

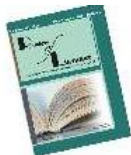
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CHANGING STATUS OF WOMEN IN MODERN INDIA: A SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY



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ABSTRACT:

In the wake of achieving freedom, the Government of India wanted to give ladies equivalent status as men by methods for formative projects. Be that as it may, regardless of much endeavors Indian ladies are still abuseed and involve a low status when contrasted with guys.

This paper endeavors to break down the changing status of ladies in current India and depends absolutely on auxiliary information.

The examination shows that in spite of the fact that ladies in present day India have gained a significant ground in each circle of life, they despite everything need to battle against profound established man centric attitude of society. The Indian constitution awards ladies equivalent rights as that of men yet they were rarely been powerful to acquire a striking change the status of present day ladies. Equivalent balance with men is as yet a deception for females on the grounds that male predominance despite everything wins in the general public.



KEYWORDS : Society, Status, Participation, initiatives.

I. INTRODUCTION

Without ladies nothing is feasible for men. A lady is the essential unit of society. She make a family, family make a home, home a general public and at last society make a nation. A nation can't advance until what's more, except if its ladies take activities for improvement works. Swami Vivekananda has likewise stated, " it is difficult to consider the welfare of the world except if the state of ladies is improved."

The status of ladies in India has been oppressed to extraordinary changes over the previous years. The status of womensocial, monetary, political and general-in India today is a lot higher than in old and medieval periods. In spite of the fact that the status of ladies has been brought up according to law, yet they are still much a long way from equity with guys. Hypothetically the state of present day ladies was high how ever for all intents and purposes it was low. Ladies' are still abused and mortified in present day Indian culture.

Generally, the period after 1750AD is Known as the cutting edge time frame. Status of ladies right now changes drastically and can be examined in following two stages.

- Status of ladies during British guideline in India
- Status of ladies in post free India.

II. STATUS OF WOMEN DURING BRITISH RULE IN INDIA ENGLISH RULE IN INDIA

After the fall of Mughal realm, the British set up their matchless quality over the Indian individuals. During British guideline, loads of changes were made in the financial and social structures of our general public. In spite of the fact that the personal satisfaction of ladies during this period stayed more or on the other hand less the equivalent, some significant advancement was accomplished in taking out disparities among people. Social indecencies such as a kid marriage, Sati Pratha, devdasi framework, Pardah pratha, forbiddance of widow remarriage and so on which were incredible obstacles in the way of ladies' progress, were either constrained by the endeavors of reformers like Raja Ram Mohan Roy and Vidya Sagar or expelled by appropriate enactments. Numerous ladies reformers, for example, Pandita Ramabai likewise battle for the incapacities of ladies. Ladies like Bhikaji Cama, Dr. Annie Besant, Vijayalakshmi Pandit, Aruna Asaf Ali, Sucheta Kriplani and so forth assumed a significant job in India's autonomy battle. Sarojini Naidu, a writer and political dissident, was the main Indian ladies to become leader of the Indian National Congress and the main ladies to turn into the legislative head of a state in India.

III. STATUS OF WOMEN IN POST INDEPENDENT INDIA

Progressive changes has occurred in the status of Indian ladies after autonomy. Social and Basic changes lessen abuse of ladies to an incredible degree and give equity of chances to ladies in different fields. The ladies have left the verified area of their home and are currently in the combat zone of life, completely shielded with their ability. Presently, there is no field which stayed unconquered by Indian ladies. Female activists additionally joined over issues as female child murder, sexual orientation inclination, ladies' wellbeing, ladies' security and ladies' education. Some remarkable positive changes which occurred during this period are as per the following:

- In 1966, Indira Gandhi turns into the main ladies PM of India and served on that post for a total time of fifteen years and turns into the universes' longest serving ladies PM.
- In the field of legislative issues, ladies like Indira Gandhi, Jayalalitha, Mayawati, Vasundhara Raje, Uma Bharti, Shiela Dixit, Mamta Banerjee and so on demonstrated themselves and cause Indian ladies to feel glad.
- From when there were no lady author in India, today names like Arundhati Roy, Anita Desai, Kiran Desai, Jhumpa Lahiri and so on can put some other author to Shame.
- Kiran Bedi, Mother Teresa, Bachendri Pal, Kiran Majumdar, Kalpana Chawala, Meira Kumar, Pratibha Patil and so forth are those names from various fields which set models for other people.
- Along with being achievers, ladies of current India are satisfying their jobs as spouses and moms.
- Women are currently routinely performing obligations that are customarily allocated to guys. The salary of one man is never again enough in the cutting edge costly culture, so changes in the economy have made it fundamental for a lady to get a profession, so as to give the basic assets to bolster and keep up the family.
- In the 1990s, awards from remote contributor offices empowered the development of new ladies situated NGOS. Self improvement gatherings and NGOS, for example, self Utilized Women's Association (SEWA) have assumed a significant job in the progression of ladies' status in India.
- Many Women have risen as pioneers of neighborhood developments, for instance, Medha Patkar of the Narmada Bachan Andolan.
- The Government of India announced 2001 as the year of ladies' Empowerment The National Strategy for the Empowerment of ladies was too gone in 2001.
- Women are effectively partaking in the equitable procedure and races which is very noteworthy in improving their Status.
- Today present day ladies in India are going into all sort of callings like building, medication, governmental issues, instructing and so on. They are joining the colleges and schools in huge numbers. Infact, india has the biggest populace of working ladies on the planet, and has more quantities of specialists, Surgeons, Professors than the United States.

