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Role of Higher Education in Women Empowerment

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INTRODUCTION:

Women empowerment is the pivotal part in any society, state or country. It is a woman who plays a dominant role in the basic life from a childhood. Women are an important section of our society. Education as means of empowerment of women can bring about a positive attitudinal change. It is therefore, crucial for the socio-economic and political progress of India. Higher Education is one of the most important means of empowering women with the knowledge, skills and self-confidence. It brings a reduction in inequalities and helps in improving their status within the family. Higher educational achievements of women can have ripple effects within the family and across generations. Empowerment for woman means she becomes independent and able to take decisions about every aspect of life herself and ensuring equal participation in developmental processes. In this way women develop ability for critical thinking and enhancing self-esteem and self confidence in themselves.

Meaning of Women Empowerment:

The Oxford American Dictionary defines "empowerment" as "to make (someone) stronger and more confident, esp. in controlling their life and claiming their rights."
According to the words of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, an individual is educated by educating a man, but a family can be educated only by making women to get educated. Therefore, according to his words if a woman is empowered means mother India is empowered.

OBJECTIVES:

The main objectives of this research paper are: -

- 1) To identify the greatest hindrance in the path of women empowerment.
- 2) To know the relevance of higher education in women's life.
- 3) To analysis the need of women empowerment.
- 4) To examine the impact of women empowerment on the growth of the country.

METHODOLOGY:

The present paper entitled 'Role of Higher Education in Women Empowerment' analysis secondary sources and presented in a descriptive way.

Needs of Women Empowerment:

- ❖ Empowerment enables women to acquire knowledge, Skills and techniques for their betterment of life.
- ❖ Empowerment give women the decision making power of their own.
- ❖ It helps in having positive thinking on the ability to make change.
- ❖ Economic empowerment.
- ❖ Empowerment helps in gender equity, which every women desire.
- ❖ It helps in increasing one's positive self- image and overcoming all stigma of our society.
- ❖ Empowerment also helps to access to information for taking proper decision.

❖ Higher Education is to provide women's access to vocational, technical and professional education. Relationship between Higher Education and Women Empowerment Higher Education can bring remarkable changes in women's life resulting in social transformation by inculcating the following characteristics among them:

1. Women increasing self-confidence.
2. Raising their status in the social Environment.
3. She is giving career opportunities.
4. Women changing the mind-set of an individual.
5. Developing ability for critical thinking.
6. Enhancing upward social mobility.
7. Bring awareness among the women, about their rights and duties in the society.
8. Fostering decision making within women.
9. Developing leadership qualities among women.

Barriers of Women Empowerment through Higher Education:

- Family restrictions to children to get higher education.
- Violence is one prime factor which opposes women empowerment.
- Low need of achievement to get higher education among women in rural sector.
- Low mobility.
- Absence of ambition among girls to get higher education.
- Lack of motivation to learn among women.

SUGGESTIONS:

1. Women should actively participate in all social, political and education changes of our country.
2. Inculcate a confidence level in every woman to make possible changes in our society and Family.
3. Proper implementation of the governmental schemes for women education by respective Agencies are required.

CONCLUSION:

The role of higher education in bringing out the importance of women and their position in Indian society. It is especially more concern when talks in the sense of women from marginalized section of society, their empowerment, status, position in the society and the role of education in the higher and other strata of educational fields. For women to make personal strides forward, a synergy of effort, concentration, planning and cohesive functioning at the Higher Education level will create possibilities of a different future.

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