

Women Empowerment and Its Impact in Indian Context: A Review

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ABSTRACT

Since the existence of this world women always are being considered as a secondary gender. India is an Epitome of Gender Inequality. Discrimination between Genders provokes miserable condition where women are always placed on inferior position than men. Social Custom and Indian society has been mortified women through different practices like child marriages, dowry, girl child abortions etc. With an objective to change a developing country as a developed country. Women empowerment being found as Sine Quo non. Education and Economic development are being found as great weapon to reduce the discrepancies and fight against inequality. For past two decades this campaigning has been going on in various ways. Government and Non-government agencies have been working new laws and Amendment are being forced by Indian Constitution. This paper is an endeavor to gather previous research work so far has been done on women empowerment in India and its impact. The study based on secondary and descriptive in nature. The primary objective of women empowerment is get women in power, structure of society in order to elevate the standard women along with entire nation.

I INTRODUCTION

It has been known very well, Indian society is male dominant society. Since beginning of Indian history women have been suppressed by men are part of culture hence, deeply rooted. Need of evolving the nation as Developed nation evoked these issues. Hence, women empowerment seemed as prerequisite to pace with globalization.

Women empowerment is a process by which women challenges the existing norms and culture, for well being. Empowerment of Women is a multi-dimensional processes that aid to women to gain authority and self-realization in improving their life standards. Education, economic development and awareness are the tools In government program and constitutional laws. Education is the most worthwhile milestone of women empowerment because it enables women to face and respond to challenges brings reduction in inequality.

“If you educate a man you educate an individual; however if you educate women you educate a whole family. Women empowered means mother India empowered.”

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II LITERATURE REVIEW

(a) Shivani Gupta, did study entitled “Impact of Economic Development status of Women: An Analysis for India.”(2014). main objective as shown by title itself fulfilled by secondary data analysis. This paper concludes Education and Empowerment” are the key factors for women’s elevation, enrichment and enlighten. There is a strong relation among education, economic development and elevation of

women’s status yet there is a wide gap particularly in rural India that needs to be bridged so as to achieve equality. Since Indian constitution has made, it is giving primary treatment to women and motivating them to come forward. The more economic independence of women, the more will be contribution of women in national wealth creation.

- (b) Kalpana J. Modi under title “Education: Tool for Empowering Women.” (2014) highlights the objective to help women in attaining economic independence. Through women empowerment literacy rate went up from 7.9% in 1951 to 65.46% in 2011. This was an also found girl that often prefer to for female types of courses e.g. nursing and teaching rather than industries. Gap has been figured out yet, religion and custom have seen as barriers. This paper also stated women have to stand against injustice. Women have to take their own responsibility and should demand their rights also.
- (c) Rouf Ahmed Khan entitled “Role of Education in the Empowerment of Women in India.” (2015). Gathered Secondary Data and through the Analysis stated post independence a long journey has been traveled by women for their education. But difference between male and female literacy rate is still evidence of inequality. It has been shown in History “N” Number of movements and Struggles has been made by the man and women who were educated. In short, Changes have been made on the basis of education only. Illiteracy can’t elaborate the difference between good and ill. Hence, Education is the world known milestone of women empowerment.

- (d) S.J. Sandhya in title “Impact of Education in Women Empowerment of in Bagalkot District, Karnataka.” (2015) says Modern education has influenced women empowerment a lot but still rural women (in bagalkot district) are lagging behind in comparison of urban women. Education is a key factor of women empowerment. Empowerment can’t take place until women are not truly aware regarding their worth in society.
- (e) S.Jothibasu in “Impact of Self- Help Groups On Empowerment of women with Special Reference To Ariyalur District Of Tamilnadu.” (2015) .Gathered primary data and highlighted, in order to generate income various women of different age group with different social and marital status joined SHG. The Impact of SHGs training is certainly positive with all parameters. Hence, it raised standards of women in different dimension including confidence, decision making and generating income.
- (f) Dr. Mani Mekhla Shukla did study in “Role of Government for Economic Empowerment of Women in India.”(2014). Consistent Endeavors of State Government with the different weapons of education and awareness, working consistently has been helped. Still with the vision of gender equality is going ahead.
- (g) Tauffiqu Ahamad, Pankaj Tiwari, Mainaz Bano in title “An Attempt to Women Empowerment through Government Policies and Programmes – An Indian Perspective.” (2014). Highlighted there are various Schemes, plans and policies launched for women empowerment As Swashakti, Swawlamban Programme , Swa-shakti etc.with the objective of economic development of women . Authors also observed that Government is providing great help in order to share the responsibility of women and encourage them by Establishing hostel and crèches for their children of working women . Amendments have made to facilitate more relief and justice to women. Scenario is being changed but the process of empowering women in India has long way to go.
- (h) Dr. V .A. Patil stated in “Women Empowerment through Self Help Group With special reference to Shirol Taluka”.(2014). SHG is a quintessential tool for the empowerment of women aid is being provided to women by SHG in elevating their economic status and decision making as well but didn’t help much with social standard at initial level. Requirement to develop more women SHGs has been recommended in this paper.
- (i) N.Prasanna Kumar under title “Rural Women Empowerment in India.”(2014). Studied Empowerment means to give power to one who is powerless socially, economically and in decision making etc. Constitution gives equality to women also regulating a good number of government program and policies. Education has proven itself as an effective tool as well as SHGs helps to elevate their status in various ways.
- (j) Mr.PemaLama entitled “Women Empowerment in India: Issues and Challenges.”(2014) said empowerment of women should be stressed on to expand the power of women for their oneself as well as vision concerning future. Enlightenment of women is also play colossal role in their economic development with the liberty of decision making as well as enriches their social status with the help of education. In India Government also playing a vital role with the help of so many policies and program. Indian constitution is safeguarding the interest of women. The study still suggests right implementation of programs along with constitutional laws are prerequisite.
- (k) Sanchita Garai, Gouranga Mazumder, Sanjit Maiti in “Empowerment of Women Through self-help group:Empirical Evidence West Bengal,India.” (2012) brought that there is significant difference between the women who are the member of SHGs than the women who are not member of SHGs. Here the authors are providing the terminology of beneficiaries for those women who are the members of SHGs and non- beneficiaries are non members. Also observed that empowerment scale of beneficiaries is higher and better in all dimensions than non-beneficiaries.
- (l) M.Suguna under title “Education and Women Empowerment in India.”(2011) studied, Only Education brings awareness, that help women to understand the constitution and govt. plans for their betterment as well as it reduces gender inequality. Both of these constraints Education and awareness is good initiative of Empowerment.

III CONCLUSION

Reviewed literature has been collected through primary and secondary data have brought us at a remarkable conclusion that Indian constitution along with Indian government are being safeguarded the interest of women in all the spheres. Reservation of women in different area in certain percentage encouraging women to confront the forward moves. Education and training by NGOs and SHGs are continuously evolving and

emphasizing upon expansion of power of women for one self along with vision of future. i.e 2020. Education brought out awareness and economic development both which helped in upliftment of their economic and social standard. Decision making has been improved. All these components raised their social standard accommodated women to help themselves as well as families. But as seen discrepancies and discrimination are deeply ingrained in women themselves and society respectively. Endeavors are being taken time but certainly we are being headed towards a better world with persistent efforts.

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