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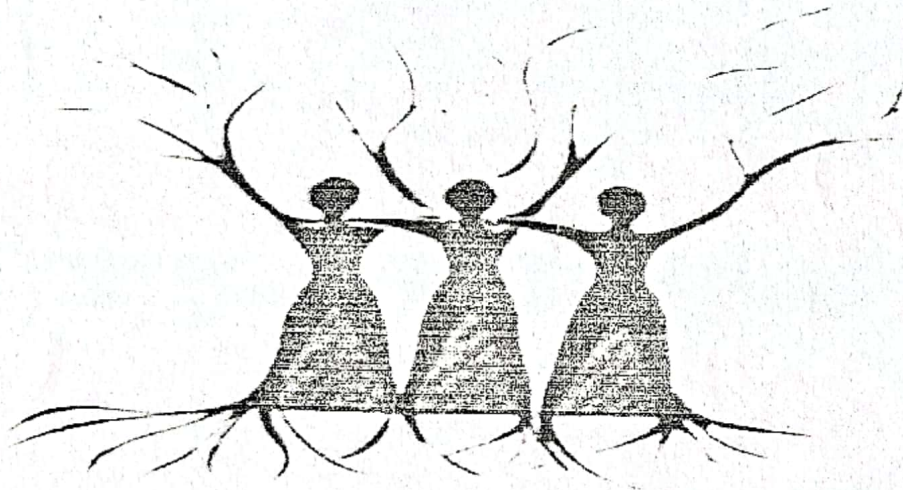
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The Role of Education in Women's Empowerment

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Abstract: The women have significant place in society and play a vital role in the development of any country. Hence women progress in every field is very important for developing country and it could be possible only by empowering the women. The education plays an important role in human progress and women empowerment is possible only through education. This article describes the need of women's education in rural area and also focuses on the role of education in women's empowerment.

Keyword: Education, women, Women's empowerment.

Introduction:

Education is essential need of everyone and it is very important to be a good human being because it provides knowledge, skill, technique, information and enable people to know their rights, duties and responsibilities toward their family, society and nation. It expands vision and outlooks to see the world. Women empowerment is the process that creates power in women over their own lives, society, and in their communities. However nowadays also some studies show that there are so many barriers for women's education and hence there are need of women's education in rural areas of India. It is said that educate a one women is equal to educate one family hence to educate women is more important than men.

Women have a very in-distinctive position in our economy and are an indispensable part of the society hence women empowerment is necessary and important for development of country. Yes, education and knowledge empower women. The education of women and girls has a tremendous impact not only on their own development but also on their families, communities and society. The only way a society or nation can move forward, and aspire to economic growth and development is not just through education- but especially education among the women citizens. Once she is on the move, the family moves, the village moves, the nation moves.

Need of women's education in rural Areas:

In rural areas of India generally education problems are faced by girls due to family responsibilities such as caring for younger siblings, domestic work, etc. Also there are some barriers for women's education in rural areas like Priority to Son's Education Compared to Daughter's Education, Lack of Adequate Number of Female Teachers, Gender Bias in Curriculum Still Exists etc. From the start, girl children are seen as burdens rather than blessings, bearers of exorbitant dowries, who will eventually move into the homes of their husbands. The result is low literacy rate among women. The female children are not receiving the same medical, emotional and educational attention as their male counterparts due to some overwhelming cultural and behavioral issues. It was observing that women were always depicted as weak and helpless, often as the victims of abuse and beatings. We can say that these depictions are strong barriers for improving women's position in society.

The illiterate women have high levels of fertility and mortality and with more children she cannot pay proper attention on them and hence a woman's lack of education has a negative impact on the health and well-being of her children. The illiterate women have poor nutritional status, low earning potential, and little autonomy within the household. In order to fight against all these socially

constructed gender biases, girls and women have to swim against the system and for this they require more strength. Obviously Such strength comes only from the education.

Role of education in women's Empowerment:

- Education is a milestone of women empowerment because it enables them to respond to challenges, to confront their traditional role and change their life.
- Education increases women's self confidence and also enables them to find better job and she can help family economically
- Education develops the women's capabilities to fight against injustice, domestic violence, corruption and many other bad elements in the society.
- It empowers women to make choices that can improve their welfare, including marrying beyond childhood and having fewer children.
- Education helps women to make choices that improve their children's health, their well being, and chances of acquiring survival skills
- Education gives women knowledge of the world around her and show the status of the women in the world.
- Education not only educates a woman but also helps her realize that she is a vital part to the society.
- Education capable a woman to explore new ideas which yield creativity and development of nation.
- Education helps a woman to understand her rights to equal treatment like a man in the society of this nation and realize that she is not inferior to man.
- It enables her to take decisions at her home.
- It enables her to accept responsibilities at her home and outer world.
- Education will help women to empower through the knowledge of science and technology to face the challenges of today's technological age and it helps her to build career path
- Education develops in women a perspective of looking at life and she enjoys the happy and healthy relationship in life.

Conclusion:

Nowadays also it was notice that there are need of proper education for girls as well as proper counselling of people mostly men and boys of rural areas of India to change their views about girl child, explain them the importance of education in women's life and convince them for women's education. We should encourage the girls and women at all levels and provide knowledge and education to them, which will impact their lives and bring them as a valuable member of the society. We have seen that the education is an important aspect that plays a huge role in empowering women. We can say that the progression of women in society is not possible without education. Without educated women the world cannot become a better place for peoples. That's why women's education is needed to turn this world into better place. We can conclude for development and evolution of any country there is need for women's education. In the 21st century we see that women are working in each field of corporate world, empowering them is truly essential and necessary. we cannot ignore the importance of women education in reference to women empowerment. The goals or dreams of our citizens will not be achieved without effective education of women.

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