

EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN UNDER INDIAN CONSTITUTION

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ABSTRACT

Women constitute almost half of the population in the world. Women have a unique position in every country whether it is developed, developing or underdeveloped because she plays a different role in her life as daughter, wife, and mother etc. But the hegemonic masculine ideology made them suffer a lot as they were denied equal opportunities in different parts of the world. What does women empowerment mean? Women empowerment generally has five components which are individual, economic, social, physical and psychological. The concept of 'empowerment' is closely related to gender equality and enter in to the process of decision making. Empowerment is the process that makes a change over a period of time. The need of women empowerment arose because of the gender discrimination and male domination in the Indian society since ancient time. Women are being suppressed by their family members and society for many reasons. They have been targeted for many types of violence and discriminatory practices by the male members in the family and society in India. Through women empowerment, it can be possible to change the male dominated country into the equally dominated country of rich economy. Empowering women may easily help to grow each and every member of the family without any extra effort. A woman is considered to be responsible for everything in the family so she can better solve all the problems from her own end. Empowerment of the women would automatically bring empowerment of everyone. Women empowerment is very necessary to make the bright future of the family, society and country.

*"Just as a bird could not fly on one wing only,
the nation would not march forward if women are left behind."
- Swami Vivekanand*

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