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## ROLE OF WOMEN'S EDUCATION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

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### **ABSTRACT:**

*Nowadays, the importance of women's education is growing day by day. It is not only important to educate girls and women, but also it is necessary to provide them with basic facilities. In many countries, especially in developing countries, the literacy rate of women is as of now.*

*The main reason behind this illiteracy rate among women is the lack of proper resources. Women's Education in India, the situation of women's education is not very good. According to the 2011 census, the literacy rate of Indian women was 64.6%. This number is quite low as compared to the literacy rate of men, which is 80.9%.*

*The female education in India is highly necessary for the future of the country as women are the first teachers of their children means future of the nation. If education of the women is getting ignored, it would be the ignorant of bright future of the nation. An uneducated women cannot actively participate in handling the family, proper care of the children and thus weak future generation. We cannot count all the advantages of the women education.*

*An educated women may easily handle her family, make each family member responsible, infuse good qualities in children, participate in the social works and all would lead her towards the socially and economically healthy nation.*

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### **INTRODUCTION:**

There are many reasons behind this illiteracy rate among women. The most important reason is the lack of proper resources. In India, most of the women are illiterate because they are not allowed to go for education. Society thinks that men must educate their children, especially girls, because they think that women's role is only to take care of the house and family. If she starts going to school or university, then who will look after her house? Moreover, sometimes

when women send their children to schools, they are not allowed to sit in the same class as their male counterparts. This is because of the social customs and traditions which are still prevailing in our society. The Government of India has made it mandatory for all the schools to provide education to girls till middle school. However, this is not being implemented properly because of the lack of resources. The lack of resources is not the only reason behind the illiteracy rate of women. The mindset of people is also one of the main reasons. In our society, the role of women is still considered to be limited to the house and taking care of the family. This mindset is changing slowly, but it will take some time to change completely.

India is considered to be one of the fastest-growing economies in the world. Its democracy is also quite overwhelming for the entire world as the country comprises many cultures, religions, and diversities. Since independence from the Colonial Rule, India has done miracles in different phases and made significant development. This development is also due to women's education and empowerment steps taken by the Government. The social stigma of gender bias and inequality is changing rapidly. India is becoming a superpower due to the similar contribution of both genders. By promoting education for women, India is also achieving a higher literacy rate very fast. This, on the other hand, will impressively help our country to progress in all aspects. The literacy rate of women was 8.6% after independence and has increased to 64% within 7 decades. Despite the glorifying facts, India is still wreaked with different malpractices and social stigmas in the deeper corners. Child labour, child marriage, dowry, etc., are a few of the prime reasons for gender inequality. Women were meant to be inside the house when men gathered food. This happened thousands of years ago when humans understood the biological differences between the genders. The time has changed. We have a haven for all of us to live and prosper. Women should enjoy every right men are enjoying. One of the prime rights of women that is entitled to be is education. Education is the prime weapon to fight all such social stigmas and illogical practices. This is the major step towards the brighter future of India. There are many reasons why women are still not given similar rights to enjoy and get educated. They are thought to be the burden of a family. Even today, female feticide is practised. It means that this gender has less value in society. We need to educate the entire society regarding the social rights of all genders. Women should get educated to understand their rights as well. If you look a little deeper, we will find that many crimes circle women, such as trafficking, rape, feticide, murder, dowry, etc. Gender-based discrimination is

the prime reason behind such crimes. Until and unless both genders are considered to be equal, these crimes will carry on as usual. Women should be educated first. This is the stepping stone to such a beautiful future. Even in the 21st century, many families feel reluctant to send their girls children to pursue schooling and higher studies. One of the prime reasons behind such malicious thought is economic disparity. Many families are unable to send their children to schools. When it comes to gender, they choose their sons and could not afford education for girl children. There are many reforms and acts that the Government has amended to patronize women's education. Aids are distributed, and education is almost made free for children in rural areas so that women can get proper education to create a foundation. Their future is not restricted between the four walls of a house. Our society needs to believe that women are no less than men. They can pursue their dreams and compete with men in all phases.

