



## Women & Women Empowerment In Modern Era

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**Abstract:**

*“Women are rapidly storming workplaces that were until recently male bastions.”*

-Anusha Subramanian.

In the current changing scenario of global competition, advances in technology, open economic environment and gradual shifting from muscle to machine and brawn to brain power, importance has now shifted. In this paper presentation, the concept of ‘Empowerment of Women In Modern India’ in the national context is highlighted. Women covers a wide range of areas like education in a wider context, political empowerment of women and other developmental programmes for women sponsored by the government. In this paper presentation the development of education for women in India since early period to the present day is briefly analyzed. Especially, importance of education and provisions in the different literacy rates, dowry cases are also analyzed in brief. Women are pivotal for development of any society. Every where in the world, women discharge two roles: at home as housewife and outside as wage earner, both are important for development of good society and nation as a whole. It is the women who act as vital agents for socio-economic activities. Ironically Women-s work is generally undervalued and the additional development it promotes is usually unrecognized. This paper presentation, while attempting to answer this question is a collection covering comprehensively the analysis of the concepts, multifarious facets and the obstacles that come in the way of women’s real development. Few strategies have been evolved to achieve it in reality. It can even initiate changes, which is the need of the hour for empowering the women.

Raymond Williams has notoriously declared that ‘ culture is one of the two or three most complicated words in the English language, and Rabindranath Tagore translated the word as ‘Sanskriti’ , packing a huge hornet’s nest inside it. The English word, in its original usage, indicated agricultural process; the Indian term brings in notions of refining and purification. And we love to present our culture as ancient and unchanging. But the fact remains that it has been changing continuously, and our relatively recent confrontation with western civilization has accelerated the change.

Women Empowerment has acquired special significance in the changing economic scenario. Due to various changes taking place and impact of globalization and change in our country, women empowerment is being encouraged in all fields. It will lead to increased economic and literacy level of our nation. Although, women entering into the field of various kinds is considered a new phenomenon, world over but women working in cottage industries or in home-based productions is centuries old in India.

In India, there is by and large, greater need for women to take up the lead for women empowerment, as women constitute almost half of the Indian population and the old system of male dominated society in today’s world is not possible.

The scenario is changing in developing countries and in India also due to modernization, urbanization and development of education and business and not forgetting media and television. Women are now seeking gainful employment in several fields in increasing numbers. Women are also spreading their wings wide. Today, we can find women in the field of the topmost rank, like the president of India Smt. PratibhaPatil, our Lok Sabha speaker Smt. Meerakumar, Congress President Smt. Soniya Gandhi, KiranKher and various other great women figures and entrepreneurs. The role of academicians towards women empowerment is also being recognized today.

Women have been regarded as the nuclei of nation and the builder and molder of its destiny. Gone are the days when women in India remained confined to four walls of their homes and their immense strength and potential remained unrecognized and unaccounted, now women are an important input of all round development. A woman is a catalyst of development and with her we prosper, without her we are bare.



❖ **However The Following Are Some Of The Constraints Aced In Women Empowerment**

**A. Self Faced By Women**

1. Lack of Education
2. Lack of Competencies
3. Lack of Self Confidence & Motivation
4. Lack of Skills
5. Lack of Decision Making and Attitude
6. Low Society Security.

**B. Social Sphere (Angle)**

1. Responsibilities not given to Women
2. Lack of Mobility
3. Gender Bias
4. Male Domination
5. Lack of Family Support

Till the 19th Century, and well into the 20th century, women did not voice their opinion and were projected as inferior to men. But by the 1930s, Indian literature made a mark of accomplishment with prominent figures like, Sarojini Naidu and the rest. Then on we had in literature the feminist group that voiced the rights for women. Since then Women Empowerment has been seeing a new light in this era.