

Women Development & Empowerment in India: A Historical Analysis

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ABSTRACT

Economic independence and economic empowerment of women can help to solve a majority of social and political problems, which women are facing due to the lack of economic independence. Poverty and the social coercion are creating a lot of hurdles in the economic empowerment of women; they are forced to sell their labour at a lower price than men. The poverty alleviation, education and skill training are considered as the major instruments for the economic empowerment of women. Empowering women and removal of poverty are considered as the two sides of the same coin. If a woman is educated and empowered; her potential can be utilised for the economic development of the family as well as for the nation development. Mahatma Gandhi said, "you educate a man and you educate an individual. You educate a woman and you educate an entire family". This paper is an attempt to analyse the women's development and empowerment in India. In this paper, an attempt is made to examine the gender inequality and economic development in the historical context at the national level. This paper will examine gender inequality, economic development of women in India before and after the globalisation.

KEYWORDS: Women Development, Women Empowerment, Women Education, India.

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