

# WOMEN EDUCATION: A STEP TOWARDS WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

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## ABSTRACT

*Education is the main factor behind the empowerment of women. Education not only helps a woman but it also helps each and every human being in modifying their behavior and developing their personality. In short, it helps in improving their quality. By providing education to the women, many of the issues which they have been facing regularly can be solved to some extent. A woman can become independent and she can make her own decisions after attaining education. She can also contribute something for the welfare of the society. Her leadership skills can be developed to a great extent through education. As a whole, education makes a woman strong.*

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Women are another gender just like men. We never say anything regarding men education because no complications have ever occurred regarding the education of the male gender. But we have come across many cases regarding the women like women education, women empowerment, women dignity and the list continues. Why can't we just normalize a woman as another human being? Why is there so many complications occurring everyday with the women? When will the society stop creating issues with the females? Shall we ever get an answer to these questions? So, the list of such questions will never end and we cannot even expect a proper answer to these questions. In this society, there are many norms and traditions in which the involvement of women is expected to a greater extent than men and if any woman resists to participate in such traditions, they have to go through a lot of conflicts and issues. In the earlier times, it can be seen that the women silently endured all the violence and harassment either physical or mental inflicted upon them without raising their voice. The main reason behind that was the lack of courage to question or raise their voice against the violence they had been suffering for so long. And the lack of courage or power was mainly due to the lack of education because education plays the most important role in providing strength and power to the women. As in the earlier times, the education of women was not considered to be important and the women themselves were not at all interested in attaining education. The women thought

they were born just for performing the household chores and managing the family. Other than that, they could not even think of anything else like attaining education or fulfilling their dreams. Because right from their childhood everyone including their parents taught them that. But in the present times things have actually changed a lot. Today women are very much interested in attaining education and fulfilling their dreams. The society has also normalized women education just like others. Today in the educational field the engagement of women can be seen increasing rapidly. In fact, in many educational institutions the number of female students is greater in comparison to male students. This is quite a great achievement in the field of education.

## 2. WHY EDUCATING A WOMAN IS IMPORTANT?

So, this question can be answered from different directions. Firstly, not only for women, attaining education is important for each and every human being. Because education helps in creating quality individuals by developing their personality. Education helps individuals in broadening their outlook and in contributing something for the welfare of the society. Let us now shift our focus towards education of women. So, education provides strength and power to the women to raise their voice against the harassment which has been inflicted upon them regularly and also it helps them to raise questions regarding the discrimination which they had been suffering for so long. In many cases, it has been seen that uneducated women remain dependent on someone especially on men for many things. And because of that men get the chance to dominate them and if they gain courage and try to oppose something then they have to face severe consequences. Due to lack of education, they are not even aware of the laws which have been made just for them and so the women silently bear all the torture imposed on them. These cases were mostly evident during the previous times. In the present times, such cases have been reduced but not stopped completely. Even today the women face harassment in many fields but because of education, they have gained courage to raise their voice against it. Education helps a woman to know about the importance of being independent either financially or mentally. Today, most of the women are engaged in jobs and are financially independent. Financial independence is also a great factor of women empowerment and it has become possible only because of education. Today most of the women are highly qualified and they are pursuing their dreams. They have started to dream big and they try to accomplish it through hard work and patience. Today, in almost all the fields the engagement of women has started increasing. They have gained excellence in almost everything. So, education is the only factor which helps women in improving their quality and realizing their self-worth.

### 3. CONCLUSION

So, it is quite clear that educating a woman is necessary not only for them but also for the whole nation. As women constitute more than half of the nation's population so educating them would directly lead to the development of the nation. Without providing education to the women we cannot think of empowering them as education plays the most important role in empowerment. Basically, providing education to women will not only lead to their empowerment but it will also help in developing their quality which in turn will lead to creating quality citizens of the nation. So, focus should be given on making women educated and not just literate. Because literacy will only help them to read and write but education will give them the power to stand up for themselves. They will learn to flaunt their potentialities instead of hiding it. Each and every human being has some innate talents and education provides them the direction to explore it. The leadership skills which women possess can be developed to a great extent through education. A woman can make her own decisions after receiving education. She can be aware about her rights and can raise her voice if it is being violated. Hence, we can say that education can help in making a woman courageous, independent and confident. In short, education makes a woman empowered.

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