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A Sociological Study on Role of Higher Education in Women empowerment

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Abstract:

India holds the second position in the world of having highest population there are approximately 49% female in total population of it. But if we analyze the current status of Indian women with countries of the world. Then we can realize that the scene is not even satisfactory but the worst. Indian women generally faced all types of barriers to success like illiteracy, domestic violence, lack of motivation and support, and many more. India is a country where men's dominance in the society prevails.

Higher education provides to women that means independence in decision making, it would develop the capabilities and responsibilities in the field of social, economic, political, and cultural areas. Higher education means the whole development of personality. Higher education is one of the most important means of empowering women with the knowledge, skills, and self-confidence necessary to participate fully in the development process.

Keywords: Higher education, gender, inequality, Women empowerment,

Introduction:

One of the largest and oldest systems of higher education is found in India. Knowledge is a distinguishing characteristic of human beings with a tremendous capacity to acquire and transfer knowledge from one generation to another, gaining prominence with advanced science and technology. Higher education is the gateway to economic security and opportunity, particularly for women in India. Women are part of the social-economic system and they uphold rich cultural and traditional values. Their progress is equated with the progress of the nation. Higher education means the education beyond the level of secondary education. Education is the ladder through which

development and growth can be achieved India is third largest country in the world in higher education.

Higher-education “A Boon to women”

Knowledge is life of every Indian woman. It results with the experience that she gains from environment and the supporting world around her, which allow her to live as knowledgeable productive members of the society. The homely environment with mother's love is the first source of learning for the child and an education mother would create an environment, allowing her children to gather and analysis information. Studies can firm that female literacy has a significant influence in improving social and economic status of women. But the female literacy rate is woefully lower than that of male. According to 2011 census, the literacy rate of men is 78.81% and that of women is 67.27%.

Education:

According to Wikipedia, The free encyclopedia, education in the largest sense is any act or experience that has a formative effect on the mind, character, or physical ability of an individual. In its technical sense, education is the process by which society deliberately transmits accumulated knowledge, skills and values from one generation to another.

Women empowerment:

Women empowerment is an important area of study in the modern era of gender equality management practice of sharing information, rewards and power with employees so that they can take initiative and make decisions to solved problems and improves service and performance empowerment is based on the idea that giving employees skills can be changed

Assumption of the Study:

It is assumed that various empowerment measures initiated and implemented by the Indian government through education would empower the girls and the women.

Objectives of the Study:

- ❖ To study the economic benefit of women empowerment through education.
- ❖ To study the role of higher education in the empowerment of women.
- ❖ To know the relevance of higher education in women's life.

Research Methodology:

This research is basically descriptive and analytical in nature. In this paper attempt has been taken to analyze the importance of higher education for women in India. The data used in it is purely from secondary source according to the need of this study.

The role of Higher education in the empowerment of women:

To be involved in the dialogue about education systems around the world today is to understand and articulate the key role played by higher education. Women education in India plays a

very important role in the overall development of the country. It not only helps in the development of half of the human resources, but in improving the quality of life at home and outside.

Relationship between higher education and women empowerment:

Education can bring phenomenal change in women's life resulting in social transformation in the long run by inculcating following attributes among them:

- Enhancing their confidence
- Raising their status in the family and society
- Bring awareness about their rights
- Boosting their self esteem
- Increasing their self efficacy
- Reducing their dependency
- Better upbringing of their children
- Enhancing their opportunities
- To survive
- Live and work in dignity
- To make informal decision make in to continue learning
- Through higher education flow of ideology and culture of nation, states and its people
- Individual development
- Involvement in social and political activities.
- Empowering women with knowledge skills and self-confidence necessary to participate fully in development process.

All these are not sufficient for a complete living if women does not consider

- a. Ethical value
- b. Spiritual value
- c. Social value
- d. Intellectual value
- e. Modernization
- f. Productivities

The higher education helps women to be mentally and emotionally stronger and to face challenges and overcome obstacles in life and to be complete women.

Modified global-Indian women:

Modified global-Indian women is displaying the “shift in the stereotyping of the image of the Indian woman the ‘shift’ in the image of the Indian women is a result of the social economic transition a period of liberalization of the economy and apparent encouragement of private investment in industry and infrastructure, inducing sustained higher growth in the service sector.

Thus, there was growing the emergence of a 'new middle class, which was essentially urban, with unlimited consumerist aspirations, desires and dreams a class, which was soon to culminate in the present day 'dot.com generation is belonging to a global communication. Globalization and modernization reconstructs the image of the women exactly to that role necessary for their structuring of the national economy without any violation to the existing gender ideology.

Conclusion:

On the basis of above detailed analysis it could be conclude 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 programmers' regarding women empowerment.

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