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A STUDY ON WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN 21ST CENTURY

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ABSTRACT

The present study deals with women empowerment in 21st century. The aims of this study are to find out women education in pre-colonial, colonial and modern India, the forms of empowerment of women, the violence against women, women rights, legal protection of women in Indian constitution, the role of NGOs in women empowerment, the Government schemes and programmes for women empowerment, how education has helped woman empowerment and how Indian society is changing by women empowerment in the 21st century. As a result it is observed that the historical background of women education in Indian society in Vedic era women education was good. This study also shows that women empowerment refers to increasing and improving the social, economic, political and legal strength of the women, to ensure equal-right to women and to make them confident enough to claim their rights. A country's all round development is only possible when its women become powerful. Besides that, this study shows the constitutional rights of women, the advantages provided by various NGOs, national agencies etc. women education is inevitable to rejuvenate woman empowerment. The women will be self conscious socially, politically and economically by education. Overall this study shows that by women empowerment Indian society is developed and changing in the 21st century.

Keywords: Women Education, Women Empowerment, Women Rights, NGOs, Violence against Women

INTRODUCTION: In the 21st century, the world is enthusiastically progressing and taking up the women partake in uplifting the society and economy of the world. Women empowerment is the key to strengthen their participation in the decision- making which is the most important key to socio- economic development. The India is a developing country and its economic status is also very bad because of the male dominated country. Women constitute roughly 50% of the nation's population and a majority of them remain economically dependent, without employment. Women empowerment is very necessary to make the bright future of the family, society and country. Empowerment of women would mean encouraging women to be self reliant, economically independent, have positive self esteem, generate confidence to face any difficult situation and incite active participation in various social-political development endeavors. Women empowerment will be more relevant if and only if women are educated. Education is a key factor for women empowerment prosperity, development and welfare. Education has been recognized as an essential agent of social change and development in any society and country. Education is an essential means of empowering women with the knowledge, skill and self confidence necessary to fully participate in the development process. Education is important for all, but essential for the survival and empowerment of women and girls. Education of women is helpful in eradicating many social evils such as dowry problem, unemployment problems etc. Social peace can also be easily established. If women are uneducated, the future generations will be uneducated. For this reason the greek warrior Napoleon once said, "Give me a few educated mothers, I shall give you a heroic race." In the recent years, various constitutional and legal rights have been implemented by the government of Indian in order to eliminate ill practice and gender discrimination against women. There is a list of safety laws for women in India working in the field to provide safety to the women from all types of crimes against women. Women's rights are human rights. They cover every aspect of life-health, education, political participation, economic well being and freedom from violence, among many others. Women are entitled to the full and equal enjoyment of all forms of discrimination this is fundamental to achieve human rights, peace and security and sustainable development. Various NGOs play important role for women empowerment. Many schemes and programmes for women empowerment are provided by the Government. Women empowerment in India plays a very important role in the overall development of the country. So, in order to make the country fully developed, women empowerment is an essential tool for the country in 21st century.

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE:

Panda, D. (2017) investigating on "Women Empowerment In India: Rational and Present state." He has found that women empowerment is not necessary fact for our country but it is a must for sustainable development of a nation. So let us start to empower women from now for our secure future. It is required to