



Innovation for Empowerment of Rural Women

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Abstract

In Recent years the traditional roles of women have undergone some changes due to economic needs and some efforts were made to bring visibility and mainstream. Women's contribution to the overall growth and development of society since last few decades it has becoming a burning issue all over the world including India. Many centuries women were facing gender bias and treated unequal to men in many ways. Now a days in all spheres of life women get respectable position but still are not absolutely free. It is the present need to fight for the rights of women and to ensure that to get all the rights which men have or in other words innovation for the empowerment of rural women is possible only through education. This article attempts to provide a present scenario of women's empowerment.

Introduction

Education plays a very important role in life of human beings. It is an essential tool for human rights to achieve equality. The major recommendation of the national policy on education in 1986 is to promote empowerment of women through education. Empowerment is self governance, self sufficiency and self maintenance.

The Process which includes empowerment is:

- 1 Equal access to opportunities for using society's resources.
- 2 Prohibition of gender disparity.
- 3 Freedom from violence.
- 4 Economic independence.
- 5 Participation in all decision making bodies.
- 6 Freedom of choice in matters relating to one's life.

Education only helps to meet all these to women in the society. It also get ensures that women grow up with knowledge of the world ability of thinking and skills which create to a self confidence and self respect in them. So education is not a milestone for women empowerment but it also helps to enable them to respond opportunities and challenges in traditional roles and to change their lives. Women play an important role in improving living standards not only for the families but also of the nation. To improve the quality of life both at home and outside

of home education helps to remove higher women literacy rate to encouraging and promoting education of females and also reduce the infant mortality rate. Proper education to women is necessary for both the society and family which can reduce the result in higher level of fertility, proper nutrition, lower earning potential and lack of ability to make decisions within the house.

Women's condition in Society

In India women enjoy a unique status of equality with the men as per constitutional and legal provision. But in India the Indian women have a long run to achieve this position. The main problem is gender inequality. Females are always depending on male members of the family. She has not allowed speaking a loud in front of the elder members. In the family every fault had gone to her head. She is not permitted to participate in many social activities with others. Women have very little part to share their time in political, social and economic life of the society. National Movement Act as a light to eradicate such disabilities. After independence of India the constitutional makers and national readers recognized the equal position of women with men. In the 28th century the position and status of women all over the world has risen incredibly. In present the status of women changed a lot. She has got the right voting,



equality in civil rights, property rights and employment etc.

Focus on Education

Education and empowerment of women in rural areas focused on socially and economically marginalized groups. For women to seek knowledge and information it is necessary to create an environment in order to make a choice at their own pace. As progress of women everyone in the society benefits including men. Limitless potential of women is not only the right things to do but it is the smart thing that is why U.S.A. government and our international partners are interested in a historic efforts to empower women globally. Education has to provide women with the capacity to analyze the situation, build up aspiration, expose in a new role and see a different future. Education increases the enrollment and retention alone but do not automatically result desirable changes in women. Education brings academic attainment and includes personality development, self esteem, self efficiency and skill of critical thinking and problem solving.

Strategies for Women Education

It is a need to develop an action plan for women education making it a priority in areas of school education. The latest national program on education at elementary level itself is not capable for bridging the gap between literacy rates of men and women at the schools reach. A lot of issues are faced by the women in socio-cultural context and modernization. The need for giving essential education parents have to focus to provide a motivation campaign the following facts which can aware are as follows:

- 1 Universalization of elementary education is possible only when all the girls are educated along with boys.
- 2 Traditional roles should be changed to grow economically and play multidimensional role for successful life.
- 3 Special attention in education must be given so democracy cannot flourish politically without the education of girls.

4 Everyone must obey the constitutional obligations which focus or provides girl's education.

5 Economic and social progress cannot attend without girl's education.

Problems of Women Education

Some of the major problems of women education are as follows:

- 1 Parental Preferences
- 2 Social and religious values
- 3 Poverty
- 4 Lack of efforts for resources mobilization
- 5 Poverty Inadequacies in Teaching Learning environment
- 6 Inadequate school facilities
- 7 Shortage of female teachers
- 8 Gender bias in Curriculum
- 9 Lack of proper supervision and guidance due to inadequate women personnel in the inspectorate

Teacher competencies

- 1 Basic Teaching amenities
- 2 Parada system
- 3 Low retention and high dropouts

Measures to Promote Women Education

The factors encourage women education is as under:

- 1 Residential schools for girls.
- 2 Creating proper social attitude in the rural and backward areas for the education.
- 3 Parental associations should be formed to encourage and to take care.
- 4 Giving Parental motivational campaigns.
- 5 Removing Economic Backwardness of the rural and backward areas.
- 6 Providing Adequate Educational Facilities in Backward and Rural areas.

Importance of Education for Women Empowerment

Women play a prominent role in the cultural, economic, political, religious and social life of a country and education is one of the most important means of empowering women with knowledge skill and self-confidence necessary to participate fully in the development process. The whole society gets benefited with educating women. Women play a significant role in shaping the behavior and younger generation. The



primary duty of women is to nurturing and shaping the children and make future leader of tomorrow. Education makes women to know their rights and develop confidence to them. Educated women have a good thought about their children's educational attainments. Children's life is more influence if their mother's are educated. Empowered women can stand with men. Women's are not inferior to men and they can do whatever the men can do. Education provides better opportunities in the every field were ever she wants their future steps.

Conclusion

Women Empowerment refers to strengthening of the social, Economic and educational power of women. A numbers of women made a great achievement and wonderful work and successful in their lives through their efforts. In India majority of the states are very backward in case of women education. The difficulties that are to be encountered, we believe it is possible to bring about major improvement to the lives of women in rural India. Well-planned and properly managed private initiatives can succeed in empowering women, provided the approach taken is sufficiently holistic. Effective and sustainable programs can be executed with limited initial investment while ensuring that significant benefits flow to families with low income and socially disadvantaged status. To recover from these hazards we should keep in mind that "Women Education is Women's Empowerment" and so some innovation must be taken for rural women.

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