

ROLE OF EDUCATION IN WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

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Introduction

First of all, let us tell you that 'Empowerment' refers to the ability of a person, due to which that person gets the ability, in which he can take all the important decisions related to his life, and about himself, fair and unfair. Can do justice Similarly, in women empowerment, we are talking about the same capability, where women are free from all the shackles of family and society and are the makers of their own decisions. The beginning of women's empowerment is considered by the United Nations as International Women's Day on March 08, 1975. Then the initiative of women empowerment was done in 1985 at the Women's International Conference in Nairobi. Keep in mind that the Government of India had adopted a great policy Women's Welfare Policy in 1953 to remove gender based differences in the society.

Many steps have been taken in our country regarding women empowerment and constant attention is being paid to them. Here, if we talk about an example, the Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Maneka Gandhi, on January 02, 2018, launched 'Nari' for the empowerment of women. Launched the portal. Apart from social, economic and legal rights, information about about 350 schemes and programs of the Central Government can be obtained. The government has taken several steps to ensure

transparency in the processes of schemes and programs related to the welfare and development of women. This portal is also a step in this direction. This portal has been developed by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

In our Indian culture, women have been called the form of Goddess. Women have been creating this world as a daughter, a mother, a wife. Can't deny the fact that awakening of women is very necessary to awaken a society.

Where women are worshipped, the Gods reside there.

If we go back some pages of history, women were highly respected in ancient times. But with the passage of time the situation has become completely opposite. Women have fallen prey to social evils like dowry system, child marriage, infanticide etc. It is our duty to give respect to women everywhere and end these evil practices and give them equal rights.

Education is absolutely necessary for life, whether it is male or female, by depriving women of education, we deprive them of opportunities for development, which is not right. In Indian society, women are respected by many people, yet the condition of Indian women has remained extremely pathetic.

Importance of Female Education:

In ancient times, the status of women was very respectable. Without Shri, any yagya was considered incomplete. They had the freedom to get education, debate and develop their various skills. In the medieval period, the condition of women became pitiable, she was looked down upon. Her workplace remained only the four walls of the house. Due to many evils like education, child marriage, sati system etc., the life of a woman becomes hell. By the time of medieval period, the place of women not only fell due to men's selfishness, gluttony etc., but their rights started to be attacked. With the advent of modern times, where women were considered to be the shoes of the feet, many atrocities were committed on them, there now the bugle of women's awakening and women's independence has been raised. In Swami Dayanand's Arya Samaj, the mantra of women's education was given pleasure, Raja Ram Mohan Roy quashed the practice of sati and Mahatma Gandhi gave the slogan of women's upliftment. In the present times, women's education is very important. Just as a person needs oxygen to live life, in the same way, if a country has to develop, first of all it is very important for the women there to be educated.

If women are educated, then they will be aware of their rights, so that they will be able to move forward in the society. Because women are educated, no one can misbehave with them in any way. If women are educated, then the conservative ideology of the people prevailing in the society will end, as well as the thinking of the people will change. With the improvement in the social level, women can fearlessly lead their lives.

Importance of Women Education from Family Point of View:

If we see from family point of view then women education is very important. It is said that the first teacher of any man is his mother, since childhood, the mother teaches her child right from wrong. If the lady is educated, she will always try to educate her child which will help in his character development. Will tell him the ways to avoid every calamity. Will inspire him to contribute to the society and the nation.

Importance of Women Education from Economic Point of View:

If a woman is educated then she can take forward the family financially. Women can support their family by working hard like men in any field.

Importance of Women Education from Social Point of View:

Women's education is of utmost importance in the society, if women are educated then their participation in the society increases everywhere. If a woman is educated then a positive aspect of her will come out in the society and she can become a participant in every decision of the society. By contributing significantly in building a good society, it can work to advance the society.

A woman belongs to two families. If the woman is aware and conscious, then she purifies both the families. A woman is the birthplace of a child, she performs its rites and she gets full opportunity to take care of the future generation, that is, the work that an educated woman can do in this direction, an uneducated woman cannot do. Educated woman becomes a useful part of the society by standing on her own feet, she gets self-confidence, she becomes financially independent and capable by leaving tolerating injustice and tyranny.

