

ROLE OF EDUCATION IN THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN IN INDIA WITH SPECIAL REFERENCES TO KOTTAYAM DISTRICT

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ABSTRACT

In the present article the title shows the word empower the women via education. This statement true to fulfill the empowerment of women in various fields. Also shows that empowerment of women in 21st century play important role in the development of the country. Education is the key factor for women empowerment, prosperity, development and welfare. Education is the key factor for women empowerment, prosperity, development and welfare. Discrimination of women from womb to tomb is well known. There is continued inequality and vulnerability of women in all sectors and women oppressed in all spheres of life, they need to be empowered in all walk of life. In order to fight against the socially constructed gender biases, women have to swim against the system that requires more strength. Such strength comes from the process of empowerment and empowerment will come from the education. And rural development will come from women empowerment. This paper aim to create the awareness among the women's about different empowerment and identifying the impact of education in women overall empowerment in kottayam district.

INTRODUCTION

Education is milestone of women empowerment because it enables them to responds to the challenges to confront their traditional role and change their life .Now just some year away, this can become reality only when the women of this nation became empowerment .Education enables a women to become strong physically by giving her knowledge about good physical health,

which would ultimately benefit her mental health Agrawal and Salve (2013). Each and every field like teaching, Nursing care, Social work, medicine, Women proved to be better than men.

Women's power is crucial to economic, educational, family, spiritual moral and aesthetic growth. Education and literacy empowers women. The only way a society or aspire to economic growth and development is to just through education but especially education among the women's citizens. 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. Women, who come across discrimination in any spheres, have particular needs of this. Education is regarded as an important milestone of women empowerment because it enables them to face the challenges, to confront their traditional role and change their life. Education of women is the most important tool of change their position in the society. Still large women folk of our country are literate, backward, weak and exploited Alva and Hans (2013)

Women's empowerment is not limited only for the Indian society. If we deliberate the global aspect in this regard, we see that women are being given equal treatment in developed nations. In fact, if we take a recollection of history, we come to know that women have always been given secondary position in society, but the difference between men and women created by the Nature is but natural. It is education through which we realize this fact. When American women realized this, they opposed this unfairness which was meted out to them by way of a huge movement, through which they asked for equal rights. For eliminating this injustice, the UNO (United Nations' Organization) framed an agreement which is called 'The Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women' (CEDAW), which further led to the formation of Women's Commission

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1] Education Manumit-Education manumit the thinking, mind, thoughts, imagination, power, principle in various field for easy to survive and achieve knowledge through education .Empowerment of women brings equal status to women, opportunity and freedom to develop her which also means equipping women to be. Education makes the women's self sufficient in every aspect, she is not depends on her father, husband nor son neither brother.

2] Education stay away from hurdles-Education gives equal rights to women in socially, politically, culturally, gender, religiously manner. She will bring equal status with men and that is the reason to fostering both national and international integration.

3] Education allows to take Decision-As education opens ways to take decision according to their choice whether it is relates to life style, life partner, job, career, eating style,

sexuality etc. Education teach to learn what is wrong and right .Education push to stay independtely on own feet.

4] Education Garner- Education will garnishing women to defense against crime, social devil, sexual harassment, marital rape and mental stress of society etc.

5] Educated women contributes to economy- If women are qualified and helpful for family to earn money that means she able to develop the economy status of family and also for nation. Women can help, through their work; get rid of problems like India's high maternal mortality rate, high rates of gender violence and other crime against women child sex abuse, female feticide, implement family planning and other schemes etc. Sharma (2016)

6] Education enhances- Education enhances the quality of women and makes some strategies to grow upward, to gear the entire education system to play positive interventionist role in the empowerment of women. To widen women's access to vocational, technical and professional education at all levels, breaking gender stereotypes.

Above six statement proof that education play very vital role for empowering women. Paraphrasing a popular saying here-educated a man and you will educated one person, educate a woman and you will educated a whole family would like to say that educated women educated more generation.

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1. The first thing is to popularized the girls' education, for improvement of girls' education it's the responsibility of the society and the duty of the govt. to make girls' education excess able to all, one may understand the importance of girls' education in her life. So, efforts from all essential to make the campaign successful. Suitable measure should be taken for educating public opinion in favour of girls' and women education.

2. For development of girls' education the govt. must provide the minimum infrastructure, Good school building, hostel facilities, toilet etc. We saw that lack of separate educational institution for girls' is one of the causes of less enrolment, because of conservative look of our society many guardians are not willing to send their girls' in a co-educational institute.

3. Another factor is poverty; many guardians are unable to bear the expenses of their child education so in spite of sending their child to school they send them to work. The govt. must provide economic security to them, at least to their child, i.e. mid day meal, bearing school expenses is good example. There should be provision of adequate number of scholarships to encourage the girls' to continue their education.

4. Cooperation of various organizations semi official organizations etc. should be secured for the development and expansion of women education. Publicity programme should be launched to awaken the people towards the need of women education.

5. The curriculum must be made such a way which attract girls and help them in their future life. Generally there should be common course for both boys and girls but with this some vocational courses should be introduced. One more thing the curriculum must be according to the need of the time and flexible.

6. More and more women teachers should be appointed in all level of school. In co-educational institutions, the number of female teachers should be more than that of male teachers. Such a provision will create confidence in parents and they will feel encouraged to send their girls to school.

7. Women candidates, particularly from rural areas should be given preference in admission to training courses as well as in recruitment in jobs. When other women saw it then they are more attract

towards education. There should be the provision of reservation of seats for girls in different disciplines; it will certainly motivate the parents to send their daughters for education.

CONCLUSION:

Women education is very important for the empowering women and gender equality. There is lot of obstacles in front of the women education; it's the duty of the state and responsibility of the society to provide space and opportunity for girls' education. Maximum mobilization of human and material resources for qualitative and quantitative development of women's education through formal and non formal approach will go a long way in women empowerment. The speech of "Gender mainstreaming" is meaningless without empowering women, so, in this education plays a very important role. Without education of women, we can't raise social and educational standard in the country.

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