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Women Empowerment Through The Higher Education

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Abstract:

“Love is born in women, kindness is built in women, sacrifice remains in women. so be proud of your birth”. These lines encourage women. But in India position and situation of women are not satisfactory but is worst. This is to analyze the current world of women not in words but in reality. Empowering her, improving her confidence level, enhance her status in society by higher education.

Key words: Empowerment, Higher Education

Introduction:

Women have to awake from deep snooze and understand the true meaning of empowerment. Everyone must understand that empowering women doesn't mean empowering them in technical area only. Women should remember that they are also rational, intelligent and thinking human beings. The Oxford American Dictionary defines "empowerment" as "to make (someone) stronger and more confident, esp. in controlling their life and claiming their rights."

Since last several years, women were treated as less-than-equal to men in many ways. Women were not allowed to vote, own property, or work in many jobs. This situation is due to strong addiction to culture and tradition. Such patience is exercised not only for the sake of society and children, but also due to lack of confidence to live as a single woman and face the challenges of life. Women have to awake from deep slumber and understand the true meaning of empowerment. Now that we are out of those dark ages, women are more EMPOWERED to do whatever they want. This means that they have the ability to choose their own destiny, job, vote, and do anything a man can do.

Objectives:

The main objectives of this research paper are:-

1. To examine the impact of women empowerment on the growth of the country.
2. To identify the hindrances in the path of women empowerment.
3. To know the relevance of higher education in women's life.
4. To analyze the need of women empowerment.

Research Methodology:

This research paper is basically descriptive in nature. In this paper research is made to analyze the current situation of women in India. Purely this study and collected data is secondary data source.

Need of Women Empowerment:

Empowerment is probably the totality of the following or similar capabilities:

- *Having decision-making power of their own
- *Having access to information and resources for taking proper decision
- *Having a range of options from which you can make choices (not just yes/no, either/or.)
- *Ability to exercise assertiveness in collective decision making
- *Having positive thinking on the ability to make change
- *Ability to learn skills for improving one's personal or group power.
- *Ability to change others' perceptions by democratic means.
- *Involving in the growth process and changes that is never ending and self-initiated
- *Increasing one's positive self-image and overcoming stigma

So from the above points we can divide the components of Women's empowerment in five components, which is self explanatory that why there is need of women empowerment:-

- women's sense of self-worth;
- their right to have and to determine choices;
- their right to have access to opportunities and resources;
- their right to have the power to control their own lives, both within and outside the home;
- and their ability to influence the direction of social change to create a more just social and economic order, nationally and internationally.

The Higher Education and Women Empowerment:

Higher education improves women's self confidence to live in society. Higher education develops her status in the society. Higher education definitely raises women's status whether she contribute in the income of the family or not. She can be at par with men. Majority of the women in our country are uneducated that is why they are suppressed. It is the duty of school teachers to tell them that becoming a wife is not their ultimate goal. Their standing up on their feet and being something is important. Education can bring phenomenal change in women's life resulting in social transformation in the long run by inculcating following attributes among them:

- a. Enhancing their confidence.
- b. Raising their status in the family and society bring awareness about their rights.
- c. Improving their self esteem
- d. Decrease the dependency.
- e. Better up bringing of their children.
- f. Enhance their mobility

Hindrances of Women Empowerment & in Higher Education:

There are many hindrances in the path of women empowerment and in higher education. Some of them are as follows-

- Lack of education
- Financial constraints
- Family responsibility
- Low mobility
- Low ability to bear risk
- Low need for Achievement
- Absence of Ambitions for the Achievement
- Social status

Status of Women in Indian Society:

The worth of a civilization can be judged by the place given to women in the society. The Muslim influence on India caused considerable deterioration in the status of women. They were deprived of their rights of equality with men. Raja Ram Mohan Roy started a movement against this inequality and subjugation. The contact of Indian culture with that of the British also brought improvement in the status of women. The third factor in the revival of women's position was the influence of Mahatma Gandhi who induced women to participate in the Freedom Movement. As a result of this retrieval of freedom, women in India have distinguished themselves as teachers, nurses, air-hostesses, booking clerks, receptionists, and doctors. They are also participating in politics and administration. But in spite of this amelioration in the status of women, the evils of illiteracy, dowry, ignorance, and economic slavery would have to be fully removed in order to give them their rightful place in Indian society.

Conclusion:

On the basis of above detailed analysis it could be concluded that there is no doubt about the essential need of empowering women through higher education. Now it is cleared that only literacy is not the ultimate solution but women should be highly educated to know their rights and duties. And should be able to use their rights as per the need. But it is also mandatory that there should

proper implementations what policies are made and what government of India has made different programmes regarding women empowerment.

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