Aware and teachers, women are not less than men in any way by discharging their duties in every field of the society, today they are shining on high positions. Indian women working in high

positions like Police Service Foreign Service IAS have themselves propounded the importance of women education.

Women Who laid the Foundation of Women's Education in Modern India:

Let us discuss about some personalities who worked in the direction of women's education, who changed the attitude of people towards women's education in the society at a time when even talking about women's education was a sin. She fought for women's education without worrying about the society and due to this a new revolution emerged in the direction of women's education.

Ras Sundari Devi

Ras Sundari Devi ji was born in 1810 AD in a village named Potjia in Bengal. She was married only at the age of 12, this is a matter of that time when the education of girls was considered inauspicious for the husband, and it was said that if the educated women read, they become widows soon. Ras Sundari ji's desire to study remained suppressed in me. Bhajans of Vaishnava saint Chaitanya Mahaprabhu were very dear to him. One day she had a dream in which she was reading the biography of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. And from the very next day, the desire to learn letters in him became stronger. His elder son used to practice letters on palm leaves, so Ras Sundari ji hid the letters written on the palm. Whenever she got time from work, she secretly took the book of Mahaprabhu Chaitanya's biography and started mixing it through the letters written on the palm. On the strength of his will power, he learned to write and read. Ras Sundari ji later wrote an autobiography in Bengali language "Amar Jibon", which was the first autobiography written by any Indian woman.

Savitribai Phule

Savitribai Phule ji was born on 3 January 1831 in Satara Maharashtra. He was also married at a very young age, at the age of 9. There was a very negative atmosphere regarding women's education in Maharashtra. But Savitribai and her husband Jyotirao made social service the goal of their lives. In 1848, along with her husband, Savitribai established a school in Pune with nine girl students from different castes. And within a year, he established 5 new schools. But this task was not easy because in the eyes of many people, Savitribai was misleading women in the wrong

direction instead of being a savior. And in such a situation, whenever she used to go to school, sometimes the opponents used to throw stones at her, but Savitribai's courage never diminished. And she, along with her husband, opened 18 more schools for girls. This type of social consciousness is also an example for today's people, Savitribai Phule is still an ideal for those who talk about women's education.

Pandit Ramabai Saraswati

Pandit Ramabai, born in a Marathi Brahmin family on 23 April 1858, is also no less than an ideal for those who talk about women's education, liberation and reform movement. She herself never went to school but her father taught her Sanskrit scriptures and literature. Due to the knowledge of Sanskrit language and literature, he came to be called Pandita. He established a mission at Kedgaon near Pune in 1898. Where widowed women were taught to read and write and become independent. Women were also trained in making things out of wood, running a printing press and other important business activities. Ramabai became a name for freedom, self-reliance, respect for women and her mission is still active in Maharashtra.

Even at present, women are not given that much encouragement, due to which they do not get the respect they deserve. We have to spread awareness about women empowerment and women education by ending the evil practices against women in our society. If this awareness towards women is properly promoted in the society, then there will definitely be an improvement in the mindset of the people and women will be able to live their life exploitation free and empowered.

The participation of both men and women is essential in building every developed society. As a future generation, women have relatively more participation with men in the responsibility of all-round development from individual to family, society and nation. To ensure this participation, the pivot of the family, empowerment of women is necessary and education for empowerment.

If there is compulsion to give general education to one of the women or men, then this opportunity should be given to women only, because if this happens, that education will definitely reach the next generation through them. It has been accepted that the importance of female education is necessary not only for equality, but also to accelerate the process of social development.

Conclusion:

Education is the first and fundamental tool for economic and social empowerment. Education is the only tool through which women can register their strong, equal and useful role in the society. All the countries of the world which are prosperous and powerful today have progressed on the basis of education. That's why today half of the population of the society ie women who are outside the main stream of development, making them educated should be our first priority. In this context, Radhakrishnan Commission has said- "People of a society cannot be educated without women being educated. No country can reach the pinnacle of success until women move forward shoulder to shoulder with men. Therefore, for women's education and empowerment, we have to change our attitude towards women and encourage them and cooperate in nation building, it is our duty.

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