Hence, on one hand ladies are ascending the stepping stool of accomplishment, then again, they are additionally experiencing outrages of male overwhelmed Indian Society. Lets now examine the darker Side:

- According to UNICEF's "State of the World Youngsters 2009" report, 47% of Indian's ladies matured 20-24 were hitched before the legitimate period of 18, ascending to 56% in country territories. The report too demonstrated that 40% of the world's youngster relationships happen in India.
- The introduction of the young lady kid was considered unpropitious. In towns just as in urban communities, the young lady kid was executed previously or in the afterlife.
- Common Indian expressions like, "May you be favored with hundred children" speak to the low status of ladies in India.
- In 2011, Government expressed India was absent 3,000,000 young ladies and there are presently 48 less young ladies per 1000 young men. The hole between the two sexual orientation is an immediate reaction to the sexual orientation inclination inside India. People in India have inconsistent wellbeing and instruction rights. Male training and wellbeing are focused on a greater amount of. So ladies' demise rates are expanding.
- A 1997 report asserted that every year at any rate 5,000 ladies in India pass on because of share. In 2011, the National Crime Records Bureau detailed 8,618 settlement passings.
- According to Renuka Chowdhary, previous Union Clergyman of ladies and Child Development, around 70% of ladies in India are casualties of aggressive behavior at home.
- 11,332 ladies and young ladies are getting dealt consistently.
- Rape in India has been portrayed by Radha Kumar as one of India's most normal violations against ladies.
- In India, corrosive assaults on ladies who set out to reject a man's proposition of marriage or requested a separate are types of retribution. The quantity of corrosive assaults have been expanding.

IV. GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES FOR WOMEN

Various authoritative measures have been sanctioned by the Government to elevate the status of ladies in India. Some of which are as per the following:-

- (i) The Employees State Insurance Act, 1948
- (ii) The Plantation Labor Act, 1951
- (iii) The Family Courts Act, 1954
- (iv) The Special Marriage Act, 1954
- (v) The Hindu Marriage Act, 1955
- (vi) The Hindu Succession Act, 1956 with change in 2005
- (vii) Immoral Traffice (Prevention) Act, 1956
- (viii) The Maternity Benefit Act, 1961
(Changed in 1995)
- (ix) Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961
- (x) The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971
- (xi) The Contract Labor (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1976
- (xii) The Equal Remuneration Act, 1976
- (xiii) The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006
- (xiv) The Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 1983
- (xv) The Factories (Amendment) Act, 1986
- (xvi) Indecent Representation of Women (Restriction), Act 1986
- (xvii) Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987
- (xviii) The assurance of Women from Abusive behavior at home Act, 2005.

Other than authoritative arrangements, various welfare plans and projects, both at focal and state levels have been worked by various division and services. Some are as per the following:-

1. Mahila Samridhi Yojana (MSY), 1993
2. Indira Mahila Yogana, 1993
3. Swadhar, 1995
4. Backing to Training and Employment program for Women (STEP), 2003
5. Ujjawala, 2007
6. Dhanalakshmi, 2008
7. Sabla plot, 2010

8. National Mission for Empowerment of Women (NMEW), 2010
9. Coordinated Rural Development Program (IRDP)
10. Ladies Development Corporation Schemes (WDCS)
11. Indira Priyadarshini Yojana
12. SBIs Stree shakti plans.

Therefore, various endeavors have been made for ladies' social, financial and political advantages, yet they were rarely been viable, to get a surprising change the circumstance. However one can't deny that the circumstance has improved since the prior occasions. As contrasted and past, ladies in current occasions have gotten amazing in different fields and have accomplished a ton however as a general rule they need to still travel far.

V. CONCLUSION

Gandhi ji once stated, "Women is the noblest of God's creation, incomparable in her own circle of action. "These words are blooming now. Expanded mindfulness what's more, instruction has propelled ladies to leave the dividers of home. The cutting edge lady has begun thinking about her social, enthusiastic, social, strict and financial necessities. She has now become instrument for social change in India. It can be said that ladies have more opportunity than prior anyway not valid in numerous regards since partiality still stays in the general public. In spite of the fact that the status of the present present day ladies in India is high, the over all image of ladies' situation in India isn't palatable.

Last yet not the least, we ought not overlook that progress of a country can't be accomplished until and except if there is dynamic cooperation of its moms, spouses, sister and little girls, So every single man should insightfully chooses to acquire a progressive change his demeanor towards ladies and acknowledge the ladies to be the equivalent members in the nation's advancement.

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