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# **Review Article**

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**ABSTRACT** Empowering women and improving their status are essential to realizing the economic, political and social development. In a recent research about women shows the reason of women illiteracy is due to poverty, early marriage, home-school distance, lack of congenial environment in school, lack of security, failure in examination, domestic work, non-availability of school uniforms, expenses for school supplies, gender disparity in curricula, lack of encouragement from parents and other members of the family. The term empowerment covers a vast landscape of meanings, interpretations, definitions and disciplines ranging from psychology, literacy and philosophy to the highly commercialized self-help industry and motivational sciences.

Key words: empowerment, literacy, women education, women campaign.

# INTRODUCTION

Literacy is literally dealt as a holistic development with multi dimensional achievement of women empowerment, like psychological, economic, political processes. The constraining factor even in developed countries for women's education is observed that the resource needs of women is allocated very little considering of their diverse needs. With greatest access to education, employment and contraception, many women hang around to marry to have better education and acquire good opportunities to improve their lives. Implementing special programmes for women in all the fields, providing income generated projects, training the

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capable female leaders to politicizing them, etc makes women community battle to reach its high.

## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Empowerment is a process to change the distribution of power throughout the society includes cognitive, psychological, political and economic compounds. Women empowerment is need for self-decision concerning education, participation, mobility, economic independency, public speaking, awareness and political participation and many other factors. Women empowerment is to be focused on adults for two main reasons: firstly the adults will have more experience so that they understood the problem and secondly the transformation of them is like breaking integration reproduction of patriarchal authority. The television and videos as an instrument of passing awareness to the rural population plays a major role in creating awareness of the rural women population.

## LITERACY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Through education and awareness, a key feature for empowerment of women will help in acquire varied skills and also self-confidence. The literacy empowerment not concerned in the incorporation of women in society but to develop a new society with democratic relationship for both men and women. This approach combined with the main postulate of literacy system with following perspectives:

**DIPLOMATIC:** The democratic society with full participation of people regardless of race, social status and gender.

**CULTURAL:** It helps to understand the concepts of tradition and modern, how and in what extend to relate them and to know the value of the patriotism.

**ETHICAL:** It deals with human rights, women's acts, injustice, corruption, claims of women, and exploitation of children.

**PEDAGOGICAL:** It recognizes the traditional knowledge of people and encourages multiple ways of acquiring knowledge.

Literacy is then perceived not as an end in itself but as a means to enable women to have better control over their lives. Literacy becomes empowering if it facilitates women to gain access to the store of knowledge that has been denied to them. Literacy skill has to be honed constantly so as to open new outlooks. The desire to continue the basics becomes a felt require to

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express themselves through vehicles such as stories, poems, songs etc by women. The role of literacy needs to be understood for the overall process of empowerment.

Thus, the paradigm of popular education can become an agency to promote women's empowerment. In fact they can also enable the women to gain insights into their traditional subordinate condition and inner strength to change the situations.

### **IMPACT OF EMPOWERMENT**

The impact of the empowerment of women on the desirable qualities can be centered on skill, expertise, and behavior attributes as follows:

- 1. Women will realize that they have power over of their lives
- 2. Can lead and serve as a optimistic model for other peoples specially women
- 3. Women can become creative and unique
- 4. They can self-realize herself to appreciate her strength, weakness and improvement
- 5. Women can seek scientific insights into superstitious and challenges those which are unjust to women
- 6. She can convinced of her equality with men
- 7. She seeks to improve her skills and knowledge gaining mainly from reading

### CONCLUSION

The probability of blow, as a consequence of various activities assumed to empower women begins with education, increased awareness, confidence, understanding and participation. At each point of education there were some scopes for change at a mutual level through empowerment. In the education system the informal education can be considered as effective exclusively for adult women; with the acquired skills, no longer hesitate to voice their concerns and expectations. And there will be a growth of self confidence and in which ultimately better understanding of all the problems promote women literates as empowered parts of the society.

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