



EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN : AN INDIAN PERSPECTIVE

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ABSTRACT

This paper tries to explain what 'Empowerment of Women' is in its real sense. It also tries to enquire why the empowerment of women is necessary for this present era of globalization. There is the need to empower women because they are lagging far behind men and they do not even enjoy the liberty to choose for themselves or even to decisions on their own since most women, are feeble by nature, They need to be empowered from outside, either by some government policies or some legislative measures which have been done by the Government of India quite emphatically. We need these laws to protect women from the various crimes committed against them. But only laws cannot ensure the protection and development of women, we also need to introduce newer policies that will benefit women and help them to march forward in life at par with men. There is above all, the need to awaken the minds of women, who have taken it for granted that they cannot break free from the shackles of domination, so it is better to spend the rest of their lives peacefully, so as to say with their families because the moment they will pop their rebellious heads out they will create an uproar in society or in their family. We need to change this dictum.

Keywords : Empowerment, domination, governmental policies, legislative measures, awareness, change in mentality.

Introduction : In this era of globalization when we are talking of all-around development and prosperity, it is really heartening to acknowledge the fact that women in India are still lagging behind in almost all spheres of life, be it political, social, economic, and so on. They are treated still as a commodity that can be bought and sold or a puppet in the hands of her 'owner' so, as to say. She is even today referred to as the 'inferior class' or the weaker section of the society, who have no right to live independently, and even if she tries, there are many, raised eyebrows, because this is seen as something 'rebellious' by the society. We, in general, highly appreciate the daring feats achieved by the same eminent women stalwarts or luminaries, for instance, Kalpana Chawla, Kiran Bedi, Indira Gandhi, Meira Kumar, Pratibha Devisingh Patel, Mary Kom, and so on. But when our own women dare to follow the path shown by them, we try our best to put hurdles in her way so that she

is not able to break the shackles of conservatism. How pathetic!

Objectives : The paper aims to highlight the necessity of empowerment of women as women's empowerment is automatically related to the development of society. For society to march forward the women's class need to be on equal footing with men. Thus, the paper seeks to suggest certain measures that can be adopted to bring about women's empowerment in totality.

Methodology : The paper is mainly based on secondary sources and the primary data from the CENSUS OF INDIA 2021. An attempt to establish the fact that women empowerment can only be brought about when women have the freedom to choose for themselves and for this they will require awareness which can develop only through proper education and to support a girl child's education some sort of financial assistance is essential. Women empowerment can be defined as a process in

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