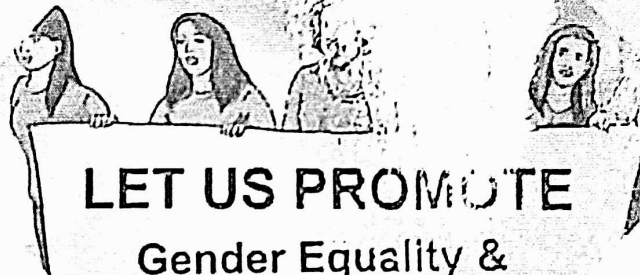


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# Women Empowerment and Technology

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## Abstract:

This article focuses on need of women's education and economic empowerment in developing countries. It describes how poverty and illiteracy created a distinctive gender bias in terms of women's participation in the labour force and health and the barriers faced by women. It also outlines the role of technology to empower women.

## Keyword:

Women empowerment, technology, education, economic etc

## Introduction:

The existence of a beautiful world cannot be imagined without considering women rights and empowerments. But, Women Empowerment becomes a significant concern in the simultaneous age of globalization. Women have a very in-distinctive position in our economy and are an indispensable part of the society. Yes, education and knowledge empower women. 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.

## Napoleon said:

"Give me good mothers and I will give you a good nation." The progress of nation depends upon the way the mothers bring up their children. If the mothers are educated, the whole society will progress. Many disturbances in the society is created by those anti-social persons, who were brought up by wrong hands. The literacy rate among the women is very low. The need is to increase this ratio. Several studies and feminist researches on this topic have shown that technologically supportive and all inclusive policies for women have borne authentic results. Hence there is a need to focus on technology driven schemes for women.

## Need of Women's Education and Economic empowerment:

Across the world, over 130 million girls and young women remain out of school, largely (but not completely) due to barriers related to gender. Barriers such as socio-cultural norms, gender based violence, poverty, early or forced marriage, pregnancy, gender discrimination and stereotypes, and cultural practices are all major factors in the lack of global female education.



Compared to men, women have lower levels of literacy, are poorer and have more limited access to non-traditional skills. Moreover, illiteracy is associated with socioeconomic exploitation and deprivation suffered by women.

Women around the world experience poverty at higher rates than men because of certain customs and cultural norms. . Globally women's earning are 24 less than men's because of difference in education, experience, training etc. In many developing countries, women are confined to traditional roles and have limited access to capital, training and technology that could enrich their lives. Such inequality has broad consequences that affect not just women, but the entire community in impoverished regions.

Women remain less likely to participate in the labour market than men and more unemployed than men. Globally, women are paid less than men. Women bear disproportionate responsibility for unpaid care and domestic work. Unpaid care work is essential to the functioning of the economy, but often goes uncounted and unrecognized.

The International Centre for Research on Women (ICRW) has studied the ways in which the improved economic status of women positively affects children, families and societies.

Places where women have more social mobility and control over their finances also have lower child mortality rates, more transparent businesses and faster economic growth. In addition, children's educational opportunities and job prospects are largely contingent upon their mothers' incomes and financial stability.

#### **The Role of Technology in Empowering Women:**

The growing access of the web in the late 20th century has allowed women to empower themselves by using various tools on the Internet. With the introduction of the World Wide Web, women have begun to use social networking sites like Face book and Twitter for online activism. Through online activism, women are able to empower themselves by organizing campaigns and voicing their opinions for equality rights without feeling oppressed by members of society. In recent years, blogging has also become a powerful tool for the educational empowerment of women.

With the easy accessibility and affordability of e-learning , women can now study from the comfort of their homes. By empowering themselves educationally through new technologies like e-learning, women are also learning new skills that will come in handy in today's advancing globalized world.

Access to technology also plays a large part in cementing gender inequality, especially in developing countries. Women in these countries also have less access to information and



communication technologies (ICTs), such as radio and mobile phones, that could facilitate better education and strengthen economic participation. When it comes to energy services in the home, many women struggle to find products that are clean, efficient, safe and affordable. However, global efforts are being made to empower women and facilitate income-generating activities. In developing countries motorized scooters have increased safety for urban women and expanded employment and educational opportunities. Cisco Systems and UNIFEM have promoted ICT educational academies in the Middle East to give women more power and opportunities in the labour market. By using technology women can earn more in limited time There are online job and payment also so Women can earn at home through technology. The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) supports the efforts of nongovernmental organizations, the private sector and developed countries' governments to empower women through technology. But they stress that women in developed countries must be included in such efforts. Specifically, they should be assisted to act collectively and be allowed to participate in the design process of new technologies.

#### Conclusion:

This paper focused on need of women's education and economic empowerment. We must break down barriers that holding women back. Education is one of the ways to spread the message of women empowerment. Paper has shown that technology play an important role in spread of education among women. Women can empower themselves educationally through new technologies. Technology can be a true effect stepping turns for women to participate in formal economy and it increasing opportunity for women through technology as a way of driving international development. Access the technology by women provides access to tremendous opportunities from economic resources to financial inclusion, access the education, access the health care.

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