growth, but are vital to development. In order to get rid of this, our resolve to help women and girls must be reinforced through certain educational awareness programmes on equality between men and women.

5. EDUCATION AS A TOOL OF WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Education makes a major influence in the lives of women. Women's empowerment is a global problem, and discussions on women's political rights have been at the forefront of numerous formal and informal initiatives throughout the world. The notion of women's empowerment was first established during the 1985 international women's conference in NAROI. Education is a milestone in women's empowerment because it allows them to adapt to difficulties, face their established roles, and transform their lives. So we cannot overlook the relevance of education in terms of women's empowerment.

- a) **Education provides the privilege of choice:** Education provides women with the luxury of choice: As education opens up new worlds for them, it helps them to make their own decisions about everything, including lifestyle, work, life partner, sexuality, cuisine, and so on. Education will educate children to distinguish between wrong and right and make sound decisions in life. It will also educate children to be independent, to make their own decisions, and to not conform to anybody or society's ridiculous rules.
- b) **Education breaks down boundaries:** Education allows us to overcome all obstacles, including religious, linguistic, cultural, political, gender, and geographical. An educated woman will not discriminate against others on the basis of these hurdles; instead, she will treat everyone equally and work alongside them. She may also choose a guy who disregards such obstacles and may bring families from many backgrounds together. This can be a good strategy to promote both national and international integration.
- c) **Education Encourages:** Education can mobilise women to combat social problems in Indian society. An intellectually awakened woman will aggressively oppose dowry, bride-burning, marital rape, rape in general, molestation and sexual harassment, and women's objectification. She will also combat sexism and patriarchy. Consider the huge demonstrations following the December 2012 Delhi gang-rape. Most of the women who protested were young and educated.

- d) **Education promotes independence:** Most young, educated women today are coming into their own. They understand that they have control over their life and will no longer submit to illogical society rules. They live life on their own terms. They live their lives as they see fit, date whoever they choose, and select their life mates, among other things.
- e) **Educated women contribute to the economy:** Imagine a country where women are competent and able to find work. Contributing to the workforce will increase output, which will lead to economic development. And I'm not just talking about industries and corporations, but also about healthcare, education, the arts, science, literature, and so on. This will substantially benefit any society's cultural and economic progress, as well as its human development indices. Women can utilise their job to address issues such as India's high maternal death rate, high rates of gender violence and other crimes against women, child sex abuse, female feticide, and the implementation of family planning and other projects.
- f) **Education helps choose a career and gets financial independence:** This is a continuation of my last point: education helps you select a job and achieve financial freedom. Today, education enables women to pursue careers other than those traditionally deemed beneficial to them, such as medical, nursing, teaching, and librarianship. Women are shattering the glass barrier today by becoming models, actors, fighter pilots, gym instructors, cops, authors, engineers, architects, journalists, scientists, corporate, legal, and filmmaking professionals. Today's intellectually free and emancipated woman is also able to support herself. She is no longer dependent on a man to provide her with a home, food, clothes, and shelter. She can make her own money, purchase her own home, and feed herself. Today, women live fulfilling lives without men; they are no longer obliged to play second fiddle to men who treat them, in many cases, like doormats.

Aside from the seven reasons outlined above, there is a far deeper reason why women must be educated and encouraged to study as much as they can. To paraphrase a classic adage, educate a man, and you will teach one person; educate a woman, and you will educate the entire family. I would add that educating a woman can benefit future generations. A civilisation can only be improved if its women are educated, empowered, and respected. Education is a woman's birthright, and her parents and society should start recognising it.

6. CHALLENGES IN EDUCATION OF WOMEN

The main challenges among girls to female education are:

- Ensuring affordable education for communities, parents, and children.
 - Promoting safe educational settings for girls.
 - Ensuring girls' education is valued by society and parents to address women's underprivileged status.
 - Ensuring conflict-affected children have access to education.
 - Preventing social marginalization for females based on caste, race, religion, or handicap.
- These difficulties are not complete, but they represent common themes in many countries. Girls face extra barriers to accessing decent education. Adolescent females'

choices and chances will greatly influence our The future of the world depends on stabilizing the global population at 8-10 billion, sustaining the environment, and breaking the cycle of poverty for prosperity and security. Educating a girl alters her fate and that of her future offspring, ensuring that she can contribute to the economic life of her society. It is critical that the international community mobilise the knowledge and resources required to prepare, respect, empower, and safeguard teenage girls. Female education is crucial to economic prosperity. Economic progress is impossible without effective female education. A well-balanced education system encourages not just economic development but also productivity and increases individual income per capita. Its impact is felt at the micro level of a single household.

7.CONCLUSION

Women have a vital role in advancing and leading a country to growth. They are fundamental goods of a living humanity that are necessary for national progress, thus if we have to see in our country a clear future for women, education must be their concern Automation implies movement to perform a power from a weak posture. Women's education is the best way of changing society's perspective. Education also reduces inequities and functions in order to improve their family position. To promote women's education and ensure gender equality in knowledge and training at all levels, developed schools, colleges and institutions, even entirely for women in the state. The notion of involvement in government, panchayats, public issues etc. for eliminating the prejudice between the sexes is being developed.

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