

A Study on Issues and Challenges of Women Empowerment in India

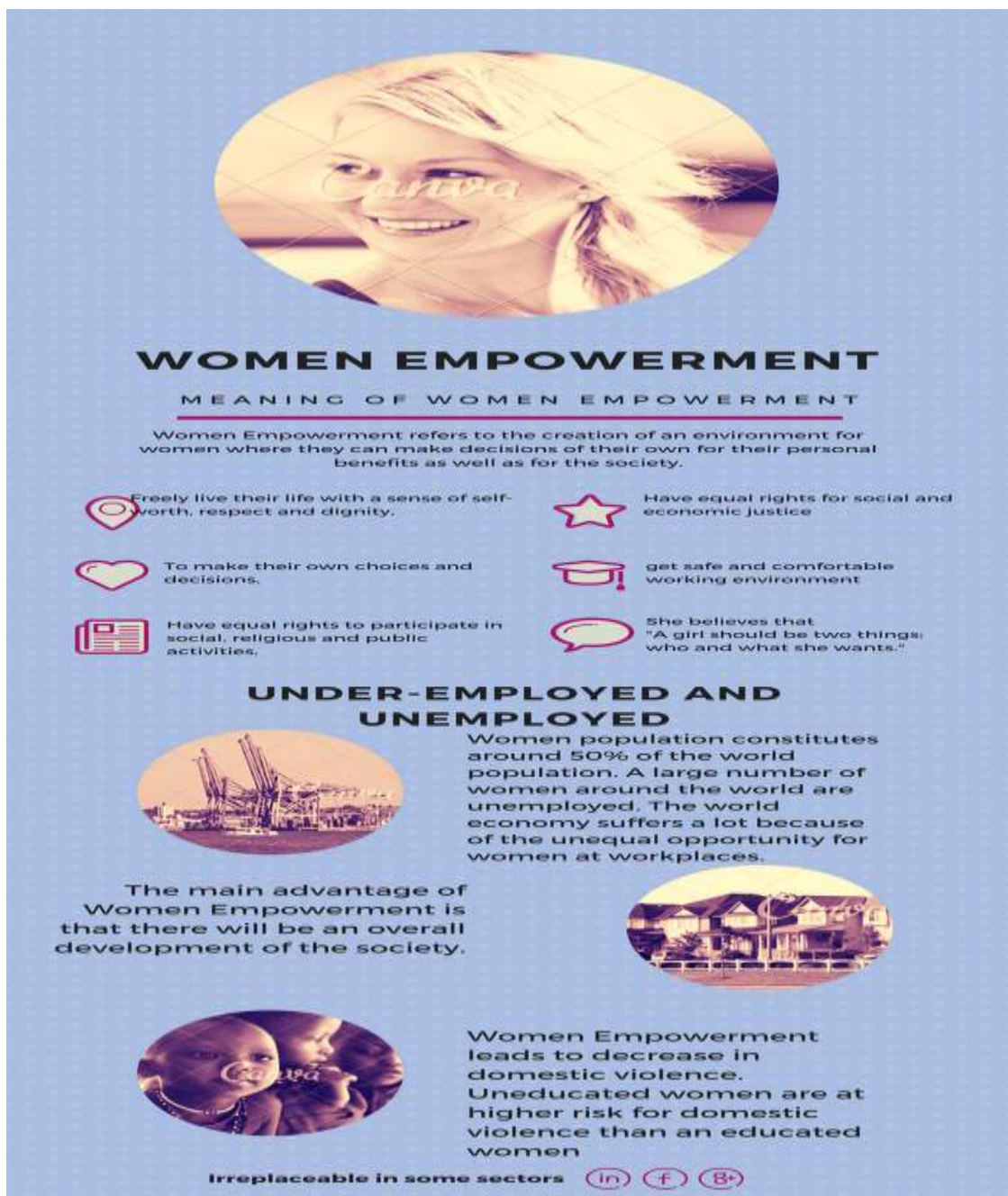
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Abstract: *Vivekananda, one of the greatest sons of India, quoted that, "There is no chance for the welfare of the world unless the condition of women is improved, and it is not possible for a bird to fly on only one wing."* This paper endeavors to investigate the position of Women Empowerment in India and highlights the problems and Obstacles of Women Empowerment. Today the empowerment of women is becoming one of the main concerns of 21st hundred years. But basically women empowerment continues to be an illusion of fact. We observe inside our daily life how women become victimized by various public evils. Women Empowerment is the essential instrument to extend women's ability to possess resources also to make proper life selections. Empowerment of women is actually the procedure of improvement of monetary, social and politics position of women, the usually underprivileged ones, in the modern culture. It's the procedure for guarding them against all kinds of violence. The analysis is dependent on purely from supplementary sources. The analysis reveals that ladies of India are relatively disempowered plus they enjoy slightly lower position than that of men regardless of many efforts performed by Government. It really is found that popularity of unequal gender norms by women remain prevailing in the world. The analysis concludes by an observation that usage of Education, Work and Change in Friendly Structure are just the enabling factors to Women Empowerment.