We need to promote the benefits of women's education. Major changes are made in bills to encourage women's education. Strict actions are taken, and crimes related to gender should be penalized to stop gender discrimination. We should also teach our children that all genders are equal and should be treated accordingly. It is when women are educated, they will be empowered to make excellent decisions and will contribute to the economic growth of our country. Women's education is essential for the development and progress of any society. Educated women have the potential to become strong leaders, role models, and agents of change in their communities. They are more likely to participate in the workforce, earn higher wages, and provide for themselves and their families. Women's education is crucial for the development and progress of any society. Education is a fundamental human right and women have the same right to education as men. Educated women have the potential to become strong leaders, role models, and agents of change in their communities. They are more likely to participate in the workforce, earn higher wages, and provide for themselves and their families.

It has been cleared remember reading a story about a woman named Rupa, who grew up in a small village in India. Despite facing numerous obstacles, she was determined to get an education. With the help of a local NGO, she was able to attend school and later went on to college. Today, she is a successful businesswoman and a role model for other women in her village. She is using her education and success to give back to her community by providing education and job opportunities for other women.

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#### **DISCUSSION:**

**There are Many Reasons behind the Importance of Women Education. Some of these Reasons are as Follows:**

1. Women education is important for the development of a country. A country can only develop if its women are educated.
2. Educated women can play an important role in the development of their families.
3. Educated women are less likely to get married at an early age.
4. Educated women can contribute to the economic development of their countries.
5. Women education is necessary for the empowerment of women.
6. Educated women can raise awareness about various social issues.
7. Educated women can act as role models for the younger generation.

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#### **Empowerment and Economic Development:**

Women's economic empowerment entails their ability to engage equally in current markets, access to and control over productive resources, access to good employment, control over their own time, lives, and bodies, as well as a greater voice, agency, and meaningful participation in economic decision-making at all levels, from the family to international organisations. **Women's economic empowerment** improves income equality, diversity of the economy, productivity, and other good development results.

#### **Health and Well-being:**

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**economic empowerment** improves income equality, diversity of the economy, productivity, and other good development results. The health and wellness of women and girls, as well as their chances for earning an income and participating in the formal labour market, depend on education, upskilling, and reskilling throughout their lives—especially to keep up with the rapid technological and digital revolutions affecting jobs.

**Breaking the cycle of poverty:**

Investing in women's education is also a key strategy for reducing poverty and promoting gender equality. Educated women are more likely to educate their children, breaking the cycle of poverty and creating a brighter future for the next generation. Studies have also shown that countries with more educated women have more stable and prosperous economies.

**Life Story of Savitribai Phule:**

**Savitribai Phule is a remarkable woman** who must be mentioned in every essay about women's education. She was the first female teacher in India. It is crucial to realise that in earlier times, particularly in India, women had minimal access to education. Savitribai Phule overcame obstacles like the caste system and male supremacy. Any woman taking the initiative and standing up for a cause at that time was unthinkable and impossible. Savitribai Phule, on the other hand, dismantled all the barriers and fought for women's education in India. She did it by deed rather than speech. She transformed into a live example.

**Savitri Phule** and her family became a real example of dispelling many stereotypes thanks to her husband's support and relentless work to advance fair education for all. Her success was a model for other Indian girls who wanted to pursue education. They also established the "Native Library" and a school for girls. The goal was to connect with as many youngsters as possible nationwide. One person was able to carry the light for countless others. Additionally, they assumed care for a widow's son and set up an inter caste union for him. This wickedness still rules society today. Savitribai Phule provided many people at the time with a heroic, impossibly high example. The Savitribai Phule University in Pune was established in her honour today. This university upholds the tradition of comprehensive education. The country applauds Savitribai Phule for her outstanding contributions to education and social transformation.

**CONCLUSION:**

Women education is very important for the development of a country. It is necessary to provide girls and women with proper resources so that they can get educated. Girls and women have the potential to contribute to the economic development of their countries. They can also play an important role in the development of their families. Therefore, it is necessary to pay more attention to women education.

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