Key Words: Women Empowerment, Education, Health, Socio-Economic Status. Crimes against women, Policy implications.

INTRODUCTION

Women empowerment identifies increasing the religious, political, sociable, educational, gender or economical strength of people and areas of women. Women's empowerment in India is intensely dependent on a number of variables which include physical location (metropolitan / rural) educational position social position (caste and course) and era. Plans on Women's empowerment can be found at the countrywide, express and local (Panchayat) levels in many areas, including health, education, economical opportunities, gender established violence and politics contribution. However there are significant distance between policy progress and real practice at the city level. Empowerment of women is actually the procedure of upliftment of economical, social and politics position of women, the customarily underprivileged ones, in the contemporary society. It's the procedure for guarding them against all kinds of assault. Women empowerment entails the accumulating of a culture, a politics environment, wherein women can inhale and exhale without worries of oppression, exploitation, apprehension, discrimination and the overall sense of persecution which complements being a girl in a typically male dominated framework. Women constitute almost 50% of the world's inhabitants but India shows disproportionate sex percentage whereby female's inhabitant has been relatively lower than men. So far as their social position can be involved, they aren't treated as add up to men in every the places. Inside the Western societies, the ladies have got identical right and position with men in every strolls of life. But gender disabilities and discriminations are located in India right now. The paradoxical situation has in a way that she was sometimes worried as Goddess with other times basically as slave. Women form a string of knowledge that she's. It will always be offered to someone! Yes, you read it right a residence manufacturer is a vibrant way to obtain knowledge! And she actually is the main one who may bring culture to betterment. Not keep in mind Indira Gandhi, Mom Teresa, Lakshmi bai (Jhansi) Savitri bai Phule and Sarojini Naidu? They were those that regardless of their profession performed for the mankind and their work is yet valued by us.



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

MEANING OF WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Women Empowerment refers to the creation of an environment for women where they can make decisions of their own for their personal benefits as well as for the society.

- Freely live their life with a sense of self-worth, respect and dignity.
- Have equal rights for social and economic justice
- To make their own choices and decisions.
- get safe and comfortable working environment
- Have equal rights to participate in social, religious and public activities.
- She believes that "A girl should be two things: who and what she wants."

UNDER-EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED

Women population constitutes around 50% of the world population. A large number of women around the world are unemployed. The world economy suffers a lot because of the unequal opportunity for women at workplaces.

The main advantage of Women Empowerment is that there will be an overall development of the society.

Women Empowerment leads to decrease in domestic violence. Uneducated women are at higher risk for domestic violence than an educated women

Irreplaceable in some sectors

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REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Subramanian (2013) compares women education in India at present and Past. Author highlighted that there has a good progress in overall enrolment of girl students in schools. The term Empower means to give lawful power or authority to act. It is the process of acquiring some activities of women.

M. Bhavani Sankara Rao (2015) has highlighted that health of women members of SHG have certainly taken a turn to better. It clearly shows that health of women members discuss among themselves about health related problems of other members and their children and make them aware of various Government provisions specially meant for them.

Doepke M. Tertilt M. (2014) Does Female Empowerment Promote Economic Development? This study is an empirical analysis suggesting that money in the hands of mothers benefits children. This study developed a series of non cooperative family bargaining models to understand what kind of frictions can give rise to the observed empirical relationship.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ANALYSIS

1. To know the necessity of Women Empowerment.
2. To examine the Knowing of Women Empowerment in India.
3. To investigate the Factors influencing the Economic Empowerment of Women.
4. To study the federal government Schemes FOR LADIES Empowerment.
5. To recognize the Hindrances in the road of Women Empowerment.
6. To provide useful Ideas in the light of Studies.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This paper is fundamentally distinct and diagnostic in nature. In this paper an endeavor has been taken to break down the strengthening of in India. The information utilized as a part of it is simply from optional sources as per the need of this examination.

WHY NEED OF WOMEN EMPOWERMENT?

Reflecting into the "Vedas Purana" of Indian culture, ladies is being worshiped, for example, LAXMI MAA, goddess of riches; SARSWATI MAA, for astuteness; DURGA MAA for influence. The status of ladies in India especially in country regions needs to address the issue of enabling ladies. About 66% of the female population in rural area is unutilized. This is mainly due to existing social customs. In agriculture and Animal care the women contribute 90% of the total workforce. Women constitute almost half of the population, perform nearly 2/3 of its work hours, receive 1/10th of the world's income and own less than 1/100th the world property. Among the world's 900 million illiterate people, women outnumber men two to one. 70% of people living in poverty are women. Lower sex ratio i.e. 933, the existing studies show that the women are relatively less healthy than men though belong to same class. They constitute less than 1/7th of the administrators and managers in developing countries. Only 10% seats in World Parliament and 6% in National Cabinet are held by women.

THE CHALLENGE

Around the world nearly 98 million girls are not in school. Globally, gender-based violence is faced by every 1 in 3 women in her lifetime. In the developing world, 1 in 7 girls is married before her 15th birthday, with some child brides as young as 8 or 9. Each year more than 287,000 women, 99 percent of them in developing countries, die from pregnancy- and childbirth-related complications. While women make up more than 40 percent of the agriculture labor force only 3 to 20 percent are landholders. In Africa, women-owned enterprises make up as little as 10 percent of all businesses. In South Asia, that number is only 3 percent. And despite representing half the global population, women comprise less than 20 percent of the world's legislators. There are several challenges that are plaguing the issues of women's right in India.

Targeting these issues will directly benefit the empowerment of women in India.

- **Education:** While the country has grown from leaps and bounds since independence where education is concerned. The gap between women and men is severe. While 82.14% of adult men are educated, only 65.46% of adult women are known to be literate in India. The gender bias is in higher education, specialized professional trainings which hit women very hard in employment and attaining top leadership in any field.
- **Poverty:** Poverty is considered the greatest threat to peace in the world, and eradication of poverty should be a national goal as important as the eradication of illiteracy. Due to this, women are exploited as domestic helps.

- **Health and Safety:** The health and safety concerns of women are paramount for the wellbeing of a country and are an important factor in gauging the empowerment of women in a country. However there are alarming concerns where maternal healthcare is concerned.
- **Professional Inequality:** This inequality is practiced in employment and promotions. Women face countless handicaps in male customized and dominated environs in Government Offices and Private enterprises.
- **Morality and Inequality:** Due to gender bias in health and nutrition there is unusually high mortality rate in women reducing their population further especially in Asia, Africa and China.
- **Household Inequality:** Household relations show gender bias in infinitesimally small but significant manners all across the globe, more so, in India e.g. sharing burden of housework, childcare and menial works by so called division of work.

The Opportunity

- Putting resources into sexual orientation fairness and ladies' strengthening can open human potential on a transformational scale.
- Ladies represent one-portion of the potential human capital in any economy. The greater part a billion ladies have joined the world's work compel in the course of recent years, and they make up 40 percent of the horticulture work constrain. As indicated by the World Bank, nations with more prominent sexual orientation fairness are more prosperous and aggressive.
- An additional time of optional school for young ladies can build their future profit by 10-20 percent. Young ladies with optional tutoring are up to 6 times more averse to wed as youngsters than those with almost no instruction. What's more, nations that put resources into young ladies' instruction have bring down maternal bring down rates of HIV and AIDS, and better tyke sustenance.
- At the point when ladies take an interest in common society and legislative issues, governments are more open, popularity based and receptive to residents. At the point when ladies are at the arranging table, peace assentions are more comprehensive and strong. What's more, basically by engaging ladies ranchers with a similar access to arrive, new innovations and capital as men, we can build edit yields by as much as 30 percent nourishing a developing population.

OUR STRATEGY

At USAID, we believe that gender equality and women's empowerment isn't a part of development but the core of development. Advance can't be conveyed in a vacuum. For social orders to flourish, ladies and young ladies must approach training, human services, and innovation. They should have control of assets, terrains, and markets. What's more, they should have approach rights and equivalent open doors as providers, peace-developers and pioneers. That is the reason we have sex programs in excess of 80 nations. . In 2012, we released our Policy cementing our commitment to supporting women and girls. Building on this critical foundation and decades of experience, we're ensuring all our strategies and programs are shaped by a gender analysis, and establish metrics that measure the gender impact of our programs.

Through **Feed the Future**, we're advancing policy changes that give women access to financial services and ownership of the very land they tend. One year after launching **Saving Mothers, Giving Life** ([link is external](#)) in Uganda and Zambia, the public-private partnership program has reduced maternal mortality by roughly a third. In Afghanistan, the **Promoting Gender Equality in National Priority Programs (PROMOTE) Partnership** is the largest investment we have ever made to advance women and girls in development.

THE PRINCIPLES

- Establish high level state corporate administration for gender equality.

- Treat all ladies and men decently at work - regard and bolster human rights and nondiscrimination.
- Ensure the wellbeing, security and prosperity of all ladies and men specialists.
- Promote instruction, preparing and proficient improvement for ladies.
- Implement undertaking advancement, inventory network and showcasing rehearses that enable ladies.
- Promote fairness through group activities and support.
- Measure and freely provide details regarding advancement to accomplish sex uniformity.



SUCCESS STORY OF WOMEN: SHANTA PHUYAL JITPUR SUCCESS STORY

Shanta Phuyal chipping away at the farm .Three years back, the villagers didn't need their little girls and girl in laws to invest energy or even to talk with Shanta yet now she has been a motivating figure for all. Individuals wish that Shanta is a piece of their girl's everyday lives. Unforeseen changes have happened in Shanta Phuyal life who lives in Jitpur VDC-5. The Volunteer Initiative Nepal conveyed changes to her life. She was hitched for a long time. After marriage, Shanta needed to confront numerous difficulties on account of the enormous family and conventional farming framework. In spite of the fact that her family possessed 20 ropanis of land, the yielding was insufficient for their every day sustenance prerequisites were offering the harvests was not by any means possible. Shanta reviews the past. Three years prior Volunteer Initiative Nepal directed different preparing for agriculturists about off regular vegetable development, not utilizing pesticides, high yielding seeds generation, ladies strengthening and so on. Shanta got a chance to participate in the preparation program. What's more, that open door turned into an incredible reason that conveyed her to this engaged condition. Presently she develops different regular and off occasional vegetables and the yielding doesn't just satisfy their day by day flooding prerequisites for her group of 8 individuals yet she has additionally possessed the capacity to offer vegetables worth 1 lakh rupees yearly.

As indicated by her, she develops vegetables like pumpkin, spinach, potatoes, radish, cauliflower, intense gourd, cucumber and so on. "In the past yielding from a similar land was insufficient for meals" she says " but rather now since we have begun business cultivating, the yielding is high and furthermore the winning". Shanta being the executive of Adarsha Mahila Samuha, a neighborhood ladies strengthening gathering, plans to consolidate the other two gatherings and enlist as farming gathering building up her town as a model town. She additionally wishes to uncommon bovines and begin business dairy deals and be furnished with the instruments required for current cultivating. Every one of the prerequisites of her in-laws and different individuals from the family are being satisfied and she gives all the kudos for her advance to the trainings gave by Volunteer Initiative Nepal. She requests that all ladies not restrain themselves in home but rather be available to new openings and take in more in the field of their advantage. She says" thus, we ought to take an interest in different projects and trainings; this will enable us to learn new thoughts".

Before however we invested a great deal of energy in the field, the result would not be of course. Be that as it may, now we develop utilizing the cutting edge thoughts and systems and this gives high yielding with least work, time and venture. This

additionally helps spare the pay. "Real reason for staying immature is absence of information. Presently the trainings have excited trust in us and individuals applaud my work" she says. In the past I needed to request conservative help yet now I have possessed the capacity to help other people" she includes. Preparing alone isn't sufficient yet rehearsing the procedures learnt in preparing is the issue that issues" says Shanta. Shanta wants to take part in all the preparation programs in future. The achievements that Shanta made in such a brief timeframe have been a key motivation to every one of the ladies in Jitpur town.

Products	3 YEARS AGO	NOW
Pumpkin	just enough for home	sales worth 50-60 thousand rupees
Spinach	just enough for home	yearly sales worth 30 thousand rupees
Potatoes	just enough for home	sales worth 3 thousand rupees
Radish	No changes	
Cauliflower	not cultivated	sales up to 10 thousand rupees
Bitter gourd	just enough for home	sales worth 20-30 thousand rupees
Cucumber	cultivated only for food	sales worth 4-5 thousand

CONCLUSION

Thus, the attainment in the field of income, employment and in educational front, the scenario of women empowerment seems to be comparatively poor. The need of great importance is to distinguish those escape clauses or constraints which are watching the acknowledgment of strengthening of ladies and this activity must be begun from the ladies people itself and in addition all the more imperatively arrangement activity taken by the state and society. Give us a chance to take the vow that we need a libertarian culture where everyone whether men or ladies get the equivalent chance to express and elevate one's prosperity and prosperity of the general public as entirety. Women empowerment is certainly not a Northern idea ladies everywhere throughout the world, incorporating nations in South, have been testing and changing sexual orientation imbalances since the start of the history. These battles have additionally been bolstered by numerous men who have been offended at foul play against ladies. Women speak to a large portion of the total populace and sex disparity exists in each country on the planet. The most ideal method for strengthening is maybe through drafting women in the standard of improvement. Government activities alone would not be adequate to accomplish this objective. Society must step up with regards to make an atmosphere in which there is no sexual orientation separation and women have full chances of self basic leadership and taking part in social, political and monetary existence of the nation with a feeling of uniformity